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ST. MARY'S, HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX
whose eight bells peal across the River Thames

WEST COUNTRY IDEAS ON SOUND CONTROL

I REMEMBER going a few years ago to help at the practice of a young band who had just started up with no really competent ringer to train them. One of their many problems was that the bells were very hard to hear, and in trying to remedy this they had opened both traps in the tower floors without any improvement. The curious thing was that as soon as one stepped out from the ground-floor ringing chamber through the open arch into the nave of the church the bells were far less loud—and perfectly clear.

In fact there are one or two towers in which the bells are so quiet in the ringing room that the conductor hardly has to speak above a whisper, yet there is no difficulty in hearing the bells, and there are many in which the bells are dreadfully noisy in the ringing room but hard to pick out one from the other. What matters, then, first of all, is not how much sound gets to the ringing room but what sort of sound it is. What one wants is sufficient of the strike notes to overcome extraneous noise, and as little as possible of the harmonics, which, unlike the strike note, are of long duration and therefore get mixed together into what some ringers call a "howl."

Extraneous noise most often comes from rope-rattle, and this varies enormously from one tower to another, but in my experience it is worst when the ropes pass through a fairly low floor above the ringing room: which has no ceiling on its underside. Sally-guides can sometimes be noisy, but they should not be unless they are very loose in their clamps on the framework. The ideal seems to be a stout floor above the ringing room with a plaster ceiling below it, but this may be extensive to install, as new bosses will be required.

It was with some of these ideas in mind that we embarked last week on an experiment in our tower, which houses a ring of eight (tenor 13 cwt.), the three trebles hung above. The floor below the frame is of 2in. oak with ½in. spaces between the boards; the clock chamber is about 12ft. high with a plain floor of ½in. pine, and there is no ceiling in the first-floor ringing room. When the two trebles were put in, a sound-tube was fitted to make them more audible, but it was later found that this was better stuffed with cotton wool. The bells are not unusually difficult to hear, but the little ones could be better, and when rising the back six in peal the third can get lost halfway up in the hum from the tenors.

Believing that, paradoxical as it may seem, the cure for inaudible bells may be to make them quieter, we set about sound-control. In the clock chamber was a good deal of sawdust put there for this purpose, but it was not possible to use much of it as anything but a thin layer would have come down the rope holes. Sawdust is good sound insulation, however, and it may be had for the fetching; the problem was to put enough of it up there without getting it in the ringing room.

The answer was a friendly farmer. Artificial manures nowadays come in one cwt. bags of strong polythene, and they are non-returnable. Most farmers find it quicker when loading their spreaders to cut the bags down the long side, but we had a friend who agreed to cut 50 or so across the ends. Two ringers with a van collected five cwt. of sawdust from a neighbouring sawmill, and two others spent two hours filling the bags and carrying them up to the clock chamber, where they were laid on the floor to form a covering of about three inches thick. As the bags were

OUR PICTURE

HAMPTON-ON-THAMES

RECORDS show that a church has stood on this site beside the Thames for at least 600 years. The present church was built in 1830–31 replacing an earlier one of red brick construction with a tower containing a ring of six bells. The tenor of this old six was reputed to weigh about one ton, and the bells were rung from the ground floor.

Being so close to Hampton Court, there have over the years been many connections with royalty, and in the south porch entrance there is a monument to Dame Sibel Penn, Dame Sibel was nurse to Edward VI and lived in a house next to the church. Amongst the various mural tablets to be found on the walls are one to David Garrick, nephew of the actor, who died in 1795, and one to Susanna Thomas, who died in 1731. Susanna Thomas was the only daughter of Sir Dalby Thomas, Knight, Governor of the African Company's settlements, and it is to her tomb that Jerome K. Jerome refers in "Three Men in a Boat."

The present tower contains a ring of eight bells (tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp), all cast by Thomas Mears II. Prior to the 1939 war the bells were rung by a band of call change ringers, but after the war, under the guidance of the Middlesex County Association, a young band was taught and change ringing introduced. In 1960 the B.B.C. made a recording of the bells for the Christmas broadcast of that year, and subsequently the recording has been much used to open the B.B.C. Home Service on Sunday mornings over the last two years.

Although peal ringing has to be fairly limited on account of the nearby houses, the tower has had the distinction of recording two of the three peals of Scientific Triples so far rung. This rather intriguing principle and a composition for a peal were produced by John Carter in 1904, just one of the fruits of his incredibly active mind. Soon after the second world war a certain amount of interest in it was revived, and the late A. J. Pitman composed a second, and simpler, composition for a peal. This was rung at Hampton in 1958, and followed by a successful attempt, earlier this year, at John Carter's original composition. W. S. D.

not very full it was not necessary to seal them; the open ends were left overlapping their neighbours, but it would have been very easy to clip them up with an office stapler.

The effect has not been startling but it is certainly noticeable. The boom from the tenors is less but the trebles chirp out more clearly; the ringing room is quieter, and the rattle of the ropes has been reduced to a clicking which is far less troublesome. If we had used twice the quantity of sawdust and filled the bags fuller it would seem that the effect would be even greater, but we do not feel that anything further is needed. The cost in man-hours has been five hours. The financial side works out as follows:

	£	s.	d.
30 polythene bags at 0s. 0d. each	0	0	0
5 cwt. sawdust at 0s. 0d. per cwt.	0	0	0
Carriage given free	0	0	0
Total	£0	0	0

You cannot have sound control much cheaper than that. What is more, I believe that with a little ingenuity one could apply the same principle to external sound control with very little more expense. J. G. M. S.

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Challenge Shield Gift to Middlesex

A novel gift was presented to the Middlesex County Association at its annual general meeting at Pinner, on April 15th, of a copper salver adorned with hand-painted lilies. It was the gift of Mr. F. T. Blagrove and came from Rhodesia, where the donor did yeoman service at Salisbury Cathedral. The plate will be held as the trophy of a striking competition. The present holders are Hillingdon and it will be up to any tower in the Association to challenge them. A challenge must be accepted within 30 days, and the judge will be the Master of the Association.

The president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor) thanked Mr. Blagrove for his gift, and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, as captain at Hillingdon, said he welcomed a challenge from any tower. "These striking competitions are of great benefit and very enjoyable."

There was a good attendance at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. D. Ritchie, who was once a member of Oxford University Guild and he recalled in his address that while in Oxford he once rang in seven different towers on a Sunday morning.

The business meeting followed an excellent tea, and an act of remembrance of losses through death opened the proceedings. Those remembered were T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), J. E. Grensted (Borden), W. H. Hewett (St. Margaret's, Westminster), A. J. Pitman (Leamington Spa), E. D. Smith (Leytonstone), F. J. Spicer (St. Albans) and R. Wilkinson (Harrow Weald).

Mr. W. S. Deason in his report as Master said John Mayne during his Mastership encouraged bands to get together and help one another. There was a great need for this. Another thing they had fallen down on was in quarter peal ringing. A lot more could be done in that direction as quarter peals were of great value to young members.

Mrs. Mayne asked if there was any evidence of towers not sending their quarters to "The Ringing World."

The hon. secretary: It may be there are towers without a conductor. As an Association we would like to hear of such cases. It is not a difficult job to put in a few bobs here and there.

Presenting the accounts, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (hon. treasurer) said the Bell Restoration Fund showed an increased income due to Bill Deason's "little pig" collecting boxes. There was a balance of £81 6s. 8d. (grants paid Upper Clapton £25, Pimlico £25). The sum of £25 had been voted to Cranford. The Central Fund showed an increase in receipts, an outcome of the decision to raise the subscription. There was an excess of receipts over payments of £4 3s. 7d. (last year payments exceeded receipts by £32). Central Council representatives had not received expenses and there was no grant from the Central Fund for bell restoration.

POINTS FROM THE REPORT

Presenting the annual report, Mr. T. J. Lock said there seemed to be no marked improvement in the general level of Sunday service ringing, although there were still a number of members who conscientiously travelled a fair distance to give their assistance in this duty. The monthly practice meetings at St. Giles-in-the-Fields produced an average attendance of 23. The two Districts had shared in 13 Saturday meetings, 13 evening meetings, three joint meetings and five Surprise practices. Twenty-three ringing members and 19 non-resident members were elected but because of resignations the membership had dropped.

Mr. Lock mentioned that 108 quarter peals in 32 different towers included London Surprise Major on Westminster Abbey bells at the invitation of the Dean. Peals totalled 53 and 11 members rang their first peal. Mrs. M. E. Goodyer, who had now returned to Australia, rang her first tower bell peal. Two "peals" alleged to have been rung at Feltham and Much Hadham, appearing in "The Ringing World," were falsely reported and were not acceptable for the Association's records. A hookcase for use in the library had been presented by Mrs. E. Bradford, widow of a past member and mother of Mrs. T. J. Lock.

Miss R. M. Foreman, assistant secretary, presented the report of the dinner sub-committee, and the president thanked the committee for providing an excellent dinner.

MR. JOHN MAYNE HONOURED

The officers were all re-elected and thanked for their services. Mr. A. Cutler moved that Mr. John R. Mayne be elected an honorary life member. He well deserved the honour now that he had moved to St. Albans. Mr. W. H. Coles seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation.

Thanking the members, Mr. Mayne said he would always think of the Middlesex as his Association although he lived the other side of the border.

A report was submitted by the library sub-committee on the question of insuring the books. Many were irreplaceable and the committee was unable to place a value on them. A question was asked if they were covered by the general insurance of the church and the chairman replied that they were not listed. Another suggestion was that the irreplaceable books be photographed; money would be better spent that way than in insurance. The question was referred back to the committee.

An amendment of rules was submitted by Mr. F. T. Blagrove that life members be elected by the Association and honorary members by the Districts. This was referred to the Central Committee.

The next annual general meeting was provisionally fixed for St. Peter's, Staines.

Mr. W. S. Deason said the Association was coming up for its 70th birthday and he hoped that peals would be rung in honour of the occasion.

The president in his vote of thanks especially thanked the Rector, Mr. D. E. R. Knights (captain at Pinner) and Mrs. Bardsley and her helpers for preparing tea.

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 from Mr.
H. C. Lanyon, The Shrubberies, Lang-
ley, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Towers open:

Congleton (8), Bollington (8), Chelford
(6), Alderley (6), Gawsorth (8) and
Prestbury (8) all from 10.30 a.m.—
12.30 p.m.

Bollington, Chelford, Prestbury, Gaws-
orth, Christ Church, Macclesfield, St.
Peter's, Macclesfield, and Sutton from
3 p.m.—4.15 p.m., and after tea.
St. Michael's (12) after tea.

Henry O. Baker, General Secretary.

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TALKING TURKEY AT TORRINGTON

LIKE a long-married couple who derive much of their zest for living from a series of recurrent rows yet need one another completely, West Down and Down St. Mary continue in a kind of love/hate relationship. The disappearance of either band from the peak of the Devon six-bell pyramid would be an irreparable loss to the other; yet should Merv Phillips suffer some disablement that reduced his efficiency in a rise by just one per cent. (no more), Down St. Mary would not be altogether prostrated with grief, and West Down might be almost relieved to hear that Tom Wright had lost just the smallest fraction of his ear for rhythm. The two teams get on wonderfully well in company, and this year they sealed this good friendly rivalry by dining together in Torrington on February 18th.

