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THOUGHTS ON A RUDHALL RING

By the Ven. P. C. Eliot, M.B.E., T.D., Archdeacon of Worcester, from a sermon preached at St. Giles', Bredon's Norton, at a thanksgiving service.

AN occasion such as this evening calls for a toast rather than a text; so may I give you one in the hope that you will honour it before the day is out. The toast is inscribed on No. 4 bell up in the tower, but it is what the whole ring is saying to us today—"Prosperity to the Church of England." With the toast I couple the name of the Chapelry of Bredon's Norton—adding how happy your guests are to be sharing this great occasion with you this afternoon.

The prosperity of the Church of England and its effectiveness in every parish depend on the harmony of all its members; we are in the Church as a whole today relearning the lesson that every member of the Church—clergy and people—has his or her individual part to play. The worship, activity and responsibilities of parish life have to be shared between all those who together make up the Christian community, each contributing to the whole his or her particular talents and abilities. Here you are setting us all such an encouraging example. The bells themselves illustrate what I am saying, for in the history of your ring of bells we have this truth illustrated in symbolic form; because in our imagination each bell can be taken as representing a different category of persons who serve your Church life—each bell individually strikes a true note; rung together in order, as we heard this afternoon, the resulting peal produces music of harmony and beauty—and this surely is a token of the real nature of the worship of Almighty God.

Let us then consider your bells more closely. The story begins in 1738. George II had been eleven years on the throne. The Church of England was generally in a bad way. A religious revival had begun in a small knot of Oxford students, whose revolt against the religious deadness of the times showed itself in ascetic observances, an enthusiastic devotion and a methodical regularity of life which gained them the nickname of "Methodists." This very year, 1738, the three leaders moved to London, Whitefield and the brothers Charles and John Wesley. (It is another cause for thanksgiving tonight that as your bells are restored, so too the breach between the Church of England and the Methodists is at last showing signs of healing.)

However dead religion may have been elsewhere, religion was not dead in Bredon's Norton. The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Sutton, was making frequent visits to Gloucester to see Abel Rudhall, the reigning head of the famous family of bell-founders. Now this Mr. Rudhall was only 24 years old at the time and perhaps a little nervous, for he had only been casting bells under his own name for a couple of years. His grandfather, Abraham, the founder of the firm in 1684, had died but recently—he in his time boasted that he had made hundreds of bells "to the satisfaction of them that understand music and good bells." Abel's father, Abraham Rudhall the younger, had predeceased his father and so your Abel had inherited the "workhouses and appurtenances."

This is the picture for us to imagine—the bewigged Rector and the young bellfounder planning the bells which now hang refurbished in your Norman tower. This is how a contemporary describes a visit to the Rudhalls at Gloucester. (I find it largely unintelligible, but then I'm not a ringer!): "A foundation ringer is one that rings at sight; not many of them. He has picked a ream of changes, the bobs and common hunt. 7 lb. per cwt.

his metal. Tin glass necessary to make sharp trebles. He casts to half a note, which is mended by the hammer. He takes the notes of them all by the blow-pipe." Well, two of the bells, 3 and 5, still carry the names of the minister, the Rev. Dr. Sutton and the bellfounder, Abel Rudhall. It is fitting that our celebrations this afternoon should include a salute to their memory. In the life of the Church they represent the clergy and all physical and manual work for the care and preservation of your Church.

By 1739 the ring was hung—No 2 bell bearing the legend "Peace and Good Neighbourhood." Alas! the call for peace was to be rudely shattered before the year was out. Relationships with Spain were getting worse and worse—dispute about trade was the main cause. The ill humour of the trading classes rose to madness when a merchant captain named Jenkins told at the Bar of the House of Commons the tale of his torture by the Spaniards and produced an ear which, he said, they had cut off with taunts at the English King. Robert Walpole, the Prime Minister, reluctantly gave way and consented to a war against Spain. Ironically enough, that very first year the new bells rang out, the Prime Minister said bitterly: "They may ring their bells now, but they will soon be wringing their hands." The disastrous war of the Austrian Succession followed and, ever since, your bells have seen times of peace and war alternately.

But though No. 2 bell's call to peace may have met with a chequered response, the call to Good Neighbourhood has never gone unanswered. This is so obviously a happy community, centred round the Church—if any proof were wanted it is found in the magnificent combined effort in carrying out the work whose completion we are now celebrating. £1,000 is a large sum for a small community to raise—on behalf of the bells and of the clock may I be allowed to say "Thank you" for this fresh evidence of "good neighbourhood"? And I am sure that the bells will continue to draw attention to the Church as the centre of village life—to put it in the words engraved on the tenor bell: "I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all," thus reminding us of our duty to worship God and of our faith in Him Who is the Resurrection and the Life. This bell represents the general body of parishioners who set their watches by your clock, and the great events of whose life, such as baptisms and weddings, take place in this building—and for whom the last rites are paid here "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection."

The tower and bells were not affected by the restoration and partial rebuilding of the church in 1883, except that immediately after the work was completed they were joined by a new treble. The bell, like those commemorating Dr. Sutton and the Rudhalls, rings a personal note. It is inscribed: "In memory of Anna and Penelope Martin (the gift of Mrs. Martin)—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1885," who still act as your bellfounders. This family lived, I believe, at the Manor House. I am told that Mrs. Martin was a strong supporter of Equal Rights for Women—and indeed was once a candidate for the office of President of the United States! But in my imagination tonight her bell represents the benefactors, past and present, of your church—including all of you who by your generosity and efforts have enabled your ring to be repaired and rehung. And so in your ring of bells all who are concerned with the life of your parish are represented—clergy, those who work for your church, the parishioners who worship here, the neighbourhood in general, and the benefactors past and present, of your church in particular.

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Many Topics at Bath and Wells Annual Meeting at Midsomer Norton

ON Easter Monday some 200 members of the Diocesan Association gathered at Midsomer Norton for the annual meeting. Proceedings started with a service at the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Fookes, assisted by the Rev. A. G. Durston, chairman of the Frome Branch, and the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Association. The Bishop of Taunton, the Rt. Rev. F. H. West, gave a most interesting address in which he developed the theme that the present campaign of the Church, "No Small Change," had been carried out by the fellowship of ringers for years. His duties would often take him to remote country parishes and on several occasions he had spotted one of his own parishioners in the congregation. He had wondered why this man should be there and then realised "of course, he is a bellringer."

Lunch, that followed in the Church Hall, was admirably provided by Miss Jacqueline Purnell and the Midsomer Norton ringers.

The Master, in opening the meeting with prayer, asked members to stand in silence in memory of those who had passed away since the last meeting. Visitors were welcomed from Rickmansworth, London, Bristol and Dorset.

In his reports the Master spoke of his visits to 11 Branch meetings and functions during the year. He mentioned in particular a ringers' social held by the Taunton Branch and also the rededication of the restored rings at Bradford-on-Tone and Watchet. Wells Cathedral bells had been put in order and he would like to put on record the gratitude of the Association to the Friends of the Cathedral, whose prompt and generous financial help had made this possible.

DIFFICULTIES OVER INSTRUCTORS

He expressed the committee's concern that in some areas qualified instructors were not always available and he appealed to members to give this matter serious attention. It sometimes happened that several requests for instruction were received from one area and, if the Association did not have sufficient official instructors resident there, a waiting list of people wishing to learn to ring would result. Although these numerous requests were welcome evidence of the interest in ringing, surely it was not a good thing that help should be deferred because they had no one to send.

Occasionally the Master heard of towers where differences of opinion had led to a break-up of the band. Two such cases had recently come to his notice and he had no hesitation in saying that they should never have occurred. "Our ringing should be a bond of union, not a bone of contention. If people get to the stage where they cannot ring together it is a very poor reflection of the way in which they practise the Christian faith. The message of the bells is the message of Christmas. 'Peace on earth and goodwill among men.'"

The general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, also referred to the problem of instruction, saying that although they had a very capable panel of instructors, it was proving inadequate in certain circumstances. The Association covered a very large area but you could not expect a man to undertake a weekly journey of perhaps 30 miles each way because he was the nearest available.

Mr. Salmon mentioned other ways in which Branches were tackling silent towers and drew attention to the example of Bridgewater Branch. They were organising bands to ring at such towers at times of patronal festivals, etc. Another band, this time in the mid-Somerset area, was also ringing at towers where the bells were formerly seldom heard. Most Branches now met more often than once a quarter and surely these more frequent visits to towers must arouse local interest in the bells and make these churches wonder why they had no regular bells of their own.

MEMBERSHIP OF 1,748

The treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor, reported a record number of 1,748 performing members, and also another record in the total of 216 Parochial Church Councils that had paid an affiliation fee of not less than 10s. 6d. to the Association, but, despite the increased income, the General Fund and Bell Fund showed small deficits over the year. Badges had been purchased and these, when sold, should show a small profit. £16 17s. had been passed on to "The Ringing World," being half of the peal booking fees received.

The cost of the annual report was giving some concern. This year it had risen by £26 and the committee was giving serious consideration to its future form. The treasurer warned the meeting that, unless some way could be found to stop the increase in expenditure, members' subscriptions, which were at the moment standing at 2s. and were probably the lowest of any Association, would have to be increased.

Transfer of affiliation fees to the Bell Fund amounted to £135, and donations and collections to this fund totalled £13. Grants from the fund amounted to £129, the following towers having benefited: Ilton £50, Wiveliscombe £35, Beckington £20, Sampford Brett £10, Holford and Wedmore £7 7s. each. The balance of the General Fund was £228 7s. 2d., and that of the Bell Fund £222 7s. 6d. Investments were valued at £318.

The tower and belfries report was presented to the meeting by Mr. H. J. Sanger, who spoke of the 1,000 miles he had travelled and of the 80 letters he had written during the year. It was certainly no overstatement to describe the year as a busy one; 20 towers had been visited, some several times, and four towers had been dealt with by correspondence.

ALIVE TO SOUND CONTROL

In a brief summary of his work, he mentioned in particular Banwell, where a crack had developed in the tower. Mr. Frederick Sharpe had been called in and his recommendations for the strengthening of the tower and the rehanging of the bells at a lower level were being considered. Several inspections had been carried out in connection with quinquennial surveys. Advice was increasingly being sought on sound control, 1964 having seen eight such inquiries. Of these, six concerned noise outside the tower and showed that ringers were alive to the fact that the bells could constitute a nuisance.

Mr. Sanger made one final point in deprecating the ringing of peals on bad-going bells. He said that peal attempts on such bells or in towers where structural hazards were known to exist should be discouraged at all time, as only harm could result.

The number of peals rung in 1964 was 94, this being the second highest in the Association's history. Mr. G. W. Massey, the peal secretary, in presenting these statistics, said that it was particularly pleasing to note that the list contained a greater proportion than usual rung by resident bands. The peals rung at Sampford Brett and Merriott by the Arscott family deserved special mention, as did a peal at Dinder by an all-ladies' band. This was only the second such peal for the Association, the other being at Portishead as long ago as 1915. A peal of Doubles in 14 methods was a great achievement for the all-local band at Ashcott, and the young band, some of whom are still at school, are to be congratulated.

