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IN DAYS OF OLD

By JOHN P. FIDLER

THROUGHOUT the country there are many jingles about local church bells, similar to the old Cheshire one:-

"Over Peover kettles,
Lower Peover pans,
Knutsford's sweet music,
And Rostherne's deep drones."

I used to think that the reference to the Peover bells was derogatory but now I am of the opinion there is an element of a legend about such jingles.

Over the past forty years I have been asked very frequently, chiefly in out of the way places, "How did they manage to get the bells here?" a question not easy to answer when we consider that centuries ago wheeled transport was of the crudest and roads mere tracks. We might get a clue from local folk lore, for many of the stories that have been handed down for generations often contain a certain amount of truth and it could well be that the reference to "kettles and pans" has some bearing on the casting of the bells many centuries ago when an itinerant founder cast bells on the spot.

In the days of long ago many kitchen utensils were made of copper or latten metal, so what would be more useful to a bell-founder than the metal of unwanted articles of that nature? A modern example of scrap kitchen utensils proving useful was when the call was made for aluminium pots, pans and kettles to make aircraft during the last war. How often have we heard it stated "there is silver in our bells"? so here again that statement could be legendary as possibly when scrap was collected in a parish some silver articles would be handed over but the bell-founder would see that this metal would not get into the furnace—quite possibly it would be a bit of "bunce."

I suppose it will be a bit of a shock to the starry-eyed romantic to think that some of their precious bells were made from such scrap and may doubt it; however, the late Thomas North in his "English Bells and Bell Lore" makes reference to a document relating to the casting of a bell for Bridgewater in the 13th century (quoted in N & Q, 5th S. 111, p. 77). Apparently the document shows that in addition to the sum raised by collections in the parish, together with donations from strangers, 36s. 2½d. was received for three leaden vessels, two trivets, one bason with laver, pots and brass as well as 12 pence for a ring that was sold. The parchment bears the following endorsement which proves that those who did not subscribe in cash gave in kind:-

"Metal for the bell. They answer for 180 pounds received as gifts, as in pots, platters, basons, lavers, kettles, brass mortars and mill pots."

Is it not likely that many other parishes raised the necessary in a similar manner, of which there is no record? One thing is pretty certain and that is the casting of a bell within the parish would be quite an event and talked of for many a long day; there are places where it is firmly believed that one or more of the parish church bells were cast in the parish because the story has been handed down, stories that cannot be disbelieved off-hand. Mr. North, in his "Church Bells of Leicestershire," states that "during excavations in the churchyard of Scalford some years ago, indications of the former existence of a furnace for the casting of the church bells there were discovered and a mass of bell metal was found, which clearly had been in a state of fusion on the spot."

An unknown writer of a few centuries ago wrote a somewhat descriptive account of the casting of a church bell on the spot:-

"The Bellfounder crossed the portal in solemn state, and passing at once out of the courtyard made his obeisance to the company there assembled. Everything wore a festal air. The guests were in holiday attire, and the Bellfounder and his apprentices wore spick and span new leather aprons over their black suits. The work long in preparation was now to be completed, and that there had been much to do, everyone was now aware. In the court, beneath the pent roofed shed, there had been dug a deep

hole—the moulding pit. All night long the great smelting furnace had been fired. Not one wink of sleep had the apprentices had. Now all was in readiness, and the completion of the work only awaited the decision of the Bellfounder, who, grasping an iron bar, takes stand in front of the furnace. 'In the name of the Blessed Trinity' spake he and as he spoke touched the gate-pin with the iron bar. Out poured the molten mass, hissing and seething through the runner down to the mould. Over the white glow of the heat there hovered a strange yellowish-green shining smoke and when the casting is over and the assembled guests have scattered, nothing remained for the Bellfounder and his lads to do beyond patiently awaiting the cooling of the bell."

THE MONTH OF MAY: ITS GLORIES, ITS HAZARDS

By P. AMOS

WHILST every month can be said to be a nature's month, May is probably the most outstanding of them all.

It is the month when the countryside looks at its best, when the flowers are in full bloom, the apple blossom shows its glories, the hedgerows are a picture, the birds are in full song and nesting (how I love to see the yellowhammers, goldfinches, greenfinches, blue tits and other colourful birds jumping the plantations and hedges), these and many other pleasures go to make May an outstanding month of the year.

It is an outstanding month for yet another thing—and this is where ringers should be on their guard, not only ringers but all churchmen and churchwomen, especially in old churches.

Look on your pews, on the floors, in the clock rooms, and up in the bell chamber, and if you see any almost round shaped earth or grouse colour insects about the size of a lady-bird, or cowlday as they are sometimes called, they are death watch beetles!

Their movement is as slow as the hands of a clock, and May is the month they come out of their hiding, where they have been living on your timbers—in the belfry or in the church roof.

When they drop on to the floors, the pew seats, or chairs **kill them straightaway!** If left they will sure enough bring disaster and cost you pounds in restoration work—that happened a few years ago to the roof of St. Neots (Hunts) Parish Church.

A lovely carved roof on Whiston (Northants) Parish Church a few years back became infested, and took quite a sum in treatment to save it.

Some—usually those who want their church the easy way—won't admit when they have got it until it gets beyond their grasp and they have reluctantly to dig deep into their pockets; such an attitude is stupid. But with the majority, the very name **death watch beetle** strikes terror and sends them hurrying for the architect, the bellfounder and the builder.

I recall a case of this kind in 1954 at Dean in North Beds. On one of my historical surveys I reported to the then Rector (who lived in the neighbouring parish of Yeldon, which, like Dean, had four bells), **Do you know you have got death watch beetle up in Dean bell chamber?** It is bad and, if left, will make the bell crash under their own weight! That did it. A P.C.C. meeting was hurriedly called, and a scheme put out to take the bells down. Later I persuaded them to add a treble when rehanging the old four. This they did in 1955 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the oldest (the then second) bell, now the third.

There are several! deterrents for death watch beetle, and their makers might be persuaded to advertise in "The Ringing World"—it is not for me to be their unpaid agent. But those advertised for killing common wood worm (which does not eat into timbers so deep as the beetle) are not necessarily the best or ideal for killing the worst of the two pests. The beetle can render a timber like a piece of sponge, and I repeat—May is the month to find its presence!

Don't hesitate—look for it and report it straightaway if seen.

Lady to Lead Gloucester and Bristol Association

Statistics for 1966

Performing members	818
Branches	12
Towers with members	152
Peals rung	83
Total Funds	£1,260

HISTORY was made when the Gloucester and Bristol Association met at the Cathedral in Bristol on April 1st. It was the first time for a meeting of the Association to be held there. Well over 100 members attended and there were present also visitors from Lancashire, Somerset, Middlesex, Hampshire and Cheshire.

The meeting was held in the Cathedral School Hall, by permission of the headmaster, and was followed by tea, and the Association service in the Cathedral, taken by the Dean, the lesson read by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, and the sermon given by the Bishop of Malmesbury, who used the theme "Darkness and Light."

Apologies were presented on behalf of a number of members, there having been a large demand for ringing for weddings in a number of places—perhaps it was a mistake to hold a meeting on what is one of the most popular days to get married, so near the end of the Tax Year.

There was only one election needed for the officers for 1967, and that was another history-making item, Miss E. M. Bliss being made chairman by a majority of three votes over the Rev. F. F. Rigby. During his term in office the Rev. F. F. Rigby was the last of a long line of Masters and the first of a new line of chairmen—Omega and Alpha.

The honorary secretary had to apologise for a number of mistakes in the printed report, mainly due to the speed at which the report had to be produced in order to get it in the hands of the members before the meeting—a number of names were omitted and a line left out of the Stroud Branch report.

FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS THE SAME

It was decided to accept all of the recommendations of the Management Committee, and all fees and subscriptions remain the same as for last year. An invitation to visit Malmesbury on April 20th, 1968, for the next annual general meeting was accepted.

Congratulations were expressed to the peal ringers for the progress made during the year in the multi-method Surprise Major peals, starting on January 1st with 32 methods and finishing on December 31st with 150 methods.

Some concern was shown at the large sum of money invested, largely due to affiliation fees having been increased. "We would welcome more applications for grants to enable some of the bells to be made ringable, especially where there is a band that will ensure their being rung, but the applications must be made by the Parochial Church Councils." Grants were made during 1966 to Cromhall and Lechlade for work on the bells and to Hannington and Lechlade for instruction.

Good use was made of the bells in the towers that were open for ringing, and a social evening at the Crown and Dove was well patronised. Thanks were expressed to all those who had made the meeting possible.



MISS E. M. BLISS (the new chairman)

21 YEARS A RINGER

The new chairman, Miss E. M. Bliss, learned to ring at St. John's School of Ringing, Bristol, in 1946, when an undergraduate at the University of Bristol. Elected a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (Bristol City Branch) on March 1st, 1947, and was secretary of University of Bristol Society 1948-50.

After leaving Bristol in 1950 taught in Coventry, returning to Cheltenham in 1952 and is now senior mistress at Churchdown County Secondary School. Miss Bliss was secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol for nine years from 1954, and then its representative on the Management Committee. Now a member of the Cirencester Parish Church band and teaching a band of young ringers from Rendcomb College at Rendcomb.

Apart from ringing she is a member of Winstone Parish Council, president of Winstone Women's Institute and secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

Surrey Association at Dinner

THE success of the Northern District socials prompted members of that District to press the Association to have a dinner. This was agreed by the members and a sub-committee was set up to do all the work under the leadership of Chris Mew, assisted by W. H. Jackson and Mrs. K. E. Chilcott and advised by Mr. John Maybrey, liaison officer from the Guildford Guild.

The event was duly held on April 8th at the Aerodrome Hotel, Purley, and proved an outstanding success. Ninety-nine members and friends were present with three guests, Mr. P. G. Smart, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, with his wife, and the Rev. C. H. Carver, of Putney. A good meal was enjoyed by the company under the presidency of the Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, who was accompanied by his wife. Under the expert guidance of the toastmaster, Mr. F. E. Collins, the Master took wine successively with the guests, the officers, the Past Master present and the whole company.

Speeches began with Mr. W. H. Jackson proposing the toast of "The Church and the Exercise," in which he dealt with many facets of our mutual work and relations and in particular emphasised the need for adjacent towers to get together more in mutual self-help.

The toast was replied to by Mr. Carver, who proved to be the orator of the evening. At the end of a speech, well laced with humour, the majority present did not know whether he was Welsh or Irish. However, we did learn that he had a Roman Catholic father and a Methodist mother, and he looks forward to the day when people's whole lives are so permeated by God that neither churches nor priests are necessary.

In a competent speech Mr. John Chilcott proposed the toast of "The Association" and mentioned the pioneering work it had done in the South of England. He stressed the value of peal ringing in aiding good striking.

Replying for the Association, the Master underlined the value of peal ringing and the

need for expert bands to include novices in their efforts at regular intervals. In welcoming his colleague from the Guildford Guild he also informed the company that steps were afoot which it was hoped would settle once and for all the matter of boundaries.

Those present included:—

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Allen, Miss J. Armstrong.

Mr. A. E. Bagworth, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bance, Miss G. Baresel, Mr. P. A. Brand, Miss G. Broadhead, Mr. D. C. Brookes, Miss A. Bruce, Mr. M. Belcher, Mr. B. J. Bull.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon, Rev. A. E. Clayton, Rev. C. H. Carver, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Coatsworth, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. R. J. Cooles, Miss R. Cotton, Miss C. M. Cobb.