As was to be expected, the evening began in the tower, where the bells were kept going for over an hour. For once there was no competitive spirit at all there; they rang eight throughout, and each band that rang consisted of three from Down St. Mary, three from West Down and two youngsters from one tower or the other. As a result, they tell me, the ringing was not up to the usual Downs' standard, but what a very good principle there was behind it.

A turkey dinner was the next item, with 34 ringers and wives sitting down to it; Mr. Oatway, the president of the Devon Association was there, and each team had brought all its trophies with it, so that there must have been an assembly of ringing silverware such as had never before been gathered in one place.

The whole evening was such a rousing success that the two Downs are determined to make it an annual affair.

The "big league" fixtures of the Devon Association begin in April with the eight-bell competition at Newton St. Cyres on the 22nd. In May the North Devon six-bell will be held at Landkey on the 13th, and the South Devon six-bell on the 27th at Stoke Fleming, near Dartmouth. With its wonderful situation above Start Bay and a very fine six to listen to, this ought to be well worth a trip for anyone holidaying early in the best part of the Devon year.

The final will be at Ilfracombe on June 10th. The secretary of the Association, Edgar Cole, has put in the schedule this year some strong words on the matter of teams turning up in time for the draw: in the past at some competitions it has not been unknown to have only two or three teams there for the draw 20 minutes after it was supposed to have been made, the latecomers relying on their rivals being too sporting to claim their disqualification if they were unlucky enough to be drawn first. This is not fair, and one hopes that the secretary's words will be heeded.

We are glad to hear that Marwood are coming back into the picture again since they replaced their ringing-chamber floor. When the floor became unsafe many years ago they removed it and rang downstairs, and the bells never went so well like that; now we hear that they are a pleasure to ring on and the Marwood ringers have a new surge of keenness as a result.

J. G. M. S.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

On May 1st the following had not complied with Rule 8: Australia and New Zealand Association, Devon Association, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Ladies' Guild, Oxford Society, South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, Universities Association.

I shall be pleased to receive the affiliation fees from the officers responsible at an early date.—Vernon Bottomley, Hon. Secretary, 45, Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, Yorks.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. P. Brotherton 1, G. Nelson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

A Day! — Five Peals in Different Towers

"THE Cream of the South" were gathered together by the invitation of Geoff Dodd on Saturday, April 22nd, to make what had to be the final attempt to ring five Surprise Major peals in five different towers in one day, as Geoff Dodd's wife had finally put her foot down to say "Definitely the last."

There was Pat Cannon (Dorking), who was going to show us how Mortimer tenor should be rung; David Hilling (Slough), who was making his first venture on anything like this, John Hunt (Bristol), who has done much to liven up the West Country; Philip Mehew (Stotfold, Beds), one of the old brigade who has joined in all Geoff Dodd's mad ideas from the first five in a day in April, 1958.

George Thoday had motored down from Cambridge on the Sunday night, and last came this way in 1963, when we were let down at Bucklebury; Brian Bladon, another old stager in at the first, who came direct from Swindon; and finally the two local men, Reg Rex (Thatcham), who was gamely tackling it for the third time with only one arm, and Geoff Dodd (Highclere), who can be talked into anything.

POLICE INVESTIGATE

A 2.30 a.m. meet at Aldermaston was on the programme and we were all there to the minute and at 2.50 a.m. were away to the start of the first one, Yorkshire, with George Thoday in charge.

All went well for an hour on the fully-muffled bells, when through the door stepped two policemen who wanted to know what we were doing ringing bells at 4 a.m. Pat explained what we were setting out to do and, seeming satisfied, they wished us luck and departed. This peal was successfully completed by 5.47 a.m. in 2 hours and 57 minutes, and after removing the muffles ready for an afternoon attempt of Spliced by Tony Peake's band, we set off for Mortimer.

A quick breakfast of sandwiches before the 7 a.m. start at Stratfield Mortimer. However, it was 7.5 before we got going but a good peal of Lincolnshire was rung without interruption, and then the dash to Thatcham, a good nine miles, for the third peal of the day.

We had been inspired by David to attempt London instead of the usual Rutland, despite one of our older members whose motto is "Simplicity means success," but our optimism was justified when a first-class peal on these fine-toned bells was rung with no worrying moments at all. We now felt that, with the London over, success was in our grasp and rushed the 12 miles to East Ilsley without any lunch but we were still 40 minutes late in starting, the 2.30 p.m. start being 3.10.

SECOND ATTEMPT

Whether it was a psychic reaction or that we were now feeling tired we will never know, but after two courses of Pittow's Superlative a muddle developed and the conductor called "Stand"; a second start was made at 3.25 but the ringing did not come up to the standard of our peal of London. Nevertheless, we successfully concluded the peal at 6.12 and, after thanking John Hibbert and leaving him to let the tenor

LATE NOTICES

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting and cup contest, Ossington, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. General ringing after contest. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wilson, Holme Farm, Ossington, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed, 1502

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tichborne bells available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Collis, 3, Hockley Cottages, Cheriton, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, May 15th. 1506

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Werburgh's, Bristol East, Thursday, May 25th, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—R. H. Driver, Branch Sec.

down, a lightning dash was made to Highclere for a late start for the final peal, the 14 miles being covered in record time.

We started the final peal at 7.12, shaking off the tiredness felt at East Ilsley, and setting off to a good beat with John Hunt at the helm: completed a good peal of Cambridge at 10.7.

A loud banging on the door made us wonder what trouble we were in for; the organiser was sent down to make the peace only to find Sylvia Dodd and Gillian Hunt loaded up with bottles of beer, and for this we were most grateful.

The final parting of the ways came at the Highclere Red House an hour later; the publican here understands ringers, having done some himself at Thatcham years ago. We should like to associate Robin Leale, Jack Munday and Malcolm Cloke with these peals, all three having stood in a previous attempt when we rang four and lost the last one after two hours' ringing.

A RECAP

For the writer it gave personal satisfaction, after three previous tries, the first in 1958, when we lost the first attempt, rang three peals and abandoned the last; the second, in 1960, when we rang four; an attempt in 1963, when we rang two, and then at Bucklebury found that the local captain had not notified the Vicar.

Thus we have finally managed it in 1967, this being mainly due to the persuasion and enthusiasm of Pat Cannon and David Hilling in having one more go and do or die.

We are grateful to all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells, especially David Wilcox and the Rev. S. Young, of Aldermaston, for the use of their bells on four occasions. Without Aldermaston none of the attempts could have been made, as there are few church towers that will allow their bells to be rung at 3 a.m. Thank you all. G. D.

Yorkshire Association meet at Skipton

THE annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on April 30th at Skipton.

The programme of ringing started at 10.15 a.m. and included nine towers in the area, many of which were new to the members from the other side of the county. The towers were: Addingham, Bingley, Gargrave, Giggleswick, Ilkley, Keighley, Kildwick, Silsden and Skipton. Members would wish to thank the general secretary, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, for the enormous amount of organisation as well as the incumbents and local tower captains for their hospitality and arrangements.

Ilkley is, of course, famous as the home of the Snowdon family. The window in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, with its pictures of almost every position of the swinging bell, must often have served to illustrate an explanation.

With so many towers available, some only for an hour, the ringing inevitably assumes the nature of a "tower grab", but by mid-afternoon ringers were converging on the glorious Taylor eight at Skipton. Heard in the street they are beautiful; in the ringing chamber overtones can be heard which one usually only associates with the "sing" of lowering in peal.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. C. L. Marneau, who from the pulpit welcomed the ringers and spoke briefly on the theme of the ringers' hymn, which was also sung to its correct tune. Tea, attended by about 115 ringers, was served in the Millfield Hall, organised by Messrs. Christopher Lawson and George Dean. The former, at the Rector's request, replied to a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Michael Meadows.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley, the president, was in the chair for the business meeting. A very

AMALGAMATIONS IN THE COTSWOLDS PLANNED

The annual general meeting of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch, which was held at Bourton-on-the-Water on April 2nd, was attended by the new chairman of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Miss E. Mary Bliss, and the Association Ringing Master, P./Sgt. W. F. Scudamore.

To the very large attendance Miss Bliss spoke on the recommendations of the Boundaries Sub-Committee, that the towers in Stow-on-the-Wold District, together with the towers in the Chipping Campden Deanery were to be amalgamated to form the North Cotswold Branch. These recommendations were being reviewed and would be implemented at a later date.

Mr. Scudamore suggested that the Branch should organise a Cotswold Ringing Festival to be held either in August or September. It is to be considered at the June meeting.

The officials were all re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Rev. L. W. Potter; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell; Ringing Master, Mr. A. W. Wright; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. L. Joynes.

A resolution was unanimously carried electing Mr. Bernard Phillips and Mr. A. W. Wright as honorary life members. Mr. Phillips had completed a half-century of active ringing at Bourton-on-the-Water and when the Branch was re-formed in 1958 was elected Ringing Master. Mr. Wright had been a regular ringer at Bourton-on-the-Water for 55 years and was mainly responsible for teaching and maintaining a regular band that rang twice every Sunday. Since 1953 he had been Branch Ringing Master.

The Rector, the Rev. C. H. Pickthorn, conducted the service and after tea St. Albans ringers present rang a touch of Grandire Triples "in hand" (Mr. R. W. Darvill, Mrs. M. Darvill, Miss H. Darvill and Miss T. Willis).

satisfactory balance was shown in the treasurer's report, presented by Mrs. Bottomley, who said this was due to having found a cheaper printer of the annual report. When Mr. Bottomley was elected president, his wife accepted the office of treasurer for the unexpired part of his term of office. She was warmly thanked by Mr. W. Barton and presented with a bouquet by Ralph Moreton, the younger son of the general secretary. Mr. Christopher Moxon was elected the new treasurer.

Other elections were: Auditors, Messrs. W. Barton and J. W. Gibson (no change); representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, Messrs. E. Hudson and J. Chaddock.

The peal secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley, reported over 200 peals for the Association in the year. The president thanked him and Dr. Spenser (assistant peal secretary) for their work. Mr. E. Hudson thanked the general secretary.

The president reported the death of Mr. Francis Ward, of Sheffield, who had been a member since 1902, and members stood as a mark of respect.

The president referred to Denholme bells, which have been removed from the tower. He and Mrs. Bottomley had seen the incumbent and advised him. It is hoped a light ring will be cast for the tower from the old bells.

The following forthcoming events were mentioned: June 17th, ringing festival at Halifax; September 16th, next general meeting at Whitby; October 21st, Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Cottingham; December 8th–10th, Grantley Hall course; May 4th, 1968, annual meeting at York.

The president gave notice of motion for the September meeting, a recommendation from the committee to give a donation from the general fund to the York Minster appeal.

150 PEALS AT ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY

ON March 4th the 150th peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary the Virgin's, Putney. There is no record of there being any peals rung on the six bells which existed prior to 1836, when they were recast and augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank.

PEALS

The first recorded peal was therefore Grandsire Triples on February 6th, 1837, rung for the St. James' Society and conducted by Thomas Tolladay. The next peal, which was also the first of Major on the bells, was Treble Bob (presumably Kent), rung on May 20th, 1839, for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; this was also the longest in changes, being 5,280.