256 RINGERS RANG PEALS

Leading peal ringers in 1964 were Mr. D. J. Hunt with 16, and Mr. A. F. Lee and Mr. J. R. Taylor with 11. Mr. W. E. Turner, who had conducted all his ten peals, was the leading conductor; 256 ringers participated in peals: 35 took part in their first, and 109 rang something new. Of individual achievements, Mr. Massey drew attention to Mr. L. Derrick's 100th peal and Mr. A. F. Lee's 125th. Two notable first pealers were Mr. M. Heymann,

who rang inside to Cambridge, and Mr. M. Collins, inside to Grandshire Caters.

Mr. Massey stated that the peal book had been thoroughly checked and re-indexed. A comparison with "The Ringing World" had been commenced and some discrepancies had been brought to light. One peal had been recorded twice and, after careful inquiries, it had been decided to insert six peals not previously included. The corrected total of peals to the end of 1964 was 3,042.

First peals were rung at Ilton and East Chinnock and now only nine sixes and 40 fives in Somerset had no peals recorded.

The reports were received with acclamation and, on the proposition of the Rev. F. Pollard, seconded by Mr. E. Fisher, were adopted en bloc.

THE OFFICERS

The meeting then passed to the election of officers, the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master), Messrs. G. Salmon (general secretary), E. Naylor (treasurer), G. W. Massey (peal secretary) and H. J. Sanger (Diocesan Adviser on the Care of Bells) being re-elected for the ensuing year. It was felt that Mr. Sanger should have some help and Mr. W. Kingcott, of Wrington, was appointed as Assistant Adviser. The meeting was informed that Mr. D. E. Lee, who had acted as auditor for several years, had left the Diocese and Mr. S. E. Read, of Bath, was elected in his stead. Mr. Lee was thanked for his services.

Mr. Massey commented that several members were not at all happy about the rule that demanded 6d. per rope per peal as a contribution to "The Ringing World." He himself felt that this rule was wrong and that the Association, if it wished to support the paper, could make an annual grant, the amount of which be decided each year. He intended, therefore, to give formal notice that he would make a proposition to this effect at the next annual meeting and that the exact wording would be circulated to all affiliated towers in due course.

Mr. Sanger drew members' attention to the forthcoming Bath and West Show to be held in mid-Somerset. He stated that the Church Tent would devote a section to ringing and he outlined details. A model bell would be exhibited and it was intended that the light ring owned by Mr. Frank Mack be used for demonstration purposes. He appealed to hand-bell bands to offer their services.

WAR MEMORIAL WREATH

Mr. Naylor spoke of the wreath placed annually on the Association's War Memorial in Bath Abbey. He felt that the Earl Haig Fund would benefit to a greater extent if a donation to the fund be made and the wreath dispensed with. This drew considerable discussion and resulted in a decision that a wreath be placed on the Memorial as in the past, and that, in addition, a donation, the amount of which be decided by the committee, be given to the Earl Haig Fund each year.

The Master reminded the meeting that May 30th, 1965, was the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association and called for members' views on possible ways in which this be noted. Mr. Massey, as peal secretary, asked that commemorative peals be rung, and the Master stated that an invitation had been received from the Dean and Chapter of Wells asking that a peal be rung on the Cathedral bells. In addition, an officers' peal would be attempted at Evercreech, and an attempt was arranged at Twerton, where the first recorded peal for the Association was rung. Mr. D. G. Yeo, on behalf of the Chew Branch, suggested that a dinner be held, and it was decided to inquire at Branch level as to what form the members would like the dinner to take and to what extent it would be supported.

Mr. G. Marchant said that the inaugural meeting had been held at Highbridge and, although the church no longer possessed a ring of bells, it would be appropriate if a service and the dinner be held there.

BATH AND WELLS—contd.

It was decided that the Central Council representatives be given £20 to help defray their expenses and that the secretary be given an honorarium of £15. Mr. H. V. Young proposed that Mr. H. J. Sanger, the Diocesan Adviser, be given an honorarium; this was referred to the general committee.

Mr. J. Gilbert asked if the Central Council could be invited to Somerset and a number of possible venues was discussed. The question of expense was raised and it was generally felt that this should be well within the Association's means.

A request was made that some form of notice be produced for towers affiliated to the Association that would incorporate local details. This was referred to the committee, who would consider possible designs.

The question of peal ringing in Lent was raised by Mr. E. Skipsey, who asked if there was any official ruling regarding this. Mr. W. Osborn replied, saying that there was no rule as such. He recalled that in 1952 Preb. A. J. Hook, the Master at that time, had strongly criticised such ringing and that, over the years, Bath and Wells ringers had respected his views and very few peals had been rung. It was surely a matter of self-discipline and it was certainly not up to the Association to lay down hard and fast rules.

The general secretary then asked if he might be allowed the unusual course of proposing the vote of thanks himself. This was the Association's first visit to the Frome Branch and, once the visit to Midsomer Norton had been confirmed, the Branch had taken the arranging of the meeting right out of his hands.

Mr. Salmon referred to the able way in which the Master had conducted a long and exacting meeting. He also thanked Mr. E. Chivers and Mr. G. W. Massey for arranging the ringing.

The members then dispersed to the many towers open during the evening.

THOUGHTS ON RUDHALL RING—

continued

The harmony of the bells is, I am sure, representative of the harmony with which all the individuals of this delightful place live and work together, resulting in a strong Christian community. Yes, strong, but not as an isolated village cut off from its neighbours—for when the bells ring out they will always remind you of your unity with other Christian communities and of the unity of the whole Church of England, indeed of the unity to which we are struggling of the whole Church of God. For the message of your bells is outward-looking. There are no artificial barriers in the sky to stop the waves of sound, and I like to think of their echoes mingling with those from other towers in the neighbourhood, reminding us that the worship and praise of God from thousands of churches join in a single stream of prayer as it ascends to the Throne of Grace.

And so, following the example of the bells, your chapelry will be encouraged to play its part in the life of the diocese and of the whole Church. For the bells themselves remind us all that we all belong to a great company living in a world stretching far beyond our own parochial boundaries. As we all grow together and feel responsible for one another, so the words of the toast that they themselves have given us will be fulfilled—"Prosperity to the Church of England."

Swansea and Brecon Guild Increase Subscriptions

THE 37th annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Brecon on June 19th and the excellent weather helped in the good attendance. Besides St. Mary's, Brecon, the towers at Glasbury, Talgarth, Llanfeigan and Defynnog were open for ringing. Even-song, preceded by handbells being rung in the nave, was held in the Cathedral, with the Bishop and the Dean of Brecon assisting in the service. The Rev. Herbert J. Phillips gave an inspiring address, the theme of which was based on "Whatever we do, do it to the glory of God."

Through the kind permission of the Dean, and the thoughtfulness of Mrs. James, his wife, a buffet tea was held in the Chapter House. This was a great improvement on the previous year, and the sincere thanks of everyone were amply expressed by the hon. secretary.

The Bishop, presiding at the business meeting, and after welcoming the visitors, said he thought the meeting would wish him to thank the Rev. Herbert J. Phillips for his address. Arising out of the minutes, the hon. secretary said that the letter of good wishes to the Very Rev. D. Edward Jones, for his health and happiness in his retirement, was sent, and the Dean in reply sincerely thanked everyone.

The treasurer, in presenting the statement of accounts, said that he thought the money now in the Bell Restoration Fund should be invested. An amendment, however, to close both the Deposit Account and the Bell Restoration Fund Account and group the total of each account for investment purposes, was carried. The actual investment is to be left in the hands of the treasurer and the auditor. The accounts were then accepted and the treasurer thanked for his services.

The hon. secretary, giving his report, said that there was great concern regarding the position of the Northern District as a part, or an acting part, within the constitution of the Diocesan Guild. No communication of any sort had been received during the year from them. There was still room for restoration and augmentations within the diocese, and they must go on hoping. The ringing competition at Bronllys was a great improvement on the 1964 competition, and Cadoxton, who won the shield, well deserved it. In conclusion, he thanked all the officers for their co-operation during the past year.

At this stage the Bishop officially presented the shield and certificates to the bands concerned in the competition, congratulating each in turn.

In the peals record report, Mr. G. I. Lewis said the year's peal ringing was a great achievement for the Guild, the majority of the peals being rung on handbells. The total included two long lengths, one on tower bells and one on handbells. Four members had now rung 100 peals for the Guild—Mr. G. I. Lewis, Miss Hazel Way, Mr. J. A. Hoare and Mr. B. J. Woodruffe. Mr. Lewis then reported that although he had already purchased extra loose leaves, he would now require a new book. Mr. S. Edwards then moved that a book be purchased when required.

It was reported by the Central Council representative that Mr. A. E. Barnett was not seeking re-election at the next annual general meeting. The meeting was referred to "The Ringing World" for the full report of the deliberations at Northampton this year. Mr. Lewis was thanked for his report.

Mr. M. R. Thomas was elected the new Master of the Guild, and the other officers re-elected were: Mr. J. A. Hoare, hon. secretary;

Mr. D. H. Bennett, hon. treasurer; Mr. S. Edwards, hon. auditor; and Mr. G. I. Lewis, Central Council representative for the next three years.

The notice of motion re increase of subscriptions, moved by Mr. Bennett and supported by Mr. Protheroe, was discussed at length, and after much deliberation the original motion was carried. The exception being that those under 18 pay 1s. 6d. per person per annum, and this applies also to old age pensioners. All others will pay the increase, 2s. 6d. per person per annum.

It was proposed that the annual festival in 1966 be held at St. Mary's, Swansea, alternatively Sketty. The ringing competition is to be held at Cadoxton. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £2 10s.

Three new ringing members were elected, two ringing and one non-resident life member. The business ended with a vote of thanks to the Bishop, not forgetting his son, who was the organist.

Next meeting: Joint, at Eardisland, on July 31st. J. A. H.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Wrexham on June 19th, when over 60 members and visitors attended, including some from Walstanton, Leominster and Shrewsbury.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Chancellor D. E. M. Glynn Jones) and assisted by the president (the Rev. Dr. Alun Thomas). The Vicar, in his address, pointed out some interesting features in the fine 15th century church. The tower is quoted as being one of seven wonders of Wales, and near the west door is the tomb of Elihu Yale, founder of Yale University, U.S.A. An excellent tea was partaken of in the Church House prepared by the wives of the local ringers, to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Bailey. At the business meeting Chancellor D. E. M. Glynn Jones was elected president for the ensuing year, and the Rev. A. L. Cooke, M.A., Rector of Hope, a vice-president. Other officers elected were: Mr. F. R. Evans, Ringing Master; Mr. W. Cathrall, general secretary and treasurer; Dr. A. V. Woodcock, secretary Wrexham District; Mr. D. H. B. Millward, instructor Wrexham District; Mr. J. Astbury, instructor Bangor District; Mr. W. H. Lewis, auditor.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £32 9s. The secretary reported an increase of 60 members over the last three years. This was due mainly to some towers having the bells restored and rejoining the Association. Rhyl was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting in September, and Llandudno for the next annual meeting.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring president, Dr. J. Alun Thomas, who said that he had enjoyed his three years as president and was very impressed by the warmth of fellowship and cordiality among ringers.

