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RECORD-BREAKING BATH

FIGURATIVELY speaking, a roseate hue seemed to spread itself over the many and varied activities of the Central Council at Bath this Whitsun. The first visit to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in 75 years seems almost incredible when the richness of Somerset in towers and mellow bells is remembered. There seemed to be pent-up in the warmth of the welcome and hospitality 75 years of goodwill. No wonder the Council of 1965 will go down to posterity as a record-breaking gathering. The attendance of 158 members at the Council meeting eclipsed last year's figure of 140; peal ringing was fantastically successful with 13 scored out of 14 attempted by Tuesday; and where in the country could the final social gathering be held against such an historic background—a hall overlooking a Roman bath with its turgid brown water!

The happiness of this gathering, blessed by the sunniest week-end of this year, was no haphazard achievement but the outcome of careful planning. The Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, who lives some 70 miles from Bath, had three trusty lieutenants to share in detailed arrangements. They were Mr. Gwilym Salmon, the general secretary, who lives at Wells; Mr. Eric Naylor, who started ringing at Rainham, Kent, in 1944, and has lived at Bath since 1951 and upon whose shoulders fell the on-the-spot arrangements at Bath; and finally Mr. J. Gilbert, who dealt with peals and towers. We should like to reiterate the thanks expressed to them publicly at the meeting.

But 1966 will be remembered as the end of an epoch. For 14 years Mr. Edwin A. Barnett has been secretary to the Council: now he is no longer in office. He inherited from Mr. G. W. Fletcher a model set-up of procedure which he has adhered to. Within this period there has been a mellowing of outlook. The Council seems to have departed from a "Thou shalt not" attitude to ringing generally, with due regard to basic principles, and recognises to the full that Guilds and Associations are masters of their own affairs. This was to be seen in a motion before the Council of endeavouring to have a uniform non-resident life membership subscription. The idea was completely out of favour. There has been no irritating bureaucracy emanating from the Council during Mr. Barnett's regime and absence of that sharpness in debate that rankles

and pierces beneath the skin. Apart from his trained approach to secretarial duties, Mr. Barnett has served as a watchdog of the Exercise, never hesitating to write to improve public relations. The three years' freedom from office are richly deserved, and there is no question that at the end of the new triennial period, when a change in leadership occurs, his name will not be passed over lightly.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bottomley received a hearty welcome when they mounted the platform to act as observers to the role they have been elected to play for the next three years. We think it is to the advantage of the Exercise that a major office of the Council should be held in the North of England. Yorkshire and Lancashire have worthily shared in the big advance in ringing during the last three or four years. We admire the courageous way they are endeavouring to stimulate interest by the creation of the Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, thus bringing about a unity and friendship towards the parent body. There is talent in the North that could well be employed on a national level. The present generation might well produce some Jasper Snowdons to give a lead to the present age.

Overseas activities were given due prominence at Bath in two ways. Mr. F. T. Blagrove, who has recently returned from Salisbury, gave a survey of ringing conditions today in Africa, and secondly there was the presentation to the Council of a very handsome book entitled "Australia, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Inside is inscribed:

"Presented to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers by St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, Melbourne, Australia, as a token of our appreciation for the visit of a team of English bell ringers during September, 1965, on the tour known as Great Adventure II. May the friendship and enthusiasm created by this visit endure, and may the future bring many more Great Adventures to us both."

The gift was handed to the president by Mr. T. J. Lock. It was indeed a pleasure to hear Canon Thurlow congratulate Mr. Lock on the success of Great Adventure II and listen to the applause of the Council. Another overseas incident was the ringing of a peal at Crewkerne by members of the Australia and New Zealand Association of Bellringers. Change-ringing has now a chain of friendship encircling the world.

The meeting was a long one, necessitating an evening session. The main topic was "The Ringing World." This will be reported upon in full in our next issue, which will be one of 24 pages.

The Central Council Bathed in Sunshine at Bath

FIRST VISIT TO BATH AND WELLS IN 75 YEARS — RINGING AND BEER — BIGGEST EVER ATTENDANCE — CANON THURLOW RE-ELECTED FOR FINAL PERIOD — MR. VERNON BOTTOMLEY WELCOMED INTO OFFICE — TANGIBLE APPRECIATION OF MR. AND MRS. BARNETT'S WORK

THE happiest memories will be associated with Bath in the annals of the Central Council, where the 69th annual meeting was held on Whit Tuesday. A smiling Somerset countryside greeted the members as they toured a county rich in towers on the Sunday and Monday.

Proceedings on the Tuesday started with Holy Communion at Bath Abbey, which was largely attended. Bishop E. J. Wilson, Assistant Bishop, was the celebrant and he was assisted by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Preb. Geoffrey Lester, Rector of Bath Abbey, and the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

The business meeting was held in the Pump Rooms. The Mayor (Ald. R. Purdie) gave an official welcome, and the Assistant Bishop and the Master spoke respectively on behalf of the Diocese and the Bath and Wells Association. On the platform Canon Thurlow presided and with him were the vice-president (Mr. J. Freeman), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. A. Barnett), the assistant hon. secretary (Mrs. Barnett) and the hon. librarian (Mr. F. E. Perrins).

The president said it was a great privilege to meet in this ancient city, which was not quite so old as "The Ringing World" implied.

The Mayor (Ald. R. Purdie) said he had come along that morning to bring them the greetings of the City of Bath, which was part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Its ringing society was some 75 years old, which he understood was the same age as their Association. In those 75 years that was the first occasion the Central Council had been to Bath. That morning they saw Bath in all its golden glory in the midst of a smiling Somerset.

RINGING AND THE COMMUNITY

The Mayor said he believed that in some countries they overdid this bell ringing business, particularly in the Mediterranean, where life was intolerable; sometimes in this country it occurred with the continuous solitary note of a bell. As far as the ringing of bells was concerned there was something uplifting when the bells spoke and when those bells identified themselves with the life of the community. He thought that if their ringing was identified with the life of the community it would help them in their aims. He thanked the Council and the ringers of the Bath and Wells Association for their service to the community and hoped that it would not be another 75 years before they came to Bath again.

Bishop E. J. Wilson, the Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells, in giving the greetings of the Lord Bishop, said he thought they could gather from his address at Wells on Easter Monday of the affection and pride with which he held bells. He also welcomed them in the name of the incumbents of the diocese, which extended to the whole length of the county of Somerset, and, as they knew, Somerset was richly endowed with splendid towers, as was Norfolk, the county of their president.

The Bishop said he was pleased to see from "The Ringing World" the large number of towers in Somerset in which they had done their job and it must have cheered the hearts of many to hear the bells.

RINGING AND BEER

In his lifetime there had been a considerable change in their belfries. As a small boy he seemed to remember the close association between bell ringers and beer, and at times there was beer in the belfries. But now they had their sisters, aunts and nieces in their belfries and that had been a



CANON GILBERT THURLOW
Elected for his final three years
as President.

very real step forward, with ladies now occupying prominent places in the fellowship and sorority of the ringing world.

"Having been abroad for the best part of 20 years, when I returned 10 years ago what struck me was that bell ringing had become a youth movement, particularly in Somerset, and it is very encouraging to see the large number of boys and girls in the towers of the diocese." Their work and craft seemed twofold—to remind people of the claims of God and worship in the community life and their responsibility for furthering fellowship in the Church. It was when one read their journal one realised the responsibility ringers had for furthering the fellowship of the Church. This was seen by the welcome they gave to visitors and the concern they showed in young people, which was a good piece of social service.

BIRTHDAY GATHERING

A welcome on behalf of the Bath and Wells Association was voiced by the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, who said he would like to make it clear that the connection between ringing and beer had not ceased, except that it was not in the belfries—but ringing was still thirsty work.

Mr. Smallwood expressed surprise that the Council had never been to Somerset, particularly as they had one of the giants of the Exercise in the late Mr. Joe Dyke. That very day was his birthday, as they were born on May 31st, 1890. In connection with the Council's visit he would like to thank Messrs G. Salmon, Eric Naylor and John Gilbert for their work in making the arrangements. He wished them a successful meeting and hoped it would not be another 75 years before they came again.

ATTENDANCE ROLL

LIFE MEMBERS

Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, W. W. Perrins, F. Sharpe and J. F. Smallwood.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. Betjeman, F. E. Collins, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, H. N. Pittow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. W. T. Cook 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, G. Salmon and H. J. Sanger.
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Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.
Chester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. W. Griffiths and J. Worth.
Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.
Derbyshire Association.—Messrs. D. R. Carlisle, G. A. Halls and M. P. Phipps.
Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.
Dudley & Dist. Guild.—Mr. M. J. Fellows.
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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor and C. A. Wratten.
Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.
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Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. G. T. Cousins, C. A. Lewis and A. T. Wingate.
Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell and G. Dodds.
Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes.
Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner and I. H. Oram.
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Lancashire Association.—Messrs. A. Capstick, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington and F. Reynolds.
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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.—Messrs. A. D. Barker, H. W. Rogers, W. G. Wilson and Mrs. H. W. Rogers.
Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock and Miss R. M. Foreman.
Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.
National Police Guild.—Mr. N. S. Bagworth.
North Staffordshire Association.—Messrs. R. S. Anderson and C. S. Ryves.
North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.
Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden and N. V. Harding.
Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butle, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price and P. Walker.
Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin and D. J. Roaf.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. H. Bluff and J. Linwell.
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth and G. F. Fearn.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris and Rev. R. Keeley.

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

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman and D. E. Sibson.

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

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Mr. W. L. Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. — Messrs M. W. Fairey, B. G. Key and C. M. Smith.

Suffolk Guild. — Messrs. H. W. Egglestone C. W. Pipe and Miss A. E. J. Lester.

Surrey Association. — Messrs. A. P. Cannon, W. Parrott and W. Streeter.

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

Swansea and Brecon 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.

University of London Society. — Mr. A. J. Frost.

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

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Messrs. B. Austin, honorary member; H. O. Baker, Chester D.G.; E. Billings, Peterborough D.G.; F. Bogan, Irish A.; Miss J. A. V. Caligari, Hereford D.G.; Messrs. P. I. Chapman, Peterborough D.G.; J. D. Clarke, Southwell D.G.; J. T. Dunwoody, Irish A.; J. P. Fidler, hon. mem.; G. W. Fletcher, life mem.; Mrs. C. C. Marshall, hon. mem.; Group Capt. J. S. Mason, A.S.C.Y.; Messrs. A. J. Pitman, hon. mem.; T. H. Radford, East Derbyshire and Notts A.; R. R. Savory, Winchester and Portsmouth D.G.; Miss H. G. Snowden, Essex A.; Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, hon. mem.; Messrs. L. Stilwell, hon. mem.; G. Tembey, Cumberland and North Westmorland A.; C. G. J. Watts, A.S.C.Y.; F. A. White, hon. mem.; E. Willcox, Shropshire A.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were introduced to the president: Messrs. J. W. Griffiths (Chester D.G.), D. R. Carlisle (Derbyshire A.), M. J. Fellows (Dudley and D.S.), B. E. Jeffrey (East Grinstead and D.G.), Dr. J. Armstrong (Essex A.), J. R. Taylor (Gloucester and Bristol A.), C. A. Lewis (Hereford D.G.), B. M. Barker (Hertford C.A.), S. Jenner (Kent C.A.), A. J. Frost (London U.A.), A. Capstick and F. Reynolds (Lancs A.), Miss R. M. Foreman (Middlesex A.), C. S. Ryles (N. Staffs A.), P. M. Adcock (Norwich D.A.), N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker (Oxford D.G.), J. H. Bluff and J. Linwell (Peterborough D.G.), J. A. Ainsworth (St. Martin's Guild), Rev. R. Keeley (Salisbury D.G.), K. Newman (R. Cumberland Y.), M. W. Fairey and C. M. Smith (Stafford Archdeaconry S.), H. W. Egglestone (Suffolk G.), W. Streeter (Surrey A.), E. Hudson (Yorkshire).