One of the most active periods was from 1885 to 1906, during which time 72 peals were rung, including 14 of Surprise, the first of which was Superlative on September 19th, 1894. After the first war peals were infrequent and after 1923 there were only peals in 1925, 1934, 1945, 1949, 1953 and 1956. The bells were rehung in 1953 by John Taylor's and fitted with metal headstocks and ball bearings. From 1959 to date exactly 50 peals have been rung, the most being ten in both 1965 and 1966.

METHODS

There were 26 individual methods rung on the bells plus four of Spliced Surprise; despite modern trends, Triples account for half the total, there having been 76 rung.

The breakdown of methods is as follows:—Triples: Grandsire 42, Stedman 33, St. Clement's 1. Total 76.

Plain Major: Plain Bob 12, Double Norwich C.B. 9, Richmond 1, St. Clement's College 1. Total 23.

Treble Bob Major: Kent 9, Oxford 1. Total 10.

Surprise Major: Alderney 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 4, Eastcote 1, Glasgow 1, Hendon 1, Lincolnshire 4, London 7, Nethells 1, New Gloucester 1, Orkney 1, Putney 1, Rutland 1, Superlative 5, Westminster 2, Wight 1, Yorkshire 4. Total 37.

Spliced Surprise: Three methods 2, four methods 1, eight methods 1. Total 4.

Total Surprise 41. Total Major 74.

There have been four first performances here—Orkney Surprise, Putney Surprise, Wight Surprise and Richmond, the latter being the first in the method on tower bells.

There have been some odd gaps in the method ringing. Cambridge was rung in 1897 and not again until 1956. Plain Bob was not rung until 1902, again in 1923 and not again until 1961, whilst Double Norwich was rung in 1930 and not again until 1963.

The slowest peal on the bells was 5,088 of Double Norwich on January 21st, 1884, which took 3 hours and 20 minutes, and the fastest was 5,184 Plain Bob Major on June 12, 1965, in 2 hours and 36 minutes.

RINGERS

Many famous names feature in the peal columns and, in all, 464 different ringers took part in the performances, and there were 67 different conductors.

The top ten ringers were: W. E. Garrard 34, C. F. Mew 33, W. T. Cockerill 27, H. R. Newton 27, J. W. Driver 24, C. F. Winney 24, B. J. Bull 22, M. J. Uphill 18, E. H. Adams 17, A. R. Millidge 17.

The top conductors were: C. F. Mew 21, C. F. Winney 13, W. E. Garrard 12, H. R. Newton 8, H. Langdon 5, J. W. Driver 4.

In the 127 years (from 1836 to 1963) only two women rang peals on the bells—Miss C. A. Neville (1903) and Mrs R. F. Deal (1925).

ASSOCIATIONS

The peals were rung for 15 different Associations as follows: All Saints', Fulham, Society 5, Ancient Society of College Youths 56, Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 10, Devonshire Association 1, Kent County Association 1, London County Association 6, Middlesex Association 10, Norwich Association 1, St. Luke's, Chelsea, Association 1, St. Mary's, Putney, Association 5, St. James'

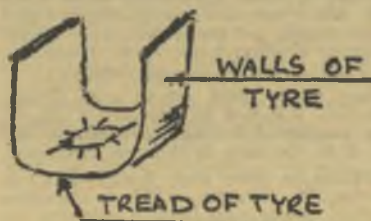
CLAPPER SILENCERS

By D. ELLISDON

IN the majority of towers situated in built-up areas the reduction of noise, particularly when beginners are learning, is of prime importance and recent articles and letters in "The Ringing World" have described various forms of clapper ties which are in use, but apart from a brief reference in a recent letter no mention has been made of silencers made from old car tyres, and so the following notes may be of some use to the ringing fraternity.

The silencers are made from old car tyres and consist of pieces about four inches to five inches long with a two-inch to three-inch square hole cut in the centre as shown in Sketch I below.

SKETCH I



The silencer is forced over the flight of the clapper so that the walls of the tyre cover the ball of the clapper where it strikes the bell, as shown in Sketch II.

The hole must not be too large otherwise the silencer will slip around and allow the clapper to strike the bell unsilenced; in fact it should be a tight fit and I have found that several small cuts $\frac{1}{16}$ in. to $\frac{1}{8}$ in. long around the perimeter of the hole enable it to be forced over the flight and will also enable the silencer to grip the flight. It also helps to make the walls of the tyre proud against the side of the clapper ball.

I found it best to cut away the wire edge of the tyre and used an ordinary wood chisel for this; indeed the chisel proved to be the best tool for cutting the rubber and enabled a set of eight silencers to be manufactured in an evening.

Of course this method has the usual crop of pros and cons and some of these are listed below.

ADVANTAGES

1. The silencers can be fitted very easily and at no expense.
2. For open ringing all that is necessary is to turn the silencer through 90 degrees;

Society 7, Surrey Association 40, University of London 2, Waterloo Society 4.

(Certain of the peals were rung for the local Society and a main Society jointly; these have been grouped under the main Society.)

Among the interesting peals rung was the first by a complete band of officers of the Armed Forces. This was 5,120 Kent Treble Bob on March 15th, 1919, conducted by Lieutenant Maurice Atkins.

More recently, on April 3rd, 1965, the only silent and non-conducted peal was rung, the method being Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original).

A final interesting note proving the long life of ringers was the case of Reuben Charge, who first appeared in the peals in 1899 and for the last time in 1949, a period of exactly 50 years!

C. F. M.

Herts County President

Members of the Hertford County Association will be gratified to learn that their president, Mr. Ernest T. Newnham, is recovering at home after collapsing at work two weeks ago. His condition is not as serious as was at first anticipated and he hopes to be about again within a week or two.

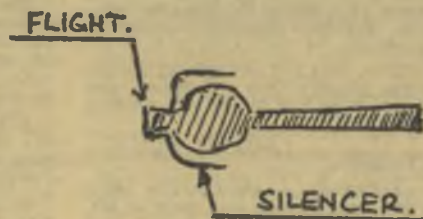
care must be taken to ensure the silencers are not too large, otherwise in the "open" position they may prevent the clapper from striking fully on the bell.

3. Learners get a true feeling of the bell with the clapper assisting in the balance of the bell when setting it.

DISADVANTAGES

1. Unless the bells are just above the ringing chamber the bells cannot be heard; this, of course, matters little when a single bell is being rung, but if rounds or changes are being attempted it creates a problem for hearing the striking.

SKETCH II



2. If the bells are just above the ringing chamber the "hum" again makes hearing one's bells when ringing changes rather difficult. I have tried several experiments to reduce this hum, pieces of metal nailed to the tyre wall, holes in the wall, but have not yet been successful in reducing the reverberations. Any tips on this problem would be welcome from other towers who have adopted this method of "silencing" the bells.

3. Heavy bells tend to wear out the tyre wall fairly quickly but this problem can probably be overcome by using thicker tyres.

4. With a light bell the clapper tends to bounce slightly on striking the bell due to the resilience of the rubber and this again tends to make hearing each bell difficult.

I hope that these brief notes will be of some use; we have been using them for practices for over two years, after hearing of their use in the St. Albans area, and have found them most satisfactory. We ring Triples and Major on the "silenced" bells and can usually tell if the striking is O.K. by the general rhythm. We have had no complaints from the neighbours and indeed our Vicar and one or two visiting clergymen have remarked how pleasant the bells sound outside.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 8th, ringers from both the Eastern and Northern Districts together with their friends gathered at St. Peter's Church, Benington, for what proved to be one of the most successful meetings held in the area for some time.

The Eastern District's Ringing Master, Mr. S. E. James took charge. Varying methods ranging from rounds and call changes to Cambridge were rung, together with an unsuccessful attempt at Yorkshire.

The Vicar of St. Peter's took the service and afterwards an excellent buffet tea was served in the Village Hall. The president of the Association, Mr. E. Newman, gave a vote of thanks to the ladies responsible.

Ringing was resumed under the Northern District Ringing Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg, a touch of eight-spliced being accomplished. At one time it was taking up to half an hour before any particular method one requested could be called, the requests for various methods being so great.

Ringing down at 8.30, the company joined other ringers who had felt compelled to have to adjourn somewhat earlier, and so the evening was concluded most congenially.

R. F. J. and J. K. O.

Letters to the Editor

GREAT ADVENTURE II GIFT TO TASMANIA

Dear Sir,—May I have space in which to thank the members of the "Adventure II" band for their most generous donation for the relief of victims who suffered in the disastrous fires in Southern Tasmania. A meeting of ringers will be called to consider how best the money can be allocated.

The Governor's Relief Fund now stands at close to two million sterling, and the Commonwealth and State Governments have set aside several more millions for the rehabilitation of sufferers and a mass housing scheme is now under way. Therefore the feeling amongst us ringers is that the donation should preserve its identity in some specific object or article. Several country churches and their contents have been completely destroyed, and maybe a piece of furniture, a Bible or some other article, suitably inscribed, would be gratefully received.

The subscribers may rest assured that advice will be sought, possibly from the Bishop, and that their gift will be put to the best possible use.—Yours faithfully,

SIDNEY SMITH.

Hobart, Tasmania

Note.—Following a letter from Miss Mary Atkinson, an approach was made to Mr. Tom Lock, leader of Great Adventure II, and he approved of a collection being made among members of the party as a gesture of sympathy with Hobart ringers. The sum of £27 was forwarded.—Ed.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Reference Mr. R. Brown's letter ("Ringing World," page 112) and Mr. G. Dawson's letter ("Ringing World," page 164). I enclose the names of the New Bob, Huntspill and St. Vedast variations.

Plain Course	Bob	Name
St. Vedast	Grandsire S.	S. Breward
St. Vedast	Antelope S.	Stowey
St. Vedast	All Saints Pl.	Chippingham
New Bob	Grandsire S.	Hendred
New Bob	Antelope S.	St. Samson
New Bob	All Saints Pl.	St. Merryn
Huntspill	Grandsire S.	Radlett
Huntspill	Antelope S.	Oake
Huntspill	All Saints Pl.	Hadham

I would be grateful for the compositions of the following methods: Snowdrop, Little Missenden, Landcross, Northam, Littleham, Littleworth, Rickard, Southcott and Uphill.

In reply to many letters, St. Uny Doubles has a Stedman Plain Course. The call is made 60 changes apart in a "quick six." The call is a Grandsire Single.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

THE VOICE OF CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—In his letter in the issue of April 28th, Mr. John Camp referred to certain omissions in the report of the O.U.S. Dinner. As a member of another University, I am in no position to comment on these omissions, but I feel I must take Mr. Camp to task for his remark that "possibly the writer of the report feels that her presence is a sine qua non of O.U.S. ringing." It is thoroughly petty and a prize example of the sheer nastiness for its own sake in which some of the ringing fraternity seem to delight.—Yours faithfully,

R. E. J. BUNKER.

Downing College, Cambridge.

DOUBLES NAMES FROM AN ANTELOPE SINGLE

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to tell Mr. Michael V. Powell that he is too late with his names to Doubles methods. These were all drawn up and named by me several years ago. Moreover they have all since been rung to peals. Antelope Single plain course, with a lead of Plain Bob for a call, I named St. Matthias. Antelope Single plain course with Old Doubles calls I named St. Guthlac. I stood in the first peal in this method (rung by itself, no other method with it) in the Church of St. Guthlac at Passenham, Northants. It has since been rung in multi-method peals by other bands to whom I gave it.