The bells were put to good use in a wide variety of standard methods during the afternoon and evening, the duty of Ringing Master being ably carried out by Mr. F. R. Evans.

W. C.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Peake (cond.) 1—2, Miss M. Richards 3, B. Bladen 4—5, M. A. New 6. First on two tower bells for ringers 1—2 and 4—5.

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Letters to the Editor

YOU LUCKY PEOPLE

Dear Sir,—Apparently there is a feeling that some fresh ideas are needed, so I will start the ball rolling.

Many years ago in our village the man who played the big bass violin in the local orchestra stood five feet nothing, consequently he had to transport his instrument on a hand-cart. One Thursday evening as he trundled home he passed a couple of the local ringers wending their way home after practice. As the three met there was some good natured banter from the ringers. The old bass violin player just looked at them and retorted, "Think yourselves lucky you are bellringers."

When you come to think of it ringers are lucky in many respects. Just look about—anglers go around loaded with fishing tackle for which they have paid a goodish bit, musicians manhandle their expensive instruments, cricketers lug their kit, and so one could go on. But what do the ringers cart around? Very little against the foregoing, and yet when it comes to putting their hands in their pocket for increased subscriptions or buying "The Ringing World" that seems to be quite another matter.

There are quite a number of Societies whose "trade paper" has a limited circulation just as "The Ringing World" has, consequently the subscription to these Societies is such that it covers the cost of its own publication. I have no doubt "The Ringing World" Committee would be highly delighted if the Guilds and Societies raised their annual subscriptions sufficiently to ensure that each member received a copy of our own paper each week. I feel sure that the committee would allow the Guild or Society a copper or two for administrative purposes.

Suggestions are frequently called for to increase the circulation, and to increase annual subscriptions by £2 2s. is one, and before anyone starts throwing brickbats, please produce a better idea. J. P. F.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir.—Mr. Neal (page 432) must not jump to conclusions. The title of this Association was the "London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers." It is now the "London County Association of Church Bell Ringers." So the connection with a mythical, non-existent North Southwark Diocese has been dropped and emphasis has been given to the fact we are not just change ringers but Church bell ringers. We have shed the part of our title which was unfortunately added some years ago for reasons which were not entirely commendable, and we have amended our older title to indicate that whatever was the case last century, ringers are now connected with the Church.

The recent reorganisation under the London Government Act, 1963, related of course only to local government and its administrative organisation. Whether or no London ringers wish to use this as an excuse to do something about the organisation of ringing in the Metropolitan area is another matter. Many of us would welcome it; some I know would not. Joint meetings of the Associations mentioned by Mr. Neal are now a regular and welcome feature—who knows what they may lead to.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ruislip Manor.

WORTHIES OF CHARLES CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The recent death of Bill Hiscott and now of Warren Hornbrook, as reported by you, must leave very few of the old pre-1914 band of Charles Church, Plymouth, under that great teacher, Walter Marsh.

The early 1900's were the great days of ringing in Plymouth and Walter Marsh, his son Ernie and the Charles Church band were the most enthusiastic ringers I've ever met.

On Fridays the front six would have clapper stays put on and here Warren Hornbrook, myself and many others learned the rudiments of change ringing. Tuesday was the open day on the ten, and ringers from isolated towers would come in to practise. Amongst these was the Rev. E. S. Powell. A pioneer in composition in the South West, Warren Hornbrook was in 1906 one of Marsh's young hopefuls and he rang in my first peal of Triples just after he had rung his own first in 1910.

I have always thought of that tower as ideal. Walter Marsh always started every practice with a prayer, which didn't prevent him ticking you off good and hearty when you made a slip. I don't think they ever recovered from World War I owing largely to an unsympathetic Vicar and Warren had a hard time. War II finished the bells for ever. When the tower was bombed, the bells were left lying and, in spite of appeals to the Vicar to have them salvaged, were stolen.

With Charles' went St. George's, where we rang every Monday, and Dockyard (8), to which we went on Saturdays when not touring round the countryside. Some of us would ring every day of the week in the days when trains from Plymouth ran literally to every country village. To Mr. Westcott, who must be one of the few survivors, another survivor of those days sends greetings and thanks for all the kindness he received at Charles Church, Plymouth.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. J.

"IS STEDMAN UNIQUE?"

Dear Sir,—From time to time learners have asked me this question when they find Stedman is the only method (principle) they are taught which is not treble-dominated. My reply has been a guarded "It is the only one that is popular, although there have been several others produced."

We are told that Stedman was trying to find a six-score of Doubles without using hunts—that is, a principle in which all the bells do the same work. He did so in fact in "Orpheus," but only by using alternate double and single changes, requiring whole-pull changes on the front. Even in Stedman's time this was unsuitable for ringing.

He would be aware that with double changes alone he could get only half the extent, and presumably he next sought to produce this 60 by a similar principle. To do so he would require a block of 12 rows, symmetrical in itself, and ending with a parting place which would permit the original block to repeat four times to give the required 60. He found the only block of 12 which will do so. That block is the first 12 changes of Stedman Doubles. It can of course be reversed.

There is a choice for the parting place at the end of the block, either 1sts or 5ths. Stedman in his wisdom chose the former, which gives the alternation of the sixes characteristic of his principle. In this form it is possible to extend it to higher numbers, though this does

not seem to have been done in Stedman's lifetime. The alternative 5ths place was found by Carter, and the resulting variation named after him.

I think therefore the question can be answered with a definite "Yes."—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Westminster.

20 MINUTE SOUND COLOUR FILM OF WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the Central Council's resolution I have taken steps to obtain a copy of the above film on their behalf, and this lovely film will soon be available on loan to Associations at a modest charge towards the expense involved and to provide for replacement after fair wear and tear. Conditions of loan are printed at the foot of this letter.

For the information of those who have not seen the film some details are appended.

The film is a professional production and covers the final building stages of Washington Cathedral tower and includes views of the Cathedral at various stages of building and of the skilled stonemasons at work on various carvings. The Cathedral has been in building for over 50 years, embodies the finest Gothic style traditions and will be the fifth largest cathedral in the world.

Much of the first half of the film is devoted to the casting of the ring of ten bells hung in English fashion, and to the 56-bell carillon and to their installation. There are excellent shots of the bells in action, ringers in training and ringers at work, including the English ringers who rang for the dedication in 1964. Stedman Caters on the 10-bell ring and melodies on the carillon are heard. The choir, orchestra and organ of the Cathedral provide background music from time to time.

The film will be of great interest to ringers at special functions and also very useful to show to non-ringing audiences and church people. It goes on to illustrate all the dedication ceremonies and people connected with efforts to create this glorious Gothic cathedral. The bells and the ringers are given a very high status in the proceedings and the film will therefore be excellent propaganda for public relations between ringers and the public.

PROVISIONAL CONDITIONS OF LOAN OF THE FILM

The film must be returned by registered post, properly packed, on the day after the film is shown (Monday if shown Saturday) to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.

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The borrower must meet the cost of any loss sustained by the Council, by careless handling of the film in use or in transit, by the borrower.

Applications for loan of the film should normally be made by a responsible Association official.

Several requests have been made already for loan of the film and early reservation is advised.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Convener, Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee, Central Council.

JOHN NICOLL
BELL ROPES

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN LLOYD

Mr. John Lloyd, who died on June 21st, within a week or so of his 72nd birthday, had been a ringer at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, for nearly 60 years, but his association with bells went even further back than that, as his father was once verger and sexton at Brierley Hill, and from the age of three or four he was taught to "minute" the tenor bell at funerals. His association with the church at Brierley Hill as a chorister, ringer and church worker was continuous from then on, except for a break during the First World War, when he served in the R.A.M.C. He was tower keeper for many years and when anything from ringing room level upwards needed attention it was always left to Jack to deal with.

He was not a prolific peal ringer and did not keep a record of his peals, but it is known he rang 203 for the Worcestershire Association, which with those he rang for neighbouring Associations would make his total around 300. Jack Lloyd, however, will not be remembered for his peal ringing activities, although he was always a very sound and safe ringer, but for the service which he gave to others in teaching beginners, for which he had endless patience and a kindly and friendly manner which put the most nervous of beginners at ease; for this alone he will be sadly missed, not only in his own tower but in neighbouring towers which he visited regularly on their practice nights.

During his career he held office as Master of the Dudley Guild, also of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, and for many years he was a member of the latter Association's advisory panel on belfry repairs, an office which he resigned only last year.

At the funeral service on Brierley Hill on June 23rd his coffin was borne by four of his fellow ringers—Messrs. B. Lawton, S. Mallen, T. Hemming and C. Skidmore—while the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by ringing friends from many towers who came to pay their last tribute to one who had been a great servant of the Church and of the Exercise. Ringers present included R. Allport (Brierley Hill), W. B. Cartwright (Selly Oak, Master, Worcestershire Association), R. Chance (Lye), F. V. Nicholls, C. W. Cooper, W. H. Cooper, A. D. Fellows, M. D. Fellows, M. J. Fellows, J. C. Eisel, Mrs. R. Smith (Stourbridge), F. G. Handley, J. Pagett (Wollaston), A. W. Glazzard, J. Hicks (Hartlebury), R. A. Peakman, Mrs. B. Morgan (Kingswinford), T. Greenhall, A. B. Ellsmore (Halesowen), B. C. Ashford (Clent), K. Salter (Kidderminster), H. G. Bird (East Brent, Somerset), E. Drew, A. Nurse, V. Parton (Claverley).

Later in the day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on the bells which he had loved and tended so well during his lifetime. C. S.

STEWKLEY, BUCKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Holland 1, B. Eglesfield 2, G. Edmans 3, M. Jamieson 4, R. A. Vickers 5, A. H. Wood 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, F. Gregory 8.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

FOR the first time since 1957, the Eastern Branch held its second quarterly meeting of the year at Norton Subcourse. May 22nd was a grand day and attracted some 40 ringers. Both tower- and handbells were rung throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Rev. A. Glendining, Rector of the Raveningham group of parishes, conducted the ringers' service; the lesson was read by Mr. J. Forder, the organ played by Mr. K. Mickleborough and the address was given by the Rev. J. E. Cummins. Miss D. E. Lidbetter (Branch chairman) presided over the business meeting and proposed votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist and the local ladies for the splendid tea.

