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HANDSTROKE HOME

THE correspondence columns of our journal may usually be relied upon to supply some interesting material. Whether informative, reflective or contentious, the letters that appear week by week will almost invariably include something that will start a train of thought and turn us to reflect on some of the things we take for granted. Such a letter is that from Mr. Bruce Warne in the issue of March 11th. In discussing the calling round of the bells, Mr. Warne expresses a general dislike of the custom of bringing the bells home at handstroke, and bases his objection (we are bound to assume from his letter) on the inevitability of falseness when the bells are brought into rounds by this method.

An objection to the practice based on this cannot, of course, be maintained, for it is well known that innumerable touches and peals are brought into rounds at handstroke without any danger of falseness. It is true, nevertheless, that certain methods will not lend themselves to the process, and it should be noted that, given a normal start, Plain Bob cannot come home with truth at handstroke; nor can Grandsire, going off into changes in the usual way, come back to rounds at handstroke at a call without the falseness Mr. Bruce points out.

But now that the subject has been raised we may perhaps with interest look into the question of Handstroke Home, see how it began, and how it developed. Up to the middle of the 18th century Cater ringing (and this meant chiefly Grandsire Caters) followed the pattern popularised by the great Annable, and all peals and touches, having run a required number of courses in the Tittums, came home at backstroke with a variety of homing courses, many of them clumsy and unmusical. Then a certain Francis Roberts hit on the plan of getting the bells into rounds at handstroke by a much simpler and shorter plan. We learn from "Clavis" that the innovation was received with enthusiasm, and men began not only to use it for Cater ringing but to inquire into the possibility of its being adopted for Triples and Cinques. When the question of seven bells and eleven bells came to be considered it was quickly comprehended that nothing could be done unless the bells could be got "out of course"; this, they quite well knew, could be done only by the use of the Single, and the Single, at that time, was regarded as a rather disreputable ally. It was left for a later generation, emboldened by the genius and enterprise of Shipway, to introduce, without reserve, the Single and its manifold benefits.

"Clavis" printed among its touches a curious 350 Grandsire Caters, composed by a Mr. John Frazier, one of the Cumberland Youths, and brought it round "at hand." It is the oldest touch of its kind in existence, but it is a strange muddle of bell music, and, as the book says, "the bells are thrown into such cross positions that few practitioners choose to ring it." In this same volume is to be found a series of peals of Grandsire Caters by John Reeves. They are all on the long-course plan, which seems to have been the convention of the time, but they are fine pieces of work of their type and it is worthy of note that they come round "at hand" by means of our familiar "9 in and out at 2."

For a long time the Tittum position remained unchallenged as the quintessence of Cater ringing, and if it was not absolutely *de rigueur*, the influence of Annable and the fashion he set probably precluded any other experiment. The blocks of the peals were exclusively Tittum but the bells could be, and were, brought home at handstroke. It was left for Henry Cooper, the Birmingham composer, to dare to introduce a few courses of Handstroke music, four courses only, at the end of his fine 5,003 composed in 1816. The ice was now broken, and men began to find in the Handstroke Home, with its grand roll-ups at handstroke and its succeeding 7.9.86, a musical manifestation that delighted and bade well to rival the Tittum position. The use of Handstroke Home for large portions of peals is now, of course, commonplace, and what began very cautiously in Grandsire has taken hold in Stedman, Erin, Double Norwich and a host of odd-bell methods. The simple turning course used by Reeves for Grandsire has its parallel in the easy 2.9s of Stedman Caters and the facile 2.13s.15s of Stedman Cinques brought out by Hattersley and popularised by John Carter.

The bringing of the bells into rounds at handstroke normally involves a peal or touch of an odd number, but it is of interest to note that compositions can be obtained, by going into changes at backstroke, where the bells come round "at hand" in an even number of changes. We recollect a peal at Walsall some years ago where a level 5,000 came round in this way, and a few years ago Mr. Frank Lufkin conducted a 5,040 Grandsire Caters on this plan.

The Handstroke Home has provided all of us with a great deal of musical pleasure, and we may well agree with the welcome "Clavis" gave to it in these words 200 years ago: "This is so great an improvement in Cater-ringing, that too much cannot be said in commendation of it or its author."

E. C. S.

Cathedral Bells Main Business at Guildford Guild Annual

A MEMORABLE year was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held for the first time at Guildford Cathedral on March 12th. The annual report regarded the dedication of the ring of ten bells at the Cathedral as the most important event in 1965 and probably the most important in the history of the Guild. In 1933 the Guild took its first step towards providing a ring of bells for the Cathedral by establishing a fund to which the sum of one guinea was to be transferred annually from the General Fund. This was a very small beginning and, but for the generosity of Brig. and Mrs. Derek Schreiber and other people, there is no doubt that the aspirations of the members of 32 years ago would not have been realised for several years.

The meeting attracted an attendance of approximately 150. The Lady Chapel was too small for those wishing to attend the Guild service conducted by Canon A. C. G. Oldham, at which the retiring Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, read the lesson, and Mr. S. G. Ponting was the organist. Tea followed in the Refectory Hut, organised by Mrs. C. W. Munday, wife of the secretary, and her helpers.

At the meeting, presided over by the Master, a minute's silence was observed for those who had died during the year. These included Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, Mrs. Melville, Messrs. W. T. Beeson, L. C. W. Hunter, E. Etheridge, W. M. Stone and E. Hunt.

The Executive Committee's report stated that the president (the Bishop of Guildford) had said several times that he wanted all ringers in the Diocese to take part in ringing the Cathedral bells, and accordingly the officers invited all members of the Guild to join a Cathedral Society, which would be responsible for ringing the bells on Sundays. Some 80 members volunteered and since the dedication the bells had been rung every Sunday, although, at times, the standard was not as good as it might have been. They were grateful to Mr. Ponting for notifying members when it was their turn to ring. Last November the Cathedral Society decided to abandon the current scheme and asked each District to be responsible for ringing on one Sunday each month. Mr. David Tubbs was elected captain of the Society.

MORE PEALS

The Guild rang more peals in 1965 than for many years past. Peals totalled 42 and were rung by 128 members in 21 different methods or numbers of methods in 25 towers. There were 16 conductors, the Master being the leading conductor with 11 peals. Eleven members rang their first peal and 70 their first in a new method.

Supplementing the report, Major E. J. Bragg, the peal secretary, said the Master rang most peals (15), followed by T. Page (14), S. H. Ponting and D. Blows (13 each). Five peals were rung out of six attempts at the Cathedral. The total of peals rung for the Guild was 1,172, and peals in 41 different Surprise methods had been rung. No Delight methods peals had been rung. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. M. Harbott, seconded by Mrs. Beeson.

The accounts were presented by Mr. C. H. Kippin and showed a balance in the General Fund of £47 6s. 6d. (against £35 8s.) on the Cathedral Bells Fund £302 12s. 8d., and on the Benevolent Fund £155 19s. 7d.

The librarian, Mr. F. W. Housden, who resigned at the end of the year, was thanked for his services and Miss Y. Eloie was welcomed as his successor.

Officers nominated for 1966 were: Master, Mr. P. G. Smart (Ash); secretary, Mr. C. W. Munday (Ewell); treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kippin (Farnborough); auditor Mr. P. G. Sherwood (Ash).

BOTH TRAINED AT MERROW

The retiring Master, before installing Mr. Smart with the badge of office, spoke of his pleasure in succeeding Mr. C. W. Denyer, their third Master, the others being Major Hesse and Mr. Albert Harman. He was sure

that Miss Pam Warren, of Merrow, now in Australia, would be very pleased to hear that the second of her pupils—Peter Smart—had been elected Master. He (Mr. May) was another of her pupils. A coincidence was that the previous Guild secretary had come from his tower and it was exactly the same at Ash.

There had been some disappointments during his term of office—one was a ringing dispute at the Cathedral, when two people walked off never to return. "I was more hurt about this than anything else," said Mr. May.

On the other hand, he continued, there had been many occasions of great happiness. One was when 90 of their members went to the All England Festival at Coventry Cathedral. The greatest excitement was the dedication of the Cathedral bells, when he had the doubtful privilege of choosing the band to ring at the service. The week-end course he was instrumental in introducing was another exciting thing. He concluded by expressing his thanks to the Bishop and Dean and the clergy.

Thanking the Guild for his election, Mr. Smart said he hoped he would be able to lead the Guild as ably as Mr. May had done in the past four years.

Mr. Roy Collins, secretary of the Chertsey District, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. May for their work. Mr. May raised the office of Master to a higher level than ever before, was his comment.

Mr. May thanked the Guild and said there were two out of the very many he would like specially to thank—Mr. Charles Denyer and Mr. Stanley G. Ponting.

A ballot took place for the election of four representatives to the Central Council. The four retiring members were elected—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey (Esher), S. G. Ponting (Guildford) and W. H. Viggers (Aldershot).

A constitution of Guildford Cathedral Society was submitted to the Guild and approved for submission to the Dean and Chapter.

The meeting also agreed that a part of the Cathedral Bell Fund be used to provide facilities for housing the Guild library in the Cathedral belfry and to provide other furnishings. Also that the disposal of the balance of the fund be considered at the next annual general meeting.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks in which the chairman made special mention of the services of Mr. C. W. Munday, the general secretary, during the year.

TOWER VISITORS OF 1965

		During 1965	Total to 1965
1.	C. B. Dove, Leeds	412	2,097
2.	H. G. Andrews, Kingston on Thames	350	2,686
3.	R. Snack, Amersham	214	430
4.	R. A. Ward, Houghton Conquest	212	1,582
5.	R. Collis, Isleworth	202	212
6.	C. J. Royal, Kenilworth	200	520
7.	D. Pickett, Stanwell	189	371
8.	A. K. Fortin, Amersham	179	953
9.	R. H. Dove, Leeds	178	2,792
10.	A. J. Cox, Kenilworth	175	217
11.	M. J. Howse, Ipswich	172	247
12.	S. F. Royal, Kenilworth	162	389
13.	Miss J. R. Kipling, Brighton	151	190
14.	J. Pickett, Stanwell	150	203
15.	Miss D. Mullins, Warnham	149	312
16.	P. Rendall, Kenilworth	142	272
17.	N. V. Avis, Colchester	139	442
18.	Miss G. M. Brearley, Wheathamstead	134	325
19.	A. C. Boorman, Bradford	131	181
20.	M. J. Bew, Brighton	116	391
21.	Miss S. Jones, Kenilworth	116	136
22.	B. Vaughan, Colchester	113	280
23.	J. Avis, Colchester	111	418
	Mrs. A. D. Smith, Pangbourne	111	341
25.	P. R. Johnson, Codsall	109	257
	Miss C. M. Powell, Brighton	109	490
	A. D. Smith, Pangbourne	109	281
28.	M. E. Stracey, South Cerney	107	695
29.	W. D. N. Foote, Bracknell	102	408
	L. Ward, Colchester	102	180

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STEEP. HANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joanna Gollins (first quarter) 1. Mrs. A. Hall (first of Minor) 2. Miss C. C. Roberts 3. R. A. Routh 4. R. B. Walton 5. D. W. Struckett (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Badley, founder of Bedales School, Steep, aged 101 on February 21st.

LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION

MASTER MARRIED

The marriage took place on St. David's Day (March 1st) at Llandaff Cathedral of Mr. David J. Llewellyn, Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and secretary of the Llandaff Branch, and Miss Penelope J. Welsh, deputy leader of the Cathedral band. Both the bride and bridegroom are very well known amongst the ringers in South Wales. The bridegroom rang in the record peal of 20,760 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Llanfeagan on July 11th, 1964.

The service was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. E. S. Thomas). The bride was given away by her father and attended by Andrea West, a niece of the bridegroom. As it was Lent, the Dean gave special permission for the Cathedral bells to be rung before and after the service.

The reception was held at the Cedars Hotel, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent on a cruise in the Mediterranean.

Their future address is: 1, Mathew Road, Rhooose, Barry, Glam. M. J. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

The annual general meeting of the Leatherhead District at Leatherhead on February 5th attracted 36 members and eight visitors, including Mr. H. V. Young, of Wiveliscombe, a former District Master.

The District report for 1965 showed that membership increased by 14. Seven peals and 31 quarter peals were rung. The bells of Guildford Cathedral featured prominently in the report since the District agreed to accept on a trial basis responsibility for ringing at the Cathedral on the third Sunday of each month. Also, two members of the District were recently elected joint steeplekeepers at the Cathedral. The striking competition at Leatherhead was won by Ashted.

District officers elected were: Master, David J. Herschell (Epsom Common); secretary, Martin Morris (Ewell); auditor, Ralph C. Spittle (Ewell); Guild Executive Committee, Roy Mills (Ashted). The new secretary's address is: 28, Seymour Avenue, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey.

The Vicar of Leatherhead, the Rev. K. Ball, conducted the service. M. M.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, February 26th, began with peal ringing in the district. While the cream of the band departed to Bottesford to ring Rutland, colleagues from Manchester with supporting cast split up between two towers to attempt peals of Minor. The day was one chapter of accidents, however. All had been planned to perfection but the unknown quantity, the stranger in Nottingham, had not been reckoned with. Two traverses of Nottingham to collect ringers were fraught with mishaps, but the worst was yet to come; attempting to reach the village of Stanton-by-Dale, the intrepid band, ably misguided by a local ringer, found that the building of a motorway since the drawing up of the local ordnance survey map had resulted in the closure of a road. Nevertheless, they reached their destination in the end and the remainder departed to Breaston for the other peal, arriving in time to prevent the other three ringers, who had been waiting the best part of an hour, from ringing down and departing in disgust. A successful peal was rung here, but our commiserations go to our Manchester colleagues, who, like our own band, were unable to overcome the jinx that has frequently afflicted peal attempts at Stanton. Some compensation was gained by the ringing of a quarter peal.

The afternoon's programme took the form of ringing at various towers; we began at Sawley with the bells half muffled. Long Eaton was the next stop, followed by Attenborough, where we were joined by the Bottesford contingent, fresh from a successful peal. Ringing was concluded on the fine new twelve at St. Peter's and the ten at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The dinner itself, probably a better draw than the ringing earlier, took place in the University at Derby Hall. Our guest of honour, Mr. Paul Taylor, president of the Society, voiced the sentiments of all in thanking us for a very fine dinner. Next, we heard from our up-and-coming Fresher rep., Ian V. J. Smith, who made the first speech, welcoming the visitors from other Societies, getting the evening off to a good start by spicing his dissertation with a couple of extremely witty anecdotes.

He was followed by a well-known visitor from Durham, David J. "Grandsire" Marshall, whose speech in return developed into a diatribe declaring the perils of Grandsire ringing—those present will recall extravagant references to a police state where Grandsire ringing, accompanied by the threat of losing clappers through the tower louvers, is treated as a capital offence.

The toast of "The Nottingham Society" was proposed by Miss Kathleen Higgins, strangely styled as "Master" of the Sheffield Society, in a pleasant speech, in which a request for a speech that was "short, to the point and earthy," was evaded with ladylike dexterity. Finally, our Master, John Coleman, replied with a speech which proved to be modesty epitomised, for a very able speech followed to round off the evening very well.

All reassembled again for the last ring on Sunday morning before departing for home universities after an extremely good week-end, thanks to the efficient organisation of our committee. D. R. M.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 13th, 1.282 Cambridge S. Royal; D. L. Cawley 1, J. Pladdys 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, A. P. Foster 5, R. O. Humphries 6, M. T. Zobel 7, R. W. Powell 8, R. E. J. Dennis 9, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 10. For Evenings.

NOMINATED FOR C.C. SECRETARY



MR. VERNON BOTTOMLEY

MRS. JEANNE BOTTOMLEY

WINLATON BELLS RESTORED

On November 20th, 1965, Mr. D. A. Bayles, the general secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, opened the annual sale of work at Winlaton, County Durham. He was invited to do this as part of the proceeds were to be used to complete the fund for the restoration of the bells. The Western District arranged its meeting that day in the neighbouring parish of Blaydon, and several ringers attended the sale and had tea there before going down the hill to ring at Blaydon.

On Saturday, February 19th, many ringers, including the president (Mr. W. Tyson) went to Winlaton again and on that occasion they were able to stay there for their ringing.

In the interval between these visits Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had brought the bells back from Loughborough and completed the work of restoration. The bells have been tuned and equipped with new fittings. While the existing frame has been used, the roping has been altered to give a much better circle. The bells are now a very pleasant six and go extremely well. At the time of writing they are too noisy in the ringing chamber but it is hoped that attention to a dilapidated trap door will counteract this fault.

The service of rededication on February 19th was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. B. J. G. Fox, assisted by the curate, the Rev. D. Hawkins. The Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt. Rev. A. K. Hamilton, performed the rededication and preached the sermon. The Bishop spoke of the pleasure given to many people by the sound of church bells and went on to remind the congregation of the purposes for which church bells were rung. He particularly emphasised the call to worship and stressed the importance of worship in the church.

After the service, tea was served in the school and short speeches were made by the Bishop, the Rector and the president. Thanks were expressed to the ladies for an excellent tea.

During the evening the bells were put to good use by the visitors. Some slides on the production of bells were shown and a brief demonstration of ringing was given to the newly-confirmed in an endeavour to

stimulate recruiting of an adequate band to keep the restored bells ringing.

The weather was very wintry but this did not deter the visitors, the younger element appearing to delight in the snow. There was a note of sadness in the day's proceedings due to the absence of Mr. Tom Butlerwell in hospital, and best wishes were expressed for his recovery. D. A. B.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society held at Ranmoor (10), Sheffield, on March 5th, Mr. J. Seager resigned from the office of secretary, a post he had filled for ten years. He was warmly thanked for the efficient way he had carried out this work. His successor is Mr. Andrew King, of Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. Needham) presided and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. H. Rooke; president-elect, Mr. M. King; secretary, treasurer and "Ringing World" correspondent, Mr. A. King; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Seager; peal secretary, Mr. D. Armstrong; Ringing Master, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. Chaddock; auditors, Mr. C. Rusby and Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert; Central Council representative, Mr. N. Chaddock; Joint Council of Yorkshire Societies, Mr. M. King and Mr. J. Chaddock. Another retirement was that of peal secretary, Mr. N. Chaddock, who had held this office reported that the peal book was now up to date.

New members elected were: Richard Fletcher, Dennis Haigh, Neil Leatherland, Irvin Smith, John Scholey (all of St. Mary's, Walkley), Andrew Deakin (Warsop), Andrew Jobson (Dore), Mrs. Wendy Taylor, Miss Pamela Allan and Miss Pamela Smith (Ranmoor).

It was decided not to make any changes to the cup contest rules until after this year's contest.

Ringing in the afternoon was at Ranmoor and on the newly restored six at Walkley, and after the meeting at Ranmoor until 9 p.m. An excellent tea was served by the Ranmoor company in the Church Hall.

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Letters to the Editor

THE GOSPORT PEAL

Dear Sir,—I should like to correct a few wrong impressions given by Mr. Cope in his letter of March 11th in his criticisms of my handling of the Gosport peal.

I understand that at the annual meeting of Portsmouth District on February 5th a member of that District made a statement that the ropes were removed at the Vicar's request because of complaints made to the Vicar about the peal. This is not true. Requests had been made two months previously for the return of the ropes; the peal was arranged with this purpose in mind that whether successful or otherwise the ropes would be returned to their rightful owners.

We therefore cannot blame Mr. Cope for this misstatement. I have written privately to the offender acquainting him with the true facts.

I had hoped the dispute between myself and the Portsmouth District had been happily solved last October, when I received the first official letter from them; unfortunately this is not the case.

My partner in crime was asked by two Portsmouth District members at the annual meeting at Christchurch in July if he had looked into the possibility of ringing the bells at Gosport; my help was sought, but because of the distance involved I was not very enthusiastic and left the preliminary survey to him.

Eventually a journey down to Gosport in early August and an inspection proved to our satisfaction that the bells could be rung. Before permission was given the Vicar was consulted and indeed the full Parish Council had already passed a resolution to try to get the bells ringing again. The architect was also consulted and passed the tower as fit for ringing and it was not until an article appeared in the Portsmouth "Evening News" on September 8th that the Portsmouth District took any interest in the proceedings.

This was largely on my recommendation after a phone call from the verger, who said because of the ringing on August Monday the police were called out and the squad cars had rushed to the scene thinking that somebody was locked in the tower.

It was then decided that the newspaper be informed of the next ringing, on September 12th, with an account of what we planned to do, and it was three points in this newspaper report that were objected to and that were the subject of some correspondence between myself and the District secretary. These were:

(1). The satisfaction of knowing that the bells can be rung for their true purpose, that of calling the residents to worship; we have every hope that at Gosport this will soon be the case and that a resident team of ringers can be formed to ring the bells.

(2). It is hoped to arrange an open day for ringers with a special Sunday service at the church.

(3). If the experiment is satisfactory the bells will be rung later for a more prolonged period further to test their capabilities.

This was the spark that set the Portsmouth District kindling. Their points were: No. 1 was a rash promise which I could not follow up; No. 2 that any open day would be up to the Portsmouth District to arrange; No. 3 that prolonged ringing would be inadvisable in a built-up area.

I sent back a letter of apology, explained that until we knew whether the bells could be rung properly, it did not seem necessary

to inform the District, offered them the chance of running the open day, and assured them that no peal would be attempted without the backing of the church authorities.

Needless to say, they did not accept my offer of running the open day, but many turned up, including the chairman and secretary. The question of teaching a band did not arise but I rather gathered that at least the Portsmouth District members did not intend doing any teaching. Our friend the verger seemed fairly confident that some of their own church-people would be capable of teaching others. I had hoped that neighbouring towers might help, and with the College of Campanology just across the water what tower could wish for a better start?

Finally Mr. Cope, in his letter, would like to give the impression that we have closed the tower because of our peal. This certainly is not correct nor his statement that this was the only purpose why we spent the hours we did among the pigeon dung working on them. The Vicar was very cordial when I returned the tower key to him after the peal; he had some complaints but, in his own words, no more than could be expected. A set of ropes had been offered by Mr. Park, of Darlington, but the offer was not accepted by the Gosport authorities. Who can do more?