Newly presented. — A. D. Barker (London C.A.), G. W. Critchley (Middlesex C.A.), N. S. Bagworth (National Police G.), A. P. Cannon (Surrey A.).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS



MR. VERNON BOTTOMLEY
the new hon. secretary and treasurer.

THE PRESIDENT

The hon. secretary reported that there was only one nomination for the office of president for 1966-69, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. N. Golden. He declared Canon Thurlow elected as their president.

Canon Thurlow said he was exceedingly grateful to his proposer and seconder and the Council, who in their wisdom had not proposed and seconded someone else. "I had better repeat, as I said at great length when I was elected, that I shall not be standing in 1969 because of the unwritten rule which we arrived at."

THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. John Freeman, who was proposed by Mr. Walter Ayre and seconded by Mr. J. Bray, was elected vice-president. There was no other nomination. Mr. Freeman thanked the Council.

NEW HON. SECRETARY

The president said, as they would see, Mr. Barnett retired and was not seeking re-election. The exceedingly important matter of electing a new hon. secretary and treasurer had been given a great deal of consideration, and after much care the name of Mr. Vernon Bottomley was put forward. No other proposal was submitted. Mr. Bottomley was proposed by him (the president) and seconded by Mr. Freeman, and it gave him the greatest possible pleasure and relief in announcing that from the end and clearing up of that meeting Mr. Vernon Bottomley would be the new secretary and treasurer of the Council.

The election was greeted with applause and Mr. Bottomley thanked the Council.

The president said it would be quite impossible to let the Barnetts go without saying something all too brief and all too inadequate, to voice their feelings as to what they had done in their official capacities. He was not going to make a long speech because he felt it would be improper and also because one assumed everyone read "The Ringing World" and they had read some sincere and warm-hearted tributes. Perhaps it would be best if he expressed on his own behalf and theirs how very warm was the regard in which they held them. No question had ever been too foolish not to get a good answer.

TANGIBLE RECOGNITION

Even secretaries did not know everything. "We thought we ought to do something of tangible recognition to appeal to your hearts and other portions of your anatomy. Teddy once promised to share his worldly goods with Olive. I think if Olive accepts this handsome handbag and looks inside it, there will be something to share and hand to Teddy."

The president then handed the bag to Mrs. Barnett, who opened it, looked inside, and handed an envelope to Mr. Barnett. The retiring secretary, when he looked at the cheque, visibly expressed pleasurable surprise. Mrs. Barnett looked equally surprised and very pleased, while delight in the ceremony was expressed by the warm applause of the Council.

Mr. Barnett, in reply, said it was difficult to find words, adequately to express their gratitude. "May I thank you all for the very kind gift to my wife and the generosity you have shown towards me. I would also like to thank those who have been kind enough to express appreciation in 'The Ringing World' of our efforts over the past 14 years."

"Firstly, I should like to say it was a very great privilege to have been secretary of the Council. We hope to be of service to the Council and the Exercise in the future but we would like a period to taste our liberty before we again become your servants."

"During the period of office we have got to know very many members of the Exercise, which we count as a privilege. For the future it is less likely that we shall make so many acquaintances; there are, however, a number of people here who we are meeting for the first time."

"Lastly, may I wish all the very best to Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley in the years that lie before them, I am quite sure they will do a splendid job for the Exercise; I know they will have your support."

Mrs. Barnett also thanked the Council and said she had enjoyed knowing people and receiving their friendship. They would now be able to get rid of a monstrosity in the form of a large steel cabinet which had taken up a corner of their dining room. She felt that the room would have to be redecorated.

Mr. F. W. Perrens was re-elected hon. librarian, having been proposed by Mrs. D. E. Colegate and seconded by Mrs. Staniforth. He promised to do his best for the next three years.

ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS

The president announced that Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mrs. Marshall were not seeking re-election. Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis were open for re-election and he suggested that three of the four vacancies be filled, leaving one in case of emergencies.

Th retiring members were then re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. New members elected were Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley, proposed by Mr. Eric Critchley and seconded by Mrs. Barnett; Mr. Frank Haines, proposed by Mr. D. Hughes and seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins; Mr. J. Garner-Hayward, proposed by Mrs. F. E. Perrins and seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow and Mr. Douglas Hughes were re-elected hon. auditors, proposed by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Tributes to Faithful Servants

The Council stood while the following members and past members, whose deaths had been reported since Whitsun, 1965, were reported:—

Canon J. D. Pearson (died October, 1963), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Southeard, E. C. Gobey, J. T. Dyke, C. Harrison, T. Metcalfe, A. Paddon Smith, P. Crook, S. H. Symonds, G. L. Hewitt and D. H. Bennett. Mr. F. W. Perrens, in a tribute to Mrs. Fletcher, said he had known her for the past 50 years and said if she had been associated with the same tower as he was in his early ringing days she would have been debarred from entering. Such was the opinion of many of the clergy and ringers in those days that they thought the tower of a church was not the place for ladies. Fortunately Mrs. Fletcher was not debarred from the tower and in a very short time she became a very competent ringer on all numbers of bells, both tower- and handbells. She was also a very capable conductor.

Mrs. Fletcher came on the Council in 1915 as the representative of the Ladies' Guild. She did a tremendous amount of committee work and, as they knew, her husband was secretary of the Council for 21 years and they could well imagine the amount of work that involved. "With the passing of Mrs. Fletcher this Council loses a most devoted worker and many of us lose a very sincere friend."

Another tribute to Mrs. Fletcher came from Mrs. J. King, the president of the Ladies' Guild, who said that in 1912, when only 20 years of age, Mrs. Fletcher formed the Ladies' Guild. She was a brilliant ringer and conductor and was treated as an equal by men, but she wanted equality for all lady ringers and for their voice to be heard in ringing affairs.

And so the Ladies' Guild came to be formed and wonderfully organised by her. She was at times both its president and secretary and maintained a burning interest in its affairs throughout some 53 years. "Her death last September was a very sad blow to the Guild, but it made us think of the wonderful example her life can be to us all."

Mr. C. W. Pipe, in a reference to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds, who was captain at Lavenham, said he was a very kindly man and was famous for Stedman.

Mr. D. Burnett, in a tribute to Mr. W. H. Southeard, said he was the first member of the Truro Guild to be a member of the Central Council. He took a great interest in the Cathedral and was warden for many years. "We have lost a wonderful worker for ringing in the diocese."

Mr. J. F. Smallwood spoke of his memories of Mr. Joseph Dyke. He described him as a man of few words but a man of action, and everybody who knew him formed a high opinion of his style at the end of a rope. He was well loved in these parts and while secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association got round the county and enthused youth. "A great man and we all loved him."

Mr. P. L. Taylor spoke with gratitude of Mr. Colin Harrison, who taught him much about ringing. For nearly 40 years he was with them at Loughborough.

Mr. Cyril Crosswaite, who had known Mr. Peter Crook for 30 of his 80 years, said he thought it was true to say that his whole life was devoted to ringing, and the last peal he took part in and conducted was to celebrate his 60 years of ringing.

Mr. G. E. Fearn paid tribute to a predecessor of his as secretary of the St. Martin's Guild—Mr. A. Paddon Smith, who for 20 years was their highly respected hon. secretary. His good influence would last for many years to come, he said.

Mr. E. Hudson referred to Mr. Tom Metcalfe, who was for 40 years the kingpin of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

Central Council's Progress in Past Fourteen Years

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR the first time for many years there has been a reduction in representative membership, both the Shropshire Association and the Suffolk having dropped one member. Against this, the Stafford Archdeaconry Society has added one.

Numerous inquiries about the Barron Bell Trust and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award continued to be made. Most of the latter were in connection with the question of assessment, in which I could in general only repeat advice given in the "Handbook of Pursuits" issued by the Award office, which I would recommend those interested to obtain.

During the year Mrs. Winifred Turner kindly assigned to the Council the copyright of J. A. Trollope's "London Ringers and Ringing," which she presented to the library some years ago after the death of her husband, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner. I am most grateful to Mrs. Turner for this gesture and to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for arranging the legal formalities. Mr. Cartwright also gave valuable advice on the form of agreement for hire of the Washington Cathedral film.

LEFT THE COUNCIL

The following have now ceased to be members of the Council and we offer our thanks to them for their past services: J. P. Fidler (1951-66) and Mrs. C. C. Marshall (1945-66), hon. members; J. W. Clarke (1947-65), Miss A. D. Edwards (1963-65), J. Scott (1963-65), Chester; H. J. Shuck (1964-65), Dudley and Dist.; P. J. Eves (1960-65), Essex; R. J. Hooper (1960-65), Gloucester and Bristol; P. Morgan (1963-65), J. J. Webb (1951-65), Hereford; G. W. Critchley (1957-65), Hertford; Mrs. F. E. Dukes (1962-65), Irish; J. R. Cooper (1957-65), Kent; J. E. Burles (1963-65), R. Leigh (1963-65), Lancashire; C. W. Ottley (1963-65), London County; F. W. Goodfellow (1950-65), J. R. Mayne (1957-65), Middlesex; E. H. Edge (1960-65), North Staffs; Mrs. A. D. Barker (1961-65), D. J. Smith (1960-65), Oxford Dio.; Miss S. R. Collins (1963-65), Peterborough; F. E. Haynes (1950-65), St. Martin's, Birmingham; W. C. West (1945-65), Salisbury; R. B. Morris (1963-65), R. Newton (1960-65), Shropshire; F. E. Hawthorne (1950-65), S.R.C.Y.; B. M. Buswell (1956-65), D. H. Rooke (1960-65), Southwell; J. W. Blythe (1957-65), L. G. Brett (1957-65), Suffolk; G. W. Hughes (1957-65), Stafford Archdeaconry; Dr. D. N. Layton (1956-65), University of London; G. Benfield (1957-65), Yorkshire.

To end this, my last report, on a personal note, there are a number of people I would like to thank: First and foremost my wife, without whose help, encouragement and, when necessary, prodding me into activity, I could never have carried out the job; secondly, Mr. W. G. Wilson, who undertook in 1952 to see that the meeting papers were typed and duplicated and, with the active help of Miss C. L. Groves, has done so ever since, thereby saving the Council considerable expense and myself much anxiety; thirdly, Mr. J. F. Smallwood for his confidence in nominating me as your secretary, and Mr. F. E. Haynes for seconding in the absence of the late Mr. Albert Walker. Lastly, a whole host of people who have helped in many ways—making arrangements for Council meetings, assembling these papers, discussions over lunches and assistance on meeting days are some which come to mind, and of course I must not forget those actively concerned with the work of the Council and with "The Ringing World."

PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS

Perhaps I may be allowed a few personal impressions. I hope it would not be presumptuous to say that the Council has gone forwards rather than backwards during the past 14 years, though I would certainly not claim the credit for all this. There does, however, seem to be much less general criticism but this is not to say there is no room for improvement. I have always been very much a traditionalist and in its constitution and procedure the Council is little different now from what it

became when my predecessor introduced a much more businesslike approach on taking office 35 years ago. A new look at some of its ways is probably overdue. I did at one time feel that it was too big, but came round later to the view that, within reason, the more people who can feel they have a part to play in its affairs, the better both for the Council and the Exercise generally.

This could come about in another way—the greatly increased turnover of membership in recent years. Of the present Council only 37 of the 164 representative members were members when I took office. In some ways this is all to the good; nevertheless there are merits in continuity but it is no doubt difficult to achieve a satisfactory balance.

One other noticeable change has been the marked aversion during the past ten years or so to rational discussion of matters concerning basic principles of change ringing. This is probably a reaction to the disproportionate amount of time which, both between the wars and for some years afterwards, the Council devoted to such matters, but I feel that the pendulum has now gone too far in the opposite direction. This was very noticeable at the 1964 meeting at Truro, when two motions put forward by representatives of the Durham and Newcastle Association were not, in my view, treated seriously and the Council was guilty of gross discourtesy to those concerned.

GREAT DEMAND FOR PUBLICATIONS

Against this there has, however, been a much greater appreciation of the Council's responsibilities for the welfare of the Exercise generally. The activities of the Sunday Service and Education Committee leading to the now well-established system of day- and week-end courses are a notable example. I confess to being doubtful at the outset of the value of this committee but am glad to have been proved wrong. Then, as is well known, sales or publications have increased enormously; in all, some 5,918 copies last year compared with 1,271 in 1952. The Beginners' Handbook of which almost 20,000 copies have been sold since it first appeared in 1959 is, of course, the best seller we have ever had. That there is at the present time a greater demand for publications on ringing than ever before is clear from the interest shown by commercial publishers recently, an interest from which both they and the Exercise have profited. My greatest regret is that no adequate history of change ringing exists. A sub-committee formed in 1957 to consider whether the compilation of such a history could be undertaken by the Council unfortunately did not recommend this. I think this was a wrong decision, but as the original idea was mine no doubt I am prejudiced!

From a financial point of view the Council has in effect become a small business, a far cry from 1931, when total receipts were £55, profit on publications £2, and the accounts were audited on the morning of the meeting. The capital account now shows a balance of some £10,500 compared with £1,877 when I became treasurer. Again I do not claim the credit for this except for having tried to encourage the issue of as many publications as possible, and the investment of as much of "The Ringing World's" money as could be spared—a suggestion which incidentally came from Mr. F. E. Dukes at the 1953 meeting and which met with some opposition in the early years. The Council is fortunate in that my successor will take a keen interest in its financial affairs. May I conclude by wishing him as happy a term of office as I have had. (Signed) E. A. BARNETT.

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed and Mr. W. Ayre seconded the adoption.

Mr. A. V. Davis took exception to the opinion expressed by the hon. secretary that at Truro two notices of motion put forward by representatives of the Durham and Newcastle Association were not treated seriously and the Council was guilty of gross discourtesy to those concerned. He thought it

would be better expressed as with some levity but not gross discourtesy.

The report was then adopted, the president thanking Mr. Barnett for the painstaking way he had compiled the report.

THE MINUTES

The minutes as published in "The Ringing World" of March 25th were adopted on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrins.

(To be continued)

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The University of London Society's 22nd annual general meeting was held at St. Olave's Hall, London, on May 14th. The meeting was preceded by ringing at St. George's-in-the-East, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, where the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Maurice Dean. After a sumptuous tea prepared by the ladies of the Society, the business meeting took place with the president, Mr. David Martin, in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes and correspondence, five new members were elected and welcomed by the president. In his report the Master, Mr. Roger Powell, mentioned the generally poor standard of turn-out on Sunday evenings. He referred also to the good ringing at St. Vedast's on Sunday mornings and reported that during the year 14 peals had been rung, including n-spliced Surprise Minor, Yorkshire Royal and Stedman Caters. The secretary-treasurer, Mr. Robert Dennis, reported the success of the annual dinner and of the annual tour, mentioning that the Society is now well installed in the "Tiger," and that four members had become engaged. He further reported a profit of £20 over the year, but anticipated heavier expenses during the coming one.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, the Master thanking each one in turn for the work he had done for the Society during the past year, and Dr. Denis Layton for his work in one capacity or another over the past 20 years. Dr. Layton was retiring as vice-president. The officers for 1966-67 are as follows: President, David J. R. Martin (King's); vice-presidents, Philip Gray, Alan Thirst; Master, Timothy G. Pett (U.C.); secretary, David L. Cawley (King's); treasurer, John Pladdys (King's); Central Council representative, Alan Frost; auditor, Peter Layton; committee, Robert Dennis, Roger Powell, Chris Starbuck.

After discussion of matters of lesser importance, the chairman closed the meeting at 7.40.

Diary dates: General meeting: October 15th, 1966; annual dinner, February 11th, 1967; annual general meeting, May 6th, 1967.

Would members please note that all correspondence should be addressed to the secretary, David Cawley, King's College Hostel, Vincent Square, S.W.1. D.L.C.

Membership Drive During Coming Year

THE 81st annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Southover, Lewes, on May 14th. Ringing arrangements were made by the Southern Division Committee.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the formation of a robed choir of 25 ringers (12 men, 12 ladies and one boy) drawn from various churches in the county. A short choir practice, taken by the choirmaster, was held before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. S. Hurd) assisted by two ringing clergy, the Rev. I. Paton (Danehill) and the Rev. P. L. Scott (Withyham).

Approximately 175 ringers and friends sat down to tea, an increase of over ten on the previous year, in the Church Hall, arranged and catered for by the committee of the Southern Division under the expert guidance of the Elphicks. The meeting was honoured by the presence of the Mayor of Lewes, Councillor A. C. Barber, and the Mayoress, who were welcomed by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Master of the Association, who welcomed the Vicars of Southover, Danehill, Withyham and Isfield. Messrs. Pat Cannon and Davis from Surrey and colleagues of the East Grinstead and District Guild. Among the apologies was one from Len Stilwell, who unfortunately had some business to attend to at Windsor and was missing his first annual general meeting for some years with much regret.

The chairman asked those present to stand in silence as a token of respect for those who had passed on during the year—Mr. George Apps, secretary of Cuckfield for 25 years, and Mr. G. J. Killick, of Ditchling, a member for many years.

The minutes of the 80th annual general meeting were read by the general secretary; the Divisional reports, already accepted by the various Divisions, were accepted en bloc.

The treasurer (Mr. W. Leslie Weller), in his report, mentioned an increase in subscriptions of £17, the payment of two years' "Ringing World" charges, a grant of £25 to Billingshurst and a profit for 1965 of approximately £40. Next year the affiliation fee will disappear (this was £70 for 1965), therefore every effort must be made to increase the present membership, which had fallen from 787 in 1964 to 588 in 1965.

The secretary, in his report, asked all ringing members to make a special effort to bring back the members of towers who, at the moment, did not support the Association. Membership must be increased if the report was to be kept at the present standard.

It was agreed that the treasurer should look into the position of investments in War Stock with a view to transferring to Unit Trust.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nine new members and three non-resident members were elected. Mr. A. E. Laker, of Balcombe, was elected an honorary life mem-

ber in recognition of his many years of service to the Association.

The president, the Bishop of Chichester, and all the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, as were the Master, general secretary, peal secretary, treasurer, auditors and trustees.

The following Central Council members, elected by their Divisions, were ratified: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, V. Sheppard and W. Leslie Weller.

The following recommendations from the General Committee were agreed by the meeting:—

Peal fees to be sent to the hon. peal secretary by the conductor of the peal and not to the treasurer.

A general committee meeting will be held on the last Saturday in October and the first Saturday in March every year.

The draft "Form of Service" be sent to the Bishop for approval.

It was agreed to hold an Association dinner during 1967, to be arranged by the general committee.

It was suggested that a week-end ringing course be arranged at Lodge Hall, near Pulborough, by a committee headed by Mr. G. Francis and Mr. W. Leslie Weller.

Mrs. R. J. Osborn inquired whether a microphone could be used at future annual general meetings as owing to the increase in attendance it was difficult to hear what was going on.

Mr. George Francis mentioned that the motions before the Central Council could have far-reaching effects on the Association and members should be given some idea of how to vote.

Mr. George Pullinger suggested that they should leave any decisions to the good counsels of members to weigh up the various points of views raised and vote to the best advantage of the Association.


The chairman mentioned that the collection at the service was £8 8s. 3d., and would be given to the Sussex Churches Campaign.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Liverpool University Society, held on May 7th, the following officers were elected for the session 1966-67: Master, David F. Moore; secretary, F. David Keast, 1, Glentworth Terrace, Lostwithiel, Cornwall; treasurer, V. David Jenner; committee member, Miss Julie Lethbridge.

It was decided to hold next year's annual tour between April 9th-15th. A reunion week-end for non-resident members, during which the annual general meeting will be held, is planned for the first week-end in May next year. This year's tour will be in Warwickshire from September 15th-20th (approx.), while the 1967 dinner will be on February 25th. P. A. F.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on May 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Weal 1, J. H. Payton 2, Miss C. White 3, Miss D. M. Street 4, H. J. Russell 5, T. J. Wellen 6, F. Housden 7, Miss E. A. Stevinson 8, D. Tubbs 9, M. D. Fuller 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

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Letters

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. A. R. PEAKE'S BAND

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer heartiest congratulations to Mr. Anthony R. Peake and his band on their fine performance in ringing the record peal in 64 Spliced Surprise Major. I have followed with great interest their progress as they made their way through the various compositions of mine, finally equalling and now surpassing the record of 53 methods which was established in June, 1955, by my band of the Yorkshire Association. I know from personal experience the long hours of study which a performance of this nature involves.

I am pleased, too, to include the name of Mr. John R. Mayne inasmuch that he, too, has conducted the peal in 53 methods. Perhaps the new record of 64 methods might not stand for almost 11 years this time.

—Yours sincerely,
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Doncaster.

Dear Sir,—May I, as one who has been privileged to ring in some of their more modest peals of Spliced Surprise Major, congratulate Anthony R. Peake and his band on their record achievement at Stratton on May 21st. I am sure the band would be first to say that it was primarily to Tony's initiative and leadership that such an attempt was possible.

A special feature of this record is that, apart from peal attempts, the band does not normally ring together. It speaks very highly therefore of the way each member did his homework!—Yours sincerely,

ROGER KEELEY.
Marlborough, Wilts.

MINIMUS IN AFRICA

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to see the quarter peal, published recently, from Que Que, Rhodesia; congratulations to the band of ringers.

For the record, a 1,272 of Bob Minimus was rung at Cape Town on May 10th, 1960, and appeared in "The Ringing World" in October that year. It was rung in despair at meeting short, knowing full well that four other ringers were playing cards in the Rectory next door! But even Minimus failed to move them.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.
Brighton.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD PRESIDENT RETIRES

The 1966 annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held in the Daventry Branch on May 21st, 12 towers being open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The Guild service was held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, and the retiring president, Canon G. F. Turner, was the preacher.

After an excellent tea, the annual business meeting took place in the Abbey Buildings, Daventry, with the president in the chair. Canon Turner began by welcoming the many visitors and then the company stood in silence for a few moments in memory of those Guild members who had died during the past year. The secretary (Mr. E. Billings) stated that already this year the finances of the Guild were in a stronger position than last year, mainly due to the tower affiliation scheme and the peal levy.

When the 1965 annual report was adopted it was decided to withdraw from the Guild's records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Oakham in January, 1965, as the ringer of the second was not a paid-up member of the Guild.

Canon G. F. Turner resigned from the presidency of the Guild and the Rev. Ernest G. Orland was elected to this office. The other Guild officials, Mr. E. Billings (secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. H. Bluff (Master) and Mr. G. F. Roome (auditor), were all re-elected.

The summer festival was arranged for September 3rd at Bozeat, the annual dinner for October 22nd at Northampton, and next year's annual general meeting for May 6th at Rothwell.

The retiring president (Canon G. F. Turner) and Mr. Patrick I. Chapman (a former Master) were elected life honorary members of the Guild. Representatives of eight Branches spoke in appreciation of Canon Turner's good work for the Guild during his nine years in office, and the Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) spoke of Mr. Chapman's work as Master and in connection with the restoration and augmentation of Daventry bells.

On behalf of the Guild, Mr. Roger W. Smith presented a well-filled wallet to Canon Turner as a token of the Guild's appreciation of all his effort and work, and a young lady member of the Guild (Miss Katharine M. Thorley) presented a bouquet to Canon Turner for Mrs. Turner. Canon Turner expressed his deep regret at having to retire because of the increased pressure of work.

There followed a general discussion on the three motions on the agenda at this year's Central Council meeting and all those who spoke were against all the three.

The meeting ended with an omnibus vote of thanks, which was proposed by Mr. R. H. Daw and seconded by Mr. E. C. Buckby.

HANDBOOK, 1956

Dear Sir,—A printed leaflet indicating the additions and amendments that have been made to the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council since the publication of this Handbook has been prepared and, for the benefit of those who already have a copy, is now available from the undersigned on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. PERRENS.

68, Warwick Avenue,
Coventry.

YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES' RINGING FESTIVAL

The second annual ringing festival of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies was held in the area covered by the Beverley and District Society. Towers available were: Walkington, Pocklington, Hessle, Kirk Ella, Beverley Minster, Sutton-on-Hull, St. Mary's, Beverley, Cottingham and Market Weighton.

The service in the Minster was attended by approximately 200 ringers and friends and the Mayor and Mayoress of Beverley (Mr. and Mrs. T. Leak). The Rev. M. P. Hiron preached and the order of service was that of the Beverley and District Society.

During the singing of the 150th Psalm four of the Beverley and District members rang a handbell touch, and the collection was divided between the Minster's cost for the service and the appeal for Christian Aid Week.

Tea was served in the Memorial Hall and 150 sat down to an excellent meal, and afterwards Mr. Edward Hudson, the chairman, welcomed all present. He also thanked the organisers—Mr. David S. Johnson and Mr. Kenneth Kirk—and their fellow workers on the sub-committee for a good job well done. The festival, he said, was as successful as the first one at Wakefield, the tea had been beautiful, and especially the local custom of apple pie with cheese, and caused laughter by quoting: "Apple pie without the cheese is like a kiss without the squeeze." He thanked the Minster authorities, the Rev. M. P. Hiron for his sermon, the boys of the choir and the organist. Welcoming Mr. Vernon Bottomley as the newly-elected president of the Yorkshire Association, and Mrs. Bottomley as the treasurer, he wished Mr. Bottomley success in his nomination to be the secretary of the Central Council.

Further ringing then took place on the bells available in the area. A. F.

EAST KENT RINGING SCHOOL

Ringers from the Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone Districts forgathered on May 21st at the delightful Church of St. Martin, Cheriton, for instruction from the county's experts at the one-day ringing school.

Prayers in church conducted by the Rev. C. Munt were followed by an excellent talk from Mr. A. Waddington on raising and maintaining a local band. The company of 60 then adjourned to the Church Hall for the first lecture on elementary conducting by Dr. Donald Niblett. The final session of the morning, instruction in rope splicing (given by Mr. A. Berry), proved popular, everyone attempting a splice for the purpose of a competition. This was judged by Mr. B. J. Luck, and prizes (quarter's subscription to "The Ringing World") were awarded to Mr. L. Sweatman as an expert and to Mrs. B. L. Marks as a beginner.

Practical sessions after lunch in bell control and simple method ringing took place at Cheriton and Newington under the patient instruction of Messrs. B. Groves, M. L. Howe, N. J. Davies and P. Carter. Also during the afternoon Mr. G. Evenden gave an interesting talk, with first-class visual aids, on belfry maintenance, followed finally by more advanced instruction on conducting by Dr. Niblett.

After a sumptuous tea prepared by the ladies of Cheriton band Mr. J. Willis thanked all whose hard work had contributed to the day's success. R. J. S.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Newark District

The meeting and District round of the Crawford Cup contest, held at the Church of All Saints, Coddington, on May 21st, proved to be a great success on all events.

The customary fine weather for this event again prevailed, and the small churchyard seemed to be crowded with people listening to the ringing. For the first time since the District was reduced in size four years ago, four teams entered and all rang Minor. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley once again acted as judges with their usual meticulous care. Balderton were placed first with 884 faults, and Newark and Sutton "A" tied with 104 faults, but Sutton incurred a penalty of 10 for failing to set one bell at the end, and reduced to third place. The younger members of Sutton "B" team made a commendable effort with 137 faults.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. Wright, conducted a shortened Evensong and afterwards between 50 and 60 people sat down to a very enjoyable tea prepared by local ringers and friends. A lovely iced cake had been given to the Coddington ringers and, with the permission of the Vicar, it was agreed to raffle it off, and the proceeds were shared between Coddington Bell Fund and the Guild Bell Repair Fund. It was obviously all fixed, as the District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, won the cake!

No less than 13 new ringing members were elected at the business meeting, eight from the newly-formed band at North Muskham, and five from Coddington. Mr. H. H. Selby, of Coddington, was elected a vice-president.

The general ringing which followed in the evening covered a wide variety of standards, and was accomplished with much enthusiasm.

The hospitality of Coddington and its ringers is much appreciated. B. N. R.

ROCHESTER (K.C.A.) DISTRICT'S WEEK-END TOUR

The second annual week-end tour of the Rochester District took place on April 29th to May 1st. The evening of the 29th was spent in travelling to Abingdon, where the night was spent.

Leaving Abingdon in the morning (complete with a banner), we travelled the short distance to Eynsham (six bells), where we were impressed by the local band's successes in striking competitions. Then on through the lovely Gloucester countryside to the six at Great Barrington. This concluded the ringing for the morning. A coach journey then followed through more good scenery to our next tower (a stop for refreshment being made on the way) at Minsterworth. Unfortunately the bells are very noisy and, with long ropes, we were unable to do them justice. We then journeyed further west to the six at Littledean and then through the Dean Forest to the splendid eight at Monmouth. It was a pity to leave these bells but time was pressing.

After obtaining tea we travelled through some more wooded countryside to have a quick look at Tintern Abbey, and on to the ten at Chepstow, where although we only rang call changes and Grandsire, the ringing was the best of the tour, and finally on to our last tower of the day at Usk, where we were pleased to see the work put in by the local ringers. We then travelled to our hotel at Hereford.

Sunday was mainly a sightseeing day, but it started by some members skipping breakfast to grab All Saints' and then moving on to the official tower at St. Nicholas', where the ringing was followed by a said Communion. We then journeyed homeward via Stratford, stopping for lunch next door to Anne Hathaway's cottage. Following lunch, we arrived at Home Farm to find that there are now 15 bells; however, we only rang the back six, and eventually five, after we managed to break the rope of the treble. Time came to leave, and we headed for the last tower, at Deddington, where we rang Kent Treble Bob Major. A. R. T.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. WILSON

From Dublin we record with regret the death on May 14th, at the age of 77 years, of Mr. William Harry Wilson, president of the St. Patrick's Society. Mr. Wilson learned to ring in 1907 at the Cathedral, under Gabriel Lindoff, joining the band which laid the foundation of change ringing in Ireland. During a long and active ringing career he had served the Church, and St. Patrick's particularly, humbly and faithfully. Until ill-health prevented him climbing to the belfry several years ago he was a regular Sunday service ringer.

He was a competent change ringer, accurate striker and ever-willing guide to beginners. For his services to ringing he was elected an hon. life member of the I.A.C.R. He had rung 17 peals.

"Willer" was a kind man, most meticulous in keeping the Society records when secretary for many years; keenly interested in life in general, he was excellent company and a rare judge of malt. Outside the belfry his great interest lay in Freemasonry, being a P.M. of the Craft and P.K. Royal Arch.

Before the burial service, conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Armstrong, the bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled to Minor, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect to a great lover of the Exercise by T. H. Wilson 1, R. A. Vere Hodge 2, W. T. Farrell 3, Helen M. Hubert 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, C. A. Lewis 6, R. I. George 7, H. H. Brown 8. The same composition was rung to celebrate Mr. Wilson's golden wedding in 1964.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The May meeting of the Taunton Branch was held in particularly happy circumstances at North Curry. The charming village with its beautiful old church, the warm and friendly welcome from the young Vicar, the sunny afternoon and the bountiful tea at the Angel all combined to make it a memorable occasion.

At the business meeting six new members were elected from the local tower, where the Vicar, the Rev. M. D. Lewis, himself a ringer, is getting together an enthusiastic team of men and boys. Mr. Gordon Baldam, of Lyng, was also given a cordial welcome as a new member of the Branch.

Ringing was much enjoyed and varied from rounds to Kent Treble: Bob Major and Stedman Triples, one or two particularly good touches bringing out to the full the fine tone of this ring of eight with a tenor of 17 cwt.

SOUTHWELL GUILD

Two meetings were held by the Bingham District during May—on the 7th at Willoughby to coincide with the gift day, and on the 14th at Cotgrave for the District round for the Crawford Cup.

Ten new members were elected at Willoughby and the next meeting was fixed for Gedling on July 9th.

Mr. H. Rooke judged the contest, when the ringing was generally good. Gedling (46 faults) and Shelford (49) go forward to the final. Other competitors were Whatton (66), Holme Pierrepont (68) and Radcliffe (93).

The dedication of a new treble, augmenting the bells at Willoughby to six, was performed on May 8th by the Rev. A. H. Hayward, a former Vicar, in the presence of Mrs. H. Millard, the donor. Ringers from Holme Pierrepont and Puddington rang and at the close of the service were joined by Mr. Paul Taylor.