The following belfry elections prior to a peal at Great Yarmouth on April 24th were ratified: Messrs. P. Chapman, J. Boyack, M. J. Hallett, A. J. House, P. J. Rothera and J. Towler. Members stood in silence to the memories of Mr. S. W. Coplin, of Loddon, and Mr. G. H. Cross, the president (Mr. N. Golden) paying tributes to them. A brief account of the proposed week-end ringing course to be held at Morley College, Wymondham, next year, was also given by him.

Forthcoming meeting: Acle, September 4th. N. C.

ALL SAINTS', CORSTON

On May 31st the ringers of All Saints', Corston, accompanied by friends from Bath and Raheaston, visited six towers, mostly in the Exe Valley.

Despite the inevitable delay at Honiton, the first tower, Newton St. Cyres, was reached on time and the pleasant eight were soon put to good use. At Upton Pyne there was some delay due to repairs to a stay and the time was filled in by the experts' performance on a very tuneful set of handbells. We just had time to sample the easy-going six in the tower before moving on to Bramford Speke. We had been met at Upton Pyne by the Vicar of both parishes, who kindly pointed out a pleasant spot on a bank of the Exe at Bramford Speke for a picnic lunch. Afterwards good use was made of the light and tuneful six before proceeding through the lanes to Silvertown. Here we were met by the tower master, Mr. Selley, and we much enjoyed the very fine eight.

The next tower was Bickleigh, which is on the hillside above the bridge over the Exe, close to the famous gardens looking at their best in the sunshine.

Tea was taken in Tiverton, after which we joined the tower master, Mr. J. D. Upton, for a ring on the grand eight, which we were loth to leave. Before doing so, the tower master, Mr. H. L. Parfrey, thanked the organiser, though even more thanks were due to the member of the band who had had all the drudgery in the way of typing letters, etc.

L. R. G. T.

EAST RIDING RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING

THE East Riding ringers were favoured with very good weather for the annual Whit Monday outing and in spite of certain difficulties with the seemingly inevitable traffic congestion an extensive programme was enjoyed by the party of 40 ringers, wives and friends. Towers represented were Cottingham, Ferriby, Goole, Hessle, Hornsea, Howden, Hull Holy Trinity, Kirk Ella, Rise and Sutton, and although there was a large proportion of ringers in the learner stage the standard of ringing was reasonably satisfactory all day.

When planning the programme the organiser, Mr. A. B. Cooper, had anticipated that certain notable members of the party would not be available in time for the early start, but the coach actually left Kirk Ella at the appointed time and arrived at the first tower, Doncaster St. George, approximately 30 minutes early, the spare time being occupied with a welcome coffee break. Mr. Howard Scott met the party and many of the learners had their first experience on a heavy eight. Touches of Double Norwich and Stedman were rung well.

The next stage was via Bawtry, Blyth, Worksop, Chesterfield and Baslow, and the organiser's references to the Derbyshire countryside were drowned with choruses of "On Ikla Moor baht 'at." There was some difficulty in finding the key to the Church of St. Peter, Edensor, in Chatsworth Park, but eventually the bells were rung to a variety of Minor methods, whilst the non-ringers visited the Kennedy grave and inspected the impressive village church before partaking of a picnic lunch in most pleasant surroundings.

On the short journey to Bakewell the traffic was literally bumper to bumper and great difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable place to park the coach whilst ringing was in progress at the Parish Church. The bells at Bakewell are very noisy in the tower but go very well and we were happy to conform with the local custom of a fee of ten shillings for visiting ringers.

Owing to the congestion of traffic the party were late at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, but the Rector, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, was waiting, with the bells raised, and an enjoyable hour was spent. We were sorry that Jafus and several other old friends of the organiser were not able to be present. (Congratulations and good wishes, Frank.)

A substantial tea was enjoyed at the Red Lion, Ashover, before ringing at the adjacent Parish Church of All Saints. The bells certainly justified their reputation and were heard to good effect in a well-struck course of Yorkshire Surprise Minor. An amusing incident occurred here when a lady onlooker asked if her young son could have a ring as although he had never handled a bell he was interested in music! The tour concluded on the light six at Clay Cross, where the party was met by Mr. J. W. Price.

The duties of Ringing Master were undertaken by D. S. Johnson, R. Gibson, J. Rank, R. Ducker and A. B. Cooper, and the return journey to Hull was completed shortly after midnight. A. B. C.

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Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies

AFTER three meetings between the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association and representatives of nine District Societies in the county, it was agreed to the formation of a Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies.

The Joint Council consists of two delegates from each of the ten Societies, namely, The Yorkshire Association, The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, The Beverley and District Society, The Barnsley and District Society, The Doncaster and District Society, The Halifax and District Association, The Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild, The Leeds and District Society, The Selby and District Society and the Sheffield and District Society.

The chairman appointed is Mr. Edward Hudson, of Sharow, and the secretary is Mr. Arthur Farrand, of Mossley, Lancashire.

At the inaugural meeting held in the Railway Institute, York, on February 6th, it was decided to organise a Festival of Ringing in the Wakefield area on Saturday, June 12th. The sub-committee formed to arrange the event consisted of Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, Mr. Irvine Slack, Mr. Christopher A. Moxon and Mr. Trevor Tarbutt.

Twenty towers were open for ringing from 10.15 a.m. until 9 p.m.

A ringers' service was held in Wakefield Cathedral at 3 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Halifax, who chose for his sermon the text Psalm xlii, 6: "I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me." The sermon was most inspiring and the Archdeacon gave his congregation much food for thought.

During the singing of Psalm 150 a course of Major was rung on handbells and after the

lesson the ringers' hymn was sung to the ringers' tune, by kind permission of the Provost of the Cathedral, and much patience by the organist, Mr. Percy Saunders. Two courses of Maximus were rung before the service and two courses of Minor, closed lead, were rung at the end.

About 130 persons then adjourned to the Unity Hall for tea. In a speech of welcome, the chairman, Mr. Edward Hudson, said that the attendance was most encouraging for a first festival.

All Districts were represented, come more numerous than others. "Do's" like this give everyone an opportunity of meeting people from all over the county," he continued, and went on to thank the sub-committee for all the hard work they had done to make the occasion the success it was.

When all had eaten their fill, Mr. W. F. Moreton became the cinema projectionist, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed watching the film made to commemorate the dedication of the bells of Washington Cathedral. These showed scenes of the building of the tower, the casting of the bells in England, the hanging of them in the completed tower, the dedication, and then the full ring being rung by the team from Britain. It's a must for anyone who hasn't seen it.

Afterwards those who had farthest to travel were allowed first go on the 12 at the Cathedral, and arrangements made to fix everyone with a ring on either six, eight, ten or twelve in the vicinity.

It is hoped to arrange another festival, in the area of Beverley, on May 21st, 1966. Mr. David Johnson has been authorised to form his own sub-committee to formulate arrangements, so start saving up—you've had plenty of warning. A. F.

WITHYHAM RINGERS VISIT HAMPSHIRE

The clerk of the weather was in a benevolent mood on June 26th, and the Withyham ringers tender him their grateful thanks for a lovely day for their outing. Leaving Withyham on time, we proceeded to Petworth but arrived a few minutes late through having to join the snake-like queue up the narrow approach to Petworth. Mr. L. Weller made us welcome and after an enjoyable hour here we made our way to Easebourne through Cowdray Park. Here the Rev. B. R. Beasley directed the coach to its parking place and conducted the party through the back entrance to the beautifully decorated church, where a wedding was taking place shortly after our visit. Lunch was at Petersfield.

The Rev. John Hurst met the party at West Meon, where there is no doubt about the bells being heard in the ringing chamber! Shedfield provided some good ringing and Titchfield's (the only six of the trip) were far better than expected. Tea was taken at Lee-on-Solent, and the splendid view of the island and numerous yachts (together with the ozone) well repaid the time spent here.

It was intended to make the journey to Havant via Portsdown Hill, but having several "back-seat drivers," the wrong road was taken and the journey had to be made through the built-up area all the way. Canon Bassett welcomed the party and after a very pleasant time we left for home, travelling via Billingshurst, where the eight bells are out of action, so we had to make do with the "Six Bells"!

It was a day of good company, good ringing, fine weather and up to time everywhere. Before parting, the Rector (the Rev. Peter Scott), who accompanied the party, thanked the organiser, Mrs. Jean Osborn, for her hard work and as a token of appreciation presented her with a small gift. F. I. H.

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

SINCE 1955 our annual outings have been recorded on cine colour film, and it is good to recall visually the personalities taking part and places visited over the years. Inevitably time has taken toll and many old ringers are no longer with us. Such stalwarts as Frank Bennett and Harry Stalham, perhaps names only to the present generation, are brought to life again.

On June 26th this year, more film of Kent was added and, being an especially sunny day, we anticipate good results. Certainly our organiser again discriminated wisely in choice of bells and restaurants, too. Both could be described as excellent.

The first call of the 41-seater coach was on the eight at Cranbrook, followed by that of Wye. Having started our day at 7.45 a.m., we were well prepared to enjoy an early lunch at the Continental Grill in Canterbury at 12.15 p.m. Early afternoon saw us on our way to ring the eight at Ash-next-Sandwich, where unfortunately a rope broke during the last touch. Then over the tollbridge to St. Lawrence-in-Thames (10, 18 cwt.). Here our first delay occurred. Finding the unusual outside ladder entrance securely padlocked, 82 suspicious eyes were directed at the organiser who, promptly producing the Vicar's letter, read like a proclamation "... will be away, but arrangements will be made ..."

The grandfather of the party was then detailed to find the Vicarage and/or the keys. This entailed vaulting over a rather high wall four times, having brought the wrong keys the first time. (Moral—never boast about having a father who could jump a five-barred gate at the age of 65 years!) Despite the delay, ringing included Stedman Caters. Kent T.B.R. and some goodly rounds.

Arriving at Canterbury Cathedral, we were privileged to ring the 12 to Grand sire Cinques after getting the "feel" during preliminary rounds. A second course by our "second eleven" followed. Tea was served at Gales Restaurant, but not before our "grabbers" managed a pull on the six of St. Alphege's.

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The Stafford Archdeaconry Society

OVER 130 members and friends attended the annual general meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, in fine weather, on June 19th in Lichfield.

During the afternoon ringing took place at London and all four Lichfield towers prior to the service held in the choir stalls of the Cathedral. This was conducted by the president, the Ven. Basil Stratton, and the address was given by the new Vicar of Tamworth, who had to apologise for the absence of his own ringers, who had unfortunately chosen this date for their annual outing.

Tea was served in St. Michael's Parish Hall, after which the president occupied the chair for the annual meeting. During the past year over 40 new members have been elected, including ringers from St. Michael's, Lichfield, Rushall and Yoxhall, all for the first time in many years. The four bells of Drayton Bassett are at the Loughborough foundry and are to be rehung in a six-bell frame. Both bell-founders have been asked to quote for improving the bells of St. Michael's, Lichfield.