Mr. F. E. Darby, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. D. Dawson-Taylor, Miss L. Eames, Miss J. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Freeman, Mr. A. D. Flood.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gosling, Mr. K. Game, Miss L. Hawes, Miss J. Henderson, Miss J. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Humphries.

Mr. F. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Kimber, Mr. J. R. Ketteringham, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lee.

Miss C. Madge, Miss A. M. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. M. Maybrey, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mew, Miss B. Moorby, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Oakshott, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. F. Parsons, Mr. I. M. Parry, Mr. H. N. Pilstow, Mr. J. Pratt, Miss V. Potter.

Miss A. Salvage, Miss K. Salvage, Mr. P. Selwood, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Steere, Mr. R. C. Stevens, Miss J. Stoy, Mr. and Mrs. P. Tuppen, Mr. and Mrs. K. Taber, Miss S. Thexton, Mr. N. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wickens, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilkins.

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CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL WEDDING

The wedding took place at Chelmsford Cathedral on April 1st between Mr. Peter S. Bennett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bennett, of College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Miss Marion R. Panton, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Panton, of 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford.

The Rev. E. Baty officiated. The bride, given away by her father, wore a full-length empire line dress of white crepe and carried a bouquet of freesias and roses. Matron of honour was Mrs. Margaret Egglestone (bride's sister) and the bridesmaid was Miss Gillian Panton (bride's cousin). The best man was Mr. Maurice Hughes.

A reception for 80 guests was held in the Cathedral Hall and, as the couple left, 12 of the guests rang a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells.

A cheque, a chiming clock and many other presents were received from their ringing friends.

[Photo: E. F. Bateman, Braintree.]

TWO NOTED LANCASHIRE RINGERS MARRY

The wedding of Mr. John H. Fielden and Miss Maryl R. Crossthwaite took place at St. John's Church, Preston, on Easter Monday, March 27th, in the presence of relatives and many ringing friends from all over the country. The service was conducted by Canon J. M. W. Adam, Vicar of Preston, assisted by the Rev. Roger O. Fry, a close friend of the bride and bridegroom.

The bride wore a full-length empire line dress of white crepe, trimmed with Guipure lace, long veil and train, and carried a bouquet of arum lilies. Her matron of honour was Mrs. Susan Rothera and the bridesmaids were three cousins of the bride, Misses Christine, Ruth and Jacqueline Clarke. They wore dresses of tree bark satin, two in midnight blue, two in cornflower blue. The best man was Dr. Tudor P. Edwards, and the ushers were Mr. Philip J. Crossthwaite and Mr. Jeffrey Kershaw.

The reception, attended by 80 guests, was held at the Talbot Hotel, Chipping, and later in the day a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Preston, conducted by Tudor P. Edwards. The honeymoon was spent in Jersey.

John is at present studying at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology for M.Sc. in production engineering, and Maryl teaches at the Broughton Primary School, near Preston. They are now living at 1, East Cliff, Preston.

A COSMOPOLITAN WEDDING

Two of the country's foremost ringing families were united on Easter Monday, when Mr. Roderick W. Pipe and Miss B. Gillian Schofield were married at Bradford Cathedral. The Provost, the Very Rev. W. H. Alan Cooper, officiated. The bride wore a full-length gown of Nottingham lace with drop pearls decorating the bodice, and a long train falling from the waist. Her bouffant veil was held by a pill-box hat and she carried a bouquet of cream and gold roses, freesias and lilies of the valley. The bride was attended by Mrs. Brian Carr (cousin of the bride and a ringer), Miss Rita M. Jowett (one of the earliest "up and coming youngsters" along with Gillian) and Miss Sarah Pipe (niece of the bridegroom). The best man was Mr. John A. Anderson.

The bride was rung into church by a mainly Bradford band and the couple were rung out by a band drawn largely from the Birmingham contingent. Several small incidents helped to make the day—for example, the bridegroom was alleged to be supported by borrowed braces; prior to a quarter peal attempt after the reception one of the groomsmen had to change in a small van (the rumour has not yet been confirmed that the remainder of the band were engaged breathing on the windows); and the best jewel of all, the quarter peal, composed by a Birmingham ringer, though not completed was found to be false! An indication, perhaps, that Bradford Cathedral is two bells short.

[Photo by Barry F. Wilkinson, Bradford.]

Letters to the Editor

FRINDSBURY PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—Whilst freely admitting that the "peal" of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Frindsbury, Kent on March 25th, is a most ingenious composition. I must respectfully suggest that it should have been published as a "performance." The composer and the band who rang it surely knew that the definition of spliced peals excludes all constructions except where the methods are joined in complete units, i.e. leads in the case of treble-dominated methods (cf. Central Council Handbook, 1956, page 21). — Yours faithfully, W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Sprotborough, Doncaster.

For Central Council Notice of Motion—page 293.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

Dear Sir,—With the advent of half-lead splicing, which has been rung by members of the Kent County Association, the next step we will have no doubt is mid-lead splicing. This may lead to the ridiculous situation where the following peal of "spliced" may be rung.

5,600 SPLICED? (8 to 2,800 Methods)

By C. Middleton.

23456 M W H
35264 2 2 3

Four times repeated.

Each half-lead is rung as follows:—

12345678	
21436587	Yorkshire.
12463857	
21648375	Aldenham.
26143857	
62418375	Cambridge.
62148735	
26417853	Primrose.
62471835	
26748153	New Cambridge.
27641835	
72468153	Puiney.
27648513	
72465831	Painswick.
74256813	
47528631	Superlative.
74256831	

Contains 8 "methods" with 2,450 changes of method.

N.B.—The composition is easily extended to give 2,800 methods.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

ACCURACY OF METHODS

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the letter from Mr. Mayne. I had been expecting to see correspondence from such a source for some time and I offer some further observations on method notation:—

(i) Lewes Surprise Major—the notation given on page 171 is incorrect. In any case, a peal was rung at Lower Beeding on August 7th, 1966, under this name, but that method is very different from the one rung at Clapham.

(ii) Bombay Surprise Major.—The notation previously given for this method is incorrect, and so far as I know the amended figures have yet to appear, in spite of a request from (I think) Mr. G. B. Thompson. Would the conductor oblige, please?

I fully endorse Mr. Mayne's remarks on the need for accuracy in such matters.—Yours faithfully, E. E. SPEAKE.

Woodsetton, Dudley.

THOSE FANTASIES

Dear Sir,—The front page leaders of February 10th and April 7th from the pens of Little John and Maid Marion must surely form some of the best entertainment provided in "The Ringing World" for years and is the sort of stuff which should both brighten and sell the paper.

I look forward in breathless anticipation to the appearance of another fantasy on the same theme from the pen of the Master—Robin Hood—himself.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Cardiff.

ST. MARY'S, CORK

Dear Sir,—Concerning St. Mary's, Cork, this church is at the moment undergoing a thorough restoration of the whole fabric inside and out, from floor to flagstaff, except for the bells.

The church authorities are committed to build five new churches around Cork City and there is no money to restore this Murphy octave.

On a recent visit I found the belfry to be not quite so bad as depicted in Mr. Box's letter. The rubbish has gone and the louvres are wired against birds; however, the chiming apparatus is derelict, most of the wheels broken and all the bearings are well and truly gummed up.

The Dublin bell foundry think that these may well be the only complete ring cast by Murphy but perhaps Mr. Fred Dukes can give an authoritative answer.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD

Brighton.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND APPLETON

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in the report of the Oxford University Society's Dinner ("Ringing World," April 14th) that "ringing began at noon at Carfax," since ten members of the Society had been involved in a peal attempt at Appleton during the morning. Possibly the writer of the report feels that her presence is a sine qua non of O.U.S. ringing.

As the report made no mention of this attempt, it also omitted to thank Mr. Frank White and the Rector for the use of Appleton bells, which has been granted to the Society on its Dinner Day for the past few years. This is greatly appreciated and I hope that the resident members of the Society realise how valuable the traditional connection between the University ringers and Appleton is to them.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. J. R. Mayne's letter in your issue of March 24th drawing attention to the fact that Plain Major method C.C.C.368 had already been rung. I should like to apologise to the members of the band who rang in the peal at Buckley on January 28th for giving them the impression that this was the first peal in the method.

I have endeavoured to maintain a record of Plain Major methods rung to a peal for the first time, but apparently the ringing of Method 368 escaped my notice. It would be helpful if the numbers of the methods that have been rung could be printed in "The Ringing World." This would take very little space if no other detail than the numbers was given.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.

Chester.

PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Philip Daniel, in his letter in the issue of March 31st, wonders whether 468's can be brought up sooner than in the 1,264 Plain Bob Major. The method he gives, by calling the tenor "In" and single "Before," takes almost a course before 468's are produced. In the following peal Queens is produced by calling single "Before" bob "Middle" from the course end 14532678.

5,024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

23456 W B M H

35264	—	1	2
32654	—		2
63254	3		—
53264	S		—
62354	2		2
32564	2		—
45326	—	—	—

357246	S	—	
32645	2	—	
(—S)			

36425	—		2
34265	—		2
23465	3		—
34625	2		S
63425	3		—
43526	—		—

537246	S	—	
275346	—		S
24536	S	4	—
(— — — S)			

32546	—		3
54236	S		—
52346	—		2
43256	S		3 (— S —)
52436	—		S
23456	2		—

Therefore the calling of single "Before" bob "Middle" can be used when, at the preceding course-end, the 4th is in 2nds place and the 6th is in 6ths place.

A bob at "5ths" made from a course-end when the 4th is in 6ths place and the 6th is in 5ths place will give 468's. John Pladdys and Tom Chapman have been among the composers to use this calling in their peals (5,024 and 5,008 published in "The Ringing World" May 26th, 1961 and May 5th, 1961 respectively).

Among the many compositions of "split-tenors" Plain Bob that I have collected I have never seen singles "Before" used to part and reunite the tenors. Care must be taken to follow the single by a bob "Middle" otherwise 87's will occur at the next course-end—although I could never see the reason as considering 87's detrimental to the music.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD J. COWLEY.

Wellingborough.

OBITUARY

MR. H. W. PRATT

An old respected member of the Huntingdon District, Mr Herbert W. Pratt, of St. Ives, passed away on Sunday, April 9th, at the age of 82 years. He had not enjoyed good health these past few years but his love of bells remained to the last. He learned to ring at nearby Hemingford Abbots, where he once lived, moving to St. Ives over 50 years ago.

The funeral service took place at St. Ives Parish Church on April 13th, ringers from the St. Ives tower and members of the Huntingdon District being present.

In the evening a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung half-muffled on the bells of Hemingford Abbots by a few of his many friends.

H. S. P.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Mrs. Jill Staniforth President of Leicester Guild for coming-of-age Year

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, daughter of the late Mr. Harold J. Poole, was elected president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for its 21st year at the annual general meeting on April 1st at Leicester. She is a Guild trustee and former chairman of the Leicester District and also a former national president of the Ladies' Guild. The unsuccessful candidate for the presidency was Mr. A. E. Rowley, treasurer of the Guild from 1946 to 1959.

Previous to the service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost, there was afternoon ringing at the Churches of St. John the Divine and St. Martin. The Rev. D. Goodman, Rector of Eastwood, Notts, who learned to ring at Leicester, preached.

An excellent cooked tea had been prepared by Mrs. Smalley and her helpers for the 140 present and they were thanked by the president (Mr. B. S. Payne) in his omnibus vote of thanks. Ten certificates of membership were presented.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. A. J. Poy-nor) presented his annual report, which gave the membership as 552, with an extra 30 who paid their subscriptions early in 1967. Attendances at quarterly meetings had increased, the annual dinner was successful but the Guild striking competition received poor support.

EXPENSES SQUEEZE

The treasurer (Mr. J. M. Jelley) reported a balance in the general fund of £22 14s. 3d., which did not allow for the cost of purchasing 250 badges. Had this cost been shown, there would have been a deficit. He asked all officers to keep expenses to an absolute minimum.

The bell repair fund, with a balance of £447 16s. 7d., was in a far more healthy state, thanks to the response from P.C.C.'s, who had been very generous with donations from ten shillings to ten guineas. Two requests for grants had been received, £25 being sent to Gaddesby towards the cost of re-hanging their six bells, and five guineas to Broom Leys, a new church near Coalville, towards the cost of hanging its one bell.

The balance sheet, said the treasurer, showed that the Guild was nearly £100 better off than it was 12 months ago, but the general fund must be treated with care.

BETTER PEAL YEAR

The peal secretary (Mr. R. H. Cook) presented a better report. Peals totalled 135 against 95 in 1965. There were 11 first peals, 32 different conductors, nine rang over 25 peals for the Guild compared with only two in the previous year. Twenty new compositions had been rung. One amendment reporting the omission of three Homes in Composition No. 3.742 was accepted and the report was adopted.

The confirmation of the election of 20 resident members and two non-resident life members was accepted.

The president expressed his regret at being unable to stand for re-election as Guild president for 1967-68 but hoped the Guild would go from strength to strength—especially as this was the 21st anniversary year of the formation of the Guild. He said he hoped many Leicester Guild members would attend the proposed Ringing Festival, centred at Derby as celebrations of the 21st year, on September 16th. All the other officers were re-elected.

Mr. G. B. Brown proposed, and Mr. S. J. Haines seconded, that at general meetings junior members should not be allowed to vote. This brought discussion both in favour and against the proposition—the most forceful

seeming to be the speech by Miss Judy Cox, of Humberstone, who had 17 juniors from her tower present, and stated that they had not been rallied to attend this meeting, but who could not be kept away from any meeting, whether it was District or general meeting. When it came to voting, 19 members were in favour of the motion and a large number against, and the motion was defeated.

The second alteration was the rule governing the Bell Repair Fund, proposed by Mr. J. M. Jelley, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, which was completely reworded, so that grants would only be considered at the committee meeting prior to the annual general meeting each year, and that 75 per cent. of the gross income only be granted—thereby building the fund up year by year. After discussion the motion was carried by 49 votes to 36.

NEW PRESIDENT RECALLS

The ballot for the presidency was then announced and Mrs. Staniforth took the chair. She thanked the members for giving her the honour of being president—especially in this 21st anniversary year. She thanked Mr. Payne for all the hard work he had done during the last two years and said how much courage it must have taken for him to stand down instead of carrying on for the accepted three-year term.

The president then went on to recall the first meeting of the Diocesan Ringers in November, 1944, when the Diocesan Guild was first discussed, and remembered some of the ringers who since then had done so much for their own towers and the Guild. Those mentioned included Mr. J. P. Fidler, who took the chair at the first meetings, and who has been and still is a trustee of the Guild since its formation: Mr. A. E. Rowley, Guild treasurer from 1946 to 1959; Mr. F. K. Measures, chairman of the Hinckley District, and president of the Guild from 1962 to 1965; Mr. P. J. Staniforth, president from 1959 to 1962, and a Central Council representative: Mr. J. H. Cook, chairman of the Melton Mowbray District and a vice-president; Mr. L. W. Allen, secretary of the Market Harborough District; Mr. W. J. Root, an auditor; Mr. S. Burton, peal secretary from 1948 to 1960 and a Central Council representative; Mr. R. F. Elkington, Mr. A. Disney, Mr. J. S. Carter, of the Leicester District, Mr. G. Newton, Hinckley District, and Mr. J. G. Geary, Syston District.

Mr. F. K. Measures announced that for the quarterly meeting to be held in the Hinckley District on July 11th a large ringing programme was being arranged and the day would end with a social at Hinckley in the evening.

COPIES TO BE BOUND

Mrs. Staniforth then asked members if they would consider ways of paying for the gift of "The Bell News" and "The Ringing World" copies to be bound, the cost of which would be between £2 and £3 per volume. The ringers at St. John the Divine handed in a cheque, asking that the first volume be paid for by them. Mrs. Staniforth thanked them for this.

A collection was then made for Mr. J. A. Acres, peal secretary of the Guild from 1960 to 1964, who had had to leave Leicester because of illness and was now in a home at Chigwell. A portable radio was purchased and is being sent to Mr. Acres with the best wishes of the Guild.

Mr. C. Sturges then complained that the ringing arrangements for this annual general meeting were very poor and asked if more towers could be made available. Mrs. Staniforth replied that the quarterly meeting day was a challenge in this respect, and said that if the members wanted a lot of bells available then this would be done in the future.

Ringing took place in the evening at Aylestone and a social evening, held at the Aylestone Parish Hall, was enjoyed by almost a hundred members. A. J. P.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Amateurs Film "The Nine Tailors"

On April 8th the Biggleswade District visited Willington and Cople, two new towers to come within our boundaries since the rearrangement of Districts. Afternoon ringing and a short service at Willington was followed by 37 sitting down to an excellent tea prepared by the local ringers.

During the business meeting the secretary (Mr. K. H. Fleming) presented the programme which the committee had drawn up of towers and practice methods for the year. Also Mr. A. S. Smith kindly offered to lead a nucleus of ringers endeavouring to help struggling towers at their own weekday practices.

After the business meeting, by kind permission of Mr. R. Giddings, we were all able to see an amateur production, made by the Pottton ringers, of D. L. Sayers' "The Nine Tailors" on film. This unusual and very enjoyable diversion was followed by ringing at Cople.

Next meeting: Campton and Meppershall, June 10th. L. E.

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HALF PEAL

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On April 8th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Bolton 1, C. R. Miles 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, R. H. Jones 5. First half peal 1 and 2. In memoriam Mr. F. V. Martin, grandfather of Martin Bolton.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On March 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major ("in hand"): J. R. Rowson 1—2, M. C. E. Hodge 3—4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5—6, A. K. P. Poole 7—8. First of Major "in hand" for all the band. By the Abingdon School S.C.R. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major, by the same band.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: 1. Wiltshire (first of Treble Bob) 1, Carol Cousins 2, R. Rayfield 3, Amanda Powell 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. Also on April 9th, 1,296 Hull and Annable's London S. Minor, by same band except Wendy Wallace for I. Wiltshire.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. J. Osborne 1, P. Hills 2, S. Brook 3, W. M. Brook 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. A compliment to Stephen Osborne on gaining the Queen's Scout Badge.

BARKSTON, Lincs.—On March 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Smith 1, V. Evans 2, P. Slight (cond.) 3, J. Holmes 4, R. Woods 5, A. Crawford 6. In memoriam Mrs. Smith (mother of treble ringer), who died a year ago.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown 3, Miss S. Bird 4, Miss B. Fisher (first of Minor as cond.) 5, F. Southwood 6. For Malins.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Sangwin 1, F. H. Bowden 2, W. H. Chelwill 3, R. G. Pearce 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, R. Hill 7, L. Cawsey 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. T. G. Myers.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Powney 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, G. W. Land (cond.) 3, G. C. King 4, J. Hildman 5, J. R. Taylor 6, A. Tubb cover.

CARRIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kay Temby (first quarter) 1, Susan Copping 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Lesley Evans 4, J. Copping (cond.) 5, K. Lucock 6. To mark the 13th birthdays of 1 and 6.

CAXTON, CAMBS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Tarrant (first on "working bell") 1, T. R. Garrett 2, T. W. Griffiths 3, C. D. Corby 4, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 5, I. P. Sawford 6. A belated first birthday compliment to Claire Tarrant, daughter of treble ringer.

CHORHAM, SURREY.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Collins 1, J. H. Payton 2, Patricia C. Hill 3, Anne Pickering 4, J. A. Collier 5, T. J. Wellen 6, P. Privett (cond.) 7, M. D. Fuller 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: K. M. Price (first quarter of Royal) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, J. E. Byles 3, J. Bagnall 4, J. T. Turner 5, A. Capstick 6, W. Wall (cond.) 7, G. A. Metters 8, N. M. Newby, sen. 9, T. F. Metcalfe 10. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Mycroft.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra M. Crocombe (first quarter) 1, J. W. Bull 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, J. Loti 4, Rosemary I. Cotton 5, C. P. Starbuck 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on April 9th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. W. Friend (cond.) 1, J. C. Woolley 2, S. Walklate 3, J. S. Dean 4, R. Wilcox (first of Stedman) 5, G. A. Halls 6, H. Taylor 7, D. Derbyshire 8, M. R. Blore 9, J. B. Stennitt 10.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On April 6th, at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, R. W. Bridges 2, W. Beavan 3, J. Saxton 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, B. Smith 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer, on his 74th birthday.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCs.—On April 2nd, 1,152 Plain Bob Minor: B. C. Bertola (first quarter) 1, P. Ogden 2, I. Pars 3, M. Platt 4, W. Pugh 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Buchanan 1, Ronda Purkess 2, J. Hartless 3, W. Buchanan 4, T. Matcham (first as cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. For Patronal Festival.

EMBERTON, W.A.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen S. Palin 1—2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3—4, Heather A. Mann 5—6. For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Palin. Also on March 25th, for Easter, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, by same band.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary Smith 1, R. Perry 2, R. Smith 3, A. Perry (cond.) 4, M. Horseman 5, J. Coombes 6. A christening compliment to Susan Elizabeth Horseman.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On April 4th, 720 St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and 540 Oxford Bob: S. Carnall 1, Miss K. Burchall 2, Miss G. Burchall 3, Miss L. Wilkinson 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, A. H. Hawcroft 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lesiter.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robinson 1, E. Breed 2, Miss V. Titherly (first "inside") 3, Miss A. Bradbury 4, B. Stepany (cond.) 5, G. Titherly 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. N. Matthews, ringer and churchwarden.