The same applies to Antelope Single plain course with Reverse Canterbury plain leads for calls: this I named St. Philip, the first peal of which (again by itself) we rang several years ago at Grafton Underwood, Northants, on the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

Antelope Single plain course, with Grand-sire extremes, I named St. Polycarp. This we rang to another full peal by itself on the Festival of St. Polycarp at Whiston, Northants.

In addition to these four, I also drew up and named St. Perpetua. This is Antelope Single plain course with London extremes for calls—again rung by itself to the first peal at Isham, Northants, several years back on the actual Feast Day of St. Perpetua and her companions in martyrdom—a policy which unites ringing with the object of the Church, and to my mind is better than just ringing a peal any time or naming methods after towns and villages.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

COMPOSITION OF 5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES FALSE

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice by Mr. R. Dennis that my composition of 5,007 Stedman Cinques (No. 5) published in "The Ringing World" in 1963 (page 614), is false.

The falseness occurs in the first turning course S1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, S18, 21, the last two sixes of which repeat with the course beginning 13245678E90. It can be corrected by calling that turning course 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, S18, 20, S21.

I should like to tender my apologies for this mistake, particularly to Mr. M. V. Chilcott, who called it first at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 17th, 1963, and again recently at Evesham. Also to the participants in these two "peals" and any other attempts which have been made.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. PARSONS.

Egham.

THE RINGERS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir,—Will you be kind enough to allow me to draw your readers' attention to the increased price of the Ringers' Handbook? I much regret this necessity, but the higher costs of paper and printing make it inevitable. The new prices will be found in the usual advertisement on the back page.—Yours faithfully,

MARY POWELL.

LEFT OVER RIGHT

Dear Sir.—Correspondence resulting from the report of the proceedings at the recent Henry Johnson Dinner in Birmingham, with particular reference to what I am alleged to have said, requires at least an acknowledgment. I am sure I did not use the word renege, and George and Henry are too well known to me that I should call them the Fenn brothers. It was my intention in proposing the toast to the St. Martin's Guild to include a little light-hearted chat and it was my opportunity to refer to handling and striking.

A few years ago I was told by a Birmingham ringer that a left-over-right-handed ringer could easily spoil good ringing as he would invariably be too quick at backstroke—note my reference also to clipping at backstroke. To my shame in the eyes of some of my friends from the Midlands, I let my pupils choose which way they would like to handle the rope!—so there really is no need for the left-over-right ringer to take my reference as not conforming to modern standards too seriously. Should the correspondent from Holt visit Birmingham for ringing he will receive a welcome and most probably receive some degree of instruction if his stay is, of course, long enough. I reckon he will be advised to keep his bell in at handstroke and to hold it off at backstroke—Birmingham's traditional open lead at handstroke is much shorter than most ringers are used to!

In respect of Surprise ringing, it was not my intention to claim for the St. Martin's Guild that they were the first to use or even introduce singles. I wanted to indicate they were progressing with the use of the single (even if it were to shorten the length of the peal!). And may I please add that I was born in Hampshire, so have no wish to overlook first performances by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Referring now to the Master's reply and his suggestions for a national ringing competition, this would involve a vast amount of organisation without means of ensuring adequate support. Nothing ventured nothing gained, but I do feel it may be better to follow the lines of the Blagrove Plate presented to the Middlesex County Association, in so far as the holder will be challenged by one or more challengers.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mymms.

FEET INFLUENCE IN PULLING

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out to M.C.F. (p. 268) that in a tug-of-war the motion and tugging is done by one's legs, the arms acting purely as a connection between the rope and body. The position of the hands on the rope is dictated by the position of one's feet. If the left foot is put forward then it is the left hand which is forward on the rope and vice-versa.

I am afraid, M.C.F., I fail to see any connection between the handling of a bell rope and one's feet during a tug-of-war. It is quite obvious that the uppermost hand on the bell rope must be the stronger hand, because this is the hand that is fully stretched during ringing. The other hand, a little lower on the rope, is not fully stretched.

The strongest hand is usually the right; this is the hand which holds a knife whilst eating, is used for throwing and is furthest away from the handle end of a cricket bat.

There are, of course, those whose left hand is the strongest, and they should not be discouraged from ringing left-handed.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL RODNES.

Battersea

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

Frindsbury — Peal or Performance ?

POSSIBILITIES MOST EXCITING

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to see that Mr. Robert B. Smith has taken to writing fatuous letters in order to belittle ringing achievements in which he has not taken part.

So intent is he on showing the peal at Frindsbury in a bad light that he completely disregards the simple basic fact on which the whole matter hinges. Any Surprise method is defined completely by the changes in the first half-lead (apart from the technicality of the lead-end). It is therefore more reasonable to regard the half-lead rather than the full-lead as the fundamental unit.

Having so successfully neglected this important point, Mr. Smith tries to convince us that mid-lead splicing is the next logical step. Congratulations, Mr. Smith, on the *non sequitur* of the month. Mid-lead splicing would destroy the identities of the methods, which is not the case with half-lead splicing.

I must, of course, agree with Mr. Smith that the idea of associating places made at a particular point with a particular method is quite absurd. But then this has only been suggested by Mr. Smith anyway.

Peals of 165-spliced and 23-spliced all the work having already been rung, further progress in the field of Surprise appears well nigh impossible unless the Central Council alters its views with regard to splicing.

The possibilities opened up by half-lead splicing are most exciting, providing a new challenge to our mental capacities. I look forward eagerly to see which band will first ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 330 methods.

What a pity the whole idea is such anathema to Mr. Smith. No doubt he will have nothing to do with it. We shall see.—Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN S. N. PORTER.

London, W.

CONDUCTOR'S COMMENT

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the recent peal at Frindsbury, Kent, on March 25th, I should like to point out respectively to Mr. Critchley that the peal was not claimed as "Spliced" but Surprise Major.

I also agree with Mr. Smith, that to ring his example of splicing mid-lead is ridiculous with the type of methods he used. In time it could come, but I should hope that only contrasting methods are used as there is no achievement.

All five methods we used were completely different from each other. If you ring the method up to the half-lead you have rung the complete method, as we only reverse what has been done up to the lead-end.—Yours faithfully,

B. GROVES.

Maidstone, Kent.

KENT PEAL SECRETARY'S VIEW

Dear Sir,—How unfortunate that Mr. Critchley should rush into print before reading his "Ringing World" properly. It was due to the composer and conductor knowing that, under the present Decisions of the Central Council, this composition would not meet the requirements of a spliced peal, that the peal was published as "a peal of 5,088 Surprise Major" and not as Spliced Surprise. As I know all the participants, I feel sure that this peal was rung entirely in accordance with the conditions required for peals as set out on page 19 of the Council's handbook.—Yours faithfully,

IAN H. ORAM,
Peal Secretary, K.C.A.

Orpington, Kent.

PEAL COMPOSER REPLIES

Dear Sir,—I feel I should reply to Mr. Eric Critchley's letter concerning my composition involving method changes at the half-lead.

In the first place, I would suggest that he takes another look at the presentation of the peal announcement, where no mention was made of this peal being "Spliced" Surprise. Such a reference was carefully avoided, on account of the Central Council rule, which he clearly needs to re-read as well.

I should have thought it perfectly clear that the wording of this rule explicitly prevents my composition from being called "Spliced" (at the present time), but does not implicitly forbid method changing other than at the lead-end in T.D. methods, as a feature of compositions.

Indeed, if this were the case, there would be a large number of peals of combined "Kent and Oxford" which should be disallowed, since the method is changed with the treble in 3-4 down!

Therefore, I can see no justification for disallowing this peal as a peal of Surprise Major (provided it is not called "Spliced"), even if the proposed alteration to this rule is not adopted by the Central Council.

Mr. Robert Smith's letter raises a serious point somewhat frivolously, namely: "Where do we draw the line?" The proposed amendment more or less answers this point: "Thus far, no further", and in fact, under the present ruling, there is nothing disbarring the type of performance he suggests (other than ringers' integrity) except, of course, that it could not be called Spliced!

Finally, I should like to take this opportunity of publishing the accompanying composition, as an example of one way in which this mode of composition might be exploited.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD G. CROSLAND.

W. Wickham, Kent.

5,088 SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD G. CROSLAND

23456 Methods

(42356) R S X (X.L)
63425 (Y.R) L
26435 R Y (S.Y) (X.L) (Y.S) S R
42635 (Y.S) (X.L) Y X S R
43265 (R.L) S R
(32546) (Y.S) (R.Y)
54326 (L.Y) L
(35426) R S X (X.L)
42563 Y R (Y.S) (R.Y) L
56234 R (R.Y) X S R
(65432) (Y.S) (L.Y)
36452 (Y.S) S (S.Y) (X.L) (Y.S) (S.Y) R
45362 (X.R)
34256 (Y.S) (S.Y) (L.X)

Twice repeated.

R = Rutland S = Superlative Y = Yorkshire
L = Langley X = Xenia
No bobs, singles, or any call, other than method changing.

Cambridge University Guild

The A.G.M. was held on April 26th in Clare College and the following officers were elected: President, W. J. Ridgman (Queens'); Master, Richard Youdale (Emmanuel); secretary, Alan Scholfield (Clare); senior treasurer, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity); librarian, Chris Tuckett (Queens'); steeplekeeper, David Sturge (St. John's). A. F. S.

ACCURACY IN PUBLICATION

Dear Sir,—I would like to endorse Mr. John R. Mayne's remarks about those people who submit figures, etc., and apparently do not check them when they are published, and apply them to the compositions published last year. A large number of mistakes occurred in compositions last year, some of which were corrected, and the following which were not:—

(1) 5,152 Yorkshire S. Major by Simon Humphrey, on page 308 (the second composition, with the tenors parted), is false as printed. In the last but one line the 3 bobs Wrong should be 3 bobs Middle.

(2) 5,152 Yorkshire S. Major by Simon Humphrey, on page 336. There should be no Middle in the third course.

(3) 5,080 Yorkshire S. Royal by G. Ronald Edwards, on page 716. The error of omission of a bob home was corrected but in the third last course the bob 6ths should be at Wrong, and this was not corrected.

(4) 5,040 Plain Bob Royal by Nicholas W. H. Simon, on page 716. The first course of the last part should surely have a bob at Home and not an X.

(5) 5,088 Yorkshire S. Major by Richard J. Parker, on page 868. The last line presumably should not have a bob at Wrong and should read Fifths, Before and twice Home.

It is the responsibility of everyone who submits copy for publication to check its accuracy when it appears and it should not be left to an "inspired guess" which may quite easily be wrong.

Incidentally, I am still awaiting an explanation to the compositions of Lincolnshire which I queried in a letter a few weeks ago.—Yours sincerely,

D. E. SIBSON.

Putney.

P.S.—In reply to Mr. Speake's letter, Bombay has never been corrected by the conductor, but it was assumed in the Records Committee's supplement to the Collection of Surprise Methods that the comment by G. B. Thompson was correct. The peal of Lewes S. Major recently published has been exposed as a hoax and a comment appeared to that effect the following week.—D. E. S.

SINGLES IN SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—It is not surprising that Mr. Inskip was advised not to include his 720 of Cambridge Minor in peals. The reason was not as he suspects (i.e. "just not done") but that such a 720 is very false. This fact is readily illustrated by the touch of 117 given by calling one single at Before. This shows that the handstroke snap at the next lead-end is false with the lead-head four leads before.

This does not mean, however, that singles have no use in Surprise Minor. There have been several touches of London printed recently for use in quarter peals, and the following touch, coming round just after a single, may be of interest:

(530)

23456

34256

35426

52436

(43256)

Out

4ths, Wrong

4ths, Home

In, 4ths, S4ths.

In obtaining such a touch one has to bear in mind that the single causes falseness, the false courses in both London and Cambridge being 53246 and 35426. The above touch was given to me by Mr. Grue some time ago.—Yours faithfully,

R. D.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: H. Taysom 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, Gloria M. Wilshire 3, D. M. Smith 4, E. J. Owens 5, K. G. Weeks 6, W. Lampard 7, A. W. Gibbs (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On April 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. B. Lawson 1, J. Bagnall 2, J. Burles 3, K. Price 4, A. Capstick 5, F. Birkett 6, L. D. Clement 7, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of Canon J. P. S. Morton as Vicar.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Kirkham 1, R. C. Ingram 2, E. J. Franklin 3, A. Short 4, A. S. Burbidge (cond.) 5, T. Hampton 6, D. T. Fennimore 7, M. Ingram 8. First in method 1, 3 and 7.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Morton 1, Jane Fransella 2, Barbara Shaw 3, Valerie Jones 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, G. Lonsdale 6, D. Ellison (cond.) 7, D. Knewstubb 8. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. First Triples by local band.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Lynne Payne 1, Sylvia Knight 2, H. Baker 3, A. Bourner 4, H. Deacon 5, E. Clifton 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, L. Loney 8.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Diana E. Cullen 1, Anne S. Pickering 2, Patricia C. Hill 3, T. J. Wellen 4, P. J. Privett 5, J. H. Pavton 6, J. A. Collier (first as cond.) 7, M. D. Fuller 8. First Plain Bob Triples 1, 4 and 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): G. Dodd (aged 10) 1, Mrs. Moore 2, P. Suckling 3, H. Moore 4, Miss J. Spurgeon 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, D. Kemp 7, J. Fuller 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8. For Easter. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): J. Porter (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Mrs. Moore 2, P. Suckling 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, D. Kemp 7, J. Fuller 8. Also on April 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Jennifer Milbank 1, C. Barker 2, J. A. Warner 3, Jennifer M. Syder 4, T. Bird 5, R. Suckling 6, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 7, A. R. Syder 8. For St. George's Day.

BRISTOL.—At St. John's, on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Sweet 1, S. Bateman (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. Reynolds (25th quarter, cond.) 5, P. L. Pearce 6.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. H. Goodliffe 1, J. G. Rose 2, W. Williams (cond.) 3, V. H. James 4, Suzanne Withers 5, R. Haskins 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 1, Philip Thompson 2, S. D. Humphrey 3, B. J. Vaughan 4, P. G. Pitt 5, P. E. Thompson 6.

DREPPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. M. Thorley 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, R. N. Scholes 4, F. Taylor 5, J. Woolley 6.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's, on April 23rd, 1,273 Grandairs Triples: A. J. Taylor 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, J. R. Pratt 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, C. A. Thomas 8.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Janet Hohl 1, Hilary Webb 2, D. G. Adams 3, G. P. Adams (cond.) 4, K. S. Hohl 5, G. H. Pulling 6, P. M. Adecock 7, B. Gogle 8. First of Triples 2 and 3.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's, on April 23rd, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, H. W. Rogers 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, P. M. Felton 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On April 15th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Draper 1, P. Robertson 2, A. C. Berry (cond.) 3, M. Boske 4, L. Mills 5, J. Attwood 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. S. Odum, returning to Africa.

EPPIING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandairs and Plain Bob): Jane Fransella 1, Valerie Jones 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellison (cond.) 5, D. Knewstubb 6.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. G. Beck 1, P. Jones 2, G. W. Masey 3, H. J. Sanger 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, D. MacKay 6, G. Salmon 7, J. Brain 8. A. P. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On April 20th, 1,260 Minor (Ken T.B. and Plain Bob): W. W. Shipp 1, E. E. Greenacre 2, E. Greenacre 3, R. J. Harrop 4, C. F. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Herbert William Bamphill, priest, died April 15th, aged 79.

GORING, OXON.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, M. Tull 2, Carol Tull 3, N. Tull 4, S. Franklin 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Confirmation.

GRAFFHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, 1,273 Minimus (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): R. Tipper 1, K. Sonsom (cond.) 2, J. Payton 3, D. Hughes 4. A farewell to Henry and Elizabeth Rossell (nee Stevenson), shortly leaving for Australia, and a welcome to Susan Eleanor, recently returned from Singapore.

GULDEN MORDEN, CAMBS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Tarrant 1, P. S. George 2, T. W. Griffiths 3, C. D. Corby 4, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 5, I. P. Sawford 6.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. W. Evans 1, M. W. Thompson (first "inside") 2, J. R. Palmer 3, J. E. Blake 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5. Rung with best wishes to Harold Evans, on his birthday.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Ward 1, Pam Bird 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Bailey 4, C. Webb 5, J. King (cond.) 6. For the christening of Ann Felicity Ellen Hargroves, daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Hargroves.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandairs, Plain Bob Minor: Patricia C. Hill 1, T. J. Wellen 2, Anne S. Pickering 3, J. A. Collier 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, P. J. Privett 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: N. Garrard 1, Elisabeth McCarthy 2, Mary Garrard 3, K. Lewin 4, A. J. Smith 5, G. Hawkins 6, J. G. Newman (cond.) 7, A. E. Rushton 8. In memoriam H. Chichester-Miles, a devoted servant of this church.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: R. Mundy 1, D. Kerby 2, N. Bush 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman 5, E. Reeves (first quarter) 6. A welcome to the Rev. R. J. Edmundson and family, at his induction.

NAILESEA, SOMERSET.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: Miss Thomas 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, J. Mitchell 4, R. Boultsbee 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandairs Caters: J. A. Raithby 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, J. R. Pratchett 3, F. G. Hooper 4, P. Raithby 5, C. F. Briggs 6, C. W. Reed 7, H. Stevenson 8, P. Wakefield 9, H. P. Mabbott 10. Rung to celebrate the birth of Roger James, son of Sandra and Peter Wakefield.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Catherine Pedley (first quarter) 1, A. Bashforth 2, Mrs. M. Town 3, P. Town 4, W. Pedley (first "inside") 5, D. Town (cond.) 6, G. Harrison 7, N. Munden 8.

OUTLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: Mrs. N. M. Broadbridge 1, Hilary S. Bailey (first "inside") 2, Mrs. A. E. Smith 3, A. I. Pearmain 4, B. B. Rogers (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Luford 6. A farewell to the Rev. F. W. Pugh, curate, on appointment as Rector of Hilton, Cheshelbourne and Melcombe Horsey, Dorset.

ORMSKIRK, LANCs.—On April 15th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: T. M. Fitz-Gerald 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, J. R. Ridley 3, D. R. Jones 4, M. E. Snape 5, W. E. Court 6, J. Ridyard (cond.) 7, J. Hedgcock 8.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss K. Winterbourne 1, W. J. Marlow 2, Miss R. C. Hassell 3, H. Balaam 4, J. Weaver 5, R. B. Pike 6, M. S. Holbrook 7, D. Reed (cond.) 8.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Mrs. C. Rolph (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, E. Treagus 3, L. D. Duguid 4, A. F. W. Burbridge 5, J. Rolph (first "inside") 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. For Scouts' service.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Hart (first of Minor) 1, D. Beaufoy 2, T. Marks 3, J. Taylor 4, H. Gaylard 5, T. Cross (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. David Nye.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—On April 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Lawn 1, A. E. Marsh (cond.) 2, E. A. Marsh 3, A. Smith 4, W. Barton 5, C. Bottomley (first quarter) 6, J. W. Gibson 7, J. Ambler 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: T. Sharp 1, M. Carter 2, Penny Halliwell 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, D. Sloman 6, R. Tomlin (cond.) 7, J. Laken 8. Also on April 23rd, 1,250 Little Grandairs Triples: Janet Hallett 1, R. Tomlin 2, J. Laken 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's, on April 9th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: R. W. Rex 1, F. R. Scott 2, M. Hanchett 3, J. S. N. Porter 4, D. E. Rothera 5, A. R. Patterson 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, A. E. Bagworth 8.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Vallender (first quarter) 1, D. J. Carr (cond.) 2, Marion Richards 3, C. Richards 4, D. Dancy 5, I. Bridge (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 15th, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob: C. Hancock 1, Mrs. H. Iving 2, R. Rose 3, L. Wright 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Rolfe, of Whepead, aged 80 years.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. C. Charter 3, W. Simpson 4, A. Humphrey 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsom 8. To mark the opening of the Long Eaton Festival of Music and the Arts.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: C. J. Baker 1, H. J. Baker 2, Delphine Holman 3, J. F. Thorne 4, T. G. Hill 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, G. Rathbone 7, M. Hill 8. For Evensong, also birthday compliments to Lynn Clarke and Spike Thorne, both of this tower. The first quarter on the octave by an all resident band.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Anthea Sparshott 1, Shirley Jones 2, A. J. Cox 3, H. C. Bennett 4, P. S. Reading 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, C. J. Royal 7, A. K. Griffiths 8. First of Triples by all except 6 and 7.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 15th, 1,344 Siedman Triples: M. Trigg 1, Jill Orme 2, Kathleen Rivett 3, A. Smith 4, M. Marriott 5, S. Ivin (cond.) 6, M. Orme 7, K. Fleming 8. Following a lost peal attempt.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: M. J. Wooldridge 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, J. Warr 3, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 4, D. Lees 5, J. C. Eisel 6, G. Westwood 7, R. Smith 8. By the local band for Evensong.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Evans 1, M. W. Thompson (first of Minor on an "inside" bell) 2, R. J. Everest (cond.) 3, J. R. Palmer 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, R. P. Sherlock 6.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESSE, YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gwynneth C. Ducker 1, Iris Piper 2, Linda Sherwood 3, Maris Stephenson 4, T. W. Thirkell 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For St. George's Day service, and an 86th birthday compliment to Tom Goodin.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. M. Garman 1, M. L. Haugh 2, S. C. Haugh (first of Minor) 3, R. P. Myers 4, R. E. Stillwell (first of Minor) 5, J. M. Hills (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. First by local band for 70 years.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.—On April 27th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: G. S. Deas 1, C. D. Davis 2, K. W. Cheeseman 3, D. A. Bayles 4, J. Crowther 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, E. N. Harrison 7, W. Tyson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ruby Tyson and J. George Wall, former ringers at this church.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On March 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Mallett (first quarter) 1, Christine T. Wilkins 2, J. L. Floyd (cond.) 3, Leah D. Floyd 4, A. J. Wenden 5, R. S. Foster 6. By the local band.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, A. Waller 3, R. W. Smith 4, R. A. Webster 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, and a 10th wedding anniversary compliment to ringer of 5.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On April 19th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: C. Williams 1, E. Marlow 2, Miss C. Turner 3, A. Hingley 4, J. R. Couterill 5, N. Hadley 6, H. F. Baracough 7, M. Turner (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. J. H. Turner, Director of Education, West Bromwich, on the day of his funeral.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: Pam Sturdy 1, Jenny Coombs 2, T. Jefferies 3, J. Ferris 4, H. Ferris (cond.) 5, A. Dando 6. A birthday compliment to Jenny Coombs, also her engagement to Mr. Bernard Robinson.

WHATTON-IN-VALE, NOTTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Little Bob): Miss M. D. Gaydon (first in two methods) 1, Mrs. P. C. Clarke 2, J. Shonfield 3, T. O. Greasley 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, W. L. Exon (cond.) 6.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR, 1967

FROM a ringer's point of view, Lancashire has the advantage of containing many towers in close proximity to one another. Throughout the week of this year's O.U.S. tour one had a sense of having remained in the same place while someone had quickly rehung the bells, providing the only point of differentiation from the previous tower and town.

Perhaps this is unfair to Lancastrians; the writer's opinion may have been biased against Lancashire on the first evening, when a demonic Bolton driver tried to run his wife over, failing miserably. At least on Easter Sunday we knew where we were. There are few towers capable of inspiring quite so much terror as Liverpool Cathedral on first acquaintance, especially when one is double-dodging on 11-12 with a grimacing Peter Border on the tenor. We were all somewhat disappointed with the bells, which have never been renowned for their audibility in the ringing chamber. After a brief excursion to see the beauties of New Brighton in the afternoon we rang at St. Nicholas' in the evening and were impressed by the bells.

Doubtless the four-Spliced at Swinton on Easter Monday would have gone better if the writer had been elsewhere. It is a moot point whether it is better to put one's bell in the wrong place than to fail completely to pull it off, as Paul Brand did at Manchester Town Hall later in the morning. Some members rang at Salford while others "lunched," after which we succeeded in curtailing the ringing at Worsley by breaking a rope. Under David Darby's supervision another member was persuaded at Walkden to test the truth of the hypothesis that the treble had no stay. Application of the scientific method verified this.

Just to prove that not only could he put his bell in the wrong place, but also that the normal position for calling bobs, etc., was not sacrosanct, the writer called eight-Spliced at Prestwich on the Tuesday, which the other seven ringers brought round with great aplomb. A convenient funeral at Oldham forced us into the "local" until it was over. The arrival of Peter Border, Tudor Edwards and Roger Fry was of considerable assistance in ringing the front bells here. Having negotiated a snowstorm at Mossley, both towers at Ashton and an unscheduled excursion for Dr. Beeching's former right-hand man to buy a railway ticket at Denton, some members went to the practice at Hyde, a splendid eight.

At both Oswaldtwistle and Accrington on Wednesday Roger Heyworth caused complete disbelief by announcing "Go Stedman," having been asked to call Spliced Surprise. Further chaos ensued since Rodney Meadows thought it was a ploy designed to make him call the touch round. We had been joined by one of our old members, now president of the Leeds University Society, who apparently endorses Crabbe's remark "It must be right: I've done it from my youth." This resulted in another stayless bell being overturned at Warley. Burnley possesses one near-unringable ring, at Holy Trinity, and a fine eight at St. Peter's where we rang ten-Spliced.

By this time some members had had enough, and on Thursday and Friday we were not at full strength. The highlights of the last two days were the beautifully-kept church at Adlington, Glasgow at Whittle-le-Woods, and the sight of Bob Mordaunt endeavouring to get through a trap-door at Deane, which had not been made with him in mind.

The success of a tour depends on a number of factors—good organisation, for which we thank Bob Mordaunt, people's willingness to ring, which was not very much in evidence, and someone in charge of the ringing who will persuade others to look methods up, cater for less advanced ringers and generally goad people into being organised. One was left with the impression, without blaming any individual, that this was not done on the tour. The co-operation of tower captains and incumbents was much appreciated and we thank them all. J. E. C.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was enjoyed by a large gathering at Solihull on April 8th. The service was well attended; the Rector of Solihull (Canon Harry Hartley) had inserted a notice in the local Press inviting everyone to join in the special service for ringers. The Canon, a good friend of ringers, gave an interesting address, which showed a keen knowledge of ringing and of those who rang.

Three young lady ringers of Solihull were elected members of the Guild—Margaret Busby, Elizabeth Dickens and Dinah Protheroe; also John Boothman of St. Chad's and James R. White of Edgbaston. The following tower elections as life members were duly ratified: Messrs Gwilym Salmon, David A. Cornwall, David J. King, David J. Llewellyn, David J. Forder and David W. Friend.

The Ringing Master reported that the recordings of the long peal of Stedman Cinques had sold very quickly, only five remaining unsold. The Tuesday evening practices at St. Martin's were well supported and bands from Yarley, Erdington Abbey and Erdington Parish Church had arranged for a visit for practice in the near future.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Richard Cann, the efficient secretary at Solihull tower, for making arrangements for the meeting, with special thanks to Richard's mother and sister for providing an excellent tea.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smith, of Tasmania, have booked their passage to England in August.

"Change Ringing," by W. G. Wilson, is now in a second edition. Congratulations to the author.

The Oldswinford peal of London (page 276) was the first on the bells but not in the method, as inadvertently appeared in copy.

The quarter peal of Goring, Oxon, on April 16th, was rung with the best wishes of the band for the speedy return to ringing of their long-serving tower foreman, Mr. L. G. Haines.

After failures at Kenwyn (twice) and Truro Cathedral and St. Keverne, Mr. Anthony J. Davidson has succeeded in ringing a quarter of Stedman Triples at Camborne with his Truro and West band.

So disgusted were the Cambridge University Guild with their performance at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday, April 22nd, that they returned home with all speed and rang a good peal of Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, that same evening, as a consolation.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

THE first meeting of the year was held on the borders of Yorkshire and Lancashire, four towers being open to members—Saddleworth (8), Friezland (6), Roughtown (4) and Mossley (8). Although the Association chose April 1st for the meeting, and judging by the ringing as a whole, there were no "April fools" present.

Ringing commenced at 1400 hours at Saddleworth but, owing to weddings, had to be curtailed at 1500 hours. Ringers then made their way to the famous competition tower at Friezland, being met by the local secretary, Mr. Jack Smith, who gave fair warning that he expected no rubbish, or into the nearby cut we should all go! Needless to say we did not swim back into Yorkshire via the Canal Tunnel! When everyone had had quite sufficient excellent Cartwheel Minor the Roughtown ringers took the assembled company a little further into Lancashire.

After all the beef and home-made cakes had been dealt with the business meeting took place with Mr. Farrand in the chair, who welcomed the Association to his side of the Pennines. The normal business was transacted with a note of dissension on part of the St. Martin's Guild's report in "The Ringing World," i.e. striking contest for Societies affiliated to the Central Council only. Mr. C. A. Moxon gave a heartfelt vote of thanks on behalf of all members present to the local incumbents and ringers for arranging such a marvellous day's ringing. The Association secretary seconded this with special thanks to Mr. M. Rigby, of Roughtown, who did most of the necessary work behind the scenes.

The annual general meeting and prize contest will be held at Liversedge on June 24th. T. T.

OBITUARY

MRS. L. G. BRETT

The Suffolk Guild mourns the passing of Mrs. Ivy Brett who died suddenly at Framdsden, Suffolk, on April 20th. She was the wife of one of our best-loved and best-known ringers, Leslie G. (Lester) Brett and was herself connected with the ringing scene for nearly 40 years.

Their home at 109, St. John's Row was always "open house" to ringers, and many's the tea and supper that with her excellent cooking Ivy laid on for those hearty appetites that peal ringers seem to acquire.

She will indeed be missed and our sympathy goes out to Lester and son, Eric, and family.

The funeral took place at Framdsden Church on April 24th and was attended by a large congregation of parishioners together with ringers and their wives from all parts of Suffolk and from Cheshire. The interment was close by the tower within the sound of the bells she knew so well.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Our correspondent desires to correct the peal report that appeared under Oxford Diocesan Guild in the issue of April 28th. Kidlington was written instead of Kirtlington where the peal of Stedman was rung.

The following additions have been received to peal at Hanslope, Bucks (page 291): David Coxhill (first of Surprise), Anthony K. Fortin (50th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild).

"Congratulations on a greatly improved 'Ringing World' over recent months. I have always enjoyed it, but now even more so."—An encouraging message to the Editor from Gloucestershire.

Mr. Gordon I. Lucas, of Basildon, Essex, has started his eight-year-old son Kevin ringing changes. He reports a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minimus rung with him and wonders if any other father has had a similar privilege with a son of the same age.

Mr. Arthur J. Scott, of Maiden Newton, Dorchester, writes: "May I say how much I enjoy 'The Ringing World' each week? I have been taking it now for 31 years, and still look forward to it each week to read more about ringing affairs."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

APPEAL FOR ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY, BELLS

Mr. B. P. Morris, the general secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association, is doing his best to ensure that after St. Alkmund's Church is closed for demolition a home should be found for its fine bells either in Derby or where they could be hung for ringing in the traditional English manner or, failing that, at a church somewhere in the Diocese.

"We should very much regret if this fine ring was disposed of in any other way—e.g. to be hung 'dead' for chiming in the Continental fashion," he writes in a letter to "The Derby Evening Telegraph." The letter continues: "Many people, whatever their religion, like to hear the sound of church bells. When a ring of bells goes out of use for one reason or another it is often non-church-goers who miss them, and when an appeal is launched for a restoration, the response is often beyond all expectation. This Association, with its expert advisers, hopes that it may be able to help the Diocese in the re-establishment of the St. Alkmund's ring in a church in the Diocese and believes that this should be the first consideration in its final disposal."

ELY DIOCESE AND SILENT TOWERS

Another bright issue of "The Sentinel," the quarterly of the Ely Diocesan Association, has reached us, and Trevor Bevis, the Editor, to make it even brighter, has introduced colour to the front page.

In "Talking Point" the Editor comments on the number of unringable bells in the Ely Diocese and asks how many of these are prevented from being rung simply because wheels, stays and sliders are decayed or missing, bolts rusty and loose, ropes rotten and floor boards perished.

"Is it not possible for each Branch to explore the possibility of restoring the least 'unringable' of its inactive towers, and perhaps form a small band of handymen volunteers armed with spanners, saws and grease?"

"Willingness to 'adopt' a tower or towers in this way could well stimulate Rectors and parishioners to raise a little cash to replace simple fittings, and Branch funds might well be employed in this direction. Thus we would be doing the Church and ourselves a service and the Association would consequently benefit a great deal."

THE FIRST OUTING

Eighteen months ago Great Barton and Horringer, Suffolk, were silent towers. When the first outing, on April 15th, was planned most could only rung on their own bells (tenor 9 cwt.), so a variety of easy-going bells giving a cross-section of different conditions was imperative.

Ringing took place at Brampton, Hunts, Uffington, Edenham, Stanford Baron, Castor and Long Stanton (Cams).

"What did we achieve?" asks R. H. R. "Six good rings of bells were sampled, providing a wealth of experience not obtainable in our own district. The ringing was generally confined to rounds, and the first outing was a success, with the 20 ringers always keen to take a rope and ring as many different bells as possible. We are richer in the fellowship of ringers amongst ourselves and with those who met us and gave us permission to ring."

And the question which brought joy to the organiser after 18 months of hard work was "Thank you for a wonderful day. When is our next outing?"

LONGPARISH MIGHTY PLEASED

Eyebrows were raised when it was known that Longparish, Hants (tenor 7½ cwt.), had obtained permission to ring at Exeter Cathedral on their outing on April 8th.

Previous to Exeter there was ringing at Taunton, West Camel, Ruishton and Pinhoe. G. D. tells the story at the Cathedral as follows: "A Guild practice at St. Mark's cut down the Cathedral ringers to two and after raising the bells and with only four of us with any experience of heavy bells, we were, indeed, apprehensive as to the show we would make."

"However, Mr. Wreford kindly allowed us to ring the tenor single-handed and the resulting two lots of rounds on ten were really good for the band concerned and filled us so full of confidence that we attempted and rang a course of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, which pleased everyone."

ROCHESTER DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

A company of 105 ringers and friends attended the Rochester District Striking Contest in the unspoilt village of Rodmersham on April 15th for the silver bowl presented by Mr. E. J. Beer, of Shorne.

Eight teams competed, the test being 240 changes of Doubles or Minor. The judges were Messrs. H. E. Audsley and A. P. Cannon, and the winners were a young band from Eastchurch with 46 faults, who rang Grandsire Doubles. Other placings were Hailing 57 faults, Tunstall 66, Frindsbury 67, Northfleet 78, Gravesend 78, Minster 93 and Stockbury. The trophy was presented by Mrs. Spencer, wife of the Rector.

At the business meeting a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the Rodmersham ringers and lady helpers for the excellent tea and to the judges. Fifteen new members were elected.

"D" DAY FOR NEWBURY DISTRICT

Newbury District ringers regarded April 18th as "D" Day or Dodds' Day, as Mr. Geoffrey Dodds with the "s" made the local arrangements for a visit to the St. Albans area, and his family joined in the ringing.

The programme started on the light six at Radlett, where Ranald Clouston met the party. London Major was rung at St. Michael's, St. Albans, and a half-course of Cambridge Royal at St. Peter's. There was an hour's service ringing at the Cathedral and finally, on the way home, a visit to Oxhey (8). Many thanks to all at St. Albans for your welcome. G. D.

A BENEFACTOR TO DOWNHAM

The quarter at Downham, Essex, on April 6th, was rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. W. Keddie, who with Mr. Keddie restored the bells in 1947 as a memorial to their three sons killed in the Second World War. The four old bells were recast, a new treble and tenor were added, and the ring of six was rehung in a steel frame lower in the tower by Gillett and Johnston. The old wooden frame was later made into a lychgate.

LITTLE PULL AT ADDINGTON

In the write-up of the church annual general meeting in the parish magazine, our tower captain is reported as saying: "Mr. Macve has made new strings for us."—N.G.

"TUITION TEASERS"

Beginning shortly, this new feature is intended to help tutors and learners alike with their problems in bell handling and control. It will take the form of "Answers to Correspondents" and will appear fortnightly for a start, experimentally. Space being very limited, the feature will normally deal briefly with only one query per issue, but it is hoped that all acceptable queries will eventually be answered. The scope of this feature will be confined to working from the introduction to the belfry up to the elements (only) of change ringing (not methods themselves as yet). The information given will be based on proved experience gained in ten years' work in this field by tutors of the late College of Campanology. (Its Manual, Part I, on bell control is out of print.) Questions should be written on postcards, as briefly as possible, with writer's full name and address, and sent to "Tuition Teasers," c/o The Editor, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey. Names need not be published, though essentially given.)

"TUITION TEASERS" No. 1

- Q. No specific advice given about the stance in ringing. What is the correct position of the feet? (Anon.)
- A. This is simply a matter of reduction of fatigue in leg muscles from the continual body balancing during prolonged ringing. Just broaden the base of balance by separating the feet a few inches sideways and placing one foot slightly in advance of the other. Relative position of feet can be changed at intervals, irrespective of which way the rope is handled—"right" or "left."

A MEMORY

September 24th last year was a memorable day for a party of Epsom and district ringers and they have asked to be recorded the three quarter peals they rang that day, viz.: Plain Bob Triples at Horsham, Plain Bob Major at Lower Beeding, and Stedman Triples at Brighton. There were three honours for conductors—Tony Skelton had his first of Triples, Geoff Stevens his first as conductor, and Adrienne Gibson her first of Stedman. Others in the party were Janet Crane, Peter Munday, Martin Morris, Richard Fentiman, Dennis Oakshott, John Helder, Martyn Harbott, Roger Peckham and Jim Hills.

BEAMINSTER BELL FUND

The Thomas Bilbie bells of 1765, from Beaminster, which were cast in the shed adjoining the churchyard, are now at the foundry. Latest news of the Bell Fund is that the half-way mark to the target of £4,000 has been passed. A house-to-house collection brought in £570 10s. 9d., making the total raised (including £1,200 promises) £2,553 8s. 3d.

There are seven ringers on the committee of 11 organising the fund, and a competition has been organised to guess the weight of the "28 cwt." tenor—which until now has never been properly weighed.

Events planned include a dancing school concert, May 20th; a film show of international prizewinners, June 6th; West Dorset children's orchestral concert, July 15th—all at Beaminster School, 7.15.

Mrs. Edna Pannell, 24, Gerrards Green, Beaminster in a general appeal to friends to rally in support, adds: "There are no short-cuts to money raising."

FIVE SURPRISE PEALS IN A DAY RUNG IN FIVE DIFFERENT TOWERS

ALL RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., April 22, 1967.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
In 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Reginald W. Rex Treble	Brian Bladon 5
David P. Hilling 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
D. John Hunt 3	George E. Thoday 7
Philip Mehew 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
* 550th peal.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary
the Virgin.

In 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

David P. Hilling Treble	Philip Mehew 5
George E. Thoday 2	D. John Hunt 6
Geoffrey K. Dodd 3	Brian Bladon 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

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

In 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Reginald W. Rex 2	Brian Bladon 6
Philip Mehew 3	David P. Hilling 7
George E. Thoday 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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

In 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

D. John Hunt Treble	Reginald W. Rex 5
George E. Thoday 2	David P. Hilling 6
Brian Bladon 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Philip Mehew 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

In 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

Reginald W. Rex Treble	Brian Bladon 5
David P. Hilling 2	A. Patrick Cannon 6
Geoffrey K. Dodd 3	*D. John Hunt 7
George E. Thoday 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 550th peal.

This is the first time that five peals of Major have been rung in one day in five different towers.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Thurs., April 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Wilfred Williams Treble	David E. Rothera 4
Timothy G. Pett 2	Alan R. Patterson 5
Robert E. J. Dennis 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

Rung in honour of the birthday, next day, of Her Majesty the Queen.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Derek Trethewey Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 5
David Rennolds 2	Edgar T. Skipsey 6
Richard W. Sweet 3	D. John Hunt 7
Gillian M. Hunt 4	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

SAMPFORD BRETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being one extent each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place; six each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day; five each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and Morris' 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
Mervyn R. Arscott Treble | Marian J. Beale 3
Brenda M. Bindon 2 | Raymond F. Arscott 4

Leslie H. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

First peal in 12 methods on the bells, and for all the band.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Marion Beale, mother of the ringer of the third.

MONKSILVER, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being one extent of Stedman, seven extents and Morris' 240 of Grandsire, and eight extents each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and Clifford's Pleasure.

Tenor 10 cwt.
Mervyn R. Arscott Treble | Brenda M. Bindon 3
*Frederick C. Arscott 2 | Leslie H. Arscott 4

Raymond F. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* First peal on five bells, and in six methods.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Kathleen A. Rivett Treble	Robert L. Piron 5
Anthony H. Smith 2	Keith H. Fleming 6
Audrey R. Alexander 3	Rodney H. French 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

* 50th peal.

SHARNBROOK, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2.160's and one 720 (57 54, 56, et var., and 31).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Jack S. Dear Treble	Keith J. Walpole 4
George E. Thoday 2	George E. Bonham 5
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.	
R. H. Youdale (Emman.) Treble	M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.) .. 5
C. W. Daws (Trinity) .. 2	R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. 6
D. P. Sturge (St. John's) 3	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 7
*E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Inglis.

* 75th peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., April 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Cynthia Warrilow Treble	*Robert B. Smith 5
Derek F. Yates 2	William H. Dowse 6
Basil Salter 3	Alan McFall 7
Basil Jones 4	Frank Osbaldiston Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of York Major on tower bells. First of York Major on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Eric J. Hitchins Treble	*Julian E. Newman 5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 2	*David J. Orledge 6
*David G. Massey 3	*David A. Burt 7
Trevor A. Cross 4	*George W. Massey Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

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

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

Elizabeth M. Wood .. Treble	Delphine E. L. Holman .. 4
Caroline Mackie 2	Shirley E. Jones 5
Dorothy E. Beamish .. 3	E. Anthea M. Sparschott .. Tenor

Conducted by Shirley E. Jones.

First peal as conductor. First ladies' peal for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

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

*†Neil Handley Treble	Reginald Wallis 6
*William Allsopp 2	§David K. Walklate 7
*†§Geoffrey Bridges .. 3	Reginald J. Stretton .. 8
*Kevin A. Betesta 4	Alan H. Bridges 9
*†David Oliver 5	Sidney Adams Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal on ten bells. †25th peal. § 50th peal. § 50th together. First of Bob Caters by all and for the Association.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.

On Wed., April 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) College Exercise T.B., (3) Kingston T.B., (4) Sandal T.B. (5) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.
Gillian M. Fanshaw .. Treble	Alan G. Kirk 4
Gladys Richardson 2	Timothy Wylie 5
F. Martin Stanway 3	Alex Richardson Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan G. Kirk.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BROADHEMBURY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being sixteen 240's and ten 120's.

Tenor 19 cwt. (anti-clockwise)

*Donald Salter Treble	Francis Stamp 4
Albert Crabb 2	William Webb 5
Bryan Coles 3	Leslie Stevens Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of two former Broadhembury ringers who have celebrated wedding anniversaries—Mr and Mrs. S. Trim (50 years) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Stamp (61 years).

First peal ever recorded for the tower.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BLACKHILL Co. Durham.—At the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary

On Sat., April 22, 1967 in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Christopher T. Lamb .. Treble	James Crowther 5
C. Duncan Davis 2	William Davidson 6
John E. Anderson 3	Michael Maughan 7
†William Tyson 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* 75th peal. † First of Yorkshire.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 1, 1967 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Peter Beresford Treble	Ronald J. Sharp 5
Joan Beresford 2	John G. Gipson 6
Geoffrey Pearson 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
*Simon Humphrey 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 100th peal and first in the method.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. John Sibson and Lesley Wardle, who were married earlier this day at Stapleford.

ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Geoffrey Pearson Treble	Robin Shipp 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	Sidney J. Woodcock 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	John G. Gipson 7
Frank E. Haynes 4	Philip J. Rothera Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

LITTLEPORT, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Sidney J. Woodcock .. Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Susan Rothera 2	F. Charles Hobson 6
Donald F. Murfet 3	Philip J. Rothera 7
Robin Shipp 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Philip J. Rothera.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Cyriac.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London, York, Durham, Netherseale, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

Richard P. Turnill .. Treble	Geoffrey A. Lucas 4
Alan M. Barber 2	Roger J. Palmer 5
Brian B. Hullah 3	Donald F. Murfet Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

*Ian P. Sawford .. Treble	Michael Hawes 4
*Timothy W. Griffiths .. 2	Robert D. Bellamy 5
†Christopher D. Corby .. 3	George E. Bonham Tenor

Conducted by George E. Bonham.

* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside." First as conductor.

STRETHAM, Cambs. — At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 11 methods, viz.: (1) London, Wells, (2) York, Durham, (3) Beverley, Surfleet, (4) Bourne, (5) Netherseale, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge, Ipswich. Tenor 9 cwt. 77 lb. in G.

Richard P. Turnill .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet 4
Alan M. Barber 2	Roger J. Palmer 5
Brian B. Hullah 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Joe E. G. Roast .. Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 6
*Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	*Ian R. Panton 7
*Claire Hudson 3	*Peter G. Brown 8
*Peter J. Eves 4	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 9
*Andrew S. Hudson .. 5	*James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

FOXEARH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

Bernard C. Sadler .. Treble	*Stephen G. Halliwell .. 5
*Penny Halliwell 2	*Gerald A. Bacon 6
*Peter Sloman 3	*David Sloman 7
*Hubert H. Furminger .. 4	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT HORKESLEY, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and Theiwall, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Philip Thompson .. Treble	Michael Hawes 5
Vivien Cross 2	Brian J. Vaughan 4
David E. Culham 3	Stephen D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—At the Church of All Saints,

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Beverley, Ipswich, Double Oxford, Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	James L. Towler 4
Ian R. Panton 2	Philip J. Rothera 5
*Keith W. Brown 3	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

* First peal in seven methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROSS-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Frederick A. Harris .. Treble	Robert A. Hatcher 5
*Denise Jaine 2	Austin T. Wingate 6
John J. Webb 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 7
Dennis Jaine 4	George T. Cousins Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Major. The ringer of the 3rd has now "circled the tower."

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Prebendary R. J. Thursfield.

PEMBRIDGE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 240's only throughout.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Leslie Evans Treble	Rev. Michael Hart 3
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 2	Peter D. Sell 4

† John F. I. Turney Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* 25th peal. † 25th for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., March 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Jeffrey Goodenough .. Treble	Vernon Green 5
Sara K. D. Woolley 2	*Jonathan A. S. Porter .. 6
David E. Rothera 3	Christopher W. Woolley .. 7
Peter F. Windley 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method

Rung as a farewell to Vernon and Jennifer Green, shortly moving to Birmingham.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas à Becket.

On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Margaret M. Roden .. Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock 5
Robert D. Bellamy 2	Gerald Penney 6
George E. Bonham 3	C. Martin Press 7
Keith J. Walpole 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Major.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

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

On Thurs., April 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 138 changes of method.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
Sara K. D. Woolley .. Treble	Roger Baldwin 5
Christopher W. Woolley .. 2	Keith Walpole 6
Robert E. Hardy 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
David Burbidge 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

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

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.
*Anne Trinder Treble	Peter M. F. Searles 4
John W. Thorp 2	† Brian J. W. Foley 5
Peter Owen 3	Michael D. Trigg Tenor

Conducted by Michael D. Trigg.

* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 UPTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.	
*Michael H. O'Callaghan Treble	Ralph Bird 6
Ann Jenner 2	Doris E. Colgate 7
Arthur S. Richards 3	D. Paul Smith 8
*Ian H. Oram 4	Stanley Jenner 9
Tony Lewis 5	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Arranged by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

BECKENHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Ian H. Oram Treble	Percy J. Spice 6
A. Ronald Ling 2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 7
Mrs. Christine Shiers .. 3	D. Paul Smith 8
John W. Smith 4	Percival W. Cave 9
Freda Cannon 5	Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knight.

Conducted by Percival W. Cave.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung to celebrate St. George's Day.

WOOLWICH.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Richard Hayes Treble	*Peter S. Muchlinski 5
*John A. Howard 2	Frank H. Hicks 6
*Derek Slater 3	*John Pladdys 7
Herbert W. Woolven .. 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method.

WEST MALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
Arthur G. Mason Treble	Martin L. Howe 5
*Peter Carter 2	Reginald L. Sills 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Herbert E. Audsley 7
*Edwin G. Jenner 4	Peter S. Muchlinski Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon H. E. G. Aldridge, for 30 years Vicar of this parish, who died on April 2nd, 1967.

TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Ann Jenner Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
*Harold Evans 2	Robert N. Harris 6
Richard Hayes 3	Paul J. Dye 7
Edward J. Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Rice.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

ALKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Anthony, Martyr.

On Fri., April 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 70 extents each of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

Rachel J. Sinden .. Treble	Martin Ostler 3
*David W. Grimwood .. 2	David L. Cawley Tenor

Conducted by David W. Grimwood.

* First peal in three methods. First as conductor. First on the bells. First of Minimus by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

LINMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*Maurice Thompson .. Treble	† John Palmer 3
Janet E. Blake 2	Harold Evans 4
Richard Hayes Tenor	

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob and one extent each of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*Malcolm Barden .. Treble	Edwin G. Jenner 4
† Simon A. Wigg 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 3	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

* First peal. † First "inside".

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.
Jennifer M. L. Wood .. Treble	Malcolm J. Hitchcock .. 4
*Marilyn J. Chidwick .. 2	Peter D. J. Beal .. 5
*Graham M. Wood .. 3	Nicholas J. Chesson .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.

* First peal on an "inside" bell.

Rung by some of the younger members of the Rochester District, also in honour of the Queen's birthday.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.	
Mary E. Pryor Treble	Richard J. Parker 5
Ian L. Dear 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
Christopher S. Nokes .. 3	James R. White 7
Christopher L. Watson .. 4	Rupert A. Clarke Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Alternate bobs called by Philip J. Crossthwaite and Richard J. Parker.

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

On Thurs., April 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED PLAIN MAJOR

In nine methods, being 2,352 Plain Bob, 960 Double Bob, 228 Wellington, 276 Gainsborough Little, 424 Little Bob, 512 Reverse Bob, 96 Crayford Little, 96 Crayford College and 96 St. Clement's; with 244 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
Richard J. Parker Treble	Dennis H. McCormick .. 5
J. Barry Pickup 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Roger Barnes 3	David V. Hodgson 7
Christopher L. Watson .. 4	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

The conductor's 50th peal on the bells and fourth time "circling the tower." The ringer of the second has "circled the tower" four times, and the tenor ringer has also "circled the tower".

HELMESHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Thurs., April 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5376 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.	
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. Treble	Dennis H. McCormick .. 5
David V. Hodgson 2	Richard S. Starkie 6
Roger Barnes 3	Cyril Crossthwaite 7
William G. Wilson 4	Richard J. Parker Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
Contains 74 roll-ups, including 18 5678s and 18 6578s.

AMBLESIDE, Westmorland.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and Anne.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.	
James E. Dickinson .. Treble	William Wall 5
Alan Capstick 2	Nicholas W. Newby 6
*Frank Birkett 3	Lawrence D. Clement .. 7
John Bagnall 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Barnes. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* 25th peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Canon J. P. S. Morton, inducted April 6th, 1967, also to the new Bishop of Carlisle (a former Vicar of Ambleside), enthroned April 4th, 1967.

TODMORDEN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter, Walsden.

On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.	
Margaret E. Fort Treble	John H. Fielden 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 2	*J. M. Donald Bateman .. 6
Maryl R. Fielden 3	David V. Hodgson 7
Geoffrey Cheetham 4	Jeffrey Kershaw Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a welcome to Jane Margaret Octavia Brown, born February 23rd, 1967, daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Brown.

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

On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.	
M. Jack Alletson Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4
*Richard J. Parker 2	†J. Barry Pickup 5
Christopher L. Watson .. 3	*David V. Hodgson Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal in seven methods. † 250th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fielden.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
John E. Cook Treble	R. Brian Mills 5
Martin Green 2	William A. Lacey 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 7
Malcolm E. Wade 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung as a belated 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Poole, of Branston, Lincolnshire

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.	
James H. Musson .. Treble	John F. Pearson 5
*Anthony D. Walker .. 2	*Geoffrey Spencer 6
*Philip C. Pitchford .. 3	Louis Willders 7
*William B. Cox 4	Edgar A. Cole Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Edgar A. Cole.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.	
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. Treble	Tudor P. Edwards 6
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 2	*Christopher Ricketts .. 7
Susan Harber 3	Ellis N. Thomas 8
Ruth E. Havard 4	S. Clarke Walters 9
David J. Llewellyn 5	Michael G. R. Zobel .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal on ten bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th have now "circled the tower."

GORSEINON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.	
James Clatworthy .. Treble	David J. Llewellyn 5
Susan Harber 2	Ellis W. Thomas 6
Ruth E. Havard 3	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. 7
Barrie Williams 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
First peal of Major in the method for all the band. First of Major on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Magnus Peterson.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F	
Thomas Yeomans .. Treble	M. Jack Pryor 5
J. Arthur Hoare 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 6
*David L. Phillips 3	Brian J. Woodruffe 7
Edmund J. Morris 4	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (One-Part).
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, Glam.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 15 methods in seven extents: (1) Ipswich and Cambridge S., (2) Double and Fulbeck Bob, (3) College and Wavertree, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.	
Frank W. Corney .. Treble	Christopher Aldridge .. 4
Ruth E. Havard 2	Ellis N. Thomas 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
The greatest number of Minor methods to a peal on the bells and for the Association.
Rung on the birthday of the father of the treble ringer.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.	
Norman W. Cotton .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	John K. Smith 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Gordon H. Lane 7
*William J. V. Conduct .. 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart.
Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Frank Pearson Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
John R. Smith 2	H. William Barrett 5
Wilfred G. Saunders 3	C. Frank W. Phillippo .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

100th peal on the bells.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Diane Toone Treble	*Stephen F. High 4
*J. Barry Pickup 2	Norman P. J. Cossey 5
H. William Barrett 3	Roger E. Peckham Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* Have now "circled the tower." The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Diane Toone.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SUNNINGWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 100 methods, being 240 each of Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury, 120 each of Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell; St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxton; Daffodil, Isis, Pinxto, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead; St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton, Stoney Stanton, Roxholme; St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford; Antelope, Allestree, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall; Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene; Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monachorum; Brightwell, Sandford, Standlake; Lillingstone, Swadcliffe, Arnold; Burton Joyce, Epperstone, Stoke Bardolph; Clifford, St. David, Little Aston; April Day, Litchurch, Seighford; Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias, Rushall; Northrepps, St. Philip, All Saints, Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert; Burnham, Stirling, Twyford; Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac; Minster, Abbot's Ann; Dedworth, Cowslip; Wallflower; Wychbold; Buttercup; Primrose; St. Thomas the Martyr; Southrepps; Kennington; May Day; Royston; Bledlow, Bladon; Dumbleton; Snodsbury; Marston; Tichborne; Old. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Joe Strawford Treble	Leonard R. