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The Night The Cathedral Fell Down — A Fantasy

THE usual, midweek, evening peal came to a successful conclusion, and in the uneasy silence which followed the setting of the bells each member of the band breathed an almost silent sigh of relief. Another twelve bell peal, another superlative performance which would soon be swallowed up in "The Ringing World" among the miscellaneous peals of Doubles and Minor of the surrounding alien Guilds and Associations.

The formalities over, the ringers tottered down the stairs and headed across the Cathedral yard in the general direction of a nearby alehouse. The bells had been set but twenty minutes but already the ringers were settling down to the social chitchat which, if the truth were known, was almost as much an attraction as the ringing. As closing time drew near the ringers were distracted from a discussion on freemasonry by a hideous sound which rooted them to the spot. With an ominous rumble, accompanied by a slight tremor of the ground, came a cacophony reminiscent of "the bells of Bethlehem." With one accord the ringers leapt to their feet and ran from the alehouse in the general direction of the disturbance. George, the first arrival on the scene, stood dumbfounded at the scene which he beheld.

The Cathedral tower had collapsed!

The rest of the ringers were soon on the spot, each expressing individual cries of astonishment and disbelief. The tower had indeed disappeared and the picture before them resembled something from science fiction, the dramatic effect heightened by the now superfluous floodlighting which illuminated only the circling starlings screeching at having been so rudely dislodged from their home. Huge jagged pieces of masonry lay in a grotesque heap, with here and there fragments of the bell frame protruding, but of the bells there was no sign. The crumpled cupola, once a proud part of the city's skyline, had fallen and now lay like a crude hat atop the pathetic pile which, until a few minutes ago, had been the city Guild's pride and joy. Over the whole unhappy scene hung a thick pall of dust which seemed unwilling to settle on such a hallowed spot, and all the while starlings in their thousands screeched noisily overhead.

The ringers, with the exception of George, who seemed to be suffering from shock and unable to move, suddenly ran forward and began clawing at the debris in a state of frenzy. (This latter state produced by their recent consumption in the alehouse.) Like men possessed they attacked the shattered masonry, determined to catch a glimpse of their beloved bells, although the prospect of any surviving intact seemed unlikely. For many hours they toiled but to no avail. At irregular intervals a cry of anguish would be heard as a fragment of the once noble ring was extracted from the ruin and reverently placed within the precincts of the church. As dawn approached, eleven begrimed, weary ringers clambered from the wreckage and made their way from the disaster area, their work completed; the smashed ring, the excellent products of a bygone foundry, lay at rest in the Cathedral nave.

As the noise of the collapse had subsided the previous evening, a shadowy figure could have been seen lurking in the background. His feelings on the disaster were very mixed. Although he himself was an excellent ringer and an officer of the Guild he had never liked the eighteenth century Georgian style of architecture of which the Cathedral tower had been an almost perfect example. He was a "Gothic" man himself and so the loss of the tower itself did not unduly worry him. As he peered at the dusty scene he recalled the words of Pugin to the effect that domes and cupolas were "inventions of the devil."

The loss of the bells, however, was another prospect altogether which he did not relish. He had rung many peals here and would feel the loss deeply himself, in fact he wondered if the

Guild could survive this second blow. (The first had been six years previously when a fine octave had been sacrificed in the interests of a road widening scheme.) He was sure that the Cathedral authorities would not be keen to rebuild the tower in the foreseeable future—the Bishop was at present spending all available money on towerless churches for the new estates which were being built in the suburbs of the city. "No," he decided, "the Cathedral would remain a mere shadow of its former self, its west end bricked up with some of the surviving masonry." He shuddered and wandered off in search of a night service bus.

Meanwhile, George had remained in close proximity to the disaster area, apparently in a state of severe shock. His whole world lay literally in ruins about him, his hopes and ambitions dashed in a single evening. In the cold grey light of the dawn he took stock of the situation and silently vowed to himself that in the interests of succeeding generations of ringers he must do all within his power to have his beloved bells rehung—but where? He had no doubt that the necessary finance would be forthcoming to pay for the purchase and recasting, but there was nowhere in the city where they could be hung to advantage. With a sigh almost of despair he turned to move away from the scene and then—it happened. As the morning mist cleared the roof-tops of the city centre buildings he caught sight of the newly constructed post office tower. A gleam of hope came into his eyes.

"Why not?" he muttered and, snatching his trusty bicycle, he pedalled away furiously into the suburbs.

At home he sat down wearily and, beneath the heading of the Guild note-paper, began to write a letter.

"To the Postmaster General..." it began.

LITTLE JOHN.

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Suffolk Veterans Hold Pre-Christmas Party



A VERY happy afternoon was spent at Ufford on December 21st, when Cecil Pipe arranged a little pre-Christmas gathering for ten veterans of the Suffolk Guild.

Ringling took place at the Parish Church and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major with everyone having a ring and making a good job of it, too! This was followed by "ringers' tea" (ham, sausage rolls, etc.) at Ufford Crown, and many a tale was spun around the roaring fire in the parlour. Cecil Pipe spoke to each of the old 'uns in turn, highlighting their ringing careers, and George Pipe, much to their amusement, gave a verbal sketch of each one in turn as he remembered them when he started to ring!

Below is a pen picture of eight of them:—

Percy May, born 1895 at Kelsale, Suffolk, first peal at age of 13 with the famous Bailey brothers of Leiston. Peals include Superlative, Maximus and Treble Ten "in hand." A railwayman.

Willoughby (Sonny) Maulden, born 1891, Framlingham, Suffolk. Contemporary of Horace Howlett and William G. Crickmer. Rung over 200 peals including several "in hand" during his stay in Guildford in 1912-15 with A. H. Pulling. A cashier.

George Finch, born 1890 at Wickham Market. Sixty years a ringer and chorister, taught to ring by Charles E. Fisher, rung about 50 peals. A master gardener.

Gilbert Goodship, born 1888 at Reading, Berks. Taught by Ambrose Osborne and has rung about 130 peals. Elected to Oxford Guild when F. E. Robinson was Master in 1905. Rang with R. T. Hibbert and C. W. O. Jenkins and Gabriel Lindoff whilst living in Dublin. Taught bands at Basford, Harrow Weald, Little Missenden and Oulton, Suffolk. Member of five Associations, including A.S.C.Y.

James Bennett, born 1887 at Ashbocking and taught to ring by the sexton, Walter Butcher. One of the most famous ringers of all time, having rung 1,300 peals, 321 of them with William Pye and in 50 different 12-bell towers. Has rung in four continents and chimed on the fifth. A Royal Marine.

Charles J. Sedgley, born 1887 at King's Lynn and taught to ring by his father, John W. Sedgley. A well-known composer and conductor and 12-bell ringer, the only survivor of the second peal of Cambridge Maximus in 1910. Rung over 350 peals, many of them with the Motts, Catchpole and Barrett brothers. For 30 years a printer.

Frederick J. Crapnell, born 1881 at Clop-ton and taught to ring there. A devoted Churchman, over 70 years a ringer and sides-

The veterans (from left to right): George R. Finch, Willoughby E. Maulden, Charles J. Sedgley, James Bennett, George E. Symonds, Percy May, Gilbert R. Goodship and Frederick J. Crapnell. (Average age of the eight 79 years, 5 months.)

[Photograph taken in Grundisburgh belfry prior to the Ufford gathering.]

man. Rung 52 peals up to Royal, including many with beginners. A blacksmith.

George E. Symonds, born 1875 at Oakley, Suffolk, learned to ring at Brome (5) 80 years ago, taught by Fred Day, the Eye bellhanger. First peal was Treble Ten at Camberwell in 1897, joining the College Youths in 1898. Over 100 peals of Maximus in his 467 peals (conducted 254). A master of Stedman and Grandsire and "off-beat" methods (Albion, Forward, Duffield Maximus). Conducted Holt's Original 20 times, Oxford Maximus "in hand" and many other fine performances. A chorister for many years. Celebrates his diamond wedding this year and intends to ring a peal for it. (92!)

Charles E. Fisher and **Harry Hall** joined these eight, and the average age of the ten men was 79 years and 7 months. Suffolk is proud of them. G.W.P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Guildford District

A disappointing year was reviewed by Mr. W. Savill, who presided, at the annual meeting of the Guildford District held at Holy Trinity Vestry, Guildford, on January 21st. He said attendances at meetings had been small, there was no striking competition, and often the secretary had difficulty in arranging meetings through lack of support from local tower captains.

Good wishes were extended to Miss Stevinson, on her marriage, by the chairman, and Miss Diane Street, the retiring secretary, was congratulated on her engagement.

The District faces 1967 with new officers. Mr. David Tubbs, who is in charge of ringing at the Cathedral, becomes District Ringing Master, and Miss Yvonne Eloie, the Guild librarian, District secretary. Mr. J. Payton (Chiddingfold) is Assistant Ringing Master and Mr. J. Horsman (Shalford) auditor. Mr. W. Savill was appointed to the Guild Committee.

The Guild service was held in St. Nicolas' Church, the Rector (the Rev. W. Goddard) officiating and giving a short address. Ringing was at St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity Churches.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

The reunion of the Society of Raving Ringers was held at Northampton this year with headquarters at the Angel Hotel on the first full week-end in January.

Ted Venn did the organising, and it was damp and dismal on the morning of January 7th. Before long, snow began to fall, but we soon warmed up on the handy eight at Desborough, where the party was completed by the arrival of Ted and Marion Richards. Rothwell bells were rung to a good variety of methods, the highlight being a well-struck course of London. After an hour on the ten at Kettering, the Master and a Past Master present had lunch with two of our older members, Dennis and Christine Bowen, now residing in the town. In the afternoon, after the well cared for five at Barton Segrave, we rang methods up to eight spliced at Burton Latimer before finishing on the sixes at Isham and Wilby.

Dennis and Christine attended the dinner at H.Q., and afterwards a party of about 20 adjourned to a private room at the Old White Hart. With Chris Clarke in the chair the annual meeting was soon completed. Chris remains Master, with Ron Russ and Jim Linnell as joint Ringing Masters. The retiring Ringing Master, Michael Coleman, was thanked for his services. We received a progress report on the 1967 tour, which is to be in Kent and Sussex, with headquarters at Tunbridge Wells, during the last week in July. The rest of the evening was spent singing ringers' songs and watching a film show of the Cornish tour.

On Sunday morning we split up to provide service bands at both St. Edmund's and St. Giles', Northampton. With all our regular conductors at St. Edmund's, the St. Giles' band managed to keep right long enough in Grandsire Caters to allow the Master to call his first touch! Those who attended service at St. Giles' afterwards were pleasantly surprised by the large congregation. Here is a town church that is far from being in the doldrums.

After lunch Clare Higby (née Chambers), another old member, joined us in ringing on the fives at Walgrave and Orlingbury. A broken rope at Walgrave put us a bit behind time, but did not prevent us enjoying the music of the fine-toned six at Mears Ashby. Ringing finished at Earls Barton, where the eight were rung for evening service in methods up to Bristol. Farewells then concluded another enjoyable reunion. R.K.R.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Kennard 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, J. Lawley 3, M. Clewes 4, B. Wootton 5, R. Tandy 6, A. D. Roden 7.