HANNINGTON, WILTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Bladon (cond.) 1, A. Hedges 2, R. Peckham 3, D. Vowles 4, D. Smith 5, H. Hedges 6. To celebrate the marriage the previous day of Brian Hedges and Lesley Dawson.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gratton 1, R. Parker (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, H. C. Clark 4, R. Dean 5, R. Welch 6.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): I. J. Margets 1, T. J. Brock 2, R. C. L. Brown (cond.) 3, M. J. Parker 4, T. N. J. Bailey 5.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Naomi Blassick (first quarter) 1, Marion Hunt 2, R. J. Moore 3, Susan A. Moore 4, R. M. Virgin 5, R. Hillman 6, T. W. Harris (first as Triples as cond.) 7, A. G. Lloyd (first of Triples) 8. First "inside" 3 and 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, Preb. and Mrs. C. M. Wedgwood.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On April 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anthea C. Faurey 1, A. Carpenter (first quarter) 2, P. G. Golder 3, Anita E. Foden 4, R. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Faurey (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Dances, on March 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, F. V. Gant 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. C. M. Pair 5, C. E. Brown 6, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 7, F. E. Scoones 8. Also on March 19th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Miss D. E. Colgate 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, Mrs. O. Tester 4, J. W. Smith 5, M. O'Callaghan (first of Royal) 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, M. P. Oakshott 8, T. Lewis 9, D. P. Smith 10.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On March 12th, 1,440 combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, A. Charlesworth 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Walker. Also on Easter Day, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor, by the same band. To greet our Risen Lord. Also on March 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Lunn 1, I. Roberts (cond.) 2, R. Hoyle 3, A. Charlesworth 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. For the wedding of Miss J. Williams to Mr. L. Tebb.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Blackburn 1, J. G. Flint 2, P. Clarke 3, S. H. Ashton 4, D. G. Carr (cond.) 5. To celebrate the wedding of Thomas Thrussell (ringer at St. Mary's Church) and Joan Lumsden.—Correction.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hudson 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. E. Bagworth 6, D. C. Brookes 7, B. J. Bull and Christine M. Cobb 8. The tenor was rung for the first half by Mr. Bull, who is recovering from a sprained ankle and rang on one leg.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): J. Mussell 1, A. W. Fry 2, D. Wilson 3, J. L. Cloughton 4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5, R. N. Marlow 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (first "inside") 8. First of spliced 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

SANDON, STAFFS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Margaret L. Ellwood 1, Julia M. Sanders 2, C. T. Collins 3, C. M. Smith 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. First Stedman Doubles 1, 2 and 3.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, H. Deacon 4, R. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson 6. Also on March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, as a wedding compliment to Brian Gobles and Shirley Smith.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On April 2nd, 1,511 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, R. J. Cann 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. F. Edwards 5, V. Green 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, H. H. Fearn 8, G. E. Fearn 9, E. J. Cole 10. For Evensong.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, E. J. Ford (cond.) 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford 5, W. Burland 6. For the engagement of Raymond Albert Ford to Miss Christine Kernlake.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Royston 1, E. Short 2, J. Laidlaw 3, S. Laidlaw 4, C. Toyne (cond.) 5, P. Ruckley 6, R. Eilick 7, C. Dunkley 8. First quarter by all except 2 and 5. First quarter by a local band for 40 years.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Bowron (first quarter) 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, H. Warr 3, R. Venn 4, H. Pester 5, R. Cuff 6. Also to mark the retirement of Canon Whipp, Vicar since 1959. On Easter Day.

SWANSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Mariya Evans 1, R. Dobbins 2, Gillian Armstrong 3, Elizabeth Watkins 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, N. Jones 6, P. Lewis 7, P. Thomas 8. For evening service, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Ayres (first quarter) 1, E. Sutton 2, Mrs. E. Jaques 3, B. Bladon 4, W. Merritt 5, M. J. Stanley 6, W. W. T. Daniel 7, L. Picknell 8. For Confirmation service.

THAME, OXON.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Arnott 1, Brenda M. Arnott (first "inside") 2, Mrs. R. Hazell 3, R. Hazell 4, A. K. Fortin 5, R. J. Snack (cond.) 6.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Ipawich and Cambridge): St. J. Perry 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, L. J. Parry 3, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison 4, R. C. Groom 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Gamble 1, D. Wright 2, C. T. Coles 3, E. E. Hohlman 4, K. Warner (cond.) 5, C. G. Wright 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, L. Pink 3, Claire E. N. Brown (first Triples "inside") 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, P. R. Keough 8.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on Good Friday, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Quilla Roth 1, Sarah Scott (first Minor "inside") 2, Ann Gardner 3, Christine Kelsey 4, Elizabeth Proctor 5, R. S. Kirksen (cond.) 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cherryman 1, Mrs. R. Verrall 2, Mrs. G. Rix 3, K. May 4, C. R. Longhurst 5, P. R. Verrall (cond.) 6. For service.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sandra Pearce (15) 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. L. Ventham 6, K. G. Waller 7, F. Sheffield 8, 7, 6, 8 covers. First quarter 1 and 6. A wedding compliment to Moira Banham and Terry Pridle.

WHITCHURCH, KENT.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Bigwood 1, M. Jackson (first "inside") 2, F. J. Bailey 3, Mrs. Christine Lucas (cond.) 4, W. H. Harford 5, W. H. Dare 6. For the wedding of Peter Hawkins and Kathryn McCleod.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. W. Yates 1, C. Truman (cond.) 2, Betty Mansfield 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Graham Linnell and Elizabeth Lewis.

WILTON, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Haines (first quarter) 1, R. Casley (first quarter) 2, R. Haines (cond.) 3, H. Roper 4, A. Haines 5, J. Kiddle 6.

WITTHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jane Osbon 1, Caroline V. Harris 2, R. Jean Osbon 3, R. N. Harris 4, P. I. Hairs 5, R. Osbon 6, C. A. Osbon 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 3, 6 and 7.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Gunter 1, Mrs. E. A. North 2, A. Maldemend 3, A. J. Alderman (first as cond.) 4, P. J. Kingscote 5, F. Caseley 6, B. Nurcombe 7, W. A. J. Knight 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On March 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, E. T. Lee 2, Diane M. Chapman 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, P. J. England (first in method) 6, A. E. Cox 7, P. Bridge (cond.) 8.

REDEDICATION

HATHERSAGE, DERBYSHIRE

NESTLING in the rugged yet beautiful scenery of the Peak District National Park, the village of Hathersage attracts many visitors. The place is steeped in history—it is the "Morton" of Charlotte Brontë's novel "Jane Eyre," which book was written in the parish.

Hathersage is perhaps better known as the resting place of Robin Hood's lieutenant, Little John, and thousands visit his long grave every year.

Sunday by Sunday the bells of St. Michael's Parish Church have rung out, calling to worship residents and visitors alike. At one stage Hathersage could boast a team of change ringers but for many years now rounds and call changes have been the order. The only recorded peal, 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, was performed in September, 1963, by six members of the Derby Diocesan Association.

By this time the bells and their fittings had deteriorated and it became obvious that rehanging was necessary. A public appeal was launched to raise the necessary £2,000. This met with good response and was supplemented by other grants and donations, coffee mornings and other fund-raising efforts to build upon the £400 foundation from the Parochial Church Council. The bells were retuned, refitted and rehung in a completely new metal framework by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry early in 1967.

The rededication on Easter Eve (March 25th) was performed by the Bishop of Repton and attended by many ringers from neighbouring towers. In his address the Bishop stated that the bells would ring out to proclaim the message of the risen Christ, not only on the morrow but Sunday by Sunday throughout the year. They would call people to worship, be a comfort to those who through no fault of their own could not attend service and ring out a challenge to those who would prefer not to come.

The smallest bell in the tower is the sacring bell, known locally as Tommy Tinkler. It is rung during the Family Communion service. Dated about 1460, it weighs a little over half a hundredweight and bears a Latin inscription "Pray for the souls of Robert and Joan Eyre" together with the Eyre and Padley Arms.

DETAILS

Treble.—17th century. Weight 3 cwt. "3 qr." 14 lb. Note D sharp. Inscription: "With the sincere good will of the local inhabitants." Founder: Clibury, Wellington.

Second.—17th century. Weight 4 cwt. "0 qr." 24 lb. Note C sharp. Inscription: "The gift of Thos. Bagshaw" and bears his crest. Founder: Clibury, Wellington.

Third.—Date 1659. Weight 5 cwt. "0 qr." 10 lb. Note B. Inscription: "Glory to God in the highest" together with the Eyre crest and the initials R. E. Founder: Jeffrey Scott, Wigan.

Fourth.—17th century. Weight 5 cwt. "3 qr." 6 lb. Note A sharp. Inscription: "May the virgin Katherine, by the sign of the cross, save us from ruin." Founder: Oldfield, Nottingham.

Fifth.—Date 1657. Weight 7 cwt. "3 qr." 6 lb. Note G sharp. Inscription: "With sweetness of voice I will sing in Thy Name." Founder: Jeffrey Scott, Wigan.

Tenor.—Date 1617. Weight 11 cwt. "2 qr." 10 lb. Diameter 3ft. 4 1/2 in. Note F sharp. Inscription: "Glory to God in the Highest" with the sacred monogram I.H.S. Founder: Paul Hutton, Congleton.

The bells were rung for services on Easter Day, and the first peal, 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, was rung the following day, March 27th.

R. E. RASTALL,
Tower Captain.

STOKE DAMEREL, PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandisle Doubles: S. G. Pierce 1, D. F. Wheeler (first in method) 2, D. R. Bould (cond.) 3, J. C. Mitchelmore 4, G. E. Mudge 5, B. D. Knight 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to B. D. Knight.

NORTH NOTTS DISTRICT
WINS SKITTLES TROPHY

At the meeting of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Dunham-on-Trent and East Drayton on April 8th the F. William Midwinter Bell Repair Fund trophy was on display. The Cup (similar in size to an egg-cup, but silver-plated and with handles) was unearthed by the donor from his attic. It has to date been the subject of two skittles matches. Players subscribe 2s. 6d. each entrance fee, and the winning District puts the total proceeds into its Bell Repair Fund collection. The rules governing the contests for the Cup are that any District may challenge the holders at any game whatsoever, otherwise there are no rules. There is also a trophy for which ladies may contend. This is held currently by the ladies of the Bingham District, and it is euphemistically described as a "plate." It is understood that the ladies of the Bingham District wish the ladies of the North Notts District to win this trophy from them before they have to face a challenge from the Newark District at rounders.

The secretary, H. Poyner, outlined a scheme for a ringing contest which might be held later in the year for the benefit of the Bell Repair Fund. In this contest teams would be required to ring a 360 in a method they had not seen until half an hour before beginning to ring. If the 360 was not completed then the team could not win, no matter how perfect its striking before the final "pile-up." The entrance fees, 30s. per team, would go into the Bell Repair Fund. It was agreed that this scheme be outlined to other District secretaries in the Guild and to bands outside the Guild who might be interested.

H. P.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Four non-ringing visitors from Poland and Czechoslovakia visited the belfry during the N.W. Branch's meeting at Elveden on April 8th and were enthralled with watching and hearing ringing on both tower- and handbells.

It was a good meeting: a very fair attendance with a wide variety of methods, eight new members accepted (six from Great Barton), a bright service conducted by the Rev. Newton Gates, and tea served by Mrs. Paul and helpers.

Mr. C. Hancock presided at the meeting and proceedings opened with a tribute to Mr. Gordon Peck of Thetford, who died in March. Due to the tuition of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rogers, Great Barton has now a good team. May evening meeting: Fornham: St. Martin.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ralph Edwards has undergone an operation for appendicitis and will be absent from ringing for six weeks.

The 90th anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Diocesan Association was marked by a peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Pulham Market on April 4th.

Correction: Peal, Frindsbury—changes at the half-lead (page 256). The part-end should read 24536.

Correction: The peal at Lechlade-on-Thames reported on page 255 was rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association and not the Bath and Wells as inadvertently printed.

After the peal at Attleborough, Norfolk (last one rung there in September, 1938) the ringers were able to listen to a tape recording of part of the peal taken by a churchwarden to send to his brother in Canada.

The ringer of the fifth to a quarter at Leigh, Lancs, on April 9th, Mr. E. H. Longlev, now of Redruth, was married at Leigh 40 years ago last September and was revisiting the town for the first time in nine years. With his assistance the local band were able to ring a "welcome" quarter for the new curate in spite of some members being away for the week-end.