The Ringing Master reported that several towers appear to have learners interested in progressing with change ringing but there were no competent instructors. He appealed for something to be done about this. Over 50 peals had been rung during the year, the most progressive being the first of 21 Surprise Minor methods, rung by the Little Aston Sunday service ringers. In contrast 13 members rang their first peals and two their "firsts as conductor"; all praiseworthy efforts. Over 70 quarter peals were rung within the Archdeaconry, 11 in memory of the late Sir Winston Churchill, and 20 by the Lichfield Cathedral ringers, 16 being at churches with no ringers, mainly for Sunday services.

The treasurer circulated a detailed statement of accounts, the balances having increased during the year by £17. The two Central Council representatives, Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key, then gave a brief account of the recent meeting held at North-

ampton. A proposal to raise subscriptions was submitted to the meeting and after the anticipated discussions the motion was defeated; all subscriptions remain as at present. The following functions were agreed upon, subject to local approval: September 4th, Gnosall; September 25th, Lichfield Diocesan Festival, Oswestry; October 16th, Enville; January 22nd, Wednesbury; March 19th, Rushall; May 7th, Church Eaton; and A.G.M., Lichfield, on June 18th.

Officers elected for 1965-66 were: Ringing Master, Mr. M. W. Fairey; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. P. G. K. Davies; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. H. Allen (8, Oriol Drive, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, Staffs); auditor, Mr. H. Green; hon. general secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith (29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs); assistant secretary, Mr. P. J. Barker (127, Cannock Road, Chase Terrace, near Walsall); badge secretary, Mr. R. M. Hodister; Central Council representatives, Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. G. Key and C. M. Smith.

New ringing members elected were: Messrs. A. W. Bowler, F. T. Hale, W. R. Simmons, F. Winter and Mrs. J. Simmons (St. Michael's, Lichfield), Messrs. K. J. Whittingham, D. Timmins and S. C. Martin (All Saints', West Bromwich), Miss P. Mears (Bilston), Mr. D. J. Clay (Wednesbury), Mr. A. Jordan (Willenhall), Miss H. Jackson, Mr. A. Kitson (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton), Mrs. D. Eyre (Penn), Messrs. M. J. Ree and N. H. Ree (Stafford).

The president thanked all who had helped make the meeting so successful, in particular the members of Lichfield Cathedral band, who provided an excellent tea. C. M. S.

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON—continued.

The last call was the heavy eight at Tenterden, where a course of Bristol Surprise Major produced perhaps the best striking of the day, unless it was the touch of Grand sire Triples at Wye, rung by our "learning" members.

Our grateful thanks are due to the incumbents and our organiser who, as usual, made excellent arrangements. A. W. B.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

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"L" continued.

LONDON DELIGHT (I)

x 16 x 16 x 5. 4ths 35642.
"Campanologia," 1702. The first of the methods described as "New London Peals on six bells, composed by John Patrick and others." Patrick, inventor and maker of scientific instruments, a prominent official of the College Youths, was one of those who carried on Stedman's work as a composer. The method was also in Annable's notebook.

LONDON DELIGHT (II)

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 36245.
"Campanologia," 1702. Also in Annable's notebook. Was London New Delight in William Woodcock's notebook.

LONDON DOUBLE BOB

See London Bob (II).

LONDON NEW BOB

See City Bob.

LONDON NEW DELIGHT

See London Delight (II)

LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths 56342.
"Campanologia," 1702. One of the methods attributed to John Doleman, who with Charles Marsh was author of the book. J. D. was not a College Youth but belonged to the Society of London Scholars. The method is found in Annable's notebook and was named in the C.C. Collection of 1907.

LONDON SINGLE BOB

See Single Court.

LONDON SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 2nds 42635.
"Clavis," 1788. Annable's notebook. C.C. Collection, 1907.

LONDON TREBLE BOB (I)

See Rochester Treble Bob.

LONDON TREBLE BOB (II)

See Annable's London Surprise.

LONDON VICTORY DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 6ths 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907, but thus named in William Woodcock's notebook. Also called Sutton Delight.

LONG STANTON

See Ennerdale.

LONGWOOD TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.

LORD ACTON

A false method recorded by William Woodcock.

LORD ELGIN

x 56 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 64523.
William Woodcock.

LORD HERSCHELL

x 56 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 4ths 46325.
William Woodcock.

LORD RAGLAN

In William Woodcock's notebook.
See Norfolk Surprise.

LORD ROSEBERRY

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 4ths 46325.
William Woodcock's notebook.

LOWESWATER BOB

36.14 x 16.34.5. 2nds 42563.

LUDA DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 4ths 46325.
Named by Wath-in-Deerne ringers, after the house in which C. D. Potter resided.

LUDLOW DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

LUTON SURPRISE

See College Bob V.

LYTCHETT SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

LYTHAM BOB

x 14 x 36.12.5. 6ths 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Lytham Pleasure.

LYTHAM PLEASURE

See Lytham Bob.

LYTHAM TREBLE BOB

See Nelson Treble Bob.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): G. Evans (14) 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, T. Froleay 4, H. Preece 5, S. Darra (14) 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. Bailey (14) 8. A wedding compliment to Frances, daughter of ringer of second bell.

CHURCH OAKLEY, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Susan R. Restall (first quarter) 1, P. Guilliver 2, G. Gammon (cond.) 3, M. Wake 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, M. C. Lee 6.

EXMOUTH, DEVON.—At 7, Bapton Lane, on June 8th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Savage 1, B. Bladon 2, F. Mack 3, Mrs. E. Bowden 4, R. Bowden 5, G. Thoday (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise rung on the bells by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Winifred Millen 1, Mary Meynell 2, Violet Relf 3, Elizabeth Stewart 4, G. Stewart (cond.) 5, W. Tickner 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. J. Burden (captain of local band) and Mrs. Burden.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, D. Barker 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Also on May 16th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: S. J. Dowse 1, R. Blackshaw 2, C. R. Larkin 3, M. W. Harrison 4. Also on May 30th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: R. Blackshaw 1, W. G. Marsh 2, M. W. Harrison 3, R. D. Marsh 4. Also on June 13th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): S. J. Dowse 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, C. R. Larkin 4, M. W. Harrison 5. All rung for Evensong.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On June 10th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Hunwick 3, E. Coulson 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Button, ringer at this church for 36 years, interred this day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: G. Spratt 1, Miss J. A. Fellowes 2, D. A. Bedford 3, B. M. Barker 4, D. J. Goodman 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Rogation Sunday. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, K. D. Waples 3, D. A. Bedford 4, R. J. Picton 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on June 13th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Yvonne Edwards 1, Brenda M. Foster 2, R. E. J. Dennis 3, R. W. Powell 4, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 5, N. J. Davies 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Barbara G. Dale (first on ten) 1, Brenda M. Foster 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, E. Jane Sibson 4, Diana M. Frost 5, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6, R. D. Bailey 7, M. M. Powell 8, R. O. Humphries 9, T. G. Pett 10. For Evensong by U.L.S.C.R.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Celia Livesey 1, Judith A. Ashby 2, P. Matakola 3, R. Fonge 4, W. H. Collins (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On June 11th, at 11, Sanderson Road, Jesmond, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Telfer (first "in hand") 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

By ringing the third at Rothwell to a peal of Cambridge Major, Murray A. Coleman has "circled" his home tower.

The peal at Uphill, Somerset, reported on page 435, was conducted by Miss Marjorie Legg and not as stated. Roy Rice rang the fifth bell.

A jinx accompanied Bolsover ringers on their annual outing. At every tower visited something untoward happened, making it "one of the most memorable Bolsover outings."

Miss Gillian M. Hussey will remember her 150th peal rung at North Curry, Somerset, as it was her 125th with her fiancé, Mr. D. John Hunt. May the partnership never tire!

Durham University Society's attempt at a handbell peal in a punt on the River Wear was unfortunately abandoned just short of half way due to an invasion of gnats.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Ashton-under-Lyne on Sunday, June 13th, was not Christine Andrew's first peal on 12 bells but her first of Stedman Cinques, apologetically writes our correspondent.

Through a misunderstanding a mistake occurred in the report of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Earls Barton (page 438). The ringer of the fourth was Leonard Stilwell; Cyril A. Wratten rang the sixth.

Unexpected fame was bestowed on Mr. Eric T. Lee in the report of the West Country Tour of Ireland (page 443). It is there stated that Cork was his 1,000th peal. It should have read his 1,000th tower. Our apologies.

C. A. Milward is probably the first member of St. Edward's School, Oxford, to ring a quarter peal while still at school since the 1920's. Rivals in every other field, members of Radley College and St. Edward's School combine to ring together on Sunday afternoons.

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IN HOSPITAL

Two Westminster stalwarts are in hospital. "Bill" Hewett, tower captain of St. Margaret's, is in St. Francis' Hospital (Ward B2), East Dulwich, S.E.22, and Reuben Sanders is in St. James' Hospital (Ward 5), Balham, S.W.12. All visitors welcome and inquiries to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, S.W.16. (STR 2377.)

RADLETT RECRUITS' FIRST QUARTER

The first anniversary of the dedication of the ring of bells at Christ Church, Radlett, Herts, was celebrated by a quarter peal on June 27th. Participating were Brian and Jill Denmark, the first of the new recruits to reach quarter peal standard, and also the Rev. John Black, the senior curate, who has been ringing a number of years and took part in the first peal on the bells. There are prospects of more recruits reaching quarter peal standard and in their training Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Dodds, of St. Albans, have been of great assistance on practice night.

GRANTLEY HALL LECTURERS

The lecturers for the next Grantley Hall Course to be held from Friday night to Sunday afternoon, July 23rd to 25th, are Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. N. Chaddock. Topics will include bell control, initial instruction, six, eight and ten-bell ringing, proof, conducting, bells, history and maintenance and handbell ringing. There will be practical ringing sessions at four different towers, including the fine ten at Ripon Cathedral. Further details from The Warden, Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorkshire.

A FLOWER FESTIVAL WITH BELLS

The flower festival at Standlake, Oxon, was accompanied by bells. It was suggested that the bells should be rung all day—and how well the ringers responded! There was a quarter peal rung in the morning and another in the afternoon. Following this a peal was rung in 26 Doubles methods and finally another quarter. Between the quarters and the peal other ringing took place in which visitors from the surrounding district participated. Ringing was virtually non-stop from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. with an hour's break for lunch. Visiting ringers came from Eynsham, Faringdon, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Northmoor, Kidlington, Northleigh and Marston.

25 YEARS LATER

When Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Malings were married at Deddington, Oxfordshire, on June 15th, 1940, the local band were not able to add their greetings in the usual manner due to the ban operating on all ringing.

But 25 years later, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary, a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at the place of their marriage.

Leslie Malings was a ringer at Deddington for many years before his occupation took him to Porthkerry, South Wales, and he did much to help lay the "foundation" of the present band. And it is pleasing to note that two of Mrs. Malings' brothers (William and Joseph Cowley) still ring at the place of their birth, and took part in this quarter.