I regret that a private dispute had to be made public; I hope that it will now be forgotten by Mr. Cope and his friends as it has been done by me, and if any Portsmouth District ringers like to get up among the pigeon dung I am sure they will receive as much support at Gosport as I have done, or would they prefer to see these eight bells lie silent again for another 38 years!—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Higchlere.

WASHINGTON PEAL

Dear Sir,—Having listened to the Washington peal several times, I feel it is a magnificent L.P. record. No doubt the striking reached perfection, and the trip by the ringers was well worth while.

I should say the Washington peal coupled with the long peal at St. Philip's Cathedral on May 15th, 1965, were brilliant examples of second-to-none ringing. To reach such a standard calls for plenty of practice.

Wishing the band of ringers all the luck in future events, I have also something here which will interest St. Martin's band.

The first time St. Martin's broadcast, through the good offices of 51.T., New Street, Birmingham, was on Sunday, May 25th, 1924. I was detailed to send a report to the Rector, who at that time was Canon Grose Hodge, which I managed very well. The band at that time comprised the following: T. Russam 1, A. Walker 2, J. H. Reeves 3, A. E. Norman 4, J. E. Groves 5, M. J. Morris 6, W. Kent 7, A. P. Smith 8, E. Mansell 9, G. F. Tendall 10, J. Neal 11, W. J. Froggatt 12. The touch consisted of two courses of Stedman Cinques, and it was a technical success for the staff of 51.T.—Yours truly,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. R. Calton 1, Margaret Whitehead 2, A. S. Taylor 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. W. Gander 5, D. J. Baker (cond.) 6. By a Manchester University band.

LADIES AT YORK MINSTER

Dear Sir,—Your account of the quarter peal at York Minster in which five ladies took part ("Belfry Gossip," page 168) has reminded me of an incident there during a visit by the late Mrs. Edith Fletcher (then Miss Edith Parker) many years ago, which was related to me by Mr. Horace Morley, of Selby, in 1933.

I expect many ringers in Yorkshire remember Mr. John W. Moorhouse, who was prominent in the first 30 years or so of this century as a composer and conductor. He had a daughter who was also a good ringer, and when Miss Parker was staying with them the two girls went to York Minster practice. During a touch in which they were both ringing, a verger came into the belfry and saw them. Next day he reported this to the Dean, who sent for the ringer in charge and asked him to explain. The ringer was told that in future no women were to be allowed in the tower under any circumstances whatever!—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

PEAL REPORTS

Dear Sir,—I am astounded to note that you are still publishing peals rung in 1965. On behalf of all who have to keep Association records I appeal to conductors to ensure that peal reports are submitted immediately after the peals are rung. Surely after travelling many miles and ringing for three hours it is not asking too much for the conductor to spend ten minutes and submit his peal to you for publication.

These delays cause quite unnecessary work to the peal recorders, and it must be maddening to produce an Association Report in February only to find a couple of peals for the past year published the following week. Fortunately this has not yet happened to me, but a delay of even a few weeks can play havoc with the sequence of peal books, etc.

I appeal to all conductors to co-operate in this matter.—Yours sincerely,

M. J. PRYOR,

Hon. Secretary,

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Assn.

CHIMING/RINGING

Dear Sir,—The bubble is burst and my confidence shattered. For 46 years I have fondly imagined that I could distinguish chiming from ringing, but Mr. White has ruined the illusion. However, I am taking steps to prevent such tragic errors in future. I am arranging for a C.R.S.R. (Chiming-Ringing Selective Rectifier) to be incorporated in my deaf-aid.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON

Swindon.

LINCOLNSHIRE PEAL AND PITSTOW'S

Dear Sir,—If the composition W.3H:W.3H:B.2H, which is the one usually understood as Pitstow's, was used at Ringwood, Hampshire, on February 26th, a false peal will have been rung. That composition is not true to Lincolnshire Surprise.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorkshire.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, Lynn Wilson 3, R. Padbury 4, D. Harding 5, G. Sweet (first as cond.) 6. First attempt Minor 1, 3, 5 and 6. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to Roxane Wilson, Susan Denny and T. Padbury, ringing members at Burstow.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch held its annual meeting at Loddon on February 12th, with an attendance of 30, including the oldest member, Mr. R. E. Browne, who is 94. Canon C. R. Ninham conducted the service and gave the address. Mr. J. Forder read the lesson and Mr. P. Kindred deputised on the piano.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Miss D. Lidbetter; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Pickup; Standing Committee, Mr. A. Crowe and Mr. T. J. Brock; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. W. Bird, C. Bailey, J. Forder, J. B. Gorrod and P. Kindred.

Meeting dates for 1966 were approved as May 21st, October 3rd and December 3rd, with February 11th, 1967, for the Branch annual. The following new members were elected: Miss J. E. Groome, Mrs. A. H. Roberts and Mr. G. W. Townshend (probationers) and Mrs. A. Copling (honorary member), all of Loddon.

Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. J. W. G. Harwood, of Great Yarmouth, who died on February 1st, aged 88.

The five bells at St. Mary's, Haddiscoe, are to be rehung in a new frame; this, together with necessary tower restoration, is to cost £1,500.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Canon Ninham, Mr. P. Kindred and the ladies for the tea arrangements.

Forthcoming meetings: Winterton, April 2nd (practice); Pakefield, May 21st. N.C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge were rung at the spring quarterly meeting at Trull on March 5th. About 35 members attended the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Evans), and tea was served by Trull ladies.

The programme ahead occupied the short business meeting. A Branch social is to be held at Wellington in November. Practice meetings: Milverton, April 23rd, 7 p.m.; Norton Fitzwarren, June 25th, 6.30 p.m. Quarterly meetings: North Curry, May 21st, and Combe Florey, September 10th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Chertsey District meeting, held at Horsell on February 26th, attracted an exceptional number of young people. Of the 40 who sat down to tea, at least 26 were teenage and all those present, except one, came from the District. In the absence of the District Ringing Master, proceedings were directed by the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. D. G. Blows.

With so many learners present, the humbler methods took up most of the ringing time on the pleasant six cast by Robert Catlin.

Five new members from Send were elected and one from Hersham.

The Guild received a warm welcome from the Rev. J. Cresswell, though his remark that those who rang and did not go to church were hypocrites met with some disapproval.

A very pleasant meeting was the general verdict. R.C.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

THE 21st annual dinner of the U.L.S.C.R. was held at the Church House, Westminster, on February 12th. A full day's ringing preceded the dinner, towers open being St. Olave's, Hart Street, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Southwark Cathedral, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, St. Giles', Cripplegate, St. Clement Danes' and St. Margaret's, Westminster.

A record attendance of nearly 120 sat down to dinner, and a very good meal it was, too. The president (Mr. David Martin) was in the chair. After the loyal toast, Mr. Philip Gray, vice-president, proposed the toast of "The Church." He first expressed the hope that on future occasions of this nature the ringing would be of a higher standard: less ambition and a greater concentration on striking were needed to produce a standard of ringing consistent with the City traditions. Mr. Gray took as his theme "The World as our Church," and from his many and varied experiences made a witty exposition of his subject.

In the regretted absence of the Rev. Tony Clayton, the Rev. Maurice Dean, Rector of Hart Street, replied. Narrowing down on Mr. Gray's theme, Mr. Dean spoke in particular of the Anglican Communion, and upon the subjects of the Ordained Ministry and Unity. He emphasised the shortage of candidates for the ministry, and expressed the hope that members of the Society would always encourage those with a vocation to the priesthood. Speaking about unity, Mr. Dean particularly called the company's attention to the aptness of Westminster Abbey's 900th anniversary theme—"One People."

The toast of "The Visitors" was submitted by Mr. Derek Elderkin, who, where others had succeeded in dispensing mirth with words, succeeded equally well with silence and a versatility of facial expression. He regretted the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Tony Clayton and of Canon Mortlock, but welcomed particularly the Rev. Maurice and Miss Dean, the Rev. A. Powell-Miller (former Rector of St. Olave's), the Masters of the College and Cumberland Youths, and Masters and representatives of the University Guilds of Bristol, Cambridge, Oxford, Southampton and Reading. Mr. John Rock, Master of the College Youths, replied, and in a very lively speech took up some remarks made by an erstwhile Master about the Society "helping out the locals at St. Paul's." Mr. Rock commented upon the happy relationship existing between the College Youths and the University Society, many of whose resident members were College Youths.

In proposing the toast of "The Society," Mr. Derek Williams, Master of the University of Bristol Society, waxed poetic, and quoted Shakespeare at length. He also expressed the hope that ringing in cities would be geared to meet the needs of newcomers, at the same time providing a consistently high standard of ringing. He felt that as the U.L.S. had an annual intake of at least 6,000 freshers they could similarly bank on an annual intake of at least five competent ringers from the same source, thereby obviating the necessity of training learners. Mr. Williams concluded with the thought that

the rivalry of the two Societies of London and Bristol was essentially one of friendship, and that the former Society, in not letting success go to its head, had

... added feathers to the learned's wing, And given grace a double majesty."

Mr. Roger Powell, Master of the U.L.S.C.R., in his reply, felt that the bells at the headquarters, St. Olave's, were odd-struck enough to make pure ropesight ringing impossible: in this way it was excellent ground for consolidating the striking of standard methods before going on to those more advanced. The sort of ringing the Society had provided could be gauged from the fact that in addition to the regular Sunday ringing and practices at Hart Street, there had been a monthly practice at Southwark Cathedral, 100 per cent. success with quarter peals at St. Clement Danes', with methods from Stedman and Grandsire to Yorkshire, and the Sunday morning band had scored twelve quarters at St. Vedast's from Doubles to six-spliced Minor. A variety of peals had been rung, the most noticeable being Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal, eight-spliced Major, and up to 31 Surprise Minor, all the Minor peals being conducted by Roger Bailey. Certainly the most notable personal achievement was Robert Dennis's first peal as conductor, Stedman Caters, at Prittlewell. The summer holiday in Devon and Cornwall had provided some 40 towers and three peals; and in visiting other Universities they were gaining new friends, many of whom they were glad to see there at the dinner. In concluding, the Master thanked Mr. Dean and Canon Mortlock for the continued use of their bells and expressed the hope that this record attendance was indicative of the strength of the Society. D. L. C.

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NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Feb. 20th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Barbara Leigh 1, D. Cubitt 2, Angela M. Wright 3, D. P. Mortlock 4, M. Cubitt 5, D. E. House (cond.) 6.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of 1965 Meeting

MINUTES of the Third Session of the Twenty-fifth Council (68th annual meeting) held in the Town Hall, Northampton, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 8th, 1965.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor, Councillor D. Wilson, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Cyril Eastaugh, and by the president, Canon G. F. Turner, and the Master, Mr. J. H. Bluff, of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

PRESENT

Life Members.—Canon A. G. G. Thurlow Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. F. Sharpe.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, A. J. Pitman, H. N. Pistow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, F. A. White, T. W. White and J. Willis.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association.—Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. O. Baker, Mr. J. Worth and Miss A. D. Edwards.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Derbyshire Association.—Messrs. G. A. Halls and M. P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett, Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Messrs. P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. T. Cousins and Mr. A. T. Wingate.