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A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at Sapcote on April 8th by three sets of twins.

No fewer than 45 copies of the current issue of "The Ringing World" were sold at the Ringers' Rally of the Durham and Newcastle Association at Lumley Castle on April 15th.

Cranbrook, Kent ringers and friends had recently a conducted tour of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Ringing afterwards took place at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and St. Vedast's, Foster Lane. Mr. John Hensley is thanked for providing transport.

Young Stephen Sudbury, of Gosfield, Essex, rang his first quarter on April 10th and ringing with him was the Vicar's daughter, Susan Burdon, who was ringing her first on an "inside" bell. It was indeed a very creditable performance from both, writes Miss H. G. Snowden, the conductor.

Mr. David Slater regards his first peal of Triops at Coleman's Hatch, Sussex, as a lucky one. On a previous occasion, due to a mistake in transposition, he stood the bells when in fact they were correct. On this occasion the rope of the second broke as the bell was pulled off for lowering after completing the peal!

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HEATHFIELD—A POSSIBLE FIVE NEAR TAUNTON

When Mr. Alan F. Lee and a band of ringers visited Heathfield, near Taunton, said to have a pretty little five, in March, it was only possible to ring a few rounds because of the terrible condition of the ropes. To remedy this a return visit was paid on April 8th, when two better ropes were fitted to the second and tenor, the others patched up and the bearings oiled. Although the ropes are by no means first-class, the bells can now be rung. Valuable help was given Mr Lee in getting the ropes fitted by Ian Cox and David Hawkins.

Visiting bands who may like to ring here will be made welcome by the Rev. John Butler, Oake Rectory, Taunton, and not Halse Rectory as given in "Crockford."

AN AGILE 80

A peal attempt at Hartest, Suffolk, specially arranged in honour of Mr. A. W. Rolfe's 80th birthday (April 15th), unfortunately came to grief but a good quarter of Surprise Minor was rung.

Arthur is a very agile 80 and is a frequent visitor to practice nights and meetings in N.W. Suffolk. He drives his own car, is always cheerful, is ever ready to help youngsters and thoroughly enjoys his ringing.

His many friends extend to him: very best wishes for his 80th and hope he will continue in good health and visit our towers for many years to come. R. H. R.

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S PEALS

Regarding peals rung by the Southwell Diocesan Guild in 1966 (page 248) we are asked to state the conducting was shared among 26 people and there were 165 ringers involved, 111 of whom were resident members. This represents 21 per cent. of the resident membership of the Guild.

EAST BERGHOLT BELL CAGE

We learn that the 16th century bell cage at East Bergholt is in danger of collapse. The wooden baseplate of the cage is rotten and badly needs replacing.

An appeal for £20,000 to finance a four-phase plan to repair St. Mary's Church, East Bergholt, includes the bell cage. A gift day has been arranged for May 13th.

LOCAL COMPANY AFTER 40 YEARS

Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds, has been without a local company for at least 40 years. Through the initiative of the new Rector, the Rev. H. Price Jones, a local band has been recruited and the eight bells are rung twice each Sunday. The tower has a company of 20 either handling the bells competently or under instruction. Members of Great Barton band readily accepted the challenge to provide training. The leader at the Horringer tower is Mr. Robin Rogers. One member has already rung a quarter peal and others are showing promising ability.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

April 29th. Leeds Parish Church, 4 p.m.
Stedman Cinques.

TOWER GRABBERS, 1966

	1966	Total
Christopher I. Royal (Kenilworth)	322	896
Barry J. Cousins (Saffron Walden)	162	429
Jean Sanderson (Melbourn)	125	638

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL SOCIETY RING TWO QUARTERS AT KENT SCHOOL

Eight members of the Washington Cathedral Society had an enjoyable week-end at Kent School, Connecticut, making the journey by bus and train on March 31st. Accommodation was provided in the spacious alumni house.

Ringing started on the Saturday morning and, as the school was on vacation, permission was given to ring as we wished. The Kent bells took some getting used to and we realised that we had been spoiled by our easy-going bells at Washington. It was considered, however, that the light eight at Kent, on which we did most of our ringing, were a good deal more brilliant than our own.

Touches of Triples and Major were rung before lunch, after which an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples. Some 2,600 changes had been rung when there began an insistent pounding on the locked belfry door. This continued for about five minutes and the conductor, fearing something serious had happened, called "Stand." It was merely somebody wondering if somebody else was up there. (He wasn't.) After a short rest a quarter of Kent T.B. Minor was rung and we called it quits for the day.

Sunday began by ringing for about ten minutes for morning chapel. Following the service we had a delicious breakfast in the school refectory, and then back to the tower and rang a quarter of Stedman Triples, which I am convinced would have won any striking competition. During the ringing the tower door was unlocked and several visited the belfry and they were good enough not to talk or cause a disturbance.

Farewells were then said to Father Beavan, our host, and the bus boarded for home, which was reached about midnight. It was a delightful trip, and we are most grateful to Kent School for the wonderful hospitality shown to us. R. S. D.

NEW RECORD IN MAXIMUS SURPRISE

A peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 30 methods, the most methods yet rung to a 12-bell peal, was rung at Halifax on April 15th conducted by Neil Bennett. This beats the previous record of 24 methods rung at Manchester Town Hall in December, 1966. Four new methods were introduced in this peal.

A SOMERSET FIVE IN THE NEWS

History was made at Hutton, a delightful old village situated on the slopes of the West Mendips two miles from the coast, where the River Axe joins the sea, by the ringing on Easter day of a quarter peal of Doubles. During the whole of this century the five bells have been rung only to call changes. Through age and illness the band has fallen apart and the bells have been silent for some time. Now the prospects of change ringing are good.

Inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble: "E. Bilbee 1708. 5.H.Q.J.W." 3 cwt.
Second: "G.L.B.C.W. P.A.D. 1675." 4 cwt.
Third: "1627. Recast 1915." 6 cwt.
Fourth: "J. C. Bisdee, E. Hemmens. 1657." 8 cwt.

Tenor: "E. Bilbee cast me. 1708. Sam Harris, G. O. Jones, Wardens. When I do call com serve God all." 10 cwt., note G. V. A. H.

BEAMINSTER BELLS

The bells of St. Mary's, Beaminster, are now at the foundry of Messrs. Taylors, Loughborough, for one-eighth turning, fitting new headstocks, wheel and stays and fitting in a metal frame.

On April 5th Ralph Wightman, the famous broadcaster, who was educated at the Beaminster and Netherbury Grammar School, came with the B.B.C. television cameraman to watch the tenor being lowered through the tower. This was the last bell to be removed from the 200-year-old oak frame. Local inhabitants were there in large numbers—armed with cameras!

Mr. Wightman was met at the church door by the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Galloway) and the chairman of the Bell Rehanging Fund Committee (Mr. W. B. Cross) and shown a piece of the frame—badly eaten by beetle and almost like parchment. (Although only measuring about eight inches by three inches, it was known to contain at least eight deathwatch beetles, and was typical of three sides of the lower part of the frame.)

A committee was formed last year to raise the £4,000 needed to rehang the bells. The fund at present stands at £730 in the name of the Ringing Guild Bell Rehanging Fund at Lloyds Bank, with £1,000 promised from the P.C.C. and £200 also promised—both these "promises" are "earning" interest, making a total of £1,930.

During April a door-to-door collection in the parish has been organised by the committee the result of which will be made known on April 27th at a social evening at the Tindall Hall in aid of C.M.S. and the Bell Fund.

Money has been sent from all over the world, through the local newspapers and contacts with Old Beaminsterians. £100 was loaned for a talent scheme (some has been used) but not much enthusiasm has been shown for this.

We hope the bellhangers will be back here again in October and that we shall have the bells ringing again by Christmas! E. P.

FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE

Congratulations to Mr. H. Badger, of Headington, Oxford, on completing 50 years as a bellringer. The event was remembered by a peal rung at Hughenden on April 1st. It was intended to commemorate the occasion by a peal at Marlow, Bucks, where Harry learned to handle a bell, but the bells were not available that day owing to weddings, etc. Harry is also an organist and has demonstrated his talent by playing at the Oxford Guild Festival at Christ Church Cathedral.

HERTS AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

To start a fund for the possible Central Council visit to Hertfordshire, the St. Albans District at its meeting at Essendon on April 15th raffled a cake which Mrs. Coburn had provided. Other members are asked to provide raffle prizes for District meetings. There is a practice meeting at St. Albans Abbey on May 2nd at 7.30 p.m. and a District meeting at South Mymms on May 20th.

READING PROFICIENCY

When a visiting band attempted a peal prior to Evensong one recent Sunday at St. Mary's, Reading, the locals went down the road to St. Laurence's and rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Royal. All ten who took part were members of St. Mary's band and it was only babysitting duties keeping two other members away that precluded the ringing of Cinques.

A WEEK IN KENT AND SUSSEX

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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

On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Harold Evans 5
Richard Hayes 2	D. Paul Smith 6
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
John Pladdys 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

Rung with best wishes to Donald Parkhurst and Heather Saville, married on March 25th at Southport.

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

On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Harold Evans 4
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	Richard Hayes 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	John Pladdys Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., March 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Christopher T. Osenton Treble	Richard Hayes 4
*John Pladdys 2	Andrew J. Corby 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan 3	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of London. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

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

On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Richard Hayes Treble	Andrew J. Corby 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Michael O'Callaghan .. 6
D. Paul Smith 3	John Pladdys 7
Harold Evans 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Harold Evans 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 2	D. Paul Smith 6
Richard Hayes 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
John Pladdys 4	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

First peal in the method by all the band.

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

On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, London, Surfleet, Wells and York.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Harold Evans Treble	Richard Hayes 4
John Pladdys 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
*Andrew J. Corby 3	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

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

On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

D. Paul Smith Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
Richard Hayes 2	Harold Evans 5
John Pladdys 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

Rung with the band's best wishes to Susan Cutts and Anthony Thomas, married on April 1st, 1967, at Groombridge, Sussex.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

*David N. Collins Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 6
Michael Thomson 2	Harry W. Howard 7
*Peter Goodhew 3	George H. Randles 8
Harold Worrall 4	*Stuart W. Bracegirdle .. 9
*John Moore 5	Christopher J. Jones .. Tenor

Composed by C. Gudgeon. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Ian) to Jean and Stuart Bracegirdle, on March 14th, 1967.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Alan J. Brown Treble	†Allen Twyman 5
*Heather Cottrell 2	David A. Hogg 6
†Jane Reynolds 3	Dennis H. McCormick .. 7
John Moore 4	John O. Freeman Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Alan J. Brown.

* First peal. † First in method "inside" and 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal for the Guild. Ringers of treble and fifth have "circled the tower."

Rung as a wedding compliment to Robert Topham (ringer) and Elizabeth Martin.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

James Draycott Treble	Alfred Ballard 5
Beryl E. Cawser 2	J. Edward Cawser 6
Alan Evans 3	Russell S. Morris 7
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 3.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.
Percy Stone Treble	John W. T. Taylor 5
*Geoffrey W. Randall .. 2	Ernest J. Gower 6
Clare F. Dolphin 3	Edward Holdsworth 7
†Jill Riley 4	Hubert G. Summers Tenor

Conducted by Edward Holdsworth.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 768 of London, 1,824 of Bristol, 1,440 of Cambridge and 1,056 of Superlative, with 98 changes of method.