MISS PAMELA WARREN GOING TO AUSTRALIA

The departure of Miss Pamela Warren, of Hallhurst, Merrow, for Australia next week is a great loss to the Guildford Diocesan Guild and to Merrow tower in particular, where, since 1953, she has been captain and taught over 80 people to ring, including one complete band which could ring Surprise Minor within about two years. Pamela, who is in the hospital service, is taking up an appointment at the Mooropaa and District Base Hospital, Victoria, which is some 70 miles from Bendigo, her nearest tower. A farewell peal was rung at Merrow on July 1st.

A RETIREMENT

To mark his retirement from Guildford Journalism, the Editor of "The Ringing World" was entertained to lunch on July 1st by the directors of the West Surrey Group of Newspapers. Mr. White's service spans 55 years and he was presented with Martin Hurlimann's beautifully illustrated book "English Cathedrals."

VACANCIES

Mr. T. J. Locke has still vacancies in his Great Adventure II tour of Australia, which probably leaves by air on Sunday, September 5th. If he can secure the number for a charter flight there is a saving of £150 on each fare.

WRONG TOWER

When the Precentor of Leeds Parish Church Fr. Finch, was inducted to the benefice of St. James', Habergham, Burnley, several Leeds ringers turned up to ring at the adjoining parish, Holy Trinity, Habergham Eaves. They had assumed that because Mr. R. H. Dove had coined "Doves" he knew it by heart, and so did not need to check it. It is Holy Trinity that is listed with ringable bells and not St. James'.

A WASHINGTON WEDDING

Two pupils and devoted friends of Mr. Fred Price during his stay in Washington were married on June 19th. They were Miss Holly McGavock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randal McGavock Robertson, and Mr. John Putnam Chalmers. Their wedding took place at the Falls Church, Virginia. This is probably the first belfry romance in Washington Cathedral.

GROTON BOYS COMPETE

Among the nine teams competing in the Farnham District Striking Competition on the six bells at Seale on June 26th were two teams from Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., who are participating in a ringing programme devised by Frank Price and John Chilcott. They enjoyed to the full the experience of competition ringing, their "B" team being placed fifth.

When the sixth team was "doing its stuff" two small aeroplanes decided to perform aerobatics and dive bombing almost immediately overhead. The judges, Messrs. W. J. Parker and D. A. R. May, had to abandon their post in the Church Hall, being unable to hear the bells. Their task was completed sitting in the choir stalls. Farnborough were winners with 15 faults and Aldershot "A" and Grayshot runners-up with 28 faults.

CHUTE FOREST BELLS

The story of Chute Forest bells and the first peal there captured ringers' imagination and the open day in this isolated Wiltshire church, dedicated to St. Mary, attracted 80 ringers, and over 30 cars lined the road during the service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Neill.

Helpers from Highclere and Burghclere were determined to make a success of the gathering. The previous Saturday the belfry and church were spring cleaned, the bells oiled, a new slider fitted to No. 3 bell, and printed direction notices placed at every junction.

Probably the church has never been so full as at least a dozen parishioners joined the ringers and their friends. Mrs. Green brought her own organ to lead the hearty singing of the three hymns. The Rector based his address on bells. He was assisted in the prayers by his lay reader and a former ringer of his from Savernake and Great Bedwyn helped to take the collection.

In the further ringing that followed, the first course of London Surprise Minor on the bells was rung. The following 33 towers were represented: Andover, Burghclere, Longparish, St. Marybourne, Tangle, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Thatcham, Midgham, Shedfield, St. Michael's, Southampton, St. Thomas', Salisbury, Christ Church, Swindon, Hampton, Middlesex, Sandhurst, Berks, Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, Seale, Surrey, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, Cranford, Northants, Freckenham, Suffolk, St. Mary's, Reading, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, Farnborough, Hants, Hambleton, Hants, Holt, Wilts, Cheltenham, Henbury, Bristol, Shrewton, Wilts, Highclere, Rodbourne Cheney, Savernake, Slough and Harrow-on-the-Hill.

An appeal to towers in the area for spare ropes is being made; already Andover has promised some. Can other towers follow suit so that the Highclere spares can be returned? writes Geoffrey K. Dodd, 7, White City, Woolton Hill, near Newbury.

THIRD TIME LUCKY AT WORCESTER

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John the Baptist, Worcester, gave great pleasure to the conductor, Mr. David Beacham, as it contained three "firsts." It was a case of being lucky at the third attempt. The first one (Grandsire Triples) was miscalled in the 11th part, and the second, one of Bob Minor, was lost in the fifth extent through a broken rope. The newcomers to peal ringing rang well and the peal was one of which they might be proud.

SPECIALS AND POLICE

Attention was called at the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association by Mr. H. J. Sanger that special constables were now eligible for membership of the National Police Guild. He asked "specials" in the B. and W. to give the Guild their support. We feel certain that with enthusiasts like Mr. Sanger a marked increase in the Police Guild membership would be possible.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the Central Council's president, is prepared to preach at bell dedication services. His address at the South Lopham dedication on June 26th was one of particular appeal to the Exercise.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEW MAGNA, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Roger O. Fry Treble	*†Peter Bridle 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Philip M. J. Gray 6
*D. John Hunt 3	Ralph G. Edwards 7
Richard J. Bowden 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal together. † 100th of Major.
To mark the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in C.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard J. Bowden Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	*Peter Bridle 6
Trevor A. Cross 3	D. John Hunt 7
Gillian M. Hussey 4	†Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 125th peal. † First of Major in the method. First in the method by all except tenor.

NORTH CURRY, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Brian Bladon Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton 5
*†Gillian M. Hussey 2	James R. Taylor 6
†Diana M. Chapman 3	†D. John Hunt 7
Peter Bridle 4	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by M. Bruce. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 150th peal. † 125th together. ‡ First in the method.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) Treble	J. R. Hough (Jesus) 7
G. C. Galley (Queens') 2	R. M. Damerell (Corpus) 8
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3	†J. A. Harrison (Sidney) 9
*K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) 4	V. Nutton (Selwyn) 10
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 5	C. M. Press (King's) 11
S. P. Darvill (Downing) 6	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) Tenor

Conducted by K. J. Darvill.
* First of Maximus. † First of Maximus "inside." First of Yorkshire Maximus for the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SANDBACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey Gardner Treble	Alan Sharples 5
Allen Twyman 2	Neil Lomas 6
*Derek Smith 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Dennis Latham 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore (C.C.C. No. 2).
Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung to mark the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Christopher Rees, curate and ringer at St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Muriel J. Mason Treble	†William J. Day 5
†Judith A. Suffolk 2	G. Arthur Bell 6
Arthur H. Beamish 3	James Draycott 7
Dorothy E. Beamish 4	Leonard Trevor Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal. † First in the method on an "inside" bell.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to Judith A. Suffolk and on the birthday of Mrs. Margaret E. L. Chapman, of Bishopstoke, a former member of the band.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Beverley Surprise, Kent T.B., Surfleet Surprise, and Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.
*James F. West Treble	Hazel A. Arrowsmith 4
†Geoffrey W. Randall 2	†F. Mark Robottom 5
†Jill Riley 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Minor. † First in seven Minor methods. ‡ 25th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., June 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
Frederick W. Stone Treble	George H. Clift 6
Joseph C. Woolley 2	Christopher J. Hughes 7
Patricia A. Halls 3	Gordon A. Halls 8
George Roobottom 4	Trevor Taylor 9
David W. Friend 5	Clive Thrower Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Helen Sarah, to Jennifer and Michael Willis, both members of the band at St. Peter's, Derby.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.	
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. Treble	Ian Friend 6
Malcolm P. Phipps 2	Roger Baldwin 7
Trevor Taylor 3	Peter Marriot 8
Gordon A. Halls 4	Denis A. Frith 9
Edmund Shuttleworth 5	David W. Friend Tenor

Arranged by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

LONG EATON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.	
William E. Simpson Treble	Ivan Barlow 5
Derek Astridge 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
Girling Rigby 3	David J. Marshall 7
Alec Humphrey 4	David W. Parkin Tenor
Edmund Shuttleworth 5	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by David W. Parkin.
A compliment to Charles Geary, on his 50th wedding anniversary.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.	
*M. E. Johnson (Grey) .. Treble	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 4
*Pauline Kyme (Mary's) .. 2	William G. Wilson (Chad's) .. 5
*Bryan Redgers (John's) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First of Surprise.
A 21st birthday compliment to Philip W. Darby.

TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., June 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge and Beverley. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.	
M. E. Johnson (Grey) .. Treble	William G. Wilson (Chad's) .. 4
*Janet Somervaille (Aidan's) .. 2	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 5
Pauline Kyme (Mary's) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First of Surprise.

JARROW, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., June 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*W. Bruce Warne (John's) Treble	Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) .. 4
Pauline Kyme (Mary's) .. 2	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 5
Janet Somervaille (Aidan's) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal.

NEWTON HALL, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*Philip W. Darby (Bede) Treble	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 4
Bryan Rodgers (John's) .. 2	William G. Wilson (Chad's) .. 5
†Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal of Minor. † First in method.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.	
*Anne Horsford Treble	C. Martin Press 5
†Peter Henry 2	Christopher D. J. Webb 6
Alan D. Elsmore 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
*Genebeth C. Mooring 4	John F. M. Maybrey Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John F. M. Maybrey.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5026 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 57 lb. in B flat.

Anne E. Fellows Treble	Michael J. Thomas 5
*Marilyn C. Smith 2	W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
†Peter J. Joyce 3	Brian J. Luff 7
Tom Page 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Tom Chapman.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal in the method.

† 50th peal. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

*Christopher Forster .. Treble	Frederick W. Ellis 6
Harold V. Frost 2	Geoffrey Dodds 7
Julia A. Fellows 3	A. Rowland Tysoe 8
Kenneth J. Darvill 4	George W. Debenham 9
Joyce Dodds 5	Christopher E. Slade Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by George W. Debenham.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt

Arthur Day Treble	Leslie G. Coburn 5
*Andrew Wilby 2	Fred C. Jacklin 6
Nina Thomas 3	Thomas J. Southam 7
Mary A. Coburn 4	Desmond Painter Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Desmond Painter.

* First peal of Bob Major.

Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the consecration of the new Church of All Saints, Coldharbour, on May 26th.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 113 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
D. Kay Adkins 2	Alfred E. Rushton 6
Avril Ivin 3	*Roger Baldwin 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 50th peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*Gerald D. Brown .. Treble	*William A. Patterson .. 5
*Rosemary Thompson .. 2	Harry Brown 6
Jean Jeffery 3	*M. Jack Pryor 7
*John Lindsay 4	John T. Dunwoody Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Harry Brown.

* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for the anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

BALLYLESSON, Co. Down.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and one of St. Clement's; every 720 a change of method.