In connection with the rehallowing of Rougham bells (page 355) mention should be made of the work of Mr. Cyril Hancock, the District chairman, who spent hours with Mr. Arthur Fidler in getting the bells down and replacing and painting them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A family peal took place at East Ilsley, Berks, on May 21st, when five Hibberts and three Chilcotts rang a peal of Stedman Triples.

The dedication of the new ring of bells at Easthampstead takes place next Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m.

The Society of Biddenden Youths would like to remind all their friends that the tower will be closed for redecoration from June 12th-16th inclusive.

Missed from the Central Council was a familiar figure—Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, of Northern Ireland. The seamen's strike prevented him from making the journey.

Mr. Alfred E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, is entering St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for an operation in a few days' time. Our good wishes will accompany him.

Instead of putting flowers on graves the people of Brown Edge, Staffordshire, have provided new pews of fine figured Japanese oak. The reseatng was commemorated by a peal on the bells.

The Farnham District at its quarterly meeting at Ash, Surrey, had a silent remembrance to Miss Mary Bragg, of Aldershot, who died of injuries in a road accident a day earlier.

The quarter peal rung at East Retford on May 25th revived an old custom, discontinued 50 years ago, of ringing on Mayor-making day. The Mayor responsible is supposed to have said: "I didn't ask them to ring for me—why should I pay them?" At this the ringers took umbrage. The present generation of ringers makes no financial conditions.

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COMMONWEALTH DAY QUARTER AT WINDSOR

One of the traditional ringing days at Windsor Castle is May 24th, Commonwealth Day. Participating in the ringing were Mr. Walter Knight, of Narramurra, Australia, and Mrs. Jean Dunham of Vancouver, Canada. Mrs. Dunham, better known as Miss Jean Broomfield, one of the late George Gilbert's splendid young ladies' band at Burnham, Bucks, was on a short visit to her parents. She had not touched a bell rope for just on 15 years, but on May 21st accompanied the Slough bellringers on their outing to Portsmouth and Chichester. She very soon found her touch and by the end of the day was quite proficient again. She rang 50 peals before emigrating to Canada, and it was a pity that her short stay did not permit of a peal being arranged.

She did, however, prior to ringing at Windsor Castle, take part in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Windsor Parish Church together with Walter Knight, specially arranged for this Commonwealth occasion. Mr. Frank Blagrove, of Windsor, had landed in England only the day before from Salisbury, Rhodesia, and the band deeply regretted his inability to stand in at such short notice. The quarter appears on the appropriate page.

YORKSHIRE REVEALS ITS METTLE

The peal of Spliced Surprise in nine methods, rung at Penistone on May 22nd, is believed to be the first all-the-work peal of that number of methods to be rung strictly silent and non-conducted by a resident band of the Yorkshire Association.

Three of the "inside" ringers especially are to be congratulated on this performance, as none of them has yet conducted a peal of Spliced Surprise. They are Mrs. Jeanne E. Bottomley, Frederick A. Munday and Stuart Armeson. The band has now rung Mr. Pitman's peals in four, five, six and nine methods.

A NORTH WEALD TRIBUTE

Mr. Harry King, a ringer at North Weald since 1905 and tower captain since 1943, has just retired after 25 years as churchwarden. In recognition of his loyal and devoted service to the Church a special service was held on Sunday, May 29th, during which the Rev. T. C. Thorpe presented Harry with an illuminated address containing a copy of the inscription on the treble bell, which is to bear his name. In honour of the occasion a peal was rung the previous evening by some of his friends in the Essex Association. We are sure that his many friends will join us in wishing him many more years of continued ringing, health and happiness.

AVON AMATEURS' WEEK-END

Despite obvious qualms about Friday 13th, Avon Amateurs' fourth annual tour, based at Torouay, got off to a fine start at Clyst Honiton.

On Saturday a circular tour taking in Paulton, Berrymore, Totnes, Buckfast, Woborough, Teignmouth and Bahhacombe produced some enjoyable ringing, the highlight being a short touch on "Hosannah" at Buckfast Abbey. Having sung for our supper, the day was concluded with ten pin bowling by the majority of the party.

After Sunday morning ringing at Unton St. Mary, Torouay, the afternoon was spent relaxing in the sun at Exmouth. Our thanks to tower captains and incumbents. L. P.

FROM THE NEW HON. SECRETARY AND HIS ASSISTANT

We are very grateful to the president for his thoughtfulness in not calling upon us formally to acknowledge our respective elections at the Bath meeting. On such occasions a few previously well-chosen words carefully rehearsed in front of the mirror invariably fall flat and those spoken spontaneously make one feel hot and cold for weeks afterwards.

We would, however, like to take this opportunity of thanking the Council for the very cordial reception it gave to us and of saying how we wish we could share the confidence thus expressed. We have been encouraged and heartened by the many offers of assistance we have received and we shall endeavour to take only reasonable advantage of this goodwill. We hope you will all be forbearing during the transition period.

We hope, too, that people will not hesitate to make themselves known to us: if necessary for the second and subsequent times. One of us has attained the age when the remembrance of faces is difficult and of names well high impossible and it is not always practicable for the other to hiss an irritable reminder!

JEANNE and VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

MR. FRANK LUFKIN RETIRES

Mr. Frank Lufkin, the well-known Essex ringer, retired last week from the Essex Fire Service after 28 years' service. Born at Prittlewell, he started ringing in the Parish Church there at the age of 17, and his peal total has reached 654. He has a number of long lengths to his credit, including 22,400 Plain Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken, which is the greatest number of changes rung on church bells. He has also in his portfolio the record of Bob Royal, 12,740 changes, and 18,000 Minor.

Since 1945 he has been a member of the Central Council. He was Association peal secretary for 11 years, Master of Prittlewell tower for 25 years, and Master of the North-East Essex District for three years.

SOMERSET VILLAGE'S FINE EFFORT

For 40 years the bells of St. Peter's Church, Ilton, had been lying idly on the floor of the tower, having been lowered when the tower was rebuilt soon after World War I. "If I come, these won't stay there long," commented the Rev. H. E. A. Jackson, the present Vicar, on his first visit in 1961.

There existed a small bell fund of £139, raised mainly when the nearby R.A.F. station was in operation. On this small fund it was decided to rehang the bells; Messrs. John Taylor were commissioned to do the work at a cost of £1,544. The four old bells dating from the early 1600's were rehung with modern steel fittings, the old canons being retained. These were dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Whit Sunday, 1963.

In the meantime a small but enthusiastic band of ringers was formed from scratch and it was decided to increase the ring to six, and just a year later the Bishop came again to dedicate the new trebles. The total cost was £2,171, and of this £1,707 had to come from this village with a population of under 700. Now comes the happy news that all the money has been found and Ilton bells are ringing again as they were nearly four centuries ago.

SONNING STRIKES AGAIN!

Competing in the Sonning Deanery Branch of the O.D.G. is certainly not one-sided, as was proved by Sonning winning the seventh annual striking contest held at Twyford on May 21st.

Perhaps it was a case of "the seven year itch" for this band won the very first competition. In striking back to the fore they produced some excellent Doubles ringing—enough to make the ground searching listeners scratch the church path gravel as they wandered and wondered about their own chances.

Runners-up, Easthampstead, rang with rhythm to a highly commendable tenor turned in to Minor. Hurst "A" team came a very close third with the standard of Stedman that invariably gets them a place. The results for the statisticians were Sonning 26 faults, Easthampstead 33 and Hurst "A" 35.

Major Bragg and Mr. Viggers adjudicated in their usual efficient manner, giving valuable advice and accurate comment, as has been their consistent record during their service to this Branch over the last seven and five years respectively.

In their opening words high praise was given to the Binfield team for their keenness as novices. Entering the contest for the first time, the Twyford tower was also a "first" for the entire team. A band with this sort of enthusiasm will no doubt be heard again and their example should be noted by the towers who did not enter a team yet have capable ringers.

The Rev. Harcourt Trevor, Branch chairman, gladly seen in good health again, thanked, on behalf of the members, the organisers and helpers of this enjoyable event in our ringing calendar.

Beneficial ringing and friendly rivalry have brought to this Branch a standard (now carried by Sonning to the Guild Competition) which improves each year, thus establishing the wisdom and forethought of those who instigated striking competitions. S. G. S.

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, of Clawton, Devon, made the long journey to act as judge for the fourth annual striking competition held at Kingston Seymour on May 21st. The test piece was 120 changes of Doubles or Minor. Teams were confined to regular Sunday service bands and towers which normally combine forces on Sundays were allowed to enter a joint team.

Five towers, including one newcomer to the competition, competed, plus a scratch team made up on the spot from the spectators. This latter team, of course, was not competing.

After tea in the village hall, Mr. Scott opened his comments with details of Devonshire call change competitions and incidentally demonstrated his fine command of the Devonshire dialect! Kingston Seymour, on their own ground, but with no previous experience of competition ringing, were placed first with 104 faults, Nailsea with Backwell a close second with 104 faults, then third Wraxall (15), fourth Portbury (17) and fifth Yatton (18½). The scratch team had 144 faults.

Mr. Scott and his churchwarden co-navigator were warmly thanked for undertaking a 240-mile round trip on our behalf. M. J. H.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St Bartholomew.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CREWKERNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	John C. Slater 6
Trevor A. Cross 3	Rev. Roger O. Fry 7
C. Martin Press 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by D. John Hunt
First peal in the method. H and M number 2053.
x 38 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 1458 x 12 x 58. 2nds.

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

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 21 lb. in E.	
Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Treble	John C. Slater 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	C. Martin Press 6
Richard W. Sweet 3	Philip Mehew 7
Trevor A. Cross 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Tues., April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 14 methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise (2) Reverse and College Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (6) Grandsire, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 144 cwt.	
Pauline Bligh-Cheesman Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 4
*Elizabeth Emmett 2	Michael A. Gilbey 5
*Gillian M. Brearley 3	John T. Parsons Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* Most methods to a peal.

Rung by a resident band to celebrate the induction of the Duke of Beaufort as Chancellor of the University this day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., May 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.	
*Donald Peers Treble	†F. Leslie Coventry 5
†Robert Peers 2	Eric J. Gilbert 6
†Charles F. Pocock 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
Jeffrey J. Fox 4	Alexander J. Martin .. Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Jeffrey J. Fox.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

MOBBERLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Wilfrid and Mary.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Bourne, (2) Ipswich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 15 cwt.	
Paul J. Atkins Treble	Harold Dowler 4
*Norman Sherratt 2	Barry Corbishley 5
†Raymond J. Ballard 3	Roy Worrall Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.

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

MORETON CORBET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 3 lb. in A	
*David Allman Treble	†Keith W. Eaton 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards 2	Gerald Parsons 5
John R. Scott 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside."