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

John K. Smith Treble	E. Frederick Gobey .. 5
David J. Marshall 2	David W. Friend 6
John S. Dean 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
David W. Parkin 4	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

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

On Wed., April 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

8,064 reduced	Tenor 19½ cwt.
Rev. P. T. Robbins .. Treble	Rev. S. M. Evans 5
Canon K. W. H. Felstead 2	Rev. M. Hart 6
Rev. R. C. Lucas 3	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 7
Rev. J. B. T. Homfray .. 4	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Composed by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HARTLEPOOL, Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

C. Duncan Davis Treble	Eric N. Harrison 6
Ann Lawson 2	Thomas M. Cox 7
Enid Lawson 3	George S. Deas 8
John E. Anderson 4	Michael Maughan 9
James Crowther 5	Kenneth Lawson Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

Rung to celebrate the amalgamation of the Hartlepoons, which took place on April 1st, 1967.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

David Sloman Treble	Walter Arnold 6
*Philip Sadler 2	Frank B. Lufkin 7
*Peter G. Pitt 3	*John W. Brown 8
Peter Sloman 4	Alfred J. House 9
Adrian G. Semken .. 5	Michael J. Hallett Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.	
*Graham C. King Treble	David A. Burt 5
Gordon W. Land 2	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 6
Robert J. Purnell 3	James R. Taylor 7
Richard J. Bowden 4	Alaa Tubb Tenor

Composed by Tom Chapman. Conducted by Gordon W. Land.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STOKE LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
Being two extents Dedworth and Wychbold, four Southrepps, six Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, five Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandshire.	
Leonard J. Walters Treble	James Ward 4
E. Charles Biggs 2	*Jack Cale 5
James Ranford 3	George Gwyne Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.
* First peal of Doubles "inside."
Rung with 21st birthday compliments to Monica John.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

HILLSBOROUGH, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Malachy.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.	
In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,248 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 768 London, with 101 changes of method.	
Philip Mehew Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Robert C. Kippin 2	Frederick R. Scott 6
Andrew N. Stubbs 3	George E. Thoday 7
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 4	Michael P. Moreton Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
Rung with best wishes to Martyn Jordan and Victoria Jennings, married this day at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.	
In six methods, comprising 960 each of Cambridge and London and 800 each of Bristol, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method.	
George E. Thoday Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 2	Michael P. Moreton 6
Andrew N. Stubbs 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
Frederick R. Scott 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David P. Hilling, of Slough.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.	
Robert C. Kippin Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Philip Mehew 2	Michael P. Moreton 6
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 3	Frederick R. Scott 7
Andrew N. Stubbs 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. (21.) Conducted by George E. Thoday.
The conductor's 200th tenor for a peal and his 175th (125th of Surprise) as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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

On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
Arthur G. Mason Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Frederick J. Cullum 2	John W. Smith 6
Herbert E. Audsley 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Peter S. Muchlinski 4	William T. Blewitt Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
This composition contains all the 6-7's at back stroke.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.	
Paul J. Dye Treble	Richard Hayes 5
Harold Evans 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Doris E. Colgate 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Harold Evans.

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

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
Rodney C. Andrews .. Treble	Stuart Sandford 5
Joan A. Hayward 2	George Philpot 6
Brian R. Trill 3	Leonard Crouch 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Cyril S. Jarrett Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. John Waller as Vicar of Frindsbury and Rural Dean of Strood.

MEOPHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.	
Derek Sclater Treble	*Harold Evans 5
Andrew J. Corby 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Richard Hayes 3	Martin L. Howe 7
John A. Howard 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BOXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.	
*Marianne Leworthy .. Treble	*David P. Leworthy .. 4
*Jane Bryant 2	Peter S. Muchlinski .. 5
Francis J. Cheal 3	Norman R. Mattingley .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman R. Mattingley.
* First peal.
Rung with birthday wishes to Mr. G. A. Naylor (Rainham) and to Alison Jane (daughter of Ray and Jeannette Finch).

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WESTMINSTER, London.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.	
Alan R. Milledge Treble	Thomas G. Hawkins .. 6
John W. Euston 2	Norman S. Bagworth .. 7
Michael J. Uphill 3	Dennis Randall 8
William J. Rawlings .. 4	Bernard E. Mathews .. 9
Bryan C. Burrough .. 5	Alan J. Griffin Tenor

Composed by Henry Haley. Conducted by John W. Euston.
Rung as a mark of esteem for ten years' "good work" by the Rector, Canon M. Stancliffe, for "the people" of St. Margaret's Parish and Church.

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

On Mon., April 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.	
Jeffrey R. Goodenough Treble	Andrew J. Slade 5
*Caroline R. F. Cole .. 2	Ian L. Dear 6
†Christopher W. Ottaway 3	David E. Rothera 7
‡Michael B. Jefferyes .. 4	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of Yorkshire.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

On Tues., April 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
In two methods, being 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,208 Lincolnshire, with 56 changes of method and all the work of both methods for every bell.	
Pistow's.	
Desmond R. Mortlock .. Treble	David Cubitt 5
Robin R. Churchill 2	Martin Cubitt 6
Paul Cattermole 3	H. William Barrett .. 7
Peter Adcock 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Arranged by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Rung on the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.	
Wilfred G. Saunders .. Treble	Thomas E. Spight 4
Henry Tooke 2	Frank C. W. Arnold .. 5
*Desmond P. Mortlock .. 3	H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal in seven methods.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HANSLOPE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*David Coxhill Treble	Malcolm G. Hooton .. 5
Sarah D. Woolley 2	†Anthony K. Fortin .. 6
Peter D. Taylor 3	Barry R. Eglesfield .. 7
Barry R. Care 4	George E. Green Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by George E. Green.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Roy Keeves and Judith Pell, who were married at this church this day.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

D. Kay Adkins Treble	Richard R. Dean 5
Harry W. Badger 2	John Young 6
E. Dennis Poole 3	Robert H. Newton 7
Paul R. Dean 4	Brian A. Cracknell Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

Rung for the Easter Festival, to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dean, and to mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer by Harry W. Badger.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ADDERBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans', Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lb. in D	
*Christopher C. Clarke .. Treble	Barry J. Davis 5
*Michael W. Coleman .. 2	James Linnell 6
†Diana Reeves 3	George W. Holland 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	Robert A. Reeves Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

* Have now "circled the tower." † First peal in the method. Rung for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
Mrs. C. A. Eele Treble	Charles A. Eele 5
John Froome 2	Raymond K. Rivers 6
Charles W. Mortimer .. 3	Bernard C. Castle 7
Mrs. B. C. Castle 4	Frederick J. E. Hicks .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard C. Castle.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

ST. NEOTS, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Christopher W. Woolley Treble	George E. Bonham .. 5
Sara K. D. Woolley .. 2	*Anthony K. Fortin .. 6
Ronald J. Snack 3	Roger Baldwin 7
Michael D. Trigg 4	Dennis Knox Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

* 25th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Rung with best wishes from all the band for Ron Snack's 21st birthday.

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

KIDLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

A variation of Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.	
Martin J. Turner Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
Walter F. Judge 2	Francis A. White 6
Edgar J. Smith 3	Brian R. White 7
Victor Griffin 4	G. Robert Mordaunt .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Believed to be the first peal of Stedman Triples rung starting at backstroke (2nd row of a slow six) and finishing at handstroke (1st row of a slow six).

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.	
William Hibbert Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 5
Patricia E. Hibbert .. 2	Brian R. White 6
Harry E. Wells 3	John H. Napper 7
John W. T. Hibbert .. 4	Francis A. White Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 OLNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard F. B. Speed .. Treble	L. Michael Callow 5
Patrick I. Chapman .. 2	Barrie Hendry 6
Anne B. Speed 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Roger W. Smith 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florence.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Robert D. Hodges Treble	Peter D. Sell 4
Richard L. Underwood .. 2	John F. I. Turney 5
Richard C. Warburton .. 3	Rev. Michael Hart Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Michael Hart.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter and Marion Bennett, married on April 1st, 1967.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Christine Slater Treble	Philip R. Johnson 5
Elizabeth Timmins 2	Richard J. Warrilow 6
*Richard B. Dorrington .. 3	Ian Friend 7
Hilary F. Pardoe 4	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Hilary A. Thick Treble	John A. Howard 5
Frank H. Hicks 2	†Arthur J. Hart 6
†Janet E. Blake 3	†Derek Slater 7
†Charlotte M. Harris .. 4	†Douglas J. Hoad Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Derek Slater.

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

Rung by East Grinstead ringers and friends to welcome Wanda Kathryn, daughter of John and Valerie Howard, born March 8th, 1967.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	*Robert Edwards 7
*M. Irene Ellsmore .. 2	*Peter L. Bill 8
Clifford Skidmore 3	Arthur V. Pearson 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
Gerald C. Hemming .. 5	John C. Eisel 11
James Attwood, jun. .. 6	*Peter J. Brown Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung as a compliment to Robert Edwards and Ann Phipps, who were to be married at Netherton on the following Saturday.

PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Arthur C. Berry Treble	Ian Lloyd 5
Leonard Mills 2	James Attwood, jun. .. 6
*Richard G. Bateman .. 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
*Peter Robertson 4	†Ronald J. Stephens .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Arranged by J. E. Groves.

* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells. The Southern Branch quarterly peal.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Robert Edwards Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore 5
Peter L. Bill 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
M. Irene Ellsmore 3	John C. Eisel 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

First peal of Worcestershire Surprise Major by all the band except the ringers of the sixth, seventh and tenor.

GREAT COMBERTON, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Arthur C. Berry Treble	*Richard G. Bateman 4
*James Attwood, jun. .. 2	*Peter Robertson 5
Robert W. Cole 3	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELBY, Yorks.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

W. Eric Critchley Treble	Ronald R. Warford 6
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 2	Neil Donovan 7
Patricia Lockwood 3	Richard E. Price 8
Ian North 4	Stuart Armeson 9
John S. Seager 5	Ernest J. Padgett Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HANDBELL PEALS**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
*Alan F. Scholfield 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8
†Richard Inglis 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Royal on an "inside" pair. First on ten handbells. 100th handbell peal as conductor.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.

On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5004 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Granta Variation.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank Osbaldiston 1-2	Alan McFall 7-8
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Robert B. Smith 5-6	*Herbert M. Heaton .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. First peal of Maximus in the variation by all the band and for the Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, Essex.—At 14, The Belvedere.

On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Claire Hudson 1-2	David Hodgson 5-6
Andrew S. Hudson 3-4	*Ian R. Pantom 7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by David Hodgson.

* First peal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Thurs., March 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
John R. Mayne 3-4	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7-8
Gerald Penney 9-10	

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal of Royal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.

On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
Neil Bennett 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 6480 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being nine different extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

Longest length by all. Conductor's 30th peal.

WINDERMERE, Westmorland.—At 46, Claife Avenue.

On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4

*Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

* First peal of Minor in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Hadleigh, The Avenue.

On Wed., March 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield 1-2 | Michael W. Crowder .. 5-6

Margaret A. Parker 3-4 | Jack Bray 7-8

Jack L. Millhouse 9-10

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

George E. Feirn 1-2 | Jack Bray 5-6

Frank Lord 3-4 | C. Aubrey Harrison 7-8

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Veronica Feirn, daughter of the conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 18 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Aldenham, Lincolnshire, Painswick and Pudsey, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin 5-6

John R. Mayne 3-4 | Gerald Penney 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

KEYWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At 5, Meadow Drive.

On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*William L. Exton 1-2 | Brian M. Buswell 3-4

*R. Brian Mills (cond.) .. 5-6

* First in three methods "in hand." First handbell peal in three methods for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—In the belfry of St. Thomas's Church.

On Thurs., March 23, 1967, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents with all 6-5's at handstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter L. Bill 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4

John C. Eisel 5-6

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Huntington Guild of Ringers)

HUNTINGTON, York.—At 33, Broome Close.

On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/ variations, being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and All Saints.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Simon P. D. Burnett 1-2 | A. Colin Banton (cond.) 3-4

*Jennifer E. Pearce 5-6

* First peal "in hand."

HUNTINGTON, York.—In the belfry of the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Simon P. D. Burnett 1-2 | A. Colin Banton (cond.) 3-4

J. Martin Thorley 5-6

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Hilary M. Dickson 1, B. Fay Banks 2, M. C. E. Hodge (cond.) 3, J. R. Rowson 4, R. H. Johnston 5, J. W. Berry 6, A. K. P. Poole 7, Jane A. Carruthers 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On March 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Knowles 1, Louise Evans 2, Dorothea Hargreaves 3, A. Butcher 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5, A. Fortin 6. First of Minor 2 and 3. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Wilkins 1, Louise Evans 2, Dorothea Hargreaves 3, R. Mitchell 4, R. Woodruff 5, A. Fortin (cond.) 6.

BARROWDEN, RUTLAND.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Katharine M. Thorley 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, R. N. Scholes 4, R. H. Jones 5.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,269 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 3, Mrs. D. M. Crocker 4, F. J. White 5, W. H. Prescott 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's, on April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Bailey 1, B. Martin 2, D. Rennolds (cond.) 3, W. Willuns 4, T. Newlands 5, S. Bateman 6.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl M. Hills 1, Carol C. Bunn 2, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 3, A. B. Eldridge 4, R. H. Glover 5, K. J. Davis (cond.) 6. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, by same band.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Illidge 1, R. Lyons (first quarter) 2, D. Hawksworth 3, R. Humphreys 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, A. G. Richards 6, J. Smith 7, H. E. Green 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. G. H. Thorneycroft.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On April 8th, 1,504 Huntingdon Surprise Major: M. E. Wade 1, W. A. Lacey (cond.) 2, S. J. Haines 3, R. B. Mills 4, M. Green 5, W. E. Rawson 6, D. A. Frith 7, R. K. Mason 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Jill Dunmall 1, Anne Tremain (first quarter "inside") 3, Jenny Brunger 4, Susan P. Nicholson 5, E. J. Brunger 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, W. J. Lemon 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At 10, Southbroom Place, on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (handbells): C. H. Smith 1—2, C. C. Hillier 3—4, H. A. Gummer (cond.) 5—6. First handbell quarter by all.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On April 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Fulker 1, C. Woodward 2, G. McIlhone (cond.) 3, V. Fox 4, J. Godman 5, D. Exon (first of P.B. Major) 6, C. Holloway 7, F. Absolom 8.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On March 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Susan Mitchell (25th quarter) 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, S. P. D. Burnett 3, R. C. Woodward 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5, J. Woolley 6, C. J. Groome (50th quarter) 7, J. M. Thorley 8. A birthday compliment to Lynne Clowe.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Grey (first quarter) 1, H. P. Reed 2, Beryl R. Simpson 3, Sarah Hughes 4, M. Church 5, G. Britchford 6, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 7, S. Reed 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Richardson 1, Vivienne M. Dye 2, P. C. Sindin 3, L. Mannerling 4, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 5, J. F. Wellard 6.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Franklin (first quarter) 1, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 2, R. C. Andrews (first "inside") 3, G. Philpot 4, L. Crouch 5, R. T. Macmillan 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. M. Hiscock 1, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 2, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 3, J. B. Wilson 4, R. E. Hardy 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to H. Lyndon Hatfield (Master of the University of Wales Society) and his wife, Diane (nee Bird), following their wedding this day.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne and Cambridge): A. F. Ballam 1, Toni M. Rogers 2, R. H. Rogers 3, R. J. Fordham 4, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 5, R. J. Palmer 6. In honour of Arthur W. Rolfe's 80th birthday.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Hartt 1, Miss D. Colcombe (first in method) 2, Miss J. Warner 3, J. Bailey 4, H. Colcombe 5, W. Webb 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On April 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. T. Collins 1, J. B. Webb 2, C. E. Bowen 3, L. Monk (first in method) 4, D. F. Jones 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynne Lewis (first quarter) 1, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 2, P. Gregory 3, D. Makin-Taylor 4, E. H. Langley 5, J. P. Leigh 6. To welcome the new curate, Rev. William Evans.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Handerson 1, Miss R. Cotton 2, R. Cooles 3, B. Burrough 4, J. Pratt 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, B. Matthews 8.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Brooks 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, Rachel J. Sindin 3, R. Birch, sen. 4, P. C. Sindin 5, R. Birch, jun. 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelps 8.

OXFORD.—At the City Church, on March 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, P. Walker 4, H. Russell 5, Mrs. E. Russell 6, B. R. White (cond.) 7, N. I. Allnatt 8. A farewell to Henry and Elizabeth Russell, leaving for Australia.

PEMBROKE.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Stevens (first quarter) 1, S. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, D. Cooper 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russant 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on April 9th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. P. Lewington 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 3, Mrs. F. W. Lewis 4, P. J. Shipton 5, A. B. Shingler 6, J. N. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 9, R. F. Diserens 10. First quarter Cambridge Royal 4 and 6.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. White 1, F. Whitby 2, E. Willet (first quarter) 4, W. Aley (cond.) 5, A. Richardson (first Plain Bob) 6, R. Walker 7, E. Rochester 8. A compliment to Rev. P. Morris and family, after the christening of their son.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Browne 1, Anne Browne 2, A. Humphrey 3, C. G. Browne 4, C. Slack 5, W. E. Simpson 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. B. Dobbie 1, G. Kenward 2, Wendy Austin 3, J. Clark 4, G. Wood 5, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 6, G. A. Naylor 7, P. Cockrill 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Wendy Austin.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At Bitterne Park, on April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. V. Smith (first away from tenor) 1, Pamela Coombs (first "inside") 2, D. B. Brown (cond.) 3, Deborah Moggs 4, Margaret Coombs 5, S. R. Smith 6.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ford (first quarter) 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6. A 67th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

TENBY, PEMBS.—At St. Mary's, on April 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): R. L. Underwood (first of Surprise) 1, Stella Lewin 2, S. P. G. Webb 3, E. Williams 4, H. Jenkins 5, W. G. Thomas (cond.) 6, T. Griffiths 8.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Owen (first attempt) 1, N. S. Blamire-Brown 2, A. G. Sears 3, P. Owen (cond.) 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, Miss J. Digby 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Fuller 1, Mrs. W. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, N. Watson 4, H. Ivings 5, G. Herbert 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, A. Foreman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Gordon Peck, friend and ringer for many years.

TISBURY, WILTS.—On April 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Dean 1, K. Raymond (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. Morton (first quarter) 3, W. Wright 4, B. Morton 5, T. Stevens 6. Conducted by J. E. Snook. Rung as a combined celebration: 21st birthday of ringer of 2nd, and eighth wedding anniversary of ringers of 3 and 5.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Duncan 1, Caroline Cole 2, E. T. Newnham 3, R. J. Chapman 4, A. J. Slade 5, M. B. Jefferys 6, I. L. Dear 7, H. H. N. Duncaan 8, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 9, R. Durrant 10. A compliment to Mr. E. T. Newnham on becoming president of the Hertford County Association.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Colwell 1, P. H. Hull 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, T. Crabbe (first "inside") 4, T. Nicholls (cond.) 5, H. Crabbe 6. An engagement compliment to Heather Arney, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 4th.

NOTICES

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

I have received the following notice of motion within the time limit prescribed by Rule 14 but it is too late for inclusion with the Agenda recently published, and I am therefore publishing this as a supplementary notice:—

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF DECISION
To amend Section D (8) on page 21 to read as follows:—

Peals which contain more than one method shall be called "Spliced," provided that methods are joined in the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e. the "leads" in treble-dominated methods, the "divisions" in the case of Stedman, Duffield and the like). In addition, where a peal qualifies as "Spliced" under the above definition, methods may also be joined at the half-lead, provided that where this is done only one of any group of methods differing only in the places made at the half-lead or the lead-end may be used in any one composition.

Proposed by: Ian H. Oram.
Seconded by: Stanley Jenner.
VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Honorary Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northwram,
Halifax.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JACKSON.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Jackson is now: 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Tel. Totton 2757.

PERSONAL

"OUR"—all of us—prayers first, then best wishes to all our invalids, especially Nolan Golden, Harold Walker and Charlie Willmington, for their speedy return to full health and vigour, also best wishes to "Our" "Ringing World," the Editor and all concerned.—Old Bat-er (Crewe). 1408

"Prove all things. Hold fast to that which is good."—II Thessalonians, v, 21.

HANDBELLS WANTED

Set or part set of handbells required urgently. Contact S. Jones, 121, Allington Drive, Birstall, Leicester. Tel. Leicester 813259. 1420

PUBLICATIONS

"BOBS AND SINGLES," an illustrated history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers, N.Z., by Patricia Ward. Price 7s. 6d. from G. Nelson Sloan, 9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 4, New Zealand. 1402

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF HEREFORDSHIRE." Vol I, 128 pages with 26 plates and 107 scale drawings of founders' marks, bound red cloth, price 16s., plus packing and postage 1s. 6d. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Also "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price 21s., plus packing and postage 1s, 10d; and also "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s. 1171

MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Saltwood—no ringing until further notice. Bells require attention.—Alan P. S. Berry, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1422

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—A Flower Festival in St. Wilfrid's Church on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open and bells available 9 a.m.—9 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 1431

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DEATH

BRETT.—On April 20th, 1967, at her home, 109, St. Johns Row, Framsdon, after much suffering patiently borne, Ivy Maud, beloved wife of Leslie, darling mother of Eric and devoted grandma of Teresa and Trevor. Aged 65 years. 1435

FOR SALE

CLAUDE BUTLER short wheelbase tandem with panniers and frame fitted; excellent condition. — J. L. Hayns, 81, Windfield, Leatherhead, Surrey. Tel. Leatherhead 5478. 1432

MISCELLANEOUS

FAREHAM PARISH CHURCH

SS. Peter and Paul
10 bells. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.
Bellringers' Open Day, May 6th.
Bells available for general ringing
3.15–5.15 p.m. Service 6 p.m.
Names for tea to Mrs. R. Sturgess,
19, Potters Avenue, Fareham, Hants. 1423

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
Change of Treasurer

Will Branch secretaries, tower and peal captains please note that subscriptions and fees should be sent to Group Captain G. J. L. Read, Home Park, Galpington, Kingsbridge. Tel. Galpington 287. —D. J. Roberts, Gen. Sec. 1423

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE

May Festival, Saturday, May 6th
Bells from 3 p.m. Teas, Handbells available in church. Service led by Salvation Army Band 5.15 p.m. 1429

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford and Canterbury Districts
RINGING SCHOOL

(Primarily arranged for beginners.)
Wickhambreaux, Saturday, May 20th
Application for tickets (£s. each) and full details from: Miss R. J. Sinden, Christ Church College, North Holmes Road, Canterbury.
School limited to 50; early application essential. Please send s.a.e. 1421

ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER, ESSEX
Flower Festival, May 5th, 6th and 7th
Ringing arrangements: Sat., 6th, 2 p.m.–5 p.m. and 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Sunday, 7th: 10 a.m.–11 a.m. and 5 p.m.–6.25 p.m.
Teas available in Church Hall.
All ringers and visitors very welcome. 1436

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Members are earnestly requested to note that the A.G.M. will be held at St. Olave's Hall, E.C.3, on Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Names for tea imperative to Secretary. This is a most important meeting, which will review the Society's constitution, and members are asked to make attendance a priority. Tower list later.—D. L. Cawley, Sec., Torbay, Hillview Road, Whitstable, Kent. 1394

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7.30–9 p.m. All standard methods. —C. H. 1393
WOOTTON BASSETT PARISH CHURCH. WILTS.—700th Anniversary. Festival of Flowers, Spring Bank Holiday week-end, May 27th, 28th and 29th. Ringing parties welcome. Teas available in Church Hall.

THORNHAUGH AND WANSFORD
WELCOME WEEK-END

Invitation to visitors and ringers.
May 13th and 14th
Bells available both afternoons and Saturday evening. Boat trips, gardens open, refreshments. Full information available at both churches or from A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, Peterborough. 1422

MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1407

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Striking Competition, Somersham (6), Saturday, April 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock for those who notify W. Ransome, The Chestnuts, High Street, Somersham. Hunts, ringing teams excepted. General ringing in the evening.—H. S. Peacock. 1413

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—An evening meeting for learners will be held at Wendens Ambo (6 bells) on Saturday, April 29th. Help needed from experienced ringers.—All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1387
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, April 29th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1384

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2/6 per head; money to be sent to the Rev. Ridley, St. Nicholas-at-Wade Vicarage. 1434

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, South Brent, Devon, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Petroc's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Diptford. Names for tea to Mrs. Pat Johnstone, Stidston, South Brent. 1403

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Harrow Weald, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting. Please make special effort to attend. Important business meeting.—J. Hooton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 1st, at 7 p.m. 1450

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Stonesfield, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7–9 p.m.—Ted Patching, Hon. Sec. 1438

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Armitage Bridge, Saturday, May 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Armitage, 32, Hangingstone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Practice method: Surfleet Surprise Minor. 1448

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, East Chinnock (5 a/c, tenor 15 cwt.), May 6th, 7–9 p.m.—M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec., Coker Hill, West Coker. 1396

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St Andrew's, Bebington, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided free.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtown, Birkenhead, (CLA 5192.) 1437

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Monthly meeting at Dore (8) on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing 3–4.30 and after tea. Names, please, to Miss J. Bower, 135, Furniss Avenue, Dore, Sheffield, by previous Wednesday. All welcome.—A. King, Sec. 1438

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fakenham (8), May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. A. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham. No name, no tea. 1436

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 6th. Towers available: Teddington, 9.30 to 10.30, Houghton Regis 10.30 to 11.30, Totternhoe 11.45 to 1, Tilsworth and Stanbridge 1.45 to 3, Linslade 2.30 to 4, Leighton Buzzard 3 to 4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Durrington, 30, George Street, Leighton Buzzard.—A. Smith, Gen. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Napton, Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Free tea for those who send names to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Bees, May 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me at least three days before meeting.—Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland. 1430

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting and striking contest at Clowne on May 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea most essential to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield. Definitely no name—no tea. Good attendance, please.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1429

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Thoverton on Wednesday, May 6th, 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner, Branch Sec. 1444

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—There is to be a Branch practice held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, May 6th, at 2 p.m. Members please attend.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6–7.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea, as liquid refreshments only (tea!) will be provided. Please note: There will be no Northern District outing to Bamburgh and Embleton. 1447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Littleport, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Double Norwich and Kent T.B. 1433

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tolleshunt D'Arcy (6) on May 6th. Competition at 2.30. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Pantou, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (57827.) 1291

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting at Orcop (5), May 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Weonard's (6) at 6.30 p.m.—J. J. Webb, Dis. Sec. 1432

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, May 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 1443

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Cottered (5) 6.15–7 p.m.; Ardeley (6) 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 1386

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne (8) on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. and after business meeting. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business. Target methods: Gainsborough L.B. and Bristol S. Major.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1324

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster-Preston Branches.—Joint meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 4s. approx.). Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston. 1437

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 1405

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting at Elsham, May 6th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 1411

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking Competition, Markfield, Saturday, May 6th. Rules as last year. Entries, with remittance, not later than April 29th. Leicester District meeting to follow., and Inter-District skittles match to take place in the evening. Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, Hon. Gen. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, not later than May 3rd. 1966 Guild Report (22 new compositions) 5s. each, and many previous reports available 2s. each from Hon. Gen. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Kids Grove on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Midgley, 3, Eleanor Place, Newcastle, Staffs, by Wednesday, May 3rd, please. 1449

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at: Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Branch Sec. 1372

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Howden, May 6th. Bells 2.30-9. Service 4.30. Tea (Green Room) 5. Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before May 4th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1400

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual Striking Competition (for 6 bells) at Horringer on Saturday, May 6th. Teams please meet at church at 1.30 to draw to decide order of ringing (late arrivals will be taken in order of arrival). Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by results and presentation of shield. Evening ringing at Horringer and Partest. Entries and names for tea to Robin H. Rogers, 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, before Wednesday, May 3rd. 1369

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Guildford Cathedral, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Tea in the Refectory at 4 p.m. for those who notify me by Friday, April 28th (no name, no tea). Ringing after until Evensong at 5.45, during which the company will be welcomed to the Cathedral by the Dean. Business meeting in the Refectory afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 1, Elmslie Close, Epsom, Surrey. 1388

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at Melksham, Wilts, on Saturday, May 13th.

The Guild service will be held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels at 2.45 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. M. Langdon. Address by the Rev. R. N. Longridge. All clergy attending are invited to be robed.

Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea tickets at 5s. per person to be obtained from the assistant hon. sec, Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, Wilts, by May 8th. Strictly no ticket no tea.

The annual general meeting will follow tea in St. Michael's Hall. The chairman of Melksham R.D.C., Councillor K. Elms, and Mrs. Elms will attend and welcome members.

Bells available 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Heytesbury (6), Warminster (8), Corsley (6), North Bradley (8), Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church, 8), Holt (6), Devizes (St. Mary's, 6), (St. John's, 8), (St. James', 6), Upavon (6), Chirton (6), Potterne (6), Seend (6).

All towers to be closed 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Bells available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.: Bromham (6), Rowde (6), Urchfont (8), Market Lavington (6), West Lavington (6), Great Cheverell (6), All Cannings (5), Hilperton (6), Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity, 8), Steeple Ashton (6), Westbury (8), Longbridge Deverill (8), Melksham, 12 noon to 2.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

I give notice that I shall not be standing for re-election at A.G.M. Joseph T. Barrett, Gen. Sec and Treas.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Chantry Hall 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells available in afternoon—St. Giles 2.30—3.45 p.m.

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:—

East Dereham (8) ..	1.30—2.30 p.m.	Blofield (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.
Drayton (6)	2.15—3.30 p.m.	Hethersett (8) ..	2.15—3.30 p.m.
Horsham St. Faith (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.	Saxlingham N'gate (8)	2.15—3.15 p.m.

Evening towers will be announced at the meeting.

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, NORWICH, Nor. 57W, by Wednesday, May 3rd. H. William Barrett, Gen. Sec. 1389

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Committee meeting in Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, in the Tresham Hall, 5 p.m. Applications for tea tickets (3s; 6d. each and c.w.o.) to Mr. M. A. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, Northants, by Tuesday, May 2nd.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Rothwell (8)	3 p.m.—4 p.m.; 7 p.m.—8 p.m.
Ashley (5)	
Weston-by-Welland (5)	
Dingley (5)	10.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m.
Brampton Ash (6) ..	
Stoke Albany (6) ..	
Wilbarston (5)	
East Carlton (6) ..	
Cottingham (5)	12 noon — 2 p.m.
Corby (6)	
Geddington (5)	Weekley and Warkton
Weekley (6)	also 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Warkton (5)	
Cranford (6)	
Burton Latimer (8) ..	1.30 p.m. — 3.30 p.m.
Barton Seagrave (5) ..	also
Pytchley (5)	7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Orlimgbury (5)	
Isham (5)	1.30 p.m. — 3 p.m. (amended).
Desborough (8)	2.30 p.m. — 3.45 p.m.
Rushton (6)	also
	7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Kettering (10)	7 p.m. — to 8 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary. 1365

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH

GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting at Liss on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available 6.30—8.30 p.m. — C. E. Bassett, Dis. Sec. 1446

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tendring (6) on May 13th. Competition 2.45. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton. 1440

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranleigh (8) May 13th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh, by Tuesday, 9th, please. 1441

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Stow, near Lincoln, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Underwood, Stow, near Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, May 10th. — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1439

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Caerleon, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Pike, 82, Roman Way, Caerleon, Mon, by May 8th. 1426

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Yaxham, Saturday May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Moore, Crossways Farm, Mattishall, by Wednesday, May 10th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, May 13th. Important. Names for tea to Mr. R. Fonge, 1, The Avenue, Flore, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 1442

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Will all members please note that the next meeting will now be held on Saturday, May 27th. The venue is still Great Bardfield.—R. T. 1428

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, 1967

At Christ Church (Seaside) Eastbourne
Ringing Arrangements:

Route 1: Battle 10.15 a.m.—11.15 a.m.
Bexhill 11.30 a.m.—12.15 p.m.
Westham 12.30 p.m.—1.30 p.m.
Route 2: Rotherfield 9.30 a.m.—10.15 a.m.
East Hoathly 10.15 a.m.—11 a.m.
Ripe 10.30 a.m.—11.15 a.m.
Hailsham 11.15 a.m.—12 noon.
Willingdon 12.15 p.m.—1 p.m.

Route 3: Seaford 10.30 a.m.—11.15 a.m.
Alfriston 11.30 a.m.—12.15 p.m.
Willingdon 12.15 p.m.—1 p.m.

Eastbourne towers: All Saints' (Carlisle Road) 2—2.45 p.m.; St. Saviour's (South Street) 2.45 p.m. or 3 p.m.—3.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (Church Street) 2 p.m.—3.30 p.m.; Christ Church (Seaside) 3.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.

These details are subject to change at short notice.

Service 4.15 p.m. (Christ Church, Seaside).

Tea 5 p.m. (Christ Church Hall). Meeting 6 p.m.

Names (individually) for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, not later than Wednesday, May 10th. 1428

NOTICES—Continued.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF
CHURCH BELL RINGERS****ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1967**

The Annual Festival will be held on
Saturday, May 13th, at Macclesfield.

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall,
Cumberland Street, followed by
Annual General Meeting.

Service 4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church
of St. Michael.

Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cum-
berland Street.

Cost of tickets: For lunch 6s. 6d.
and tea 6s. 6d., if obtained before
May 8th, from Mr. H. C. Lonyon,
The Shrubberies, Langley, Macclesfield,
Cheshire.

Towers open:

Congleton (8), Bollington (8), Chelford
(6), Alderley (6), Gawsorth (8) and
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