*John Lindsay .. Treble	*William A. Patterson .. 4
*Maud Austin 2	Jean Jeffery 5
*Rosemary Thompson .. 3	John T. Dunwoody Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung for the elevation of the Rector (Rev. R. H. Kimber, M.A.) to a Canonry.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.	Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.
D. Paul Smith .. Treble	Ian H. Oram 6
Doris E. Colgate 2	*Andrew J. Corby 7
Ralph Bird 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 8
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner 9
Dennis A. Chapman .. 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 100th peal.

A 98th birthday compliment to Ted Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association.

HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., June 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*Paul Bayes .. Treble	Robert T. Lambert 5
Reginald E. Lambert .. 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
Ernest J. Ladd 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Thomas E. Sone 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Double Norwich C.B.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Frederick J. Lambert, of Burwash.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHORLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.	
Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	*Michael Arrowsmith .. 5
Arthur Rigby 2	Stanley Walmsley 6
*Bernard Moss 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Lawrence Walmsley .. 4	*Keith Morris Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the 600th anniversary of the church.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Leesfield.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

John P. Partington .. Treble	David Chadderton 5
Roger Leigh 2	Edward Jenkins 6
Christine Andrew 3	Ivan Kay 7
David W. Howarth 4	Philip J. H. Hudson Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Roger Leigh.

A compliment to Ernest Moores on completing 50 years' ringing at this church.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester Variation.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
Charles V. Cade .. Treble	G. Angus Dixon 5
George E. Feirn 2	John F. Underwood 6
John M. Blaikie 3	Stephen Green 7
Melvyn Rose 4	G. Leslie A. Lunn Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., June 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Audrey Bains .. Treble	Melvyn Rose 4
William Bains 2	Jack Bray 5
Maurice Lings 3	Harold Judd Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Dorothea M. Robotham Treble	Michael Hatchet 6
Norman V. Harding .. 2	William H. Coles 7
†Derek Francis 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Dennis Knox 9
G. William Critchley .. 5	John Hill Tenor

Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal on 10. † First of Surprise Royal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MONKEN HADLEY, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Dorothea Robotham .. Treble	Charles Ward 5
Arthur Warren 2	†Michael Carter 6
Arthur Butler 3	Bernard Willis 7
*Brian Watson 4	Leonard Tubb Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Bernard Willis.

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

Rung to mark Mr. C. Ward's 32nd year as tower captain, and as a farewell to the conductor, who is shortly leaving Finchley for Durham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., June 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CODDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
 Claudia A. Critchley .. *Treble* *H. George Hart .. 5
 *Elsie K. Hart .. 2 *William S. Deason .. 6
 G. William Critchley .. 3 *John Hill .. 7
 *Susan E. Smith .. 4 *John R. Mayne .. *Tenor*
 Adapted from J. Reeves. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
 * First peal in the method. First in the method in the county and for the Association. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
 John R. Ketteringham .. *Treble* Dennis Knox .. 5
 Joan Beresford .. 2 G. William Critchley .. 6
 Claudia A. Critchley .. 3 John Hill .. 7
 Alick Cutler .. 4 Thomas J. Lock .. *Tenor*
 Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
 Conducted by G. William Critchley.
 First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.
 John J. Westmacott .. *Treble* Brian W. Hall .. 5
 D. Kay Adkins .. 2 William J. Dixon .. 6
 Frederick W. Soden .. 3 Thomas W. Timms .. 7
 Peter Pearce .. 4 Bertram J. Coggins .. *Tenor*
 Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
 Rung for the Patronal Festival.

AMBROSDEN, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KIPPEN SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.
 Ernest G. Jones .. *Treble* Frank W. Lewis .. 5
 Peter J. Heritage .. 2 David P. Hilling .. 6
 *Anthony D. Sansom .. 3 Edward R. Venn .. 7
 Frederick R. Scott .. 4 J. Keith Ward .. *Tenor*
 Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
 * 50th peal. First peal in the method.

STANDLAKE, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 In 26 methods, being 120 each of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Chinnor, Dedworth, Wychbold. All Saints, Marchington, April Day, May Day, Kennington, Clifford's, Royston, Southrepps, St. Swithin, St. Cross, Northleigh, St. Helen, Newborough, Longparish, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Anne; 240 Antelope; 360 Pink's Doubles; 600 each Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury; 720 Grand sire. Tenor 11½ cwt.
 James F. List .. *Treble* Peter J. Holden .. 4
 Leonard R. Porter .. 2 Alec Gammon .. 5
 Roy H. Jones .. 3 Edward D. Patching .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
 For the annual church festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., June 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
 No. 3 Version. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.
 Patrick I. Chapman .. *Treble* Graham C. Paul .. 6
 David J. Marshall .. 2 Richard F. B. Speed .. 7
 Diana M. Frost .. 3 Barrie Hendry .. 8
 Alan A. Paul .. 4 Stephen Ivins .. 9
 Alan J. Frost .. 5 Peter Border .. *Tenor*
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
 First peal on the ten bells. First of London Surprise Royal for the Guild.

KIPPEN SURPRISE MAJOR

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BURTON LATIMER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.
 Mary Bloxam .. *Treble* Mrs. G. E. Watson .. 5
 Murray A. Coleman .. 2 *†Dennis Pearson .. 6
 *John Mitchell .. 3 Geoffrey E. Watson .. 7
 *†Sheila J. Staley .. 4 Michael J. Staley .. *Tenor*
 Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Michael J. Staley.
 * First peal of Lincolnshire. † First of Surprise. First of Major as conductor.

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Jean Marlow .. *Treble* Denis G. Pearson .. 5
 Sheila J. Staley .. 2 Michael J. Staley .. 6
 *Murray A. Coleman .. 3 Frank E. Coales .. 7
 John G. Mitchell .. 4 Ian W. Hall .. *Tenor*
 Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
 * 75th peal for the Guild. First of Major in the method by all the band except the conductor.
 Rung for the wedding of Brenda Richmond and James Cosby, local ringers. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Robert E. Hardy .. *Treble* Michael J. Fellows .. 7
 J. Alan Ainsworth .. 2 Martin D. Fellows .. 8
 Norman J. Goodman .. 3 George E. Fearn .. 9
 John C. Eisel .. 4 Clifford A. Barron .. 10
 Frederick Shallcross .. 5 John A. Anderson .. 11
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 6 Peter Border .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Roderick W. Pipe .. *Treble* Edward W. Colley .. 7
 Martin D. Fellows .. 2 Barrie Hendry .. 8
 John R. Insley .. 3 Norman J. Goodman .. 9
 Robert E. Hardy .. 4 George E. Fearn .. 10
 Charles A. S. Webb .. 5 Clifford A. Barron .. 11
 Michael J. Fellows .. 6 J. Alan Ainsworth .. *Tenor*
 Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 J. Alan Ainsworth .. *Treble* Edward W. Colley .. 7
 Susan Funnell .. 2 George E. Fearn .. 8
 Norman J. Goodman .. 3 Martin D. Fellows .. 9
 John C. Eisel .. 4 Clifford A. Barron .. 10
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 5 Frederick Shallcross .. 11
 Michael J. Fellows .. 6 Peter Border .. *Tenor*
 Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 35 cwt. 79 lb. in C sharp.
 Muriel Reay .. *Treble* Martin D. Fellows .. 6
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 2 Norman J. Goodman .. 7
 B. Gillian Schofield .. 3 Michael J. Fellows .. 8
 Susan Funnell .. 4 David J. Purnell .. 9
 John C. Eisel .. 5 J. Alan Ainsworth .. *Tenor*
 Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Barnabas, Erdington.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 43 lb. in F.
 Muriel Reay .. *Treble* Frederick Shallcross .. 5
 Martin D. Fellows .. 2 Robert E. Hardy .. 6
 Susan Funnell .. 3 George E. Fearn .. 7
 Charles A. S. Webb .. 4 J. Alan Ainsworth .. *Tenor*
 Composed by Stephen J. Ivins. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. John, Perry Barr.
On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.
 David J. Purnell Treble Maurice G. Ingram 5
 Stephen W. Barton 2 Charles A. S. Webb 6
 Katherine S. Maylott 3 Clifford A. Barron 7
 Robert E. Hardy 4 John N. Lindon Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
 Arranged for the 30th anniversary of J. N. Lindon's first peal, which was also on these bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. Treble *Graham W. Elmes 5
 Ronald J. Sharp 2 *John W. Blackwood 6
 Kathleen E. Fletcher 3 John Hartless 7
 *Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 4 Ronald N. Marlow .. Tenor
 Composed by N. J. Pittow. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
 * First peal in the method. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANBY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
 Ruth M. Blackshaw Treble Peter R. Humphrey 4
 Margaret E. Chilton 2 Simon Humphrey 5
 Maurice W. Harrison 3 George A. Dawson Tenor
 Conducted by George A. Dawson.
 A compliment to Mr. Gordon Tunnicliffe and Miss Pamela Howe, on their marriage.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BUXHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
 In five methods, viz.: (1) Bourne, (2) Netherseale, (3), (4) Cambridge, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.
 *Winifred M. Ivings .. Treble Robert E. Lester 4
 *Janet I. Rogers 2 Robin H. Rogers 5
 *Richard Rose 3 *Maurice J. Rose Tenor
 Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
 * First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Christopher T. Osenton .. Treble W. Arthur Riddington .. 5
 *Judith M. Corby 2 John W. Coleman 6
 Martin L. Howe 3 Colin A. Tester 7
 Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4 Robert W. Hinde Tenor
 Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
 * First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., May 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
 John N. Lindon Treble Michael J. Fellows 5
 John R. Insley 2 Clifford A. Barron 6
 James Insley 3 Martin D. Fellows 7
 Roderick W. Pipe 4 George E. Fearn Tenor
 Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.
 John J. Stanier Treble Anthony P. White 5
 *Royston J. M. Grosvenor 2 M. Roger Ashmore 6
 *David G. Franklin 3 David Beacham 7
 *Michael J. Robinson .. 4 Thomas W. Lewis Tenor
 Conducted by David Beacham.
 * First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. John Harper.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge, and 992 Superlative, with all the work of each method for every bell.
 David Nichols Treble John N. D. Chaddock .. 5
 *Elsie Chaddock 2 †Neil Donovan 6
 †Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3 Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
 J. Henry Fielden 4 Norman Chaddock Tenor
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
 * First peal of Spiced Surprise. †First of Spiced Surprise "all the work." Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Tues., May 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 10 extents of Grandsire and 32 of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in 8 flat.
 James S. Webb Treble Adrian C. Boorman 3
 C. Barrie Dove 2 John F. Killick 4
 Ronald H. Dove Tenor
 Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 Rung after meeting short for Minor.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., May 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
 Ronald H. Dove Treble Adrian C. Boorman 4
 Susan R. Jackson 2 John Potts 5
 *Robin Brown 3 C. Barrie Dove Tenor
 Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * First peal of Surprise.

BISHOPSTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., June 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
 Being 210 extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb. in F.
 *Gordon Pearce Treble Ray Aldington 3
 †Jennifer E. Pearce 2 †Christopher J. Groome Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
 * First peal. † First of Minimus.
 Rung for Evensong, with the Huntington band's best wishes to Ray Aldington for a happy and successful teaching career in Birmingham.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., June 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In four methods, being 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,184 Bristol, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor size 15 in C.
 *S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 Roger Baldwin 5—6
 Christopher W. Woolley 3—4 †Stephen Ivin 7—8
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
 * 50th peal of Spiced Surprise Major. † First of Spiced Surprise on handbells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 (and The Gresham's School Society).
 All at HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.
On Tues., June 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Paul Royds-Jones 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 *Peter N. Mackley 5—6
 * First peal on an "inside" pair. Tenth peal for the Society.

On Thurs., June 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul Royds-Jones 5—6
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BUXTON COLLEGE BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul Royds-Jones 5—6
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

On Tues., June 22, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WAVERTREE COLLEGE BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul Royds-Jones 5—6
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHILDWALL COLLEGE BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul Royds-Jones 5—6
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
EASTCHURCH, Shenvy, Kent.—At 110, High Street.
On Sun., June 27, 1965, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 42 extents in three methods: 1,440 St. Martin's Bob, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in E.
 Nicholas J. Chesson 1—2 Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 3—4
 Peter D. J. Beal 5—6
 A compliment to Peter D. J. Beal, on his 13th birthday.

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BIRTHS

BELTON.—To Mary (née Freeman) and Thomas Clifford, at Leicester General Hospital on June 26th, 1965, a son, Timothy Charles, brother for Richard, Linda and Julie, and grandson for Charles Richard Belton, of Barwell. Present address: 68, Elmfield Avenue, Birstall, Leics. 7213

GODFREY.—To Bunny (née Burroughs) and Chris, a son, Richard Owen Robertson, on June 25th, 1965, at Crawley Hospital. They extend a warm invitation to all friends travelling on A.29 to call at their new address, Chennies, Waterfield, near Pulborough, Sussex. Phone Bury 38. 7186

ENGAGEMENT

HUDSON—DILLAMORE.—The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hudson, of Great Baddow, Chelmsford, and Claire, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Dillamore, of Lincoln. 7208

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COLEMAN.—After July 3rd, 1965, the address of Murray and Mary Coleman will be 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, Northants. 7181

HANCOCK.—The address of Cyril W. Hancock is now 43A, Genesta Drive, Thurston, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. Tel. Pakenham 487. 7205

HITCHINS.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hitchins is now 71C, Corsham Road, Shaw, near Melksham, Wilts; all friends welcome. 7182

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—As from July 6th, the address of the General Secretary will be 1, Elmslie Close, Epsom.—W. Parrott, Gen. Sec. 7180

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, July 10th, 7 p.m. Visiting ringers in the district cordially invited.—A. R. Tudball. 7196

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise Major practice at Ewell on Tuesday, July 13th, at 7.45 p.m.—Adrienne Gibson, Hon. Sec. 7187

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ringers' Rally on Saturday, July 10th, centred on Rainham. Service, tea and no business. Ringing in 15 towers.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7065

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, July 15th, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Painswick, Watford, spliced and as requested. 7203

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Timsbury, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cottle, 1, Woodbine Cottages, Timsbury, Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7112

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Correction.—Monthly meeting at Roos (5), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Moverley, Ellaby Lane, Roos. Withernsea (6) may also be available. 7159

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Whittington, not Old Brampton, on July 10th. Bells (6, 5 cwt.) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Norwich Surprise and Double Court. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel. Chest. 5416. Please note: No names—no tea.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 7199

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, July 10th, at Bourn. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the school, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 7116

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at South Weald on July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. 7133

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. Names for tea to E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 7167

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Bedwellty, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Williams, 3, Heoly-Coed Villas, Wyllie Village, Blackwood, Mon. 7149

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, July 10th, at Lowdham. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 7154

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Newark District). **LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (Central Branch).—Joint meeting, Collingham, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, near Newark, Notts. Norton Disney bells in the evening.—S. A. C. 7157

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 10th, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 3–4.30. Memorial service to G. H. Cross at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. St. Mary's, Lewisham, 6.45–8.15. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15 7126

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Meeting at Wisborough Green, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock followed by a business meeting. Petworth (8) available in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 7179

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Meeting at Fawley, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mr. L. V. Smith, Trevelan, Springfield Grove, Fawley.—H. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 7163

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ubley (6) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6991

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinder, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names, please, to P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 7185

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Eastham, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead. 7212

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Salford Priors on Saturday, July 17th, next. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mr. M. C. Homans, 29, School Road, Salford Priors, Evesham, by July 15th, please.—J. L. G. H. 7158

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Joint meeting with the Chester Guild, St. Peter's, Fairfield, Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For teas please advise Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 7193

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tanfield on Saturday, July 17th. The annual cricket match will be played. Meet 2.30 p.m. at church. Names for tea in good time, please, to Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, The Vicarage, Tanfield, Tantobie, Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells (8) available before or after as the weather decides. 7199

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 17th, at St. Ives. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7201

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham on Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.30, followed by tea, etc. Bells (6) 2.30 and after tea. Names to Mr. Frank Smith, Holly Cottage, Langham, Colchester. 7174

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed with ringing at Hempstead (6) during the evening (with permission of the N. District).—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 7209

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Hatherop (6) 6 p.m., July 17th.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 7210

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and quarterly meeting, Hardwicke, Saturday, July 17th. Usual arrangements. Send names for tea. Haresfield also available with accent on novices.—E. Cribble, Winter's Fold, France-Lynch, Stroud. 7198

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Albury Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Great Hornead. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham, Herts. This is the first meeting at Albury since their augmentation.—D. Kingston. 7198

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton.—R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 7196

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Borden on July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 6.15 p.m. in tower. Please make own arrangements for tea (nearest cafe 3 miles, so I suggest bring sandwiches)—public house open 6 p.m. for liquid refreshment!—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Laurence-in-Thane (Ramsgate) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, cost 2/6 per person. Those requiring tea must notify, together with cash, by Wednesday, July 14th, Mr. G. J. Richards, 47, Station Approach, Ramsgate. 7138

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, July 17th, at Prestwold. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Packe Arms. Names to Mr. D. P. Wilson, 5, Loughborough Road, Hoton, Loughborough, Leics. 7183

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (West Lindsey and North Notts Branches).—Joint meeting at Lea, Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss P. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea (Tel. 2623) by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and H. Poyner, Hon. Secs. 7144

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND **LONDON D.G.**—Joint meeting with the **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** at Hackney on Saturday, July 17th. Service in St. John-at-Hackney 5 p.m.. Tea to follow. Ringing: St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, 2.30 to 4.30; St. John-at-Hackney 4.30–5 and evening; St. John's, King Edward's Road, South Hackney, 3.20 to 4 (prompt).—T. J. Lock, Sec. 7176

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Paston and Knapton (6) and (5), Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bells from 2.30. Picnic tea.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 7092

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Brigstock, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea by July 13th.—F. Coales, Twywell, Kettering. 7191

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, Saturday, July 17th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Chambers, Parkway Garage, Croughton, Brackley, by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 7211

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, Alwalton, Saturday, July 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Secretary by previous Wednesday.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 7214

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting Harringworth, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clarke, Middle Street, Wing, by Tuesday previous. 7195

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wimborne St. Giles (8). Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Cranborne (8) from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by Wednesday, July 14th. 7093

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 2.30 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows in Church Cottage. Tea at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea, please, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stour, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, July 14th. 7166

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Business and practice meeting, Leigh (6), near Reigate, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to C. Dalton, Coombers, Leigh.—K. Game, Dis. Sec. 7165

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 7197

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Diocesan Festival, July 17th at Manaccan (6). Guild office 4.30, followed by tea. Towers open: St. Keverne (8), Helston (8), St. Anthony (8), St. Mawgan (6). All bells available 2.30–4.15 and after tea. Numbers for tea by July 14th, please.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. 7207

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 17th, at Bramley, Hants. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names, please, by Wednesday, July 14th, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 7206

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, July 17th, at Froyle, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 7190

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John the Baptist's, Shedfield, July 17th. Bells 2.30 till 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Shirral Hut. Names for tea to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, by previous Wednesday, please. 7189

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Wadhurst (8), Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, by Wednesday, July 21st.—G. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 7192

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A PLEASING and encouraging feature of the May meeting of the Marlborough Branch, held on the 19th at Aldbourne, was the numbers of learners present, who were given plenty of opportunities to master striking on eight bells. Visitors attended from Colerne, Melksham, Wootton Bassett, Bletchley, Urchfont and Swindon.

Interesting facts about the ancient bell foundry at Aldbourne and the Cor and Wells families who carried on the foundry were given by the Vicar (the Rev. P. F. Chapman) in his address at the service. Mr. Colin Ward, of Collingbourne, was the organist. Tea was served in the Memorial Hall, and the company were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Keen, who are both honorary members of the Branch. They were assisted by Mrs. G. Newman and Mrs. A. Palmer, and a vote of thanks to them was proposed by the Rev. R. Keeley (Ringing Master). In appreciation of the hospitality shown, a collection was taken, which, after a deduction of a charge for the use of the hall, was given towards Branch funds.

At the business meeting, with Mr. G. Newman in the chair, the next two monthly meetings were fixed for the Ogbournes and Pewsey in July and August respectively (subject to permission). The annual Branch outing will be held on the last Saturday in September in the Marlow area.

The chairman thanked all who had helped in making the afternoon such a success, and gave a special welcome to Mr. F. Cook, of Chisleton, who has just recovered from a leg ailment. Ringing was then resumed.

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QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Werburgh, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Powell (first quarter) 1, R. W. Sweet 2, Miss L. Slade (first "inside") 3, P. Ebbsworth 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, J. Shingler (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Miss S. M. Slade and R. C. Caines, on their engagement.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. G. Berry 1, W. F. Cowley 2, H. N. Pratley 3, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 4, W. Ivings 5, J. D. Cowley 6. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Malings.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Corney 1, Miss M. Roden 2, F. Tomlin 3, R. Burbury 4, K. Gardner 5, A. Crowson 6, D. Riley 7, D. Ellison (cond.) 8. For Patronal Day service.

MARSTON, OXON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): N. D. Deam 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter (first in five methods as cond.) 3, G. A. Porter 4, A. Gammon 5. For "Gardeners' Sunday," and as a birthday compliment to Miss Avril Walton.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen Gibbins (first attempt) 1, Rachel Orman 2, Jennifer Andrews (cond.) 3, G. N. Orman 4, A. R. Andrews 5, R. Stephenson 6.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Harris 1, Miss G. Webb 2, B. G. Williams 3, P. J. Hall 4, J. S. B. Powell 5, S. Lewis 6, D. J. Gay (cond.) 7, G. Kingdon 8. For Patronal Festival of St. John the Baptist. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICES

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will be no practices on the Wednesdays July 14th and 21st.—H. Stock. 7215

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with DERBY ASSOCIATION at Fairfield (Buxton), July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7216

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