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods/variations, being two extents each of Reverse, Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Little Aston, Honeysuckle, Salwarpe, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Sighford, Primrose, Windrush, Norfolk, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.	
Keith W. Eaton .. Treble	Frank R. Morton 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	Gerald Parsons 5
John R. Scott 3	David Allman Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

First in 21 methods by all except the conductor. First in 21 methods as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., May 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 SIEDMAN CATER

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Malcolm P. Phipps (Chesterfield District Secretary) Treble	2
Rev. R. St. John Smith (Vice-chairman, Peak District) 2	3
Christopher Hughes (Chesterfield District Ringing Master) 3	4
Michael Willis (Derby District Ringing Master) 4	5
Clive Thrower (Derby District Secretary) 5	6
Gordon A. Halls (Derby District Chairman) 6	7
Sampson Walklate (Trustee) 7	8
David J. Marshall (Ilkeston District Secretary) 8	9
Burley P. Morris (General Secretary) 9	Tenor
John B. Stennit (Treasurer, Bell Repair Fund) Tenor	

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by G. A. Halls.

Rung by officers of the Association for the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. P. Heywood

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOSTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt 2 lb in D flat

*Valerie Meadows .. Treble	George A. Dawson .. 6
Gordon A. Halls 2	Richard Inglis 7
Davi J. Marsali 3	Denis R. Carlisle 8
Perak Jones 4	David W. Friend 9
Peter Humphrey 5	Harold Taylor Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.

* First peal.

UTTOXETER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Single bobs and having all combination C.E.'s. Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr. 7 lb.	
John Dean Treble	Christopher J. Hughes .. 5
Len Goodall 2	Burley P. Morris 6
Ian Friend 3	Richard Warrilow 7
Richard Farnsworth .. 4	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Len Goodall.

DENBY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., May 19, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.	
Joseph C. Woolley .. Treble	Samson Walklate 4
John Dean 2	Harold Taylor 5
Gordon A. Halls 3	David W. Friend Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.

Rung for Ascension Day.

ETWALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Thurs., May 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob with seven different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in A	
*Dennis J. Murfin .. Treble	*Clive A. Thrower 4
†Valerie J. Meadows .. 2	*Douglas Derbyshire .. 5
Patricia A. M. Halls .. 3	A Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton

* First peal in three Minor methods. † First "inside" at first attempt.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

TALATON, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., May 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb.	
*William Webb Treble	Brian Pidgeon 4
†Mary E. Elmes 2	*Bryan F. Coles 5
Frederick J. Sage 3	Frank D. Mack Tenor

Conducted by Frank D. Mack

* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat. May 21, 1966 in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.	
Michael M. Hawes .. Treble	John J. Hawes 4
Kathleen Jordan 2	Henry C. Foster 5
*Carol E. Diver 3	Michael W. Carter Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Carter.

* First peal of Minor First as conductor.

Rung by the Sunday service band of Histon.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Alan R. Andrews Treble	Alfred E. Honeywood .. 5
Urban W. Wildney 2	George N. Orman 6
Neville F. Whittell 3	Adrian G. Semken 7
*Jennifer M. Andrews .. 4	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40½ Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 64 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnesbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; 64 changes each of Hanbury, Hitchin, Pudsey, Radlett, Richmond, Tring and Warwickshire; and 32 changes each of Dartford, Dorchester, Fordham, Framley, Hendon, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Pyrford, Quinton, Shenley and Umberslade, with 158 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Edward R. Venn 2	James R. Taylor 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Victor Griffin 7
Brian Bladen 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

Umpire: John R. Mayne.

The greatest number of Surprise Major methods yet rung to a peal.

MALMESBURY

x 38 x 14 x 1258 x 16 x 12 x 38 x 34 x 3. f.

DYRHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of: Stirling, St. Cuthbert, Marchington, Rushall, All Saints' Broadwas, St. Columba, Southrepps, Farnsfield, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Oldswinford, Salwarpe, Reverse Canterbury, Honeysuckle, Cowslip, Wallflower, Wychbold, Wollaston, Windrush, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, Shenley, Derwent, Seighford, April Day, Primrose, Violet, Buttercup, Dedworth, Plain Bob, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Moira, Donisthorpe, Lullington, Ashbourne, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough and Grandshire.

*Christopher Gibbs Treble	†Kenneth G. Weeks 4
Anthony W. Gibbs 2	‡Derek M. Smith 5
William Lampard 3	Brian K. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First of 42 Doubles. † First of 42 Doubles "inside." ‡ First of Doubles "inside."

PURTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.
Marion Richards Treble	Gordon W. Land 4
Peter Tombs 2	Derek J. Carr 5
Derek Dancy 3	Maurice A. New Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., May 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
Frederick J. Cullum .. Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Martin L. Howe 2	John A. Howard 6
Marjorie F. Matthews .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
*Peter Muchlinski 4	William T. Blewitt Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Christopher T. Osenton and Leslie King.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

D. Mary Beresford Treble	Martin C. Faulkes 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	Richard O. Humphries .. 6
Joan Beresford 3	John S. Barnes 7
Peter M. Fleckney 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the third and tenor.

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

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDONERY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Doris E. Colgate Treble	Tony Lewis 5
Ann Jenner 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Arthur S. Richards 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Ralph Bird 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

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

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Philip A. Corby Treble	Richard G. Crosland .. 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 6
Hilary F. Hinde 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Stanley Jenner 4	Robert W. Hinde Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

WICKHAMBREAU, Kent.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Sidney Walter Treble	Cyril W. J. Beeching .. 4
Rachel J. Sinden 2	Martin Ostler 5
Colin J. E. Wyld 3	Dennis A. Chapman .. Tenor

Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	R. Brian Mills 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Richard A. G. Inglis .. 6
William L. Exton 3	Frank G. Bloomfield .. 7
John H. Parker 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Porter, Ringing Master at this tower, and Miss Dorothy M. Beech, whose wedding took place at this church the previous day.

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

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

John Walden Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker 5
*C. Aubrey Harrison .. 2	Geoffrey Paul 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3	Jack Bray 7
Frank G. Bloomfield .. 4	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

William R. Marsh Treble	Cecil Wade 4
James W. Haw 2	Hervey E. Burrell 5
William A. Holmes 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

A wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. N. L. Hewitt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., May 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Richard J. Clifton 2	Derek P. Jones 7
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Samuel J. Haines 8
Gordon H. Lane 4	R. Kingsley Mason 9
Edward F. Gobey 5	*Ron Hughes Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal on ten bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

Derek P. Jones Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Richard J. Clifton 2	Gordon H. Lane 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Norman W. Attaway .. 8
Arthur E. Rowley 4	Samuel J. Haines 9
*Ron Hughes 5	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Arranged by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Royal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., May 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OGDEN COLLEGE MAJOR

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

R. Kingsley Mason Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Samuel J. Haines 6
Gordon H. Lane 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method (C.C. Plain Collection No. 277).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.
John E. Pickett Treble	Jeffrey Britchford 4
Barbara Walpole 2	David G. Pickett 5
Malcolm G. Lane 3	William S. Deason Tenor

Conducted by William S. Deason.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROWN EDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Ann.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, five extents of Oxford, two of Kent.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
Eric Young Treble	Andrew Thomson 4
Robert Cumberledge 2	William Bourne 5
T. Leslie Walley 3	G. Arnold Moore Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

First peal in two methods by all the band.
Rung to commemorate the reseating of the church by the parishioners.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri. May 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Edward Howes Treble	Martin Cubitt 5
*Sidney Marshall 2	David E. House 6
George P. Adams 3	Kevin S. Hohl 7
Shelagh R. Collins 4	Peter Adcock Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal in the method.

KENNINGHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb in F.

*Janet Dagley Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin 5
†Angela M. Wright 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 6
Peter Adcock 3	David E. House 7
Wilfred G. Saunders 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

SCARNING, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.	Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
Robert C. Bunning Treble	Samuel H. Waterfield 4
Edward Howes 2	Tony Owen 5
George T. Bunning 3	Sidney Marshall Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Marshall.

Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. Hugh Davies, who has accepted the living of Calverhall, Shropshire.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*David E. Collins Treble	George H. Randles 5
Norah M. Randles 2	Dennis H. B. Millward 6
*Christopher J. Jones 3	John W. Griffiths 7
Harry W. Howard 4	Geoffrey Parting Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Terence J. Hester Treble	Frank Reed 5
Frederick W. Soden 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Peter G. Holden 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by D. Kay Adams.
First peal in the method by all the band except for the ringer of the tenor.

EAST ILSLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans'.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
Patricia E. Hibbert Treble	William Hibbert 5
Cyril J. Hibbert 2	Michael Chilcott 6
Marjorie C. Hibbert 3	John W. T. Hibbert 7
Kathleen E. Chilcott 4	John Chilcott Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St. Peter-le-Bailey.

On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

David P. Hilling Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
Charles Coles 2	Maurice G. Ingram 6
Frederick R. Scott 3	J. Keith Ward 7
M. Roger Ashmore 4	Giles R. Shedden Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.

On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells London, Cambridge, Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.
*Judith Southwood Treble	Bruce Wakefield 4
*Henry J. Russell 2	*Peter J. Heritage 5
*Elizabeth Stevinson 3	Victor Griffin Tenor

Conducted by Victor Griffin.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor. First of seven Surprise Minor as conductor.

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

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

On Thurs., March 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman Treble	John C. Eisel 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	Clifford A. Barron 7
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Martin D. Fellows 8
George E. Fearn 4	David J. Purnell 9
Michael J. Fellows 5	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

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

On Thurs., May 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Edward W. Colley Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
George E. Fearn 2	John C. Eisel 6
Norman J. Goodman 3	Clifford A. Barron 7
Michael J. Fellows 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., May 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

D. Kay Moore Treble	P. George Golder 4
*Anthea C. Richards 2	Michael W. Fairey 5
S. Clarke Walters 3	John H. Allen Tenor

Conducted by John H. Allen.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to the ringers of the second and fifth on their recent engagement.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Mon., May 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 1,600 London, 640 each of Rutland and Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Susan E. Smith Treble	*John S. Barnes 5
*Yvonne Edwards 2	*Edwin A. Barnett 6
Joan Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
*Sheila M. Dobbie 4	*Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of 10 Spliced Surprise Major. First of 10 Spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.

TITCHFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., May 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Roger W. Price Treble	Ross W. Robertson 4
*Heather A. Walters 2	Michael D. Trigg 5
*Alan J. Luxford 3	Robert A. Partridge Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

* First peal of Minor and first in more than one method.

Rung for Commemoration Day at the University.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

R. Brian Mills Treble	*John Meredith 5
*William L. Exton 2	*Donald J. Beach 6
*Christine L. J. Mills 3	*Peter Nix 7
†Brian M. Buswell 4	*Walter Nichols Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal in the method. † 75th peal.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to Jonathan David Beach.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Wed., May 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 100 methods as follows: (1) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland T.B., Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (19 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (2) College Exercise Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster T.B., Beighton, Redcar and Appleby Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skip-ton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake). (3) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield, Thorne, Bamboorough and Linden Surprise (11 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, Wragby, St. Albans, Taxal, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Elston, Clarence and Ashbocking Delight and Morning Star T.B. (16 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by P. W. Saltmarsh). (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Oxford T.B., Pontefract, Donotter, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight (14 methods by C. K. Lewis). (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree, College, Buxton, Rodbourne, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Lytham, London, Pinehurst and Westlecott Bob. (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise, with 193 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	Robin H. Rogers 4
Janet I. Rogers 2	George W. Pipe 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Howard W. Egglestone Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Extents Nos. 1 and 4 are now rung for the first time.

OAKLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Henry Tooke Treble	William H. Cracknell 4
Wilfred G. Saunders 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
William Clover 3	Leslie E. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie E. Bailey.