GREAT DAY FOR SMALL KENT VILLAGE

THE low-lying flatlands which form the valley of the Kentish Stour east of Canterbury contain many tiny villages and hamlets with such delightful names as Marshside, Pluck's Gutter, etc., and many fine rings of bells, such as Ash, Chislet, Wingham and others which will be well known to Kent ringers.

Lying close to the diverging valleys of the Great and Little Stour are the united parishes of Stourmouth, Elmstone and Preston-by-Wingham. Of these, Stourmouth and Elmstone churches have but three bells each, but for 250 years there has been a ring of five at St. Mildred's, Preston. Alas, for nearly a quarter of that time these bells have been silent and unring owing to the decayed state of the frame in which they hung. On Wednesday, January 18th, the silence of over 60 years was broken, and the bells rededicated by the Ven. Alexander Sargent, Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Interest in bells has never been entirely lacking in recent years in the "Three Parishes," for in 1960 the derelict ring of three bells at Elmstone was completely restored by the Whitechapel foundry, though lack of funds precluded their being rehung for full swing ringing. The story of the restoration of the bells of Preston is one of vision and great courage, for the village is one of the smallest in this part of Kent.

There are no records of the bells that hung in the church in the Middle Ages, but one may safely assume that the church probably possessed bells at an early date. The church itself is Early English in its original style, but was much enlarged at a later date, as the fine moulded Perpendicular arches of the south aisle show, in marked contrast to the stumpy pillars of the earlier north aisle. The tower itself is low and massive, capped by a plain tiled pyramid spire, and is pierced by single lancet windows.

MADE A RING OF FIVE

We do know that by 1700 at least there was in this tower a ring of four bells, though no record survives of their weights or inscriptions. As the present ring of five was cast from their metal, it may be calculated that the tenor of this ring weighed about 12 to 14 cwt. Perhaps some of the bells were survivors of the mediaeval ring, or cast by the celebrated founder Joseph Hatch. In 1712 it was decided to have them recast and made into five, and the bells were taken down and sent to the Whitechapel foundry, then owned by Mr. Richard Phelps. While they were away the frame in which they hung was altered to take five bells, and the new bells were duly hung in it.

There is no record of any major restoration after this. As may be expected in a small country parish, the churchwardens were always buying new bell ropes, as they required the old ones for use on their farms! No doubt many minor repairs were carried out. When the writer of this article saw the bells first in 1963, he noted several patchings on the fittings appeared to be of the 19th century type.

No doubt ringings became fewer as the years went on. We have no record of any peal on the bells, but we do know that in 1905 the bells were rung by a band from nearby Wickhambreaux, one of whom is still alive. This is probably the last time that the bells were rung. By 1963 they had become derelict,



the tower dangerous, the frame rotten and the fittings had largely rotted away, the bells being sounded by clocking. Estimates were taken before this, and a plan to have them altered to a chime was fortunately not proceeded with.

A RESTORATION

In 1965 the Rev. C. T. Spurling became Rector of the Three Parishes and determined to have something done about the bells at Preston. When he was Vicar of Otham his son, a ringer, had put the three bells in order and trained ringers. Hopes soon crystallised into action, and shortly before Easter the bells were removed to the foundry from which they had first come. The frame, fittings and upper tower floor were all removed and placed in the churchyard for disposal. After removal, the tenor was found to be cracked in the crown, and was recast later in the year. Meanwhile at Preston money was being raised so that the bells could return as soon as possible. Early in December they were returned, having been cleaned, tuned and quarter-turned, and were rehung in a new cast iron and steel frame with new fittings throughout by Mr. Harry Parkes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On January 18th a goodly congregation assembled in the church for the dedication. Amongst the many ringers present were Mr. B. J. Luck (chairman, Canterbury District) and Mr. K. I. Davis (District secretary). After the bidding and the singing of the second hymn the procession made its way to the tower, and the Archdeacon blessed and hallowed the bells, charging the Rector to see "that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory." As the procession re-formed the bells were rung in rounds, and the band included 84-year-old Mr. Sidney Walter, of Wickhambreaux, the last surviving ringer to have rung in the tower in 1905.

In his sermon the Archdeacon commended all those who had worked hard to make this service possible, and addressed himself particularly to those who heard the bells and their message of "Come." He said that the Church was going through a particularly difficult period, and that not everyone would respond to the message of the bells, but it was their own personal witness which counted.

A collection was taken towards the bells fund during the singing of the Ringers' Hymn, and the service ended with prayers and the Blessing. After the service many members had their first ring at Preston.

THE BELLS

Treble (3½ cwt. in D): R. Phelps
Fec: 1712. Robert Wyborne
Gent: Benefactor.
Second (4½ cwt. in C): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Third (5 cwt. in B): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Fourth (6½ cwt. in A): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Tenor (7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Mr. John Harrison William Lyckit Chvchwardens. Recast 1966. Mears, London.

The five bells tuned, quarter-turned and rehung and the tenor bell recast, with new fittings and frame for six bells 1966/67 by Mears and Stainbank.

Donations for the Preston Bells Fund will be thankfully received by the Rev. C. Terence Spurling, The Rectory, Elmstone, Wingham, Canterbury, Kent, and gratefully acknowledged.

D. L. C.
[Photo by N. Spurling.]

MR. R. KINGSLEY MASON'S 300 PEALS

Mr. Kingsley Mason, of Nighton, Leicestershire, rang his 300th peal, Wigston Surprise Major, at Shepshed, Leicestershire, on Christmas Eve. Details:

Surprise Maximus 6.—Cambridge 4, Lambeth, Yorkshire.

Cinques 1.—Stedman.

Surprise Royal 52 (conducted 14).—Albanian 2 (1), Anstev, Asfordby, Belgrave, Blaby, Cambridge 9 (4), Diseworth, Elmsthorpe, Foston, Glenfield, Hemington, Horninghold, Ibstock, Jacobstowe, Lincolnshire 3 (2), Lindsey, London 2, New Cambridge, Noseley, Pudsey 2 (2), Solihull, Swindon 2, Woodstock, Wye, Yorkshire 14 (5).

Royal 9.—Plain Bob 5, Little Bob 3, Kent T.B. 1.

Caters 9.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 3.

Surprise Major 163 (46).—Aldenhall 4, Ashted (1), Belgrave, Bristol, Cambridge 17 (2), Chiltern, Claybrooke, Ealing (1), Enderby, Gainsborough 2, Haselbeck (1), Heringham, Hitchin, Ipswich, Johannesburg, Kendal, Kenninghall, Langleigh (1), Llanfair P.G., Lindum, Lincolnshire 16 (7), London 24 (3), Mancetter, New Cambridge 3 (1), Pudsey 6 (4), Quedgeley (1), Rutland 7 (3), Southwell 2 (1), Stand (1), Superlative 11 (2), Tring (1), Turramurra, Uxbridge (1), Vancouver, Warwickshire 2, Watford (1), Wembley, Whitwick, Wigston, Wychwood, Yorkshire 29 (14), Zurich.

Spliced Surprise Major 8.—3 methods, 4 methods, 6 methods, 9 methods, 11 methods, 14 methods, 15 methods, 17 methods.

Major 14.—Plain Bob 7, Hereward Bob, Loughborough College Bob, Ogden College Bob, Double Norwich C.B. 3, Kent T.B.

Triples 9.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 7.

Surprise Major 18.—Beverley, Cambridge 5, Durham, London, Westminster, York, 7 methods, 7, 15 methods.

Minor 14.—Plain Bob 4, 2 methods, 4 methods, 5 methods, 7 methods, 9 methods, 2, 10 methods, 12 methods, Oxford T.B., Warwick Delight.

Doubles 5.—One each of 2, 5, 21, 31 and 32 methods

Total 300 (conducted 60).

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Letters to the Editor

"STUPENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT"

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer my congratulations to the band who rang 160 different methods to a peal on January 21st. It is a stupendous achievement and must earn the unqualified admiration of all ringers—it certainly has mine.

Seeing, as I do, several members of the band frequently in Bristol, I have come to accept without question that each attempt will be planned, gone for and achieved without fear of failure. It is a very long time since an attempt has failed and the attainment of such certainty in a precarious world is not the least of the triumphs of this band. I do know, however, that behind all this there has been a lot of time spent by each member of the band in doing their homework.

As much as one boggles at the skill of all eight members of the band, the skill of Tony Peake, in particular, surpasses them all. Not only has he conducted all the peals, he has also arranged all the recent compositions and spent countless hours selecting methods which will not go false in the peal and proving the compositions. Without Tony's leadership and single-minded devotion I am sure this Everest of the ringing intellect would not have been scaled.

Congratulations to you all. — Yours sincerely,
PHILIP GRAY.

A BELL'S NOTES

Dear Sir,—I have understood that there are five main notes in a true harmonic bell—(1) nominal, (2) fifth (quint), (3) third (tierce), (4) fundamental, (5) hum—and that there are others which make the total nine, and even eleven.

Now I see by Canon Gilbert Thurlow's article in "Norwich Churchman" on the Wyndham restoration ("Ringing World," January 27th, 1967, page 60) that there are now "13 different notes which a bell gives."

Would Canon Thurlow be so good as to give us the names of these, please, and add what are the other 12 notes if the fundamental is middle C on the piano.

Any advance on 13 now or in the future?—Yours sincerely,
CLAUDE RUSH.
Felixtowe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—We are concerned that the views of this Guild have been misrepresented on the subject of the publication of peals.

Our members do not expect their peals to have preference over any others but they do consider that the old system of peal classification was better.—Yours faithfully,

R. C. INGRAM, Master.

J. A. AINSWORTH, Ringing Master.

G. E. FEARN, Secretary and Treasurer,
St Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers
for the Diocese of Birmingham.

BYTHORN, HUNTS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the article "Rings of Four Bells in Huntingdonshire" by Peter S. Abbott, particularly the reference to Bythorn, the bells of which I am sorry to learn are not likely to be rung again. About 1922–24, with two friends, I used to cycle regularly from Raunds to Bythorn to ring with the two local lads and then return to Keystone for a couple of 120's of Plain Bob on the hard-going heavy ring of five.

Incidentally, my father often told me that the late Henry Chapman, whom I met on several occasions, was born at Bythorn, and he returned there on his retirement after living and ringing in the Manchester district for many years.—Yours truly,

Hemel Hempstead.

FRANCIS KIRK.

CHIMES—TENS AND NINETEENS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letter on "Ten-Bell Changes." This was done at the two Plympton towers until the early 1930's by means of swing chiming, ringing for divine service being only permitted one Sunday a month, the first Sunday at St. Maurice's and the last at St. Mary's. This system had been going on from time immemorial, as the chimers, some of whom were not ringers, received a fee annually and the ringers did not. It was a big struggle to get this abolished in favour of ringing every Sunday.

Here is the chime known as Tens:

15243

15246

3 and 6 had to be dropped and picked up.

Then we had Nineteens, which sounded very beautiful when well struck and which was really a work of art to perform, 3, 5 and 6 having to be dropped:

14235

14265

14235

1426

Just at the turn of the century I have seen an old chimer at St. Maurice's, Jack Luscombe, perform on 1, 4 and 2, one in each hand and one by his foot.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

Plympton, Devon.

ORIGIN OF GRANDSIRE WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am writing to ask if any of your readers know the origin of the word "Grandsire"—repeated inquiries from various people have so far produced no result. When the method was originally invented was Grandsire the name of a place, person or suchlike?

The only connection I can find between the word as we use it and that in the Oxford Dictionary: "esp. of animal's sire, also=ancestor, old man." is when Grandsire Triples is sometimes jokingly referred to as "Grandfather's Troubles" (!).

Perhaps there is an explanation for this much-used and well-known (in the Exercise, that is) word.—Yours faithfully,

P. D. DAWSON-TAYLOR.

Beddington, Surrey.

CHORISTERS AS RECRUITS

Dear Sir,—Whilst not wishing or presuming to criticise the articles written by "Osram," I, like Mr. Vidler, must disagree with his exclusion of choirboys from the category of "best potential ringers."

We have always looked to the choir for recruits, and never more than at present. We have taught a number of 11-year-olds over the last few years, some in the choir and some outside it but, generally speaking, it is the choirboys who have stuck whilst the others have fallen by the wayside. My experience has been that the double interest strengthens the link with the church and that the two things tend to support, rather than detract from, each other. The backbone of our present band includes five choristers, one server and several ex-choristers.

I think it very unlikely that I should have been writing this letter had I not first been a chorister and the son of a chorister.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE BAINHAM.

All Saints', Newport.

ADVANCE ON SPLICED SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—At the time of writing, Mr. Norman Smith's compositions of Spliced Surprise Major with all the work of between 13 and 23 methods have not been published (we hope this will soon be remedied) but, having seen the figures, may we express our admiration for Mr. Smith's achievements, both as the composer and as the conductor of several of the peals. The simplicity of the basic arrangement is perhaps the most outstanding feature and in our view the series represents the most striking advance in Spliced Surprise Major composition since the first "all-the-work" peal was produced.

We would also like to offer our congratulations to the rest of the band.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT,
D. BERESFORD,
D. E. SIBSON,
J. A. D. WOOLFORD,
JOAN BERESFORD.

London, W.C.

THE PROFESSOR'S REPLY

Dear Sir,—The Professor regrets that the word "Surprise" which inadvertently crept into his statement about Spliced Minor should have so upset Mr. Timothy G. Pett, although he feels that persons with a normal I.Q. should have recognised the intruder as a slip of the pen. He would otherwise, he says, have taken steps to correct the mistake immediately. Delete the word "Surprise" and the statement is, of course, correct.

With regard to 5ths place without the treble behind he would point out that, having long maintained that 65's at backstroke add rather than detract from the musical interest, he therefore regards the increased possibility of such change endings as the only redeeming feature of these methods.

Both single change and methods containing 5ths without the treble behind were common enough during the past but after allowing them, in our wisdom, to die a natural death we find they are suddenly resuscitated. The Professor's objection to them is that they increase stagnation both musically and methodically although he admits that many so-called regular methods (including some Surprise) are stagnant enough.

Much rubbish has been rung, he insists, under the magical name of "Spliced," particularly of Minor and Doubles. Anything that tends to increase the amount of rubbish is, he declares, a retrograde step.—Yours sincerely,
H. C.

A DEVON OPINION

Dear Sir,—A recent letter to "The Ringing World" suggested that Guilds and Associations when meeting should discuss the new look of the front of the paper and convey their observations to the Editor as a possible means of guiding the Editorial Committee on what was most acceptable to the readers.

This matter was raised for discussion at a recent meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and became the subject of much comment. The result of these discussions showed the members to be roughly equally divided: one section favoured the new style lettering when produced in conjunction with a full size front plate, illustrating one of our historic churches or cathedrals provided this was printed on good quality embossed paper to enable it to be cut out and possibly framed. The remaining members' view was that the frontal appearance of the paper was relatively unimportant providing the internal reading matter was of sufficiently good quality to appeal to a wide selection of ringers.

R. A. SOUTHWOOD,
Secretary, South West Branch,
The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' MEETING

THE meeting for the Spring Term of the Northern Universities was held on January 28th at Derby, Nottingham University being the hosts.

Ringing began on the fine ten at Duffield, where contingents from the nearer Universities appeared in force. Following Duffield, the assembled company invaded Derby, beginning the day's ringing in earnest at St. Alkmund's. Owing to time table alterations, the lunch break consisted of an hour and a half. Any tower grabbers with both enterprise and/or transport were promptly lured off to ring for a wedding at Beeston, Nottingham University's home tower. Comparing numbers at Beeston with those seen earlier in the day, we assume that a goodly proportion were content to grab a pub instead!

Fortified with some form of midday repast, all met at St. Luke's to tackle the heavy eight. This was followed by ringing at St. Peter's (a very nice eight), nestling in the heart of Derby. Those who chose to leave St. Luke's early and arrive at St. Andrew's late enjoyed a good ring here. At St. Andrew's the capacity crowd of St. Luke's materialised again, and the ten were put through their paces, though some experienced difficulty owing to the height of the ropes.

Ringing concluded at the end of a busy day at Derby Cathedral. While a touch of Spiced Surprise Major floundered, a touch of Double Norwich provided some of the best striking of the day. Another notable event was an invitation to Manchester University, who had come armed with a strong contingent to parade their own Royal band. They declined—they said—being unable to decide on which version of London!!!

The usual impromptu "business meeting" was held at the Cathedral. Here the suggestion, mooted at the previous meeting, to form an Association on an organised basis was reviewed and dropped. The Northern Universities will continue in its own sweet, but unofficial, way!

It was also decided that the venue of the Summer Term meeting would be Liverpool on June 17th.

A vote of thanks is due to all local ringers who met us and, of course, to all visiting Societies for making the day a successful one.

D. R. M.

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OBITUARY



MR. SIDNEY PROCTOR

A popular member of the band at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, whose death was reported in our last issue (page 79).

M. ALBERT HUNTER

The death is regretted of Mr. Albert Hunter, a member of St. Martin's, Ruislip, band of ringers since just after the First World War.

Before coming to Ruislip he was a ringer at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and was then a well-known member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He rang a few peals in his early days and was most reliable for service ringing. A member of the Parochial Church Council, he had been a sidesman at Ruislip for many years. A widow and three sons are bereaved. He will be greatly missed at St. Martin's.

The funeral service was held at St. Martin's Church on January 25th and was followed by cremation. May he rest in peace. T. C.

MR. CLAUDE RANDALL

Claude Randall was the last of the old hand at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Mansfield, Notts. Reluctantly, he had to give up active ringing in October, 1964, at the age of 77, after 55 years' service. A regular attender at practice and twice every Sunday, he set a fine example to the younger members who made up the band.

Since giving up ringing, Claude's health failed chiefly due to being thrown from the platform of a moving bus and he died on January 22nd. His lasting memorial will undoubtedly be the stone-cum-concrete stairway to the belfry, which he so expertly repaired some years ago. Mr. Randall was a life member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

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Rung at Birmingham Cathedral on 19/1/1967.

THE MEETING THAT WAS ALMOST TOO POPULAR

FOR some time the secretaries of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Association had been uneasy about the attendance at the average ringing meeting and the progress achieved. Although there were usually 20 to 30 ringers present they were nearly always from the same few towers while most towers were not represented. There were ringers who would be seen if a meeting was held at their own tower but seldom, if ever, were seen at District meetings and hardly seemed to advance in their ringing.

Feeling that as we are an "Association of Church Bell Ringers" we should try and cater for all our members, it was decided to hold a meeting for learners only. Speculating on attendance, we felt that if we got 20 we would be doing well, but it would be pure gain and success if we attracted learners from two or three towers to ring strange bells with strange people.

Gateshead was chosen as being convenient to all areas, having easy-going bells, no problems over noise, and the Eastern District secretary, Miss Margaret Thow as tower captain. Unfortunately we can only ring on the front six, as the seventh is badly cracked. The meeting was duly announced for January 21st as "Learners only: Rounds, Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob."

During the week Miss Thow grew more and more surprised and alarmed as over 50 names arrived by Wednesday. In all 55 sat down for tea and, with other visitors, there must have been nearly 70 ringers there, with ringers from as far afield as Hartlepool, Sedgfield, Shildon and Bishop Auckland with nine other towers represented.

Ringers began to arrive at 2.30 p.m. and soon packed into all possible nooks and crannies, while we attempted to give everyone a try at rounds. It was not the easiest thing to organise, not knowing the capabilities of many ringers, trying to avoid too many unsure ringers at once and keeping some reliable ones on the treble to set the pace. However, by tea most ringers had rung twice and a set of handbells in the church to practice Plain Hunt reduced the congestion a little. After tea half an hour was spent ringing plain courses of Bob Minor, then back to more rounds and call changes.

An attendance of 60 proves that there is a demand for this type of meeting; for some ringers it was their first meeting and for some it was the first time that they had rung outside their own tower. At a short discussion after tea it was agreed to hold a similar meeting soon, at Shildon if possible.

Finally, if other Districts have our original problem, we can only suggest: "Go thou and do likewise." There was a profit of £4 10s. on the tea, which will go into the Bell Fund, bringing the fund total to £87 12s. 6d.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A well-attended meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Headcorn on January 14th. Ringing was under the supervision of Messrs. B. Groves and G. Evenden, and methods rung included Yorkshire Surprise Major, Spliced Stedman and Grandshire Triples.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. J. Pharoah, who extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors. After a splendidly prepared tea Mr. Pharoah presided at the business meeting.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. P. Carter, and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES IN HERTFORDSHIRE

The extremely mild weather encouraged many members and welcome visitors to attend the annual District meeting of the St. Albans District at Hatfield on January 21st. Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal. The Rev. Michael West conducted an interesting service and then joined the members for tea in the Memorial Hall.

At the business meeting the president of the Association, Mr. Ken Dunstan, took the chair. Before the business, all present stood in silence in memory of members who had died during the past year—Mr. Fred Spicer (St. Albans), Mr. J. Wells (Kimpton) and Mr. J. T. Watkins.

It was decided to hold the annual District meeting of 1968 at St. Albans.

The secretary read his report, in which the past year's activities were enumerated—the District outing, car rally, dinner, advanced ringing course, a series of evening practices, the first District peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and the loss of Tewin to the Eastern District.

When it came to the election of new officers, the secretary, Mr. Roger Brown, announced that he would not be seeking re-election and had pleasure in nominating Mr. Keith Walpole, of Wheathampstead, to succeed him. Keith was unopposed and elected to office. The committee presented a small gift to both Roger and Sheila Brown and, on behalf of the entire District, Mrs. Amy Coburn thanked Roger for his work over the past two years.

Mr. Gerald Penney was re-elected as Ringing Master, and Miss Julia Fellows as "The Ringing World" representative. The District Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. M. A. Coburn, Miss J. Fellows, Messrs. Roger Brown, Geoffrey Dodds, Eric Edmondson, John Ewer and Gerald Penney. Mrs. Coburn was no longer standing for the General Committee, and Mr. Geoffrey Dodds was elected to join Gerald Penney on this committee. Miss Fellows was elected to write up the District peal book, and the Ringing Master mentioned a few points he had noted about 1966's "District Peal Programme"—16 peals were rung, of which ten were on tower bells and six "in hand." Five members rang their first peal, 19 rang something new, and altogether 37 District members took part.

The proposed activities for 1967 were discussed—unfortunately there was very little re-

sponse from the District as regards the car rally, dinner, further courses and practice meetings. It was decided that the committee would carry on and organise something on these lines, but it was pointed out that if anyone had any bright (or otherwise!) ideas, the committee were there to hear and discuss them. Suggestions already received are a course on belfry maintenance and instruction of learners.

Under any other business, some discussion followed on the possibility of a visit by the Central Council, and it was pointed out that if the Association were to be hosts a good deal of money would have to be raised by each District, and there was no time like the present to think seriously about ways of raising as much as possible.

Finally the meeting was closed with votes of thanks. Evening ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. J. A. F.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Hertford on January 14th Mr. E. Newnham was proposed as president of the Herts County Association in succession to Mr. K. Dunstan. Mr. Newnham intimated that he was prepared to accept nomination.

The District secretary, Mr. P. M. F. Searles, and the District Ringing Master, Mr. S. James, were both re-elected, and elected to the District Committee were Messrs. S. James, D. Harris, J. Thorp, P. Owen and B. Foley. To the Association Committee Messrs. R. Berry and S. James were elected. Eleven new members were elected from Hertford, Cheshunt, Tewin, Benington and Little Munden.

It was agreed that during 1967 a series of practice meetings be arranged on a tower's own practice night to assist learners in method ringing, particularly the towers that lack outside support.

Mr. D. Harris suggested that advanced ringing practices should be held to help those ringers who are learning the more advanced methods but are reluctant to "catch hold" during meetings and when visiting other towers on practice night. These practices will be arranged by the District Committee.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies who prepared tea was proposed by Mr. S. James.

Next meeting: Little Munden, February 11th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

N. and E. District

The January meeting of the N. and E. District was held on the 14th, at the very fine Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, which also has a fine octave cast by an organ builder, Lewis of Brixton, about 100 years ago. Unfortunately only about 20 people attended the afternoon ringing. The bells, owing to local complaints, are not very often available for meetings. Ringing included Stedman, Cambridge and Yorkshire.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Springford), who gave a talk on the history of the church. He told of the building of the church in Wells Street in the West End of London in 1847 at a cost of £10,300 without internal fabric—of how it was moved stone by stone to Kingsbury in 1934. He said that the church architect had recently stated that today he would not even start to draw up plans like this unless he knew that there was at least £1,000,000 in the building fund.

Tea was followed by the business meeting. Nine new members were elected—the Misses W. and L. Ferguson, S. Taylor, E. Pearce, together with M. Pearce and D. Gazeley (Hendon), C. Pike (Kingsbury) and D. Willocks and P. Blakebrough (Southgate). The provisional election as a non-resident life member of Mr. Jeremy R. Pratt, of Clapham, prior to a peal at Bishopsgate, was ratified.

Evening ringing took place at St. Mary's, Hendon. D. T. C. S.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

Biggleswade was a popular venue for the District annual general meeting on January 14th. The Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dominey, conducted the service and presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. K. Fleming) in his annual report mentioned the formation of two new bands—at Potton and Old Warden—and that the young people were among the most regular attenders at meetings.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, Mr. P. Mehew; secretary, Mr. K. Fleming; committee, Messrs. R. Giddings, P. Rogers, R. Sharp and A. H. Smith; Belfry Repair Fund, treasurer, Mr. G. Mayer; organists, Messrs. H. J. Lockey and P. Rogers; Press secretary, Miss L. Ellison.

The general secretary (Mr. A. S. Smith) in his speech stated that the Striking Committee's report would be considered at the Association's annual general meeting in May, and expressed the hope that within the next few months a District Ringing Master would be appointed.

The president (Mr. A. Rushton) closed the meeting by noting the high percentage of youth present and also thanked the ladies for a splendid tea.

Ringing under the joint management of Messrs. A. H. and A. S. Smith was then resumed until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Next meeting: Clifton, February 11th, L. E.

THE END OF SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

About 80 people (61 of whom are District members) were present at what is scheduled to be the final annual meeting of the Southampton District, which took place at Romsey Abbey on January 21st. During the afternoon and evening ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. The service was conducted by Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

Tea was served in the new Church Rooms, and the chairman (Mr. J. Hartless) commenced the business meeting by thanking Canon Norris for his cordial welcome to the ringers and by proposing a vote of thanks to the local ringers and their wives for such an excellent tea.

The treasurer's report showed that membership during the year had increased from 105 to 115, there was an 11 per cent. increase in the balance in hand, and the number of towers paying affiliation fees had increased from four to twelve. Seventeen new members were elected.

With District boundaries due to be changed at the Guild annual general meeting in July, it was thought advisable to arrange only the April quarterly meeting. The Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Faithfull, proposed that it should be a memorable one, held in Southampton, with ringing at St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Bitterne Park on April 15th.

Mr. A. V. Davies, chairman of the Christchurch District, proposed that a joint meeting of towers in the New Forest area should be held in September. As there was general agreement, arrangements are being made for September 16th. M. F.

LEICESTER DISTRICT HELD ITS OWN IN 1966

In his report presented to the annual general meeting of the Leicester District, held at South Wigston on January 7th, Mr. R. Hughes, the District secretary, said 1966 had been a year in which the District could be said to have held its own, perhaps even bettered itself ever so slightly. This must be a very good thing in these days, when pessimism was so rife concerning things cultural, artistic, religious and otherwise generally worth while.

New and rejoined members totalled 20, six being from Bitteswell, thus putting this tower more firmly on the map. Paid-up membership was 137 as compared with 134; there were also 39 outstanding subscriptions. The average attendance at meetings was 25, a slight but encouraging increase.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick presided over an attendance of 39, representing 11 towers. An apology was received from the Guild president, Mr. Bernard S. Payne, and it was reported that John A. Acres, a long-standing friend, was in hospital at Chelmsford. It was decided to send him the good wishes of the District with a little present of cigarettes.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. B. G. Warwick; secretary, Mr. Ron D. Hughes; Ringing Master, Mr. Sid Harrison; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Poyner. A very heartening sign was the election of ten new members, six being from Blaby.

Mrs. P. J. Steniforth thanked the ringers and friends at South Wigston for a much enjoyed tea, the Vicar (the Rev. Neil Robinson) for conducting the proposed new Guild service, and the organist.

Ringing afterwards included London and Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

In the truly massive tower at Ramsbury, the Marlborough Branch held its first meeting of 1967 on January 21st. Twenty-three members and visitors from Wooburn, Bucks, Wroughton and Swindon were present. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Roger Keeley and tea prepared by Mrs. G. Westall and helpers.

Mr. G. Newman (chairman) thanked all who had helped with the arrangements and congratulated Miss P. Mundy on scoring her first quarter. Mr. A. Watts, tower captain, thanked the near neighbours who had helped with the Christmas ringing. There were plenty of opportunities for beginners in the ringing, which was under the direction of Mr. Fred Read.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,272 Surprise Minor (three methods): E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in three Surprise 4 and 5. For Matins, and as an engagement compliment to Ian Oram and Margaret Fort.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. D. A. Day 1, J. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, R. E. Manton 4, J. L. Day 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. T. Bonshor, Mrs. D. A. Day and her twin sister Mrs. M. Muggleton.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: Doreen E. Kendrick 1, T. Lloyd (first quarter) 2, Rachel Williams (first quarter) 3, B. R. Millward 4, D. M. Collins (cond.) 5, G. Parting 6, D. H. B. Millward 7, F. C. Millward 8. Rung with 1, 2 leading, by the Sunday service band as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. T. James, who is leaving to become Vicar of Abergele.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Brenda H. Boyce 1, R. C. Taylor (first of Major as cond.) 2, R. Rice 3, P. J. Hall 4, P. England 5, W. R. Rice 6, M. G. Bartlett 7, E. T. Skipsey 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): Katharine M. Thorley (aged 10, first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 2, J. C. Hudson 3, J. Woolley 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: R. C. Button 1, C. W. Daws 2, G. H. Jones 3, D. P. Sturge 4, R. S. Bradley (first quarter) 5, S. J. Woodcock 6, F. C. Hobson 7, V. Nutton (cond.) 8.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Marion Dallison 3, Alice Ward 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, K. Dallison (first as cond.) 6. In memory of Alfred J. Bull.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. R. F. Cole 1—2, A. J. Slade (cond.) 3—4, M. B. Jefferys 5—6, R. Durrant 7—8. First quarter "in hand" by all the band. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: E. Pickett 1, Miss J. S. Young 2, Miss J. Whitnall 3, E. Newnham 4, Miss C. R. F. Cole 5, R. Durrant 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. Hawkins 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to E. Newnham.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Boyle 1, W. Scheerer 2, Ann Boyle 3, C. Hague 4, John Webb 5, James S. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter first attempt 1 and 3. For Matins.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Lucas (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Smith 2, Mrs. B. Baines 3, Miss V. Stevens 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, A. Baines 6. Rung with best wishes to Miss Vivienne Stevens, at the start of her career in the W.R.A.C.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Helen Barnaby (first Triples) 1, J. K. Foot 2, G. F. Thompson 3, A. A. Chown 4, H. M. Johnson 5, K. R. Holtom 6, M. J. V. Chown 7, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bennett on the birth of a daughter.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): T. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, J. Flint 2, P. Clarke (first quarter) 3, Derek Manton 4, David Manton 5, D. D. Carr (cond.) 6, P. S. George 7, C. D. Cosby 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: P. C. Sinden 1, J. Hedgcock 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, L. Mantering 5, D. J. Carr (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringers of 3 and 7.

GREAT HALLINGBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. Wats 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, K. Westwood 4, T. Camp 5. For the induction of the Rev. Colin Sambrook Smith as Vicar.

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. R. Randall (first of Doubles) 1, H. C. Bennett 2, A. K. Griffiths 3, A. J. Cox 4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): D. R. Randall 1, A. K. Griffiths 2, H. C. Bennett 3, P. C. Randall (cond.) 4, A. J. Cox 5.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Offen (first quarter) 1, M. Chidwick 2, S. Wigg 3, M. Hitchcock 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, Q. Partis 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Groves 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, S. Wigg 3, P. S. Muchlinski 4, M. L. Howe 5, Q. Partis 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge, Ipswich and London Surprise Minor: Eunice D. Overend 1, D. A. Burt 2, J. E. Newman 3, D. J. Orledae 4, D. G. Massey 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Minor (seven methods): R. H. Roberts 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. First by all the band.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Barton (first of Bob Major) 1, Mrs. J. Fynes 2, C. B. Fynes 3, G. Rix 4, M. Etherington (first "inside") 5, H. W. Franklin 6, D. D. Smith 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Curtis (first quarter) 1, D. Johnstone (first "inside") 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. Boreham, whose funeral was at Lavenham.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Merrilyn Chambers 1, P. Bedford 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, F. May 4, M. Carter 5, G. Blower 6, A. House 7, D. Bedford 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, C. Fisher 3, N. Handley 4, D. Osbourne 5, S. Adams 6, D. Oliver (cond.) 7, L. Butler 8.

STAINES, MIDD.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: E. Skipsey 1, T. Skipsey 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, M. S. Loveday 4, N. Somerhayes 5, R. Wiggins 6, R. C. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Maybury 8.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: L. Houghton 1, W. Houghton 2, W. Cousins 3, J. Fox 4, R. Newson 5, Shelagh Collins (cond.) 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding 8. For Christian Unity Week.

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,259 Grandairs Doubles: C. Pouncey 1, Miss E. Pouncey 2, R. Attwood, sen. 3, P. Robertson (cond.) 4, R. Liddell 5.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: G. F. Dunstan 1, A. J. Davidson 2, C. E. Lanxon 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, A. Locke 5, G. D. Carter 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, D. A. Trethewey 8. A welcome to Patrick Carveth, born January 3rd.

USK, MON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: S. Kear 1, D. Hughes (first as cond.) 2, Miss S. Byford (first "inside") 3, Miss J. Clench 4, F. Hobbs 5, R. Clench 6, L. Jones 7, C. Richards 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan Thomas 1, June Whitlcher 2, D. Wilson 3, I. L. Dear 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, A. J. Slade 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. Duncan 8, R. Durrant 9, R. Chapman 10.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. Sloman 1, A. House 2, A. J. Boyack 3, I. Dear 4, J. Stephens 5, R. Chapman 6, D. Ellisdon 7, C. Wright 8, K. Warner 9, D. Hewitt (cond.) 10.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, T. Shephard-Walwyn (first "inside") 3, Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): Jane Terry 1, Ann Funnell 2, P. Carter 3, P. K. King 4, D. Parks 5, Pamela Dence 6, Dr. E. S. J. Haicher (cond.) 7, S. Taylor 8. First quarter 4 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): R. G. Crossland (cond.) 1, S. Gay 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Gay 4, W. A. Hollamby 5, J. E. Cannell 6. For Evensong, and the 21st anniversary of St. John's Youth Fellowship. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, S. Gay (first T.B.) 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. H. Long (Spring Park, first quarter) 4, M. Gay 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WIMBLEDON, LONDON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne Evans 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Caroline Madge (first "inside") 3, A. Bishop 4, Deborah Bishop 5, Elizabeth Zass 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, P. Willatts 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Caroline Madge.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ranshaw 1, R. Isgrove 2, P. J. Hardwick 3, Jennifer Andrews 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, J. Mattingly 6. First quarter 1 and 3. By Essex University Society.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Coventry Diocesan Guild is holding its 60th anniversary dinner on November 25th.

After a lapse of 25 years, Mr. Arthur Cook is peal ringing again at Grimsby.

Surprise Major is becoming more and more popular in Somerset. There were five first quarters of Yorkshire at Burwell on January 13th.

Double Court, and not Double Bob, was rung in the first extent of the seven Minor methods peal at Ightham, Kent, reported on page 864, writes Michael J. Uphill.

For the benefit of those who keep individual records, Jane Reynolds and Jayne Reynolds, of the Lancashire Association, are the same person.

Great Barton, Suffolk, has two promising youngsters in Martin J. Drury and Robert J. Ellis. Their quarter of St. Clement's Bob Minor on January 25th was their first touch in any method except Plain Bob.

Mr. Joseph A. Fenton, whose death was reported on page 5, lived for 20 years at Melton Mowbray, and to his memory a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at Melton Parish Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

AMERICAN ORGANIST'S APPRECIATION

Mr. Frank I. Eldridge, a professor of music at Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, writes his appreciation of England and English ringing in the following terms:

"In the brief time I had in England I shall long remember the glorious ringing at 10.01½ hours at St. Paul's; the astonishing bells at Liverpool Cathedral; the delightful eight in F (it says 'E' in 'Dove'!) at St. Mary's, Ely; and the revelations and completely delightful time with those of you participating in the joint meeting at Longstanton.

"For never to be forgotten moments of shooting the breeze, I especially want to send greetings to Messrs. Douglas and William Hughes, Paul Taylor (all to whom I owe special thanks for time freely given from their businesses), Donald Murphy, of Sutton, Cambs, Peter Bedford (and his delightful family) of Aldeburgh, and Mrs. Wilfrid Moreton. To Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, my appreciation for wonderful hospitality for a weary traveller.

"I want the Exercise to know that yet another American has returned to the States deeply moved and really 'turned on' by all that the Exercise means in the world of today. If fate shall determine that I am not successful in spawning a ring of bells and active ringers in central New York State, perhaps my message will be received by someone who will one day be able to carry the torch. At least I have been personally thrilled and inspired!"

RECEIVED OFFICIAL APPROVAL

Ten-year-old Katharine M. Thorley rang her first quarter peal at Caldecott in Rutland with four officials of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Guild; it was very well struck. She is the fourth successive generation of her family to reach this standard. She previously trebled a 720 of Minor at Edith Weston to qualify for membership of the Yorkshire Association. She was born in Leeds and it is not long since she was using the upturned box of the eleventh at the Parish Church as a play-pen.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RINGING IN LONDON

Mr. F. Fowler, jun., of 9, High Street, Stourton, Wiltshire, wants to record London bells available between 11.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. He asks particularly for the times of St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Clement Danes', Westminster Abbey, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and others available.

ELY DIOCESE RINGING MAP

A map showing the state of ringing in the Ely Diocese is included in the January issue of "Sentinel," the Association's news letter. Depicted in it are towers with resident Sunday service teams; ringable but no team; few ringers; little ringing; unringable. The map is exceedingly useful for tour organisers and to them is well worth the 2s. charged.

ODD VENTURES

E. C. S. writes: "I am sorry that two errors crept into the notes on Grandsire Doubles, the publishing of one 240-block twice, and the attributing of another well-known block to the wrong Mr. Morris. I hope that my old friend Leslie will forgive me. The mistakes were mine and not the Editor's, and I can plead only the old excuse: 'Men are not wise at all hours.'"

PREACHER WAS ONCE TOWER MASTER

The Rev. Roger O. Fry, Rector of Portishead, returned to St. Michael and All Angels', Twerton-on-Avon, where he was tower master before entering a theological college in 1958, to preach at the Festal Evensong to mark the 81st anniversary of the rebuilding of the church. A feature was the church being lit by 81 candles. Previous to the service Roger rang the tenor to a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, in which three of his pupils took part—D. J. Barnett, A. F. Lee and T. J. Milsom. It is interesting to note that since 1955, when he introduced ringing for three Sunday services, the bells have never failed to ring three times and often four times on a Sunday.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Arising from the good response to his request for touches of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell writes: "Two interesting things have come to light over this which some of our experts could comment upon. Firstly, nobody could give me a touch of 98 changes; two people said it was impossible but could not say why. Secondly, it was not possible to work out 'round blocks' of touches with an odd number of changes as it is with touches of an even number of changes, i.e. calling the same touch but starting from a different place."

FIRST FOR 1968

Mr. H. E. Taylor, of Darley Dale, Matlock has pegged a claim to be the first "Ringing World" subscriber for 1968. This promptness in meeting an obligation might serve as a reminder to those who have not yet paid Mr. Jeater their subscriptions for 1967.

A CHRISTMAS OUTING

About a dozen ringers from South Cambridgeshire and Saffron Walden took part in a day's outing on December 27th organised by Mr. Ian G. Stracey. The occasion was marred by an accident at Linton, the first tower visited, which has a rather difficult heavy five. After ringing, Miss Jean Sanderson slipped on the way down and fractured her ankle. It is possible that another two months will elapse before she is ringing again.

Owing to the accident, the programme was a little behind time at Great Thurlow. It was at the next tower, Belchamp St. Paul, that the best ringing of the day took place—Cambridge Surprise. Spliced Doubles were rung on the noisy five in a round tower at Pentlow.

At Glemsford the Vicar expressed pleasure at hearing the bells rung for the first time over the Christmas festival. The six bells here are not the easiest to ring, but Plain and Little Bob Minor were rung. Other towers before lunch were Hartest and Wepstead.

Much of the afternoon's ringing was Doubles but at West Stow some Kent and Oxford Spliced was rung with the assistance of a local ringer. One car load failed to locate Dalham, our last tower, where the pleasant-sounding five were rung by the light of candles and hurricane lamps. The Rector rang with us and mentioned that the bells were only rung very occasionally. M. E. S.

GETTING READY FOR UNITY

Among latest recruits at All Saints', Huntingdon, is the daughter of the local Methodist minister.—"Sentinel," news letter of Ely Diocesan Association.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS

IT was asking for trouble in the first place, and was perhaps even presumptuous. Until nine months ago there had been hardly opportunities to do any ringing—the job which brought in the bread and butter made it almost impossible. There were a few towers near, but work always seemed to prevent ringing. Altogether during the past seven years two peals, perhaps half a dozen practices, no Sunday service ringing at all—it was not very encouraging. So it was really asking for trouble to accept an invitation to stand in a peal of Maximus. Three peals on 12, two of them Maximus, the other Cinques, and all rung eight or more years previously, was not very promising.

My thoughts ran on these lines when the peal of Maximus was first mentioned; and I had very mixed feelings when offered a rope. But the Ringing Master of what was now my home tower (I had moved last May) asked me, and seemed to have more confidence in me than I had myself. Since last May we had been concentrating on learners, and the whole 12 had only been rung twice on practice nights, and then only in rounds. Would I be able to stand up to it physically? After all, it would mean about 3½ hours of ringing, and I was seven years older and out of practice.

Incredibly, in the event it all went well. Much of the ringing was splendid, and the striking good (after one or two crisp comments). It was bitterly cold in the tower, at least five degrees warmer outside than in when we came down the steps eventually. At one awful moment I thought cramp would cripple my arms; and towards the end it felt as though my hands would be pulled off the ends of my arms. But not even one small blister resulted from all that unaccustomed exercise! It was my 25th peal.

The point of writing this? Not to do any personal trumpet-blowing, but to place the credit where it belongs, namely to those who taught me so well—they were and still are the Ringing Masters of Cleeve Prior and Evesham, and both are still teaching. It is also written in the hope that it might encourage others who have been unable to ring (for whatever reason) to return and try again. A. W.

JACK WORRALL RINGS AGAIN

A panel meeting of the Southern Regional Examination Board in Southampton on January 23rd was the occasion of a minor University of Bristol reunion between Heather and Ivor Trueman and Jack Worrall on the previous Saturday at the home of the Truemans. Circumstances prevented them attending the major reunion at Bristol on the same day.

For Jack Worrall, who was over from Germany for the week-end as representative of the Forces Schools at the panel meeting, it was an opportunity for ringing at Romsey and Southampton. This is only the second time in the seven years he has been absent from England that Jack Worrall has had a chance to ring, the previous one being at Cambridge two and a half years ago.

KEENNESS DESPITE DUAL ROLE

Osram's article has provoked a reply from Miss Ruth Blackshaw, who writes that at the small Church of St. Edmund, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, all the ringers are choristers. While they do not claim to be expert ringers, all are very interested in church work. The choir is manned twice each Sunday and the District meetings claim a full attendance each month. Also, time is spent in helping learners in other towers.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Rodney B. Meadows	7
David P. Hilling	2	Brian D. Threlfall	8
David E. Parsons	3	Stephen J. Ivins	9
*John Hill	4	Frank E. Darby	10
John D. Rock	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
Alan J. Frost	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
Tenor 41 cwt, 3 qr, 21 lb, in C.

* 400th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAGDEN, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Leonard England	Treble	John C. Sheppard	5
Victor Savage	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
Michael G. Bartlett	3	Victor G. Roberts	7
Christopher R. Jenkins	4	Richard C. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard C. Taylor.
* First peal. First on eight as conductor.

SHEPTON-BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES

*Geoffrey Hebdon	Treble	Peter England	5
Herbert W. Knight	2	George Prescott	6
Roy W. Rice	3	Sidney G. Smith	7
Walter S. Rice	4	John K. Baker	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Herbert W. Knight.
* First peal of Triples. First in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth. First in the method for the Association.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*John H. Thompson	Treble	†Peter J. Devrell	5
†David C. Hawkins	2	Alan F. Lee	6
Thomas W. Harris	3	*Ian P. Cox	7
*Julian E. Newman	4	*Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.

Rung to mark the 81st anniversary of the dedication of the rebuilding of this church. Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr, 7 lb, in F sharp.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 160 methods, comprising 32 changes each of Acton, Aldbourne, Aldenham, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedford, Benson, Benington, Bicester, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Blagdon, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clanfield, Claybrooke, Cleeve, Codicote, Colerne, Conisbrough, Corston, Clay-Crowan, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Eastbury, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Gresford, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Henbury, Highgate, Highworth, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ippelen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kettering, Keynsham, Lambourn, Langley, Langston, Launceston, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longney, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Mangotsfield, Marlborough, Marshfield, Maulden, Melksham, Mickleton, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northam, Northleach, Northolt, Northwood, Okehampton, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Painswick, Pickering, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe, Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivensham, Sibbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Superlative, Tetbury, Thornbury, Thorne, Tiverton, Tring, Trowbridge, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wight, Wootton, Wordsworth, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, with 159 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.

Rung to the memory of Bert Price, former tower captain at Yatton

Cleeve:	38—56.14—56—38.14x14.58—36.14.7.	f.
Crowan:	—56—14—56—36—14—34.58—12—1.	e.
Mangotsfield:	—38—16—12—16.34—14.58.14.36—3.	f.
Highworth:	—56—14—58—38—34—38.56—36.5.	f.
Melksham:	—56—14.56—56.12.38—14—38—16—1.	f.
Okehampton:	—36—14—58—16—34—14.58—36—3.	f.
Keynsham:	—38—14—58—16—14—58.36.12.56.7.	b.
Helston:	—58—16—58—38—12—58—56—3.	f.
Marlborough:	—36—14—12.58—36—14—38—14—5.	l.
Aldbourne:	—38—16—12—36—12—58—56—5.	e.

HEMINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Westminster, Hull, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr, 27 lb in F

George J. Hawkins	Treble	*David A. Burt	4
David J. Orledge	2	*Raymond E. J. Baker	5
*David G. Massey	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

STOCKLAND-BRISTOL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods, being one six-score each of Reverse Grandsire, New Antelope, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course, two each of New Doubles, New Grandsire, Huntspill, Stedman Slow Course, three each of Antelope, Stedman, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, St Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Union and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*John S. Walton	Treble	*Stanley Lewis	4
†Marjorie Legg	2	George Prescott	5
*John Coombs	3	†Geoffrey Duckham	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal in 18 methods. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part		Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
Christine Smith	Treble	Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 5
Dennis Knox	2	Rodney H. French 6
Ian Knox	3	John W. Sinfield 7
*David Redfearn	4	Ivor N. Pett Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.

* First peal in the method.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George, Bristol East.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt, in G

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Richard O. Humphries	5
*David Rennolds	2	David E. Rothera	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Brynley A. Shackleton	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker (2½) Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

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

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr, 24 lb, in B flat.

N. R. J. Tumber (Em.)	Treble	R. Dyckhoff (King's)	4
C. M. Tuckett (Queens)	2	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	5
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Threlfall.

Rung by an Old Wykehamist band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 12 cwt, 20 lb, in G.

Philip A. Beckett	Treble	Harold Dowler	4
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	5
Geoffrey Gardner	3	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Latham.

Rung as a compliment to Rosalie and Ivor Nichols on the birth of a son, David Martin

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (2) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk, Treble Bob, (4) Morning Star, Treble Bob, (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Alex Richardson	Treble	Sidney Hough	4
Brian Schofield	2	Neil D. Lomas	5
*Timothy Wylie	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal in 25 methods.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAWSTON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Julia A. Fellows Treble	Donald F. Murfet 5
Geoffrey Pearson 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Geoffrey M. Brewin 3	*C. Martin Press 7
*David E. Rothera 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by C. Martin Press.

* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Neil V. Avis Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey 5
Heather M. McArthur 2	Brian J. Vaughan 6
Vivien A. P. Cross 3	David E. Culham 7
Adrian G. Semken 4	Michael J. Howes Tenor

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Carlisle, (2) Chester, (3) Netherseale, (4) Bourne, (5) York, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 7 cwt.

Yvonne A. Murray Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds 4
*† Josephine A. Quilter 2	† James L. Towler 5
*Peter G. Brown 3	† Joe E. G. Roast Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 25th peal together. † First of Seven Surprise. ‡ 100th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Heywood's Treble	Ivor Goulter 5
*Margery A. Wratten 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Peter Baker 3	† Leonard Edwards 7
Frances Fairbank 4	William A. Farmer Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mary and Alan Carveth, of Truro, on the birth of a son, Patrick (January 3rd).

TETBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

William F. Scudamore Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
Frederick W. Soden 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Peter Pearce 3	Frank Reed 7
Michael R. Rose 4	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band. First on the bells since re-hanging.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frank Reed Treble	Brian W. Hall 4
Frederick W. Soden 2	D. Kay Adkins 5
Terence J. Hester 3	Bertram J. Coggins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

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

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefords.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being: St. Matthias, St. Philip, St. Guthlac, St. Polycarp, Minster, Abbots Ann, Wolsey, Bodicote, Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Grandsire, Newborough, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Litchurch, Old, Hudibras, Kennington, Plain Bob, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, St. David, St. Columb, Campion, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur W. Williams .. Treble	*W. John Clayton 3
Margaret J. Hope 2	*Thomas Bound 4

John W. Hope Tenor

Conducted by John W. Hope.

* First peal in 42 methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Johnson's Variation Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock 5
Rosemary Spicer 2	J. Richard Castledine 6
Frank W. Croft 3	Jack S. Dear 7
Robert H. Vigor 4	C. Michael Orme Tenor
David L. Gullick 5	

Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.

First peal on the bells since the completion of the ringers' gallery.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Robert A. Swift Treble	† Colin Wyld 5
Brenda M. Davies 2	Robert Swift 6
Margaret M. Jones 3	Nicholas J. Davies 7
Frederick G. Huckstepp .. 4	*John C. Clark Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. First on the bells since re-hanging.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Michael H. O'Callaghan .. Treble	Tony Lewis 5
D. Paul Smith 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Thomas Cullingworth .. 5
Doris E. Colgate 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Tony Lewis 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Ralph Bird 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*Graham N. Benjamin .. Treble	Anthony J. Leves 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 2	Richard Hayes 6
† Harold Evans 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Judith M. Corby 4	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Ian Oram and Margaret Fort.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

F. John Nelson Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Richard S. Starkie 2	Dennis Latham 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 8
John H. Fielden 4	Denis Mottershead 9
Philip G. K. Davies 5	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sun., Jan. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

John H. Fielden Treble	Edward Jenkins 5
John P. Partington 2	Richard S. Starkie 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Rachel Kathleen, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. M. Seaman, M.A.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Joseph Thornley Treble	*Allan Keen 5
*James Cunliffe 2	Bernard Moss 6
James E. Andrews 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
*Roy Jolley 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Ashcroft, mother of the tenor ringer, and an engagement compliment to Margaret E. Fort, Bolton Branch secretary.

(Preston Branch)

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.
*David Rigby Treble	Pat Gardner 4
†Dennis H. McCormick .. 2	Jeffrey Simcox 5
‡Philip Wilson 3	†Roger Barnes Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

* First peal attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal "inside."
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor. Average age of the band 15½.

(Bolton Branch)

DEANE, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, comprising two extents each of Surfleet and Beverley and three extents of Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr, 18 lb. in F sharp.

Albert Greenhalgh Treble	*John Illingworth 4
*R. Keith Lister 2	*James E. Andrews 5
†Roy Jolley 3	Geoffrey Fothergill Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal in three methods. † First of Surprise Minor "inside."
‡ First of Minor and of Surprise.

Rung by the local band as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Robert Shaw, assistant curate at Westhoughton, and Miss Patricia Speakman.

(Preston Branch)

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
John D. Nixon Treble	Graham J. Mee 4
John Nelson 2	David L. Marsden 5
Bernard Moss 3	James E. Sumner Tenor

Conducted by John D. Nixon.

First as conductor. First of Oxford T.B. Minor by all the band.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr, 2 lb. in G.

Alan Evans Treble	B. Stedman Payne 5
J. Martin Thorley 2	*Geoffrey W. Randall 6
J. Edward Cawser 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
*Peter C. Randall 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser

* First peal in the method and 25th peal together.

COLEORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr, 25 lb. in G.

J. Edward Cawser .. Treble	Alfred Ballard 5
*Sheila Parsons 2	Gerald Reynolds 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
Alan Evans 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Martin Green Treble	Howard C. Palmer 5
Malcolm E. Wade 2	Roland H. Cook 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Samuel J. Haines 7
William A. Lacey 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

First peal of Leicestershire Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr, 7 lb. in E flat.

LUBENHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and 12 of Grandire. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

John Hunt Treble	Judy Morris 3
Edward Guy Slater 2	Edward W. Martin 4

Raymond H. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

CAYTHORPE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Vincent.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr, 3 lb. in F.
Geoffrey R. Parker .. Treble	Peter A. Sharp 5
Harold F. Gibson 2	Louis Willders 6
John Walden 3	Jack L. Millhouse 7
Walter Tomlinson 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Walden, married at this church on December 23rd, 1916.

(North Lindsey Branch)

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb.

Joseph J. Willows .. Treble	*David J. Kennington .. 4
John H. Parker 2	Arthur Cook 5
Frank Kennington 3	Arthur Pashley Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

* First peal "inside" and also a birthday compliment to this ringer.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Martin Green 2	Samuel J. Haines 7
†John K. Smith 3	Howard C. Palmer 8
Richard J. Clifton 4	G. Ronald Edwards 9
Arthur E. Rowley 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Leslie W. G. Morris. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* 100th peal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet Dagley Treble	David Cubitt 5
Angela M. Wright 2	H. William Barrett 6
Geoffrey H. Pullin 3	Martin Cubitt 7
Peter Adcock 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and in the county. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr, 22 lb. in F.

Rung by the Norwich ringers as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

Leslie F. Bailey Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin 4
William Clover 2	Martin Cubitt 5
David Cubitt 3	Henry Tookey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THREE PEALS IN A DAY

All rung for the engagement of Mr. Roger Mitchell and Miss Irene Johnson.

PENN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Southrepps and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Diane J. Presdee Treble	Aidan C. Butcher 4
*Douglas K. Whitlock .. 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
F. Leslie Floyd 3	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal "inside."

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Nigel J. Cox Treble	P. John Hall 4
Douglas K. Whitlock .. 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
Brian J. Edwards 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 40 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2) Somerville, (3) Elford, (4) St. Albans, (5) Eynsham, (6) St. Simon, (7) Nuffield, (8) Shareshill, (9) St. Nicholas, (10) Lapley, (11) St. Giles, (12) Magdalen, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Paul, (15) St. Leonard, (16) St. Martin, (17) Wadham, (18) Ryton, (19) Windenden Place, (20) St. John, (21) St. Miles, (22) Campion, (23) Little Aston, (24) Reverse Canterbury, (25) Clifford's Pleasure, (26) Southrepps, (27) Wychbold, (28) Marston, (29) Cadbury, (30) Hudibras, (31) Seighford, (32) Kennington, (33) April Day, (34) Plain Bob, (35) Dedworth, (36) Tichborne, (37) Folke, (38) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (39) Northrepps, (40, 41, 42) Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Douglas K. Whitlock .. Treble	P. John Hall 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
*Nigel J. Cox 3	Brian J. Edwards Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Christopher F. Freeman Treble	Robert A. Partridge 5
Harry E. Wells 2	Frank Godden 6
†Andrew R. Cope 3	Robert B. Blond 7
†Angela M. Ayres 4	William J. Irving Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ 25th peal and first in the method.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Gordon W. Limmer .. Treble	*William Birmingham, jun. 5
†David C. Brown 2	William Birmingham .. 6
†Walter G. Knight 3	*Howard Oglesby 7
*Ronald K. Russ 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

‡ First of Surprise Major. Mr. A. R. Pink's 500th peal as conductor for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

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

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

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows 7
Muriel Reay 2	Brian J. Luff 8
†Merryn Hutchings 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Susan Rothera 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
George E. Fearn 5	John C. Eisel 11
Philip J. Rothera 6	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus on an inside bell.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Merryn Hutchings .. Treble	John R. Insley 6
Ann E. Fellows 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
James Insley 3	George E. Fearn 8
J. Alan Ainsworth .. 4	John C. Eisel 9
David J. Purnell 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOURPAINE, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
Christopher F. Longridge Treble	Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 4
Timothy Bleathman 2	John N. Longridge 5
Timothy F. Collins 3	William T. Perrins Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

First peal on the bells.

MARDEN, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods consisting of five extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, five extents Plain Bob and 32 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*Bert Smith Treble	Colin Smith 3
*David H. Stone 2	K. Barry Osborne 4
Colin C. Hillier Tenor	

Conducted by Colin C. Hillier.

* First peal in three methods. First as conductor. First on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

COSELEY, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 Yorkshire, 672 Pudsey and 576 Aldenham, with 129 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*J. Dennis Holden .. Treble	Michael Elson 5
*Michael W. Fairey 2	*Arthur Pritchard 6
*Anthony W. T. Cleaver .. 3	*Eric E. Speake 7
*Roderick J. Lees 4	†John H. Allen Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

* First peal of seven-spliced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise. First of seven-spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

CHETTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and one extent of Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Christine Slater .. Treble	J. Dennis Holden 4
Elizabeth Timmins 2	Philip R. Johnson 5
Richard B. Dorrington .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

Dennis A. Frith .. Treble	Roland W. Morant 5
Minnie I. Foskett 2	Peter R. Humphrey 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	George H. Clift 7
David Stainsby 4	Richard Inglis Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by R. Inglis.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Salter, January 20th, 1967.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

William F. J. Cope .. Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell 6
*Stephen T. Kirby 2	John H. Hunt 7
†Jennifer M. H. Smith .. 3	John H. Taylor 8
Joseph Saunders 4	*K. Paul Giviller 9
†Geoffrey J. Gammon .. 5	Andrew Howard Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by John H. Hunt.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	*Walter H. Raxter 7
Rev. Albert Webb 2	†John J. Stanier 8
*†Gerald Bowen 3	Ian Lloyd 9
James Attwood, jun. .. 4	Arthur C. Berry 10
*David G. Franklin 5	Thomas W. Lewis 11
Malcolm Powell 6	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by R. Roger Savory. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal on 12. † Completes the method from Minor to Maximus. ‡ First of Maximus. 50th peal together by ringers of 8 and 11.

Rung by a resident Worcestershire band.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Reginald Rowe	Treble	*Royston J. M. Grosvenor	5
Joseph D. Johnson	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	John J. Stanier	7
Gerald L. Bowen	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by T. G. Pett

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Major.

Specially rung for the wedding of Mr. Paul David Hart Richards, only son of the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. M. Richards, and Mrs. Richards, to Miss Gillian Amelia Shirley-Priest, of Astwood Bank, Worcestershire.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5032 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt

Frederick A. Munday	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	6
Roger J. Lumley	2	Harold B. Schofield	7
Jeanne E. Bottomley	3	S. Barry Schofield	8
Mary H. Schofield	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
B. Gillian Schofield	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Arranged to mark Bradford becoming a University City.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
W. Eric Critchley	Treble	Gibson Jackson	5
Anne P. Leigh	2	Harold Wagstaff	6
Howard Scott	3	Frederick J. Jackson	7
Ernest Short	4	Cyril Toyne	Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

Rung half-muffled in gratitude for the life and work of E. C. Stacey, member of the Yorkshire Association for 48 years, formerly Ringing Master at Doncaster Parish Church and of the Doncaster and District Society. Aged 82 years, died January 1st, 1967

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Watford, Lincoln, Dorchester and Cassiobury, with all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb in E.

Michael R. Meadows	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	6
Susan Jackson	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
John Robinson	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

First peal of Spliced as conductor

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 102 methods, viz.: (1) Fornett, Fundenhall, Itchingfield, Knapton, Oakley, Ockham, Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead, Ellingham, Thornborough, Longford, (2) St. Vedast, St. Hilary, Lyng, Blackburn Place, Hascombe, Bedingham, Ellingham, (3) St. Alkmund, Pleasley St. Denys, (4) Kirkthorpe, Wragby, Chapel Allerton, (5) Drax, Felkirk, Gisburn, (6) Ackworth, Bradshaw, Crofton, (7) Selby, Sherburn, Rothwell, (8) Meanwood, Nidd, Wykeham, (9) Leeds, Lightcliffe, Lynham, (10) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (11) Horsley, St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (12) Eynsham, St. Jude, Elford, (13) Lapey, St. Mary Shreshill, (14) St. Leonard, St. Lawrence, Austrey, (15) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Little Aston, (16) April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, (17) Grandsire, St. Helen, Newborough, (18) Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias, Rushall, (19) Northrepps, St. Philip, All Saints, (20) Wychbold, Dumbleton, Honeysuckle, (21) Dedworth, Snodsbury, Primrose, (22) Wallflower, Chiddington, Cowslip, (23) St. Richard, St. Werburgh, (24) Campion, Hudibras, (25) Plain Bop, Southrepps, (26) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, (27) Stedman, (28) Somerville, (29) St. Albans, (30) St. Simon, (31) Nuffield, (32) St. Nicholas, (33) St. Giles, (34) Magdalen, (35) St. Paul, (36) St. Martin, (37) Wadham, (38) St. Crispin, (39) Ryton, (40) Winchendon, (41) St. John, (42) St. Miles.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Robin Brown	4
John Potts	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.

First peal of Doubles as conductor. The most methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ALTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Biddlecombe 1, Miss J. Piggett (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 St. Clement's and Cambridge S. Minor. R. Collins 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, R. H. Jones 3, M. J. Church 4, D. Floyd 5, T. Page (cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Kirkham 1, R. C. Ingram 2, W. J. Pettigrew 3, D. T. Finnemore 4, J. W. Pettigrew 5, A. S. Burdige 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, A. R. Inman 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 1, E. T. Lee 2, P. Bridle 3, Diane M. Chapman 4, P. J. England 5, D. G. Yeo 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8. First of London Major 5, 6 and 7.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury): Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, Carol Gosling 3, Ian Wickens 4, E. Brazier 5, G. Wickens 6. Conducted by Carol Gosling, Eric Brazier and Ian Wickens.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Bloxsome 1, J. Tyler 2, G. W. Simmons 3, F. Stephens 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, A. Ruck 6, J. Culley 7, W. Newman 8. A compliment to the Vicar of Charlton Kings, the Rev. T. R. Deakin on the occasion of his appointment as Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. Williams (cond.) 1, Suzanne Withers 2, J. G. Rose 3, B. H. Goodliffe 4, V. H. James 5, C. V. Coombs 6.

DARLINGTON.—On Jan. 26th, at Holy Trinity, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Irene Park 2, G. A. Barker 3, D. Cox (first "inside") 4, P. M. Park (cond.) 5, R. Park 6.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Saarsteiner (13) 1, D. A. McEndoo (13) 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, A. S. Doak 4, C. J. Reede 5, C. R. P. Broughton 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. P. O. Barry 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. A. Parsons 1, N. Summerhayes 2, Miss S. Aveyard 3, S. R. Elliott (first in method) 4, D. E. Parsons 5, C. White 6, A. D. Flood (first in method as cond.) 7, W. A. Peck 8.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. E. Hicks 1, Mrs. P. E. Pimm 2, Mrs. S. M. Norgrove 3, N. I. Bridges 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Susan V. Banks (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, M. Wills (first "inside") 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson 6.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. J. Drury 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. A. Underwood 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. J. Ellis 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. First blow in the method for 1 and 5.

HAWKESHEAD, LANCs.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Blackburn 1, A. Capstick 2, J. Bagnall 3, W. Wall 4, K. Price 5, T. Metcalfe 6, J. E. Burles 7, Rev. R. Lindsay (first in the method) 8. Also failing in Stedman.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Wigg 1, M. Chadwick 2, M. Hitchcock 3, H. Osborne 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, O. Partis 6.

HURST, BUCKs.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Eble 1, Mrs. C. A. Eble 2, R. K. Rivers 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, E. H. Langley 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. For Evensong, and congratulations to Alan and Mary Carveth, of Kenwyn, Cornwall, on the birth of a son.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Faulkner 1, C. G. Wright 2, L. Fox 3, Miss P. Fox 4, D. Ellisden 5, C. A. Hughes 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, A. White 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Browne 1, C. Geary 2, Anne Browne 3, C. G. Browne 4, C. Slack 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 5.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Lynas 1, E. J. Kennett 2, G. Wood 3, J. Clarke 4, N. A. C. Crane (cond.) 5, W. Edmed (first quarter) 6. In honour of the wedding of Sue Thompson, a ringer of this parish, and Bernard Austin.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, Plain Bob Royal. D. Young 1, O. Homewood 2, H. Clayton 3, R. Preston 4, Mrs. D. Day 5, W. Clamp 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Cook 9, R. Mantion (cond.) 10. For evening service, and in memory of Joseph Fenton, a ringer at this church for over 20 years.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Dec. 31st: Joan Lynas 1, E. J. Kennett 2, G. Wood 3, J. Clarke 4, N. A. C. Crane (cond.) 5, W. E. Edmed (first quarter) 6. In celebration of the wedding of Sue Thompson, a ringer of this parish, and Bernard Austin.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Evans (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, R. Edwards 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. Durham (first quarter) 6. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Lee (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 4, R. Edwards 5, J. Macfield 6.

PRESTON, WINGHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 P.B.): A. Berry 1, Miss R. Sindin 2, A. Davies 3, D. Cawley 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5. First on the bells.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Chatwin 1, Jean Chiswell 2, R. Tandy 3, A. Roberts 4, D. Chiswell (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Coley, and Mrs. Coley.

SOUTHPORT, LANCs.—On Jan. 8th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. N. Goodall 1, Mrs. E. J. Goodall 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, J. A. Elliott 4, K. Wilson 5, N. Heaps 6, R. A. Gage (cond.) 7, A. Wilson 8.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Gummer (cond.) 1, A. Derham 2, G. Twiney 3, V. Rose 4, J. Twiney 5, G. Burbidge 6. Rung half-muffled following the interment this day of the late Viscount Long of Wraxall.

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DEATH

FREEMAN.—On January 30th, 1967, Ethel Mary, of Lincoln, aged 78 years, widow of the late John Ashley and mother of John and Michael. 907

PERSONAL

Will Mr. N. J. Davies, of Ashford, Kent, please send his address, as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned undelivered.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, wish to thank all ringing friends for their kind thoughts and good wishes on the occasion of their golden wedding, January 11th, 1967. 902

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Social. King George V Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 25th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (4s each) from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, Essex.

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A Ringing Festival will be held at Halifax on Saturday, June 17th, 1967. Service at St. John's Parish Church, Halifax, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later. —Arthur Farrand, Secretary. 883

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The Annual Dinner will be held on February 25th in Derby Hall, University Park, Nottingham. Tickets, together with details of afternoon ringing, available from D. R. McLean, 3, Taunton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM. — No practices on Wednesday during Lent. Practices to take place on the following Saturdays, 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.: February 18th, March 4th and 18th. All welcome. 921

LATE NOTICES

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local Branches).—Joint meeting at Windsor, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Grove Road Hall. Ringing until 7.30 p.m. Social evening. Names for tea to A. J. Glass, 2, Parsonage Lane, Windsor, by Tuesday, February 21st. —Mrs. Hooton. Mr. Deason, Miss Hague. 937

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Earl Shilton (8), February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South. —V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 941

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Evening meeting, Wilton, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Dis. Sec. 931

READING UNIVERSITY DINNER

This year's dinner is on February 18th at the Travellers' Rest, Caversham. Tickets 24s. Send cheques (payable to "Reading University Society of Change Ringers") to M. G. Ingram, Windsor Hall, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. Ringing details with tickets. 801

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MEETINGS

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Evening meeting at South Benfleet (6), Thursday, February 9th, commencing 7.45 p.m. Special methods: Grandisle Doubles and London Surprise Minor. Please support. —G. Eve, Hon. Sec. 905

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The February meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 11th, by special invitation from the ladies. Names for tea must be sent to Major Clark, St. Mary's Street, Penistone. Method for the day: Double Norwich.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Trumpington, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—B. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 873

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8 p.m. Also Great Munden (6) 7.30–9 p.m. Regret no service. Names for tea to me at 55, North Road, Hertford.—P. M. F. Searles. 877

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Annual general meeting, February 11th. St. Giles', Cripplegate 2.30–3.30; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 4–5.30. Service 5.30. Tea, business and social evening 6 p.m., Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church) Handbell competition. Names for tea essential.—Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. Renown 4423. Please note dinner date.—February 25th. 852

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Wharton, February 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea. A. Lockton. 5 Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Wharton. —R. Blackshaw. 829

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS ANNUAL DINNER

At Church House, Westminster, on Saturday, February 25th, 1967, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (price 25s.) available from T. G. Pett, 8A, Herne Hill Mansions, S.E.24. There will be ringing at the following towers for those attending the dinner:—
 St. Giles', Camberwell .. 10.00-10.45 St. Mary Woolnoth (3) 2.30-3.00
 St. John's, Waterloo Rd. (8) 11.00-11.45 St. Mary-le-Bow (12) 3.15-4.15
 St. Luke's, Chelsea (10) .. 12.00-1.00 St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8) .. 4.15-5.00
 St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) .. 5.30-6.30

Three quarter peals are being arranged for Sunday, February 26th.

Please note that the summer tour of Ireland will take place from August 26th to September 3rd, 1967. All members and friends welcome. Those interested please contact T. G. Pett. 925

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M. at Reading on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing: St. Laurence's 2-4.30; St. Mary's 7-9. Service at St. Laurence's 4.30. Tea and A.G.M. at St. Mary's Church House, 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. F. W. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. No names, no tea. 882

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Kelsale on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Ludbrook, Forge Cottage, Kelsale, Saxmundham. —T. N. J. B. 807

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Rougham (6) on Saturday, February 11th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 888

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at Otley (6), near Ipswich, on Saturday, February 11th, from 7.30-9 p.m.—W. L. 919

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A social evening will be held at St. John's Hall, Murray Road (off Ridgeway), S.W.19, on Saturday, February 11th. Wimbledon bells 6.30-7.30 p.m. Names to M. Bangham, MAL 8231. Also Surprise practice at Battersea (not Streatham), February 18th. 7-8.30 p.m. 917

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15. Tea at St. George's Hall, Wyke, at 6 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. Tel. Sid. 325. 892

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting at St. Lawrence's (5), Swindon Village, Monday, February 13th. Bells available 7.30 p.m. 904

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Crowcombe (6 bells) on Wednesday, February 15th, at 7 p.m. 939

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Lacock, on Friday, February 17th. Bells (6) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Heath. 910

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's (6), Seavington, Saturday, February 18th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Branch Sec., Puckington, Ilminster. 936

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Newburn, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle upon Tyne 5. 913

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead (CLA 5192) by Thursday previous. 940

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 929

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 927

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Kempford (6), February 18th. 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 916

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, February 18th, 6-9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 924

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Ledbury, February 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 918

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 18th, 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss A. Macfarlane, 33, Ragged Hall Lane, St. Albans.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 918

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Practice meeting at Petham (6) on February 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cups of tea and minerals available. No service or business meeting. 909

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbottom (8), Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson. 932

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 911

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Edmonton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on February 18th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room 5 p.m. Notify for tea to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, by February 14th. Ringing: St. Paul's 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., All Saints' 7 p.m.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 911

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brightwell Baldwin, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by February 15th. 912

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Presbute and Mildenhall, afternoon and evening respectively, Saturday, February 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 938

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 891

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Cannock on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) available 6 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 898

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 18th. Programme: St. Nicholas, Brighton (10), ringing from 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m., followed by A.D.M. and film show. Further ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton (10) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to me by February 11th.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 889

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield, February 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Both in St. Peter's Hall. Bells again in the evening. Numbers for tea, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by Monday, 13th. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 923

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York and Huntington, February 18th. Minster bells available 2 p.m. to 3.55 p.m., after meeting to 7 p.m. Huntington bells available evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Watkin, 40, Meadowfields Drive, Huntington, York.—R. Ducker. 890

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at South Anston (8) on February 18th. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting at South Anston, Ringing at Harthill (8) from approx. 6.15 until 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. N. Bennett, 1, Hillside, North Anston, near Sheffield, as soon as possible, please. All welcome. This is the District's first visit to both towers since 1945.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 928

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Evening practice meeting at Kildwick (8) on Saturday, February 18th at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 908

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, February 21st. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 928

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Mangotsfield (8), Wednesday, February 22nd, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—R. H. Driver. 928

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Church House 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Luke's, 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 903

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Glam, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Garrett, 2, Westbourne Road, Penarth, Glam, by February 21st. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 920

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. More ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, by 22nd. Everyone welcome. 922

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Haverhill, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Adams, 97, Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, by February 23rd. 936

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at All Saints', Hastings, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 928

The Salisbury Guild Festival will be held at Melksham on May 13th, and not as stated in last week's issue.

TECHNICAL

Proving 135 Methods

By JOHN SEGAR

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Many multi-method peals of Surprise Major have three leads only in a course. They are the Home, Middle and Wrong leads. A peal could start as above with a lead of Rutland, which could be the only lead of this method in the peal. In the peal of 135 methods composed and conducted by Mr. A. R. Peake there is one lead only of 112 methods.

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	+	87	48 75
	—	86	84 35
	—	75	68 87
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	+	78	37 86
	—	75	73 46
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3	+	86	82 14
	+	68	26 54
	—	65	62 24
	—	87	28 54
4	+	75	71 23
	+	57	15 63
	—	56	51 13
	—	78	17 63

etc.

figures agreeing with the seven blue lines. Copy from each of the 135 sheets the required lead, see pages 4 and 5. The plus and minus signs of methods occur in a variety of ways. While copying a lead bring together for easier examination the rows with the treble in the same place with the same sign. The top row, pages 4 and 5, is 7864235, so copy the figures under 78 on the Rutland page, under 86 of Superlative, and under 57 of London (not in the book). This table should be completed for all positions of the treble. It will show there is no falseness between the selected leads of these methods. As more methods are filled in, duplicates will occur. There is 3+68 in the Home lead of Watford and Rutland, which must be dealt with as explained in the book.

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