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Kent County Association.—Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford and Miss D. E. Colgate.

Lancashire Association.—Messrs. J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite, R. Leigh and J. P. Partington.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden and N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. D. J. Smith and P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin and D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. B. Austin, E. Billings, P. I. Chapman and Miss S. R. Collins.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. R. C. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett and G. H. Harding.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association.—Messrs. R. B. Morris and R. H. Newton.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Messrs. D. Beresford and W. H. Dobbie.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke and W. L. Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Miss A. E. J. Lester and Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. N. S. Bagworth, F. E. Collins and W. Parrott.

Sussex County Association.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard and W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett, A. J. Davidson and A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless and R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Messrs. V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and W. F. Moreton.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 60 Societies were affiliated with 165 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total possible membership of 196. There were five vacancies among honorary members and two among representative members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. E. C. Birkett, F. T. Blagrove, J. T. Dyke, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Messrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. G. S. Morris, T. G. Myers, W. A. Osborn, T. H. Radford, G. Salmon, J. Scott, Dr. D. E. Sibson, Miss H. G. Snowden, Mrs. P. I. Staniforth, Messrs. P. J. Staniforth, C. G. J. Warts, J. J. Webb and W. C. West.

The secretary was instructed to convey the congratulations of the members to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher on completing 50 years' membership of the Council, and their regret that illness prevented her from being present.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. D. F. Murfet (Ely), R. R. Savory (Winchester and Portsmouth), F. A. White (honorary member), J. Worth (Chester) and Dr. E. V. Woodcock (North Wales).

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER

Mr. J. F. Smallwood was elected, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Mrs. O. D. Barnett and Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper, were re-elected, together with Messrs. B. Austin and F. E. Collins, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. Betjeman was elected, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence:—

Messrs. E. M. Atkins (1921-23 and 1927-53), S. E. Bennett (1947), G. H. Cross (1929-59), Canon C. C. Cox (1924-29), T. Darch (1961-64), A. A. Hughes, 1915-64, F. C. W. Knight (1948-50), J. R. Newman (1909-14), F. W. Rogers (1933-64), C. Sharples (1951-53), E. C. Turner (1951-53), Rev. W. M. K. Warren (1937-45), L. J. Williams (1937-38) and 1951-53) and G. C. Woodley (1932-47).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in "The Ringing World" of March 19th, 1965, were adopted, proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

Arising from the minutes, the hon secretary reported that the Southwell Diocesan Guild had asked the conductor of a peal of Burslem Delight Major to change its name.

REPORTS

These have been published in "The Ringing World" as shown:—

HONORARY SECRETARY AND

TREASURER

(June 18th, 1965, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

(June 18th, 1965, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 18th, 1965, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 18th, 1965, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. D. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. E. Haynes.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, page 410)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

"THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, pages 409-10)

After a discussion regarding the policy, finance and layout of the paper, the report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, page 411)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, page 431)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. R. Mayne, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, page 427)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. J. Lock, seconded by Mr. J. Willis.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, page 420)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. H. N. Pistow. It was noted that Mr. H. N. Pistow had replaced Mr. H. J. Sanger as convener.

OVERSEAS RINGING COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, pages 420-21)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Pipe, seconded by Mr. A. V. Sheppard. Mr. P. M. J. Gray reported on a recent visit to the Australia and New Zealand Association. The president thanked the committee for a display of photographs of overseas towers.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead. It was agreed that peals each of Zinga and Jarrom Surprise Minor and of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, not conforming to the Council's Decisions, should be excluded.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, page 428)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin. It was agreed to purchase a copy of the film on Washington Cathedral at a cost of £40, and that a rent be charged for its loan.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, page 428)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. R. Mayne.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. H. J. Sanger. The Council noted with regret the retirement from the Committee of Messrs. W. A. Osborn and J. W. Clarke.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, page 410)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

AMENDMENT OF DECISIONS

On the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett, item (iii) in Section D (2) of the Council's Decisions (Conditions Required for Peals—Peals of Doubles) was amended to read:

"Twelve-scores known as Morris's, Pitman's and Price's."

MOTIONS

(a) With the Council's permission, a motion standing in the names of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Mr. N. Mallett was withdrawn.

(b) Proposed by Mr. R. B. Morris, seconded by Mr. B. D. Threlfall:

"That this Council recommends its affiliated territorial associations to discontinue the election of non-resident life members or their equivalent."

An amendment to substitute the word "review" for "discontinue" was lost, and the motion was subsequently withdrawn.

PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Invitations from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to visit Somerset in 1966 and from the Southwell Diocesan Guild to visit Nottingham in 1967 were accepted with gratitude on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. The Council took note that in 1967 Whitsun would not be a public holiday but decided on the proposition of Mr. R. Leigh, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock, to leave the date of the 1967 meeting until next year. The hon. secretary stated the Standing Committee recommended that the Council should express a wish to visit London in 1968.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the president, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Northampton, the Bishop of Peterborough, and the president and Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild for their welcome; to the Vicar of All Saints', Northampton, for the use of his church for the Holy Communion service; to the officers of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, in particular the secretary, Mr. E. Billings, for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and tower-keepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting the members were the guests at tea of the Mayor and Corporation of Northampton.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Members	
	Societies	Present Absent
Wholly represented	34	80
Partly represented	21	53 25
Not represented	5	— 5
	60	133 30
Life members		4 3
Honorary members		17 2
	154	35

OBITUARY

MR. F. W. COOKE

Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association were grieved by the death on March 14th of Mr. Frederick William Cooke, of Darlington.

Mr. Cooke, who was in business as a plumber, was a ringer at Holy Trinity for many years, and for the past six years had been vice-president of the Association's Southern District. He was an unassuming man, who made no claim to eminence as a ringer, but he was a most friendly man, who was happy in his ringing and liked others to be happy too. At District meetings he had a cheerful welcome for everyone and was careful to see that the beginners were not forgotten. Almost a routine at these meetings was a short touch of London Minor called by "Billy."

In business he earned a first-class reputation; in his leisure time he was an enthusiastic cyclist and, with his family, he toured much of the Continent, as well as this country, a wheel; and he was active in the life of Holy Trinity, where he was for a time a churchwarden.

He will be remembered with affection and respect by those who knew him. E. P.

MR. E. EARNSHAW

The passing of Mr. Edward Earnshaw, of Meltham, has created a gap in the ringing of his own tower and in Yorkshire generally. About 200 people attended the funeral service for him at Meltham Parish Church on March 1st, the towers represented being Cawthorne, Friezland, Huddersfield, Kirkheaton, Longwood, Meltham, New Mill and Roughton.

The bells, fully muffled, were raised in peal by local ringers at 2 p.m. and the tenor tolled 68 times, once for each year of his life. Meltham ringers then retired into the church and a band comprising ringers from New Mill, Kirkheaton and Friezland rang until the funeral cortege arrived. The Vicar, in approving of the arrangements, authorised the church flag to be flown at half-mast, a signal honour only previously shown to members of the Royal Family and Sir Winston Churchill.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. Spivey) conducted the service and in a tribute said Mr. Earnshaw was known and respected throughout the township for his cheerfulness, his dedication to his church and the art of campanology. He was one of the most regular attenders at services of worship, and the Vicar felt deeply the loss to his congregation. He appealed to all present to endeavour to emulate the good example set by Edward in his work and worship.

Rounds were rung until the cortege left for the Crematorium, and afterwards touches in various standard methods.

MR. MARK LEE

The sudden death of Mr. Mark Lee, captain at Church-Oakley, Hants, for over 30 years, and a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, came as a very great shock to the members of the Basingstoke District. He was only 50 and will be greatly missed.

Always very modest as to his status as a ringer he was a good teacher and kept the bells at Oakley ringing regularly for Sunday service. He was a pupil of Bill Hunt, one of the old stalwarts of the Basingstoke District and a former captain at Oakley. J. C.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, Elizabeth Timmins 2, A. G. Richards 3, J. D. R. Smith 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, P. R. Johnson 6, C. Collins 7, H. E. Green 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Len Evans, for many years a ringer at Codsall.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: W. A. Whetham 1, G. W. Rendell 2, R. P. Selway 3, R. W. White 4, S. W. White 5, T. Cross (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mr. Eddy Collin Turner, sidesman at St. Mary's Church and father of William E. Turner, a member of the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The five bells at St. Mary's, Haddiscoe, Norfolk, are to be rehung in a new frame. This and the tower restoration will cost £1,500.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Holywell, Hunts (page 171) was Martin R. Hickman, and not as published.

Another 18-year-old tower captain is Robert Sawyer, of Haresfield, Glos. He is teaching 18 people to ring, of whom only two or three are over 16. Albert is also recruiting for another tower.

Congratulations to Miss Judith M. Corby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Corby, on conducting her first peal of Stedman. She will rank among the youngest to have called this method.

To save extra work and also postage, will those ordering Central Council publications from Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, please send cash with order. This is a must.

To commemorate the first anniversary of the bells, a quarter peal was rung at Gadsdesby, Leics, on March 6th. A new band has been taught from scratch and two of the ringers rang their first quarter (three methods). Others are progressing.

The Leicester handbell band send most sincere congratulations and best wishes to John Mayne and his band on ringing their first peal of Surprise Royal. No doubt the forerunner of many more fine achievements to be added to the long list already completed.

Mr. R. B. Smith, of Marple, would like to hear of any person who would be willing to umpire the attempt for the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on April 16th, as people who have previously umpired their long peal attempts are unable to officiate on this occasion.

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CONTEMPORARY CHAPEL AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

Another milestone was reached at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, on March 9th, when a new chapel of contemporary design was consecrated by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Cyril Restieaux. The stained glass east window, with other stained glasswork, was designed and made by one of the monks in the Abbey workshops.

Earlier in the afternoon two of the community ringers joined in two well-struck extents of Plain Bob Minor: Rev. W. P. Dowling 1, D. R. Bould 2, T. G. Myers 3, Rev. D. P. Angold 4, K. E. Fursdon 5, R. A. Southwood (conductor) 6. A course of Kent Treble Bob Minor and a six-score of Stedman Doubles followed.

NOT MISSED ONE!

The recent peal at Willington, Sussex, realises a rather unusual and possibly unique achievement by Mrs. Betty Percy. Only six peals have ever been rung on the bells, and Betty has taken part in all of them. She has also (by careful attention to her records!) "circled the tower." The latest peal, a birthday compliment to Betty and to the mother of the ringer of the third, was arranged by a local Sunday Service band. When one of them was unable to ring, Mr. H. Reynolds, who also rang with Mrs. Percy in the first on the bells on May 10th, 1939, stood in.

A WELCOME QUARTER

The quarter peal at Ealing on March 13th was a welcome to England to Miss Jennifer Murphy, of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Yet another link between Melbourne and Christ the Saviour's, Ealing. It was also the first attempt by Terry Walters, who has recently left the care of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott at Clawton, Devon, to live in London, and it was a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mark Stacey.

LEICESTER RINGER SCORES QUARTER AT 88

Leicester Guild members will congratulate Mr. T. F. Briggs, of Somerby, Melton Mowbray, on ringing a quarter peal at the age of 88 on March 9th. It was intended to attempt Triples, but through a misunderstanding the band was one short. A successful compromise was achieved by ringing a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor.

FAWSLEY FOUR TO BE REHUNG

Mr. P. Amos informs us that since the appearance of his letter (page 164) he has been told that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have the rehanging of Fawsley bells in hand. New fittings are to be provided in the old frame. The mansion in the park was once the seat of Sir Charles Knightley, not Kingsley, as printed.

CONDUCTOR CLAIMS TRUE PEAL

Mr. Brian Harris, in reply to Mr. Rush's query (page 149), assures us that the peal of Plain Bob and Little Bob Major rung at Peterborough, on December 18th was true. It was C.C.C. Plain Bob Major No. 39 (a), composer unknown (see page 159), reduced by calling some courses of Little between consecutive bobs at Home and some courses of Plain. Little, Plain between consecutive bobs Home.

£300 MORE WANTED TO PROVIDE OCTAVE FOR EASTHAMPTSTEAD

Reporting on the progress of the Easthamptstead, Berks, appeal fund, Mr. S. G. Scott, tower captain, of Linden, Skimped Hill, Bracknell, Berks, writes that Easthamptstead's 8½ cwt. six, of uninspiring quality, nine months ago suffered a sheared gudgeon on the tenor, causing much damage and rendering the bells unringable. An appeal was launched in "The Ringing World" by Mr. Frank Price, which was followed by the sending of hundreds of letters to all parts of the country and abroad.

This appeal was the birth of our project; after negotiations and meetings with the Rector and P.C.C., it was agreed that, due to the present extremely heavy commitments of the church, the ringers should be responsible in raising the necessary funds to recast the six bells—outside the parish!! Estimates had been obtained and the faculty applied for. A committee was formed to raise money by whist drives, jumble sales, home knitting, raffles and anything and everything to make people aware of our task and to show their appreciation by dipping, however modestly, into their pockets. At the same time ringers and friends everywhere were sending in their donations following Frank's appeal and their names added to the list for entry into a bound book which it is hoped to display at the dedication.

Approaches were made to industry in nearby Bracknell, grants applied for from Branch and Guild, and the resulting sums were gratefully received, as were the two bobs, ten bobs and guineas. The truly combined efforts of the nine ringers, among them old age pensioners and young apprentices, have succeeded in raising so far £700 in eight months—not by any single fat cheque but by an accumulation of effort and small sums.

The time has come, however, when the "beat" has slowed and the really hard task of gathering energy and wits together to complete the job of raising another £300 at least, has reared itself to defy, or try to, the most optimistic of us. We are lucky, as a band, to have members with agility, strength, time to spare and the "know how" to carry out much of the work themselves, thus enabling the estimates to be at a minimum. With safety first and foremost, the bells have been lowered and despatched to the foundry. The next stage, adding two pits to the existing frame, has been started. I must add here a warning to hands placed in similar circumstances, not to attempt the lowering or handling of bells without the presence, at all times, of a person qualified or who has satisfied the foundry of his experience of controlling such a project. Insurance, too, must not be ignored.

Since the fund was opened it became more and more apparent that it would be almost foolish to go so far in casting six bells from the old metal and not complete the octave. The progression of ideas has now led us, with the Church's permission, to have eight cast and hung. The bells are to be cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford on June 11th.

Hopes are still with us that many readers who have received letters and momentarily mislaid them may still respond in the manner of those who in the early days showed their sympathy and understanding of the unselfish service my members are doing for the Church and Exercise.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF C. C. FOUNDER

To mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart., the founder of the Central Council, his composition of 6,048 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile on February 28th.

The conductor, Mr. Derek Jones, writes that this might be the first time the composition has been rung in full without shortening (C.C.C. D. Norwich, 1908, No. 45). He thought it fitting to do something out of the ordinary and also to spring a "surprise" on the band by not announcing the length till after it had been rung. At first the band were incredulous as the peal had not taken much longer than the usual 5,040 (2 hours and 35 minutes) on the Bell Foundry bells and assumed that it was a 5,376 or thereabouts. They were agreeably surprised to find they had unknowingly achieved, in the case of six of the band, their longest length; a notable "first in method" for Ron Hughes.

A DELAYED TRIBUTE

The peal of Little Bob Major at Sutton-on-Trent was rung as a compliment to Canon R. T. Keal, who has now completed 25 years as Vicar of this parish. It was originally arranged for last November, but unfortunately was delayed by a series of accidents. Miss Grace Burchnell had an accident and broke several bones in her hand; then Miss Katharine Burchnell had to enter hospital for an eye operation. It was a great pleasure to welcome them back to peal ringing. With this peal Bill Midwinter completed the "circle," and it was also a birthday compliment to Harry Poyner.

POST OFFICE QUARTER

An interesting quarter was rung at Great Horwood, Bucks, of Grandsire Doubles on February 24th, in which all taking part were connected with the G.P.O. On the treble was Miss V. Hall from the Sub Post Office, Linslade. Ringing the fourth was the postmaster of Winslow, Mr. E. Wood, and the remainder were from Post Office Engineers Dept., Bletchley, viz.: F. Daniels 2, J. Vickers 3, F. G. Edmans (conductor) 5, T. Clare 6. The captain of the team (Mr. F. G. Edmans) wonders if this is the first P.O. party to ring together as a band.

ALPHABET IN ROYAL AND MAJOR

Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, completed, with a peal of Uttloxeter Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, a rare distinction. Although he had rung over 1,000 peals, which included the alphabet in Surprise Royal methods, and almost the same in Surprise Major, the "U" was missing. The peal of Uttloxeter completed the second alphabet.

ALSO WITH THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Mr. H. S. Humphrey, of 29, The Churchlands, New Romney, Kent, who will be 85 on April 19th, informs us that he rang in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 990th peal, one of Stedman Triples, at Woolwich on June 6th, 1905.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COPLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B.,
Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Plain Bob and Single Oxford
Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

Linda Ellison Treble	Robert L. Piron 4
Audrey R. Alexander .. 2	Keith H. Fleming 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	Martin Major Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

CHEDDINGTON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob,
and five extents of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Edward W. Houghton .. Treble	Alan J. Frost 4
Diana M. Frost 2	*Raymond S. Gaylor .. 5
*Valerie Hall 3	Kenneth E. Jackson .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the baptism the previous Sunday of Kevin Raymond Gaylor, son and heir of the ringer of the fifth.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Harry W. Howard .. Treble	Michael Thompson 5
*Thomas Hobson 2	Harold Worrall 6
Brian Schofield 3	Christopher Jones 7
John Scott 4	Sydney Osborne Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harold Worrall.

* First peal "inside."

Rung after meeting one short for Royal and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

MOBBERLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

Olwen Evans Treble	Geoffrey Green 4
Harold Worrall 2	Christopher J. Jones .. 5
Ashley C. P. Pugh .. 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

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

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being two extents of Clifford's Pleasure and five each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Grandsire

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*R. John Burrell .. Treble	Terence E. Trickett .. 4
Frank R. Morton 2	Frederick S. Sutton .. 5
Herbert Sutton 3	*Gordon K. Green .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal. The ringers of 4 and 5 have now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints, Stranton.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*James Burton .. Treble	Peter Wishart 5
†Ann Lawson 2	Michael Maughan 6
Thomas M. Cox 3	James Crowther 7
†Enid Lawson 4	Kenneth Lawson Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Killamsh T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Beverley Surprise, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*James J. Spraggett .. Treble	†Richard J. Danby 4
*John F. Thorne 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
Anthony J. Cox 3	*Robert W. Sherriff .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

* Most methods to a peal. † Most Minor methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., March 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob and one each of Double Court, Double Oxford and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt.

Arthur Sheppard .. Treble	Ivan Barlow 4
*Colin Shaw 2	Jack Chadwick 5
Nora Carlisle 3	Denis R. Carlisle .. Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

* First peal.

A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheppard, of Sandiacre.

BREADSALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., March 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Jonathan D. Roe .. Treble	A Colin Banton 4
*Bernard Greasley .. 2	David J. Marshall 5
Alec Humphrey 3	Gordon A. Halls .. Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Tues., March 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Geoffrey Pearson .. Treble	John G. Gipson 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 6
Frank E. Haynes 3	Brian Pratt 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 4	Stuart Brown Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

David P. Hilling .. Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. 5
Susan Rothera 2	Frederick R. Scott .. 6
Philip J. Rothera .. 3	George E. Thoday .. 7
Anthony D. Sansom .. 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoo.r

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

Terence J. Hester .. Treble	Peter G. Holden 5
James F. List 2	*Brian W. Hall 6
Frank Reed 3	*D. Kay Adkins 7
Frederick W. Soden .. 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.

CASTLE EATON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in the following four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Plain Bob; (3) St. Clement's; (4) Plain Bob and St. Clement's; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Anthony R. Peake .. Treble	Michael E. Stracey .. 4
*Peter Tombs 2	Derek J. Carr 5
Derek Dancy 3	E. William Ford .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

* First peal "inside."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BINFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*Michael J. Church .. Treble	A. David Leach 4
*Donald N. Jennings .. 2	Peter G. Sherwood .. 5
*Raymond A. Clist .. 3	Peter G. Smart Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Smart.

* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor

Rung on the eve of the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Ninn, curate of Sandhurst. Also a birthday compliment to A. David Leach.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents Single Oxford Bob and four Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Walter Ayre Treble	Peter W. Harper 4
*Augustine V. Good .. 2	†Keith Sheppard 5
†Francis M. Byrne .. 3	Reg E. J. Sheppard .. Tenor

* 100th peal on the bells. † First peal and first attempt.
‡ First peal "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 VERULAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	Martin L. Howe 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Colin A. Tester 7
Tony Lewis 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

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

HOLBORN, W.C.—At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

On Fri., March 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Transposed. Tenor 14 cwt.	
Judith M. Corby Treble	Philip A. Corby 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	†Peter M. Fleckney 6
D. Paul Smith 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
*Tony Lewis 4	†Ian H. Oram Tenor

Conducted by Judith M. Corby.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman.
‡ 400th peal for the Association. First peal as conductor.

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

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 Lincoln, with 117 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Edward J. Jenner Treble	Doris E. Colgate 5
Olive D. Tester 2	Colin A. Tester 6
*Hilary F. Hinde 3	Robert W. Hinde 7
*Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of eight-spliced. First of eight-spliced as conductor.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CLERKENWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Philip A. Corby Treble	*Judith M. Corby 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Robert W. Hinde 6
Hilary F. Hinde 3	*Andrew J. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* 50th peal together.

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

NEWINGTON-NEXT HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Cuncastre, Bedford, London, Keston, Rossendale, York and Annable's London. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A flat.

Arthur S. Richards .. Treble	Tony Lewis 4
*Ann Jenner 2	†Ian H. Oram 5
Ralph Bird 3	*Stanley Jenner Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. † 100th peal of Surprise Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAINFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Thomas D. Roughley .. Treble	Michael Thompson .. 5
Rev. Christopher Herbert .. 2	†David J. Bennett 6
†Jennifer A. Ellison .. 3	Harold Worrall 7
John Ryder 4	Kenneth Edwards Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by Harold Worrall.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Peter, Woolton.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Philip J. Rothera 5
Thomas W. Hesketh 2	Peter S. Bennett 6
Susan Rothera 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
V. David Jenner 4	Maurice C. Hughes .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Marian Hesketh, daughter of the ringer of the second and sister of the conductor, to Mr. John D. Morphet.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., March 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Gordon H. Lane 6
Edwin Deakin 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
Dan S. Pont 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 6 and 7. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's tower at the Cathedral Church of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Inverted Tittums and Handstroke Home.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

A. Robin Heppenstall .. Treble	H. Leslie Pask 7
Joyce M. Sharp 2	Walter Tomlinson 8
Geoffrey R. Parker 3	George H. Randles 9
Harold F. Gibson 4	James W. Raithby 10
Jack L. Millhouse 5	John Freeman 11
Peter A. Sharp 6	John Walden Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Sydney A. Chambers, loyal and esteemed member of the Cathedral company.

COLSTON BASSETT, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Denis A. Frith Treble	George H. Randles 5
Peter A. Sharp 2	Richard Inglis 6
John Walden 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Michael Simpson 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Edwin T. Chapman .. Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
*Janet E. Hubbard 2	Denis Woods 6
Arthur F. Lewry 3	George W. Massey 7
Harry Parkes 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Surprise Major on an inside bell.

SUTTERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Keith R. Davey Treble	Philip H. Reynolds 5
*Joan Gilbert 2	Harold Barsley 6
Janet E. Hubbard 3	Frank Taylor 7
*R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 4	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley.

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

* First peal of Major.

FREISTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Frank Taylor Treble	*R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 4
*Joan Gilbert 2	Keith R. Davey 5
*†Janet E. Hubbard 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

* First peal of Cambridge. † 25th peal. 50th peal together treble and tenor.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.
BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.			
Richard W. Owen Treble	David J. Hughes 5		
Jacqueline S. King 2	Donald G. Clarke 6		
*David Pike 3	James L. Fitzgerald 7		
Reuben S. Clench 4	David J. King Tenor		

Composed by J. Barker.

Conducted by David J. King.

* 25th peal for the Association.

Rung for the 21st birthday of Julia M. Clench, and also as a farewell to Mr. F. A. D. Woods and family, emigrating this day to Australia.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 UTTOXETER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.			
G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5		
Richard J. Clifton 2	B. Stedman Payne 6		
Edwin Deakin 3	*Joseph W. Cotton 7		
John A. Underwood .. 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor		

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* Completes the alphabet to peals, both Surprise Major and Royal. First peal in the method for the Guild and by all except conductor. A birthday compliment to William H. Curson.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.			
Thurstans' Treble	John K. Smith 5		
Gordon H. Lane 2	Joseph W. Cotton 6		
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Derek P. Jones 7		
*Edwin Deakin 4	William F. Woodward .. Tenor		

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First touch of Stedman Triples.

Mr. W. F. Woodward has now "circled the tower" to peals. LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Feb. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 6048 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.			
*Edwin Deakin Treble	*B. Stedman Payne 5		
*Richard J. Clifton .. 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6		
*†Ron Hughes 3	*G. Ronald Edwards 7		
*Joseph W. Cotton 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor		

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* Greatest length. † First peal in the method. Greatest length as conductor. Greatest length of Double Norwich by all and for the Guild.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart., founder of the Central Council.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.			
Leslie F. Bailey Treble	Henry Tooke 4		
Thomas E. Spight 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5		
William Clover 3	Peter Adcock Tenor		

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.			
Terence J. Hester Treble	Frank Reed 5		
Frederick W. Soden .. 2	Brian W. Hall 6		
Peter J. Heritage 3	D. Kay Adkins 7		
Cyril A. Wratten 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor		

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung to mark the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the second.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berks.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.			
Bruce Wakefield Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt .. 5		
Vanessa C. A. Rodriguez 2	Richard Wharton 6		
Hilary F. Pardoe 3	Anthony P. Foster 7		
Paul A. Brand 4	Roger M. Heyworth .. Tenor		

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble. First peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHAM FERRERS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.			
William J. Chester Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5		
Roger W. Smith 2	Alan A. Paul 6		
Graham C. Paul 3	James Linnell 7		
Richard J. Parker 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor		

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.

On March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.			
Ronald Russell Treble	Alan A. Paul 5		
Margaret A. Wilson .. 2	Richard J. Parker 6		
Eric Billings 3	Charles E. Truman 7		
Roger W. Smith 4	Graham C. Paul Tenor		

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

LOIS WEEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Peter.

On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In six methods, viz.: (1) Hexham, (2) Berwick, (3) Primrose, (4) Surfleet, (5) Beverley, (6) Cambridge, (7) Surfleet, Cambridge, Hexham, Beverley, Primrose and Berwick. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Tenor 6½ cwt.			
Alan A. Paul Treble	James Linnell 4		
*David Sturge 2	Charles E. Truman 5		
William J. Chester 3	Barry E. Saunders Tenor		

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

BREASTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.			
Ian N. Goldthorpe Treble	David R. McLean 4		
Robert D. Bellamy .. 2	Paul Coddington 5		
George E. Bonham .. 3	Peter Woollven Tenor		

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

Rung on the morning of the sixth annual dinner of Nottingham University Society.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 11 240's and 20 120's. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.			
*Grahame S. Key Treble	Barnabas G. Key 4		
E. Marion Key 2	†Richard E. Morris 5		
†Graham Hall 3	*Thomas A. Bennett .. Tenor		

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First "inside."

WROCKWARDINE, Salop.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.			
*Mabel E. Lovett Treble	*Peter Williamson 4		
†Freda Cleaver 2	Roger A. Brewin 5		
*Pauline Kent 3	Frank Beech, jun. .. Tenor		

Conducted by Frank Beech, jun.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to Mrs. R. A. Brewin, and for the forthcoming wedding of the ringers of 3 and 4.

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THE SUTHERLAND DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Grace Burchall Treble	*Colin W. Reed 5
Katharine Burchall 2	*A. Harry Hawcroft 6
James W. Raithby 3	*F. William Midwinter 7
*Harry Poyner 4	*William L. Exton Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal in the method. † 125th peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon R. T. Keal on completing 25 years as Vicar of this parish.

WILFORD, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents containing 42 variations of Grandsire, St. Margaret, Wollaton, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Clashmore, Southwell, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Longparish, Freeland, Allexton, Beaufield, Nazeing, Oxtou, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Anne, Middleton Stoney, Allestree, St. Quintin, Plain, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, May Day, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columba, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, Royston, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune.

Neil Handley Treble	*Ruth Blackshaw 3
Maurice W. Harrison 2	*David Oliver 4

George A. Dawson Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* Largest number of methods to a peal "inside."

EAST BRIDGFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
Ruth Blackshaw Treble	David H. Oliver 4
Elizabeth J. Foster 2	Peter Woollven 5
Maurice W. Harrison 3	George A. Dawson Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
A compliment to Alan Hopwood and Pamela Monk, married earlier this day at St. Leonard's, Wollaton.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods/variations, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington and Seighford. Tenor 7 cwt. 10 qr.	
A. Newell Treble	S. Adams 3
*N. Handley 2	*G. Fisher 4

†D. Oliver Tenor

Conducted by D. Oliver.

* Most methods "inside." † 25th peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., March 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 55 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Pontefract, Donottar, Aldbourne, Wath, Carisbrooke and Oxford Treble Bob. (14 methods by C. K. Lewis.) (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, Marple, Taxal, Braintree, Humber, Clarence, Elston and Morning Star. (15 methods by A. G. Driver.) (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise. (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise. (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, College, Wavertree, Rodbourne, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinchurst, London, Lytham and Westcott Bob. (6) Kent Treble Bob. (7) Plain Bob.

With 119 changes of method.	Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.
Robert E. Lester Treble	Robin H. Rogers 4
Janet I. Rogers 2	Colin F. Loke 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Howard W. Egglestone Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

Most methods yet rung to a peal on the bells for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.

Rung in memoriam Stedman Symonds, of Lavenham.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5,000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

David T. Darby Treble	R. James Cook 6
Joyce A. Parsons 2	Richard C. Stevens 7
Kathleen E. Chilcott 3	Raymond E. Finch 8
Christine C. Macnair 4	David E. Parsons 9
Andrew N. Stubbs 5	Frank E. Darby Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.

In memoriam Alfred J. Clayton, a respected member of St. Mary's (Beddington) Society, who died on March 8th, 1966, aged 89 years, and who served in this church as chorister and ringer for 70 years.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

COLLEGE BOB MINOR

x 16 x 123 x 3. 2nds, 142635.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLINGDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.
Robert W. R. Percy Treble	*Clive Brettell 4
Harold G. F. Reynolds 2	Janet M. Percy 5
Janet E. Biscoe 3	Betty Percy Tenor

Conducted by Janet M. Percy.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the consecration of the Churchill silver chalice and paten on Sunday, March 6th. These were given by the parishioners of Willingdon as a permanent memorial to the late Sir Winston Churchill.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. George in the East.

On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt.

Reginald F. Crook Treble	Robert M. Ashman 5
Denby P. Murduck 2	Reginald W. Rex 6
Bradley Murduck 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Michael S. Holbrook 4	Philip Murduck Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

The first peal of Major on the new bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Jeanne E. Bottomley Treble	Neil Donovan 7
Patricia Rogers 2	J. Henry Fielden 8
W. Eric Critchley 3	Michael W. Crowder 9
*Kathleen M. Higgins 4	John N. D. Chaddock 10
Peter J. Staniforth 5	Stuart Armeson 11
Vernon Bottomley 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* 100th peal. The conductor's 50th peal on 12 bells and 250th tower for a peal.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's (Morris's and Pitman's) and 34 six-scores, 10 callings.

Elsie Chaddock Treble	*John N. D. Chaddock 4
*Herbert O. Chaddock 2	†Norman Chaddock 5
*Neil Donovan 3	David Nichols Tenor

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* Complete Grandsire (Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques).

† Has now conducted the same.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.

On Wed., Feb. 23, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 16 in C.
Keith H. Mildred 1-2	Richard J. Parker 3-4
Rupert A. Clarke (cond.)	5-6

BIRMINGHAM.—At 1, Augustus Road, Edgbaston.

On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

Being seven extents of Plain Bob and Double Bob. Tenor size 16 in C.	
Graham C. Paul 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 3-4
Richard J. Parker (cond.)	5-6

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Ruth E. Gay.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 36, Long Street.

On Tues., Feb. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

A. Maxwell Lindsey 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
John Vernon 3-4	Michael Vernon 7-8

Composed by James Nicholl.

Conducted by Michael Vernon.

25th peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.—At "The Wayside," 150, Narborough Road South.

On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1-2	John M. Jelley 5-6
Peter J. Staniforth 3-4	Alfred Ballard 7-8
Robert B. Smith 9-10	

Composed by D. A. Bayles.

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

First peal in the method to be rung on handbells.

DATE TOUCHES

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1966 Stedman Triples (composed by M. J. Marriott): E. J. Chivers 1, R. J. Baker 2, V. Savage 3, A. P. Beck 4, D. Robertson 5, R. E. Beck 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, D. Targett 8.

RIPON, YORKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1966 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Payne 1, J. A. Brown 2, A. Bashforth 3, D. Town 4, E. Metcalfe 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. As a welcome to Canon Ashworth, installed this day as Residentiary Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Gaynor Wallace (first "inside") 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, Mary Russell 2, Valerie Stephens 3, K. Fursdon 4, P. A. Lock 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. First of Stedman Triples 3, 4 and 8.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On March 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Elkington (first quarter) 1, Janet Maltby (first "inside") 2, D. H. Pritchett 3, C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, C. H. Pritchett 5, P. Wakefield 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Stella Soper (first quarter) 1, F. Smith 2, S. Brook 3, Mrs. W. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, D. Newman 6. For the wedding of Miss Kiley and Mr. Johnson.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hoar 1, Prisca Hornby (first "inside") 2, K. Sansom 3, Kay Tremer 4, D. Hughes 5, L. A. Tremer (cond.) 6.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on March 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: H. E. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. J. Hill 2, H. E. Balaam 3, Mrs. M. G. Taylor 4, Mrs. E. J. Weaver 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Weaver (first as cond.) 7, P. H. Lawrence (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: M. Thorn (first quarter) 1, D. Winchester 2, B. Forster 3, G. Masters 4, V. Mephram (cond.) 5, I. Holland 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Very Rev. A. T. A. Naylor, who died on March 1st.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKS.—On March 12th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. M. Cox 1, T. N. Kedg 2, Merryn Hutchins 3, J. Belshaw 4. Unconducted. First quarter peal in method by all. First on bells.

BILLINGSBURST, SUSSEX.—On March 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss C. Swan 1, Miss W. Matthews (first "inside") 2, H. F. Wood 3, W. L. Weller (cond.) 4, I. M. Robinson 5, R. A. Banner 6. For morning service.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pamela Bond 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandire and Bob Doubles: J. Collard (first quarter) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, T. Newlands (first "inside") 3, Miss G. M. Hussey 4, D. J. Hunt 5, B. Martin (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Treby (first on eight) 1, D. Rennolds 2, Mrs. M. L. Taylor 3, R. W. Sweet 4, Miss G. M. Hussey (cond.) 5, J. C. Slater 6, D. J. Hunt 7, T. Hemmings (first quarter) 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Saddleton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, C. Cook 3, Mrs. M. Glover 4, Miss M. Carruthers 5, Miss P. Norris (first of Triples "inside") 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, B. Glover (first quarter) 8. Birthday compliment to Pat, ringer of the 6th.

CAMPTON, BEDS.—On March 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. Firmin 1, A. L. Lawrence (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Simons 3, S. H. Ashton (cond.) 4, P. G. Rogers 5. A farewell to the Rev. D. J. Lawrence, B.A., R.D., Rector.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on March 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss C. Snelling 1, E. J. Razzell 2, G. H. Humphries 3, G. Fisher 4, R. Davies 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, I. M. Parry 7, K. Taber 8, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Madeley (first quarter) 1, K. Watkins (first "inside") 2, Pamela Osborne 3, D. Bailey (cond.) 4, B. Osborne 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Thorley 1, Marguerite Batram 2, E. Dalington 3, H. Wagstaff 4, F. A. Staveley 5, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 6, G. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,270 Grandire Doubles: W. Willans 1, R. Fitzgeorge (first as cond.) 2, Suzanne Withers 3, V. James 4, M. Gregory 5, R. Haskins 6.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ellen F. Norris 1, T. H. Norris 2, C. W. Simpson 3, D. E. Rouhera 4, L. J. North 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Ann Robinson, a local ringer, and John Dain, married at Elstree this day.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss J. Randall 1, M. V. White 2, Mrs. D. M. C. Hill (first of Triples) 3, D. M. C. Hill 4, J. R. Dunford 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, I. Whitehead 8. First quarter 1 and 5. For Matins, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanger, whose marriage took place at St. Andrew's, Churchdown, Glos, the previous day.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCs.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Butler (first quarter) 1, Susan Gregson (first "inside") 2, R. Moore (first quarter) 3, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 4, D. H. Garnett 5.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandire): Mrs. E. A. Woodcock 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, B. Rhodes 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, A. E. Hinman 5, M. Hall 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Rung for Evensong to commemorate the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

GUSAGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: C. J. N. Dalton 1, G. W. Elmes 2, J. L. Cloughton 3, J. N. Longridge 4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5.

HAMPTON, MIDDx.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): P. A. Lawrence 1, Barbara Walpole 2, C. F. Low 3, C. Reader 4, W. S. Deason (cond.) 5, R. G. Leale 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: H. Hawkins 1, R. Hawkins 2, Sandra Weaver 3, R. Weaver 4, Jennifer Durston (cond.) 5, Rev. A. G. Duration 6. First in method by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mr. Thomas Cradock.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On March 5th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob): H. Hobbins 1, J. Cloughton 2, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 3, R. Haines 4, J. N. Longridge 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Childs 1, C. Bennett 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, J. Cleaver 5, E. J. Smith 6, P. Franklin 7, P. Sampson 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Toms 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, K. Waples 3, P. Harper 4, G. Spratt (first as cond.) 5, J. Goodman 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. Jarvis 3, R. Chambers 4, R. W. Clouston 5, A. Knight 6, L. Pryke 7, D. A. Symonds 8. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, A. J. Haynes 3, C. Poulson 4, A. Knight 5, F. Boreham 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. Rung half-muffled for Matins and Evensong in memory of Sedman H. Symonds, late Ringing Master.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret R. Durrington (first on eight) 1, Diana M. Frost 2, J. D. Clapp 3, A. W. Jeffs 4, H. B. Whitney 5, K. E. Jackson 6, R. S. Gaylor 7, A. J. Frost (cond.) 8. A farewell to Miss D. W. Pullin, on the eve of her leaving the district after many years' service to All Saints' Church.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Ash Wednesday, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, G. Lambard 6. For evening service. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Jones 1, Marjorie Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. Venn 6. For Evensong.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Bidden 1, K. Beale 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. Parker 4, L. Arscott 5, R. Arscott (cond.) 6.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): F. Arscott 1, K. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. Arscott 4, R. Arscott 5, C. Gratton 6. A birthday compliment to K. Beale.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Briggs 1, F. Hubbard 2, A. Stimson 3, M. Stimson 4, R. Hill 5, J. Bluff (cond.) 6, Det. Sergt. Hoy 7. To mark the 88th birthday of J. Briggs, and also the birthday of Sergt. Hoy.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): D. J. Derrick 1, R. E. Lester 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, A. J. Munnings 4, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to N. F. Whittell.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mrs. J. Fynes 1, C. Fynes 2, M. Etherington 3, I. M. Robinson 4, H. F. Wood 5, H. Franklin 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heasman 8. For Evensong.

PITNEY, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 (four methods): C. Gratton 1, K. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Parker 4, R. F. Arscott 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jean Arscott.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Patterson 1, Janet Hudson (first "inside") 2, A. R. Millidge 3, L. W. Allen 4, B. J. Bull 5, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: B. J. Bull 1, Susan B. Baker (first of Triples "inside") 2, L. W. Allen 3, A. R. Millidge (cond.) 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, M. J. Uphill 6, D. C. Brookes 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. N. Colborne 1, Miss M. A. Wilson 2, Miss M. E. Marshall 3, P. Norman 4, R. Lloyd (first of P.B. Minor) 5, M. G. Ingram (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. E. Stillwell (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Wilson 2, R. C. Ingram 3, Miss M. E. Marshall 4, M. G. Ingram 5, D. Burbridge 6, G. J. N. Colborne (first of Triples as cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: G. J. N. Colborne (cond.) 1, R. E. Stillwell (first quarter "inside") 2, Miss M. A. Wilson 3, M. J. Hiller 4, Miss M. E. Marshall 5, M. G. Ingram 6, C. L. Rowson 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. Carlson, from America, for a six month stay in Reading. All rung for Reading University Society.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, J. L. Cloughton 2, A. W. Fry 3, W. T. Perrins 4, D. Wilson 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. First in the method for all. By local band for Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On March 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Harper (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Hollis 2, A. Howland 3, D. Nichols 4, S. Armeson 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, N. Donovan 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For Morning Eucharist.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On March 6th, at St. Peter's, 1,277 Grandire Caters: G. W. Debenham 1, C. Forster 2, Miss F. Dodds (first in method "inside") 3, Mrs. J. Dodds 4, Mrs. J. S. King 5, B. C. Johnson 6, G. Dodds 7, R. W. Darvill 8, D. J. King (cond.) 9, C. E. Slade 10. For Evensong, and to commemorate the baptism earlier this day of Graham Edward, son of the tenor ringer.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, L. C. Way 3, K. Rider 4, R. M. Damerell 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, D. P. Smith 10. For Nave Evensong.

SPROTBOURGH, YORKS.—On March 6th, 1,250 Spliced Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Lincolnshire: J. Thorley 1, Marguerite Batram 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Scott 4, H. Wagstaff 5, E. Dalington 6, G. Jackson 7, R. E. Price 8.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Litchurch and Kennington): Rev. I. H. Greene 1, D. O. Haalam 2, R. D. Smith 3, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. Osborne 5, G. C. Walder (first quarter) 6.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine T. Wilkins (first of Minor) 1, A. K. Fortin 2, N. J. Cox 3, A. C. Boorman 4, R. J. Snack 5, C. B. Dove (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 3.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mary Oliver (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, J. P. Morris 3, R. Howard 4, N. B. Fovargue 5, W. B. Dawson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8. With best wishes to Richard D. Holland and Mary J. Morris, on the occasion of their marriage at this church. Both members of the local band.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandire): Miss C. Ethernon (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, N. Carter 3, D. D. Smith 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. Rung for Evensong.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on March 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: G. L. Bowen 1, R. W. Repton (first quarter) 2, D. Beacham 3, L. J. Haines (first as cond.) 4, J. J. Stanier 5, D. G. Franklin 6. On the back six, for Matins.

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ENGAGEMENT

ROSS—BAILEY.—The engagement is announced between the Rev. Frederick Ross, senior curate of Hessele Parish Church, and Rosemary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bailey, of Park Avenue, Hessele, East Yorkshire. 8770

GOLDEN WEDDING

AVEY.—The golden wedding took place on Sunday, March 27th, 1966, of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Avey, of 36, Langdon Road, Rayleigh, Essex. Kind regards to all our ringing friends. 8776

DEATHS

KEYS.—Suddenly, on February 25th, 1966, at Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester, Sussex, Mrs. Evelyn May, aged 74 years, the beloved mother of Winifred. 8739

McGUINNESS.—On March 16th, 1966, at the White House Hospital, Boston, Charles McGuiness, the much-loved husband of Hilda, of 9, Linden Way, Boston, passed peacefully away. 8766

PERSONAL

"Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice."—Ephesians iv, 31.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BUTTERWORTH.—From April 2nd, Mr. Derek Butterworth's address will be 307, Milnrow Road, Rochdale, Lancs. 8757

CHAPMAN.—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapman now live at 22, Bowgate, Gosberton, Spalding, Lincs. Tel. Gosberton 386. 8746

COOK.—As from March 25th, 1966, the address of Colin H. Cook, formerly of Merstham, will be 103, Brighton Road, Hooley, Coulsdon, Surrey. Telephone No.: Home. Downland 55422; business, Brixton BR1 9717. 8758

HUNT.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hunt is now 61, Beaufort Avenue, Fareham, Hants. 8740

MARCHANT.—The address of Geoff Marchant is now 120, Cornwall Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. All ringing friends welcome. Tel. SOU 2334 ext. 17 (8.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.). 8765

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BARKING SUFFOLK.—Ringing practices every Monday evening at 7 p.m. commencing on March 28th. All welcome. 8708

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening ringing at Shottesbrooke (6 bells), near Maidenhead, on Saturday, March 26th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague, Branch Sec. 8569

NORTON, HERTS.—Practice meetings first Thursday of every month, 7.30 p.m. Please help keep these bells going.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 8755

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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Saturday, June 11th

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MEETINGS

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, on March 26th. Bells (10) at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne 3. 8774

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8720

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alveston, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to Mr. G. Collings, The Down, Alveston, Bristol, before 22nd.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 8744

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Witley on March 26th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Street, 3, Seymour Road, Godalming. 8728

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whittlebury on March 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Usual arrangements.—W. A. Yates. 8744

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, March 26th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names to Mrs. M. Woodhead, 12, Church Street, Edwinstowe, please. Please note: The proposed District outing will be discussed at this meeting.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 8725

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on March 29th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 29th, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 5th, no practice; April 12th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; April 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral. Reminder: Meeting at Gloucester on May 7th, ringing at Painswick, Gloucester Cathedral and Cheltenham.—J. G. A. Prior. 8748

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Matthew's, Widcombe (6), on April 2nd. Usual arrangements. St. Mark's, Lyncombe, available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. Newman, 205, Wells Way, Bath, by March 31st, please.—Alan F. Lee, Sec. 8767

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Huntspill (6), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, Bridgwater, by previous Wednesday. (Holford 345.) 8749

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Felmersham, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to C. Payne, 4, Council Houses, Felmersham, by Thursday. Phone Bedford 68379. 8772

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Ladbroke on April 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 5. Bishops Itchington after tea. Election of District officials at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Edden, Deppers Bridge, Bishops Itchington, Leamington Spa. 8743

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Hensingham on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5: own arrangements. 8752

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Hannington (5), April 2nd, 3–5 p.m. Tea and evening ringing Blunsden (6). Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 8762

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Ringing after tea at Seale (6). Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Gibbons, Berthorpe Lodge, Puttenham, Guildford, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8741

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Double Bob and Annable's London. 8788

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Datchworth (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Cosy Cafe by booking. Further ringing at Watton-at-Stone (6) from 6 p.m. Essential numbers for tea to P. M. Searles, c/o Y.M.C.A., 15a, Railway Street, Hertford, by Friday, April 1st. 8783

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Frittenden, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8, 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. Baker, 1, Bournier Cottages, Frittenden, near Cranbrook, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8784

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Brasted on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify me by Tuesday, March 29th. Sundridge bells will be available after the meeting.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8705

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, April 2nd. 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. T. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe. 8760

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Aughton (6). Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to K. F. Wilson, 18, Highfield Road, Southport (88806). 8768

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Joint ringing competition and meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, at Rishton. Bells 2.30 p.m. competition 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by results, business meeting and general ringing.—B. A. Tomlinson, P. A. Mason, Branch Secs. 8760

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Annual striking competition will be held at Whetstone (6) on April 2nd at 3 p.m. Service and tea will follow. Meeting after tea, when results will be announced. General ringing after meeting. All visitors most welcome. Will visitors, i.e. non-competitors, please send names for tea to H. Needham, 13, Victoria Road, Whetstone, Leicester, by Wednesday, March 30th.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8699

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby, Leicester, by Wednesday, March 30th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8747

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Winterton-on-Sea, April 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N.C. 8750

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Islip on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea.—F. E. Coales, Twywell. 8763

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD. —Quarterly meeting at Aston, April 2nd. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify by March 31st.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 8780

SALISBURY GUILD. —Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bramham (6), April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8379

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting at Wath-on-Dearne (8). Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—please bring own food.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 8731

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. —Nottingham District.—Evening meeting only at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on April 2nd.—S. Adams. 8775

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. —Nottingham District.—Meeting, Stapleford, April 2nd, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Nottingham (12) 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 8733

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS COUNTRY MEETING

On Saturday, April 2nd, at LEICESTER
All Saints' (8) 11.30–12.45.
Lunch at Co-operative Restaurant at 1 p.m. (price 8s.).
St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.30–3.45.
Cathedral (12) 3.45–5.
Tea and meeting 5–7.
St. Margaret's (12) 7–8.
Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London. S.W. 15, by Saturday, March 26th. 8723

SUFFOLK GUILD. —North West District.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Scotch Tea Rooms, The Avenue. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottages, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Tuesday, March 29th. 8754

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Danehill (6), April 2nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Butcher, The Cottage, Christopher Fields, Danehill, not later than Wednesday, March 30th.—E. L. Hairs, Div. Sec. 8756

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Elland (8), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. and after the tea and business meeting, which will be at 5 p.m. The committee will meet at 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Paul Birkett, 43, Longdale Street, Elland, by March 30th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8756

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Amport (6) on Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing after 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Samways, Waterloo Farm, East Cholderton, Weyhill, Andover, Hants, by March 29th. Ringing after, Abbots Ann. 8779

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) joint with SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.15. Tea (moderate charge) Green Room 5. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before March 31st. Nominations, retiring officers, amendments, for June A.G.M., please.—R. Ducker, L. M. Woodhead. 8563

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Old Warden (6), Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. onwards. Definitely no name, no tea after 6th.—Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Amptill. Tel. 3131. 8761

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. —A.G.M. at Wells, Easter Monday, April 11th. Service, Cathedral, 12 noon. Meeting, Y.M.C.A., Chamberlain Street, 2.15 p.m. Names for lunch (8s. 6d.) and tea (3s. 6d.) essential, with stamped addressed envelope, to G. Salmon, Gen. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells Somerset. 8782

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Bees on Easter Monday, April 11th. Bells available 1 p.m. Egremont bells available 11 a.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Annual general meeting 5.15 p.m. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees, Cumberland, on or before April 6th, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 8777

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Annual general meeting, Bexley, Easter Monday, April 11th, 1966. Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. 6d. each, including a drink; children of resident members under 14 3s. each; obtainable for first 180 applicants on application with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. B. W. May, Keilthston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sitting-

bourne, Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, April 5th. Nomination for Central Council members, 1966–68, signed by proposer and seconder, to reach me not later than first post Thursday, April 7th.—P. A. Corby, Secretary, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 8738

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —The annual general meeting will be held at Newport on Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in St. Woolos' Cathedral at 4 p.m. Bells: All Saints' (8) 1.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Woolos' (12) 2–4 p.m. and after the meeting. Please send names for tea to the undersigned by Monday, April 4th.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 8714

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. —Annual meeting, Saturday, April 16th, at 2.15 p.m. in the Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral. Tea at 4.30 (buffet tea) at Co-op Hall, Queen's Street; to be paid for in advance, 4s. 6d. with stamped addressed envelope for tickets, to D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, April 12th. Association service 6 p.m. at St. Mary de Crypt; address by the Rector, Canon W. R. Houghton. Films "Ringers Required" and "Washington Cathedral" will be screened in the church after the service. Towers open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arnhem, Barnwood, Brockworth, Churchdown, Elmore, Frampton-on-Severn, Longney, Norton, Quedgeley (7th not ringable), Upton, St. Leonard's, Whitminster, Witcombe, and 12.45 to 1.45 p.m. St. Mary de Crypt and Gloucester Cathedral Money for teas to D. Pobjoy, please.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Annual General Meeting at LAVENHAM
Saturday, April 16th, 1966

Full details of 15 towers open and meeting arrangements next week. A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors.—A. T. B. 8781

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. —The annual general meeting and festival will be held at Fordington, Dorchester, May 14th.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8751

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

Preliminary Notice

A RINGING FESTIVAL will be held at Beverley on Saturday, May 21st. Service in the Minster 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later.

Arthur Farrand, Hon. Sec.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands.—T. F. Metcalfe, Sec. 8788

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. —Meeting at Swynnerton on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton, Staffs, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Mideley, Hon. Sec. 8784

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. —Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. Bells 10 a.m. Business meeting in Chapter House 11.45 a.m. prompt. Ringing programme: St. John's (8) 2–3.30 p.m.; Hallow (8) 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Grimley (6) 3–4 p.m.; Ombersley (6) 3.30–4.30 p.m. Claines (10) 3.30–5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6–7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea later.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 8787

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Oxtan, Birkenhead. Details later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8786

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.—On March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Janet King (first quarter) 1, Margaret R. Durrington (first "inside") 2, Diana M. Frost 3, H. B. Whitney 4, J. D. Clapp 5, A. J. Frost (cond.) 6. A farewell to John Clapp, leaving Leighton Buzzard for Oxford.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Cotton 1, F. A. Benn 2, Miss J. Henderson 3, E. E. Dodds 4, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 5, Miss S. Thexton 6. For Evensong.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, H. Bird 2, P. J. England 3, M. Hebden 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. Hebden 6, W. S. Rice 7, S. G. Smith 8.

EALING, MIDD.—At Christ the Saviour's, on March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Walters (first quarter) 1, A. Fulwell 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 5, F. Ranson 6, J. Porter 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For Evensong.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Eisel 1, B. J. Luff 2, J. Warr 3, G. Westwood 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. D. Fellows 6, R. Edwards 7, J. Macefield (first quarter) 8. Rung in memoriam Abraham Greenfield, a ringer at this church for many years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On March 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. G. D. Northway 1, T. Chapman 2, L. D. Smith 3, B. Allinson (first of Cambridge) 4, J. Hartless 5, D. C. Jackson (first as cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Forder.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjorie Yarnold (first quarter first attempt) 1, T. Wylie 2, F. Adams 3, J. Arkwell 4, M. Phipps 5, E. Mould (cond.) 6. In thanksgiving for the birth on March 3rd of Roy Arthur Stedman Mould, son of the conductor and Christine Mould.

FORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's): F. J. Bailey 1, L. J. Malings 2, C. F. Cook 3, R. S. Price 4, M. H. Williams (cond.) 5, B. A. Williams 6. A compliment to David J. Llewellyn and Penelope J. Welch, married in Llandaff Cathedral on March 1st.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Chambers 1, C. Curtis 2, F. Hunt 3, D. Alderton 4, D. Howe 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam S. H. Symonds, of Lavenham, who was associated with this company.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On March 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Denton 1, D. Ley 2, P. Daniel 3, R. Gay 4, J. Queen (cond.) 5, W. Taylor 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Confirmation.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. A. Tandy 1, Susan J. Webber 2, T. Felicity Webber 3, P. W. Gay 4, A. P. White (first in more than one method as cond.) 5, W. Watkin 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Elliston 1, Sally Holland 2, G. Avent 3, S. Laud 4, R. G. Smith 5, R. D. Bell 6, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 7, W. G. Paul 8.

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