ASHBOCKING DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 36. 2nds place l.e.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 MIDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

David D. Smith Treble	C. Martin Press 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Tom Page 6
Ronald F. Diserens 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method. (Corrigan 223.)

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb in G.

*Barry J. Vitler Treble	†J. Michael Swift 4
Christine M. Baldock 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
†Amette E. Bradbury 3	*Ronald A. Vitler Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. † First of Plain Bob "inside." Rung for Ascensiontide.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 COGENHOE DELIGHT MINOR

Two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

John F. I. Turney Treble	Raymond J. Hosking 4
John M. Hughes 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
J. Arthur Hoare 3	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

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

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., May 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 6048 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Sixth place bobs. Tenor 8 cwt. 110 lb. in A.

Rupert A. Clarke Treble	Brian J. Luff 5
John C. Eisel 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
John R. Inley 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
James Inley 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative, 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Neil Donovan Treble	J. Henry Fielden 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley 2	Frederick A. Munday 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Wilfrid F. Moreton 4	Vernon Bottomley Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Mon., May 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 22 methods/variations, viz.: Two extents of Windchendon Place, St. John, St. Miles, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Giles, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, South-repps, Wychhold, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, Dedworth, and one extent each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb in B flat.

Michael J. Denton Treble	George Pluckrose 4
Ronald H. Dove 2	Robin Brown 5
C. Barrie Dove 3	Geoffrey D. Armitage Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

A farewell peal to the tenor man, who left for the Iron Curtain countries on May 18th.

MIDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14.58 x 12.36.14 x 34.58.12 x 14.38. l.e. 12 16482735.
f.c.e. 24365, 32546 46253.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELtenham, Gloucestershire.—At 43, Willersey Road.

On Wed., May 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by Henry Poyner,

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY

On May 21st.—

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Brown 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, C. G. Barnes 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, N. Thomson 5, C. M. Foster 6, K. Taber 7, R. J. Talbot 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taber 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 3, N. Thomson 4, R. J. Talbot 5, C. M. Foster 6, A. Brown 7, C. G. Barnes 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Snelling 1, C. M. Foster 2, C. G. Barnes 3, N. Thomson 4, A. Brown 5, K. Taber 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, R. J. Talbot 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Talbot (cond.) 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, C. M. Foster 3, C. G. Barnes 4, K. Taber 5, N. Thomson 6, A. Brown 7, R. C. Stevens 8.

ABBOT'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. White 1, M. Mulvey 2, J. Burton 3, P. Johnson 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace (first of T.B.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Mrs. A. J. Smart 1, M. E. Denyer 2, J. A. Collier 3, P. G. Sherwood 4, M. W. Brown 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. W. Ford (cond.) 1, J. Vincent 2, W. H. Trueman 3, W. J. Grubb 4, H. Ball 5, Miss Y. Goodall 6. First quarter 4 and 6. For Confirmation service.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith M. Squirrel (Petham) 1, Dawn Petts (Petham) 2, A. B. Eldridge (Chartham) 3, D. W. Standing (Chartham) 4, K. I. Davis (Chartham) 5, C. W. J. Beeching (Petham, cond.) 6. Rung for the joint Confirmation of candidates from Petham and Chartham, by the Bishop of Dover, at Chartham.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Dunn 1, R. W. Owen 2, Mrs. J. S. King 3, L. H. Jones 4, D. J. Hughes 5, R. Howard 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. J. Sims 8. First on eight 1 and 6. Rung for the Confirmation of three local ringers.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Ascension Day 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Young 1, M. Austin 2, D. Hawkins 3, A. Slade 4, R. Durrant 5, E. Newnham 6. I. Dear (first as cond.) 7, E. Pickett 8.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica Sweet (first quarter) 1, D. Floyd (cond.) 2, Hilary Osborne 3, J. F. List 4, A. E. Hicks 5, V. D. H. Turner 6. For the 21st birthday of ringer of 1. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela J. Green 1, Hilary Osborne 2, P. G. Holden (cond.) 3, J. F. List 4, N. I. Bridges 5, D. Floyd 6. Rung on the 19th birthday of the ringer of second.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On May 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Cotton (first of Major) 1, J. Pratt 2, Sandra Thexton (first of Major) 3, R. Button 4, N. Thomson 5, N. Brown 6, A. Brown 7, M. Uphill (cond.) 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Tremain 1, E. Barnett 2, Olive D. Tester 3, W. J. Lemon 4, Ann P. Durent 5, C. A. Tester 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, Jill Dunmall 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. For Evensong, and the anniversary of E. Barnett's first peal (May 18th, 1899).

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on May 19th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: C. M. Foster 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss C. Snelling 3, E. W. Razzell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, C. G. Barnes (first on twelve) 6, G. Fisher 7, N. G. T. Steere 8, A. Brown 9, K. Taber 10, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 11, I. M. Parry 12. First of Grandsire Cinques by 3, 6, 7, 9 and 12. Rung on Ascension Day.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Baines 1, Miss P. Butcher 2, Mrs. B. Baines 3, W. Fuller 4, A. Butcher 5, W. Sale 6. Conducting shared by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Ascension Day, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Scott 6, G. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. McKibbin (first attempt) 1, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, M. O'Callaghan 4, D. P. Smith 5, M. F. Oakshott (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Kewell 1, R. Crocker (first quarter) 2, P. Furness 3, P. Taylor 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Kewell 6. First of Bob Doubles by a local team.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hill 1, Patricia Copas (first in method) 2, Jennifer Murphy (Melbourne, Australia) 3, J. S. N. Porter 4, M. W. Seymour 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 7, P. Venn (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: Mrs. S. Marsh (first quarter) 1, R. Blackshaw 2, W. G. Marsh 3, M. W. Harrison 4. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On March 6th, 720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, D. G. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey 6. Also on May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Both for morning service.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (four methods): Susan Mitchell (first of T.B.) 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, T. W. Brighton 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Minor for all except the conductor. A compliment to George Pluckrose and Joy Watkin, on their engagement.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann C. Hardman 1, J. Jessup 2, Mrs. M. Booth 3, A. Stokes 4, A. F. Schofield 5, D. C. Walker (cond.) 6. A farewell to the curate, Mr. Padgett.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Peace 1, Vivienne Kirk (first in method) 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, M. J. Wilson 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Spence (first in method) 1, Catherine Lane (first quarter) 2, A. C. Newman 3, T. A. Stephens 4, H. Read 5, W. A. Farmer 6, A. Pendlebury (first in method as cond.) 7, W. H. Woodyatt 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Foll, on their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Foll has been a bellringer at Leckhampton for over 28 years.

LONG BREDY, DORSET.—On May 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. G. Grandfield 1, J. P. Cooper (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on May 22nd, 1,272 Spliced S. Minor (six methods): R. O. Humphries 1, D. L. Cawley 2, R. E. J. Dennis 3, T. G. Peit 4, J. Pladdys 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge S. and Plain Bob): R. Williamson 1, Angela Quick 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. G. Knight 5, C. W. Powell (cond.) 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. Moore 1, A. Palmer 2, P. H. Langton 3, D. Feek 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6. For Morning Prayer. In memoriam J. W. Whitney, local newspaper editor.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,336 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, K. E. Beale 2, Brenda M. Bindon 3, Marian J. Beale 4, N. J. Maggs 5, R. F. Arscott 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, R. M. Fuller 8. First of Stedman 3 and 4. A compliment to the conductor, who 50 years ago was made a member of the Bath and Wells Association. He learnt to ring a bell in 1905.

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nita West 1, L. Hopkins (first of Minor) 2, W. E. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey (first of Minor as cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Cobb 1, Mrs. J. Merchant 2, Miss M. Simons 3, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 4, J. Milton 5, N. Clatworthy 6. First quarter 2 and 6. First Grandsire 3 and 5. Rung for Parish Communion.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Shrimpton 1, M. D. Leek 2, F. W. James 3, E. Syster 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, A. C. Freeman 6. Rung for Ascension Day Evensong, and as a thanksgiving for the safe birth of Stephen Michael White, first son of the conductor, born May 8th, 1966.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen O'Sullivan (first quarter) 1, C. Pearson 2, N. White 3, K. Lane 4, T. Shilcock (first quarter) 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Prescott 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, P. Woolven 3, A. J. Davey 4, R. D. Bellamy 5, J. S. Walker 6, G. E. Bonham 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Susan Kilbourn (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Hopkin (first in two methods) 2, W. Barwell 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth M. Snell 1, Carole Patey 2, J. Hartley 3, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 4, J. Eborall 5, R. H. French 6, A. Friskney 7, 'Trish Rogers 8. Also on May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: 'Trish Rogers 1, Janet Camfield 2, Carole Patey 3, Kathleen M. Higgins 4, J. Hartley 5, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 6, J. Chapman 7, R. H. French 8. Also on May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Shonfeld 1, Carole Patey 2, 'Trish Rogers 3, Kathleen M. Higgins 4, A. Friskney 5, R. J. Tibbets (comp. and cond.) 6, J. Hartley 7, R. H. French 8. All rung for Evening Mass by Sheffield University Guild.

STAFFORD, STAFFS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, R. J. Warrillow 2, E. F. Fairbrother 3, R. C. Warburton 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. K. Mowforth (cond.) 7, F. Eley 8. For morning service.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Goacher 1, N. Davidson 2, Jean Horton 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, J. Taylor 5, B. W. Farhall 6. For Ascension Day.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Sear 1, J. Clayton 2, June Sinfield 3, Christine Smith 4, R. J. Scott 5, R. Rowley 6, J. W. Sinfield 7, P. Aslett (first quarter) 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Quinney 1, L. Stubbins 2, H. Tarrant 3, K. Willers 4, G. Williams 5, B. Pratt 6, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 7, F. S. Maling (first quarter) 8. For Holy Communion.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Natriss (first attempt) 1, Mrs. C. Ele 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, M. J. Smith 4, H. Smith (cond.) 5, A. A. Brown 6. For United Thanksgiving service at the end of Christian Aid Week.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On May 15th 1,440 (720 York S., 720 Spliced Capel, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford T.B.): R. Spencer 1, J. T. Rooke 2, G. Challans 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Cooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on Ascension Day (May 19th), 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Diane Wiggins 1, Betsy Proctor 2, Christine Kelly 3, Sarah Irwin 4, Rick Dirksen (cond.) 5, Christine Abbott 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for the tower, conductor and all ringers.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer 7, F. A. Benn 8. For Evensong. First of Triples "inside" 2 and 4.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On May 14th, 1,440 Minor (two methods): P. Woods (first of Minor) 1, M. King 2, D. Hunton 3, E. P. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDD.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Bird 1, C. E. Lankester 2, Valerie E. Ware 3, Elsie Lankester 4, D. T. C. Smith 5, E. H. Kilby 6, Alick Cutler (cond.) 7, L. B. J. Hinkley 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Glass 1, A. Wenban 2, A. K. Fortin 3, Mrs. J. Dunham (Vancouver, Canada) 4, W. Knight (Turramurra, Australia) 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, G. R. Shedden 8. For Commonwealth Day.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On May 1st, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Pack 1, F. Walker (cond.) 2, M. Green 3, P. Taylor 4, D. Smith 5, B. Doe 6. First quarter 4 and 5.

WORDESLEY, Kingswinford, STAFFS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, Christine Slater 2, Gillian Griffiths 3, P. R. Johnson 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, R. B. Dorrington (first as cond.) 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Bond (age 13, first attempt) 1, A. M. Feist (first "inside", age 14) 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, W. J. Parker 4, M. Harbord 5, M. J. Church 6. A welcome to Rev. Paul Barber, Vicar,

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 15th, 1966, at Bowdon Assembly Room, Bowdon, Cheshire. Meet 5.30 for 6 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 9251

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.—Sunday ringing, June to October, mornings 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. No evening service or ringing while the Rector is away. Practice Thursday. 9242

FLOWER FESTIVAL,

Folkingham, near Sleaford, Lincs. Ringing arrangements: Bells (6), 11 cwt. in F sharp. Sat., June 18th, 6-9 p.m. Sun., 19th, service by Bishop of Southampton; ringing 6-6.30 p.m. Mon., 20th, practice, start 7 p.m. All welcome.—J. R. Worsdall, Curate.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Farnham (8) on Thursday, June 16th, 7.30-9 p.m. 9260

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—No practice at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on Tuesday, June 14th. Instead there will be a Branch practice at Plympton St. Maurice (8) from 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 9228

LAVENHAM.—Ringing Anniversary and Festival of Flowers, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church.—M. T. Symonds. 9255

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—Dedication of the recast tenor by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow on Tuesday, June 14th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing after service 8-9 p.m.—C. F. W. P. 9257

THE TWO NEW TREBLE BELLS for **Hathern Parish Church** will be dedicated by Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21st. All are welcome and the bells will be available for ringing after the service. Light refreshments at a moderate charge will be served in the Church Rooms.

VETERANS' MEETING.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 9181

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dulverton on June 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea for those notifying secretary. Business meeting and further ringing.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 9246

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Branch meeting at Great Budworth (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 9274

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell on June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Tel. Creswell 370. Special methods: Double Oxford and Yorkshire Surprise.—Malcolm Phipps Sec. 9235

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Striking Competition, Holywell (6), Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by results, etc. General ringing from 6.30 to 8.30. Names for tea, please, to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 9244

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting to be held on Saturday, June 11th, at Hartpurv, Gloucester. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to F. E. Wilson, 25, The Tythings, Newent, Glos. 9261

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Hemel Hempstead (8), June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Williams, 7, Midland Road, Hemel Hempstead. 9249

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Business meeting. Benington, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss R. Harris, Buckhurst, Benington.—P. M. F. Searles Dis. Sec. 9231

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boughton Monchelsea. Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. Lamb, 12, Park Way, Maidstone. 9183

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Huyton, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Birchall, 157, Blue Bell Lane, Huyton.—M. E. D. 9282

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Reyermerston on Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Garveston 4.45. Garveston bells afterwards. 9253

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting. Stanton St. John, on June 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. Jones, 112, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford.—A. J. Adams, Hon. Sec. 9248

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Hawkechurch, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9208

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available: Tong (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and Shifnal (8) 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Own teas.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9277

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Hollesley (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea will be provided. Ringing in the evening until 9 p.m. Please note: Meeting at Hollesley and not Holbrook and Stutton as in the Suffolk Guild of Ringers Report.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 9184

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9266

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Battersea on June 11th, 7.30-9.30 p.m. Look up Ealing.—B. Bull, Assist. Sec. 9232

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Midhurst, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8858

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Coombe St. Nicholas, Saturday, June 18th. Six bells. Service 4.30. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea: J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 9273

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Striking Competition, June 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 15th. General ringing in the evening.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9247

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Hexham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Own arrangements or café for tea. 9263

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Horningsea and Bottisham, Saturday, June 11th. Horningsea (5). Service 3 p.m. Horningsea 4.30. Tea, Bottisham, 5, followed by meeting. Bottisham (5) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall. 9271

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hatherop (6), June 18th, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. W. A. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, Cirencester, by June 16th. Coln St. Aldwyn (8) 6-8.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 9286

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Striking competition and quarterly meeting at Capel, June 18th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting after competition. Newdigate bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Green-side, Capel, Dorking, Surrey, please.—M. M. 9240

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington, Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woodfields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefords. 9276

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

RINGING FESTIVAL IN THE NORTH LINDSEY BRANCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th

Bells	Tenor	Tower	Time	Bells	Tenor	Tower	Time
8	32	Louth	10.30-11.30	8	10½	Barton	
6	14½	Caistor	11.00-12.00			St. Peter's	3.30-4.45
6	9½	Waltham	11.15-12.15	6	7½	Elsham	3.00-4.00
10	18½	Grimsby	11.45-1.00	8	17	Barton	
6	9	Ulceby	2.00-3.00			St. Mary's	6.00-7.00
6	10½	Goxhill	2.15-3.15	6	9½	Winterton	6.30-7.30
8	16½	Barrow	2.30-3.45	8	12½	Burton	7.00-8.00
6	6½	Bigby	2.30-3.30	8	17	Scunthorpe	7.30-9.00

Cricket match, Barrow, 2.30.

Tea, Barton, 5 p.m.

A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends.

Names for tea essential to C. A. Harrison, Greetwell Cross Roads, Kirton-Lindsey, Lincs. 9252

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—Combined practice, Hope Bowdler, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, All Stretton, Salop. 9272

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Hatfield, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9262

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Swanscombe, Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road Swanscombe, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton Hon Dis Sec 9218

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Stockport Branch).—Joint meeting to be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Knutsford (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 9270

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Joint meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, 1966

St. Mary's, Church Road, Barnes, 2-3 p.m.; St. Mary's, Paradise Road, Richmond, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Chertsey Road, Twickenham, 3.30-4.30 p.m.

Tea, Church Hall, Isleworth, 5 p.m. Evening ringing, All Saints', Isleworth.

Names for tea, Mr. H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth 3921.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9256

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Sonning-on-Thames on June 18th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Notify for tea Mr. A. N. Willis, 7, Glebe Lane, Sonning, Reading, by June 13th. 9259

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting at Canford, June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea followed by cricket match. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. H. Pitman, 40a, Knighton, Canford, Wimborne, by June 15th. 9239

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shroton, Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Names to the Hon. Sec., R. N. Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory, by Wednesday, June 15th. Tel. Childe Okeford 311. 9267

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chisledon, Saturday, June 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9280

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts.—Meeting at Ordsall on June 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday previous. Tea will be at 4.30, 30 minutes earlier than usual. 9284

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

—Annual general meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3-4.15 p.m.; St. Chad's (4) 3.30-4.15 p.m. All available during the evening after the meeting, together with Alrewas (8). Service in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited to approx. 100 only, so numbers for tea as soon as possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 15th. Tel. Lich. 4539. Members attending but not able to have a seat for tea are asked to support the business meeting.—C. M. S., Hon Sec. 9153

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Walsham-le-Willows (6). June 18th, 6.30 p.m.—9.—H. W. H. Leather, Dis. Sec. 9245

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Brewers Arms, Ringmer, for those who notify me by June 15th.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9283

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Summer meeting at Hull on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing arrangements: Hessle (6) 10.30-12; Kirk Ella (6) 11-12.30; Cottingham (8) 12-1.30; Hedon (8) 2.15-4.15; Hull, Holy Trinity (12) 5-6.30; Beverley Minster (10) 6-7.30; Beverley, St. Mary's (10) 7-8.30.—Geoffrey W. Randall, Hull University Union. 9200

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Woolton Hill (6) on Saturday, June 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. K. Walker, 10, White City, Woolton Hill, Newbury, by June 13th. Ringing Highclere (8) after 9279

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bromsgrove (10) 3 p.m., Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. C. L. Hawkins, Lansdowne, Chapel Street, Bromsgrove, by Thursday, June 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 9223

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, June 18th, at Hemingbrough. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, near Selby, by Wednesday, June 15th.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9204

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at Feltham, Tuesday, June 21st. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9263

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A mid-week evening practice will be held at Chesham on Thursday, June 23rd, 7 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 9285

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks, to coincide with the rededication of the new ring by the Bishop of Tonbridge on June 25th at 3 p.m. A buffet tea will be provided to follow the formal proceedings and general ringing will take place after the meeting. No names for tea required.—W. H. D. 9250

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Striking Competition, Saturday, June 25th, at Rippingale. Opening service 2.30 p.m. prompt. Competition 3 p.m.—5.30 p.m. Tea and presentation of trophy 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Haw, 53, Horsgate, Deeping St. James' Peterborough, by June 20th certain. 9258

ST. NICHOLAS', SEVENOAKS,
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Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m.

Rededication by the Lord Bishop of Tonbridge of recast ring of eight bells in new frame (tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F). See notice of Tonbridge District of Kent County Association meeting. 9287

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Limpsfield Chart, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.40 p.m. Names for tea to W. Tidy, Vine Cottage, Tally Road, The Chart, Oxted, by June 22nd.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9288

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willington, June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Percy, Esplanade, 47, Oldfield Road, Lower Willington, by Wednesday previous.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 9264

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NOTICES—Continued.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing arrangements: Cadoxton and Neath 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Mary's 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Sketty 7.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will follow. Names for tea, please, by June 18th.—J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycloch, Swansea. 9278

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting. July 2nd. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m. Service St. Mark's, Exeter, 3.30 p.m. Tea (5/6) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please, and s.a.e.) to Mrs P. Burnham, Ranchi, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth by Thursday, June 16th. Bells available: Littleham, Newton St. Cyres 9.45–10.45; Buckfast Abbey 9.45–11.15; Withycombe Raleigh, Bramford Speke, 10.30–11.30; Rewe 11–12; Lympstone 11.15–12.15; Broadclyst 11.45–12.45; Clyst St George 12–1; Pinhoe 12.30–1.30; Topsham 12.30–1.30; Exeter, St. Thomas' and St. David's 1.45–3 St. Mark's 2.30–3.30 Heavitree 6.15–7.15; St. Petrock's 6.45–7.30; Cathedral 6.30–8.30. 9234

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice at Albury, June 11th, 6–9 p.m. Striking competition has been cancelled due to lack of support. 9293

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, in Bericote Hall, Coventry College of Education, at 7.30 p.m. Business includes election of a Deputy Master. 9294

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD**—Joint meeting at Knutsford, June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise: Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 9292

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 9289

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Randwick, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (4) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m., followed by handbell tune recitals. Names for tea by Monday, 13th.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 9291

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting, Birstall (8), Thursday, June 23rd. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9290

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Ann Biddlecombe 1, Margaret Chennell-White 2, R. Clist 3, F. K. Williamson 4, M. J. Harbord 5, C. Chennell-White 6, T. Page 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 6.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Morris 1, Miss F. Munt (first quarter) 2, E. Thoday 3, Mrs. R. Davey 4, Mrs. J. Wells 5, G. Henson 6, P. Wells (cond.) 7, W. Morris 8. Rung on the middle six as a wedding compliment to William Howard Goodhart and the Hon. Celia McClare Herbert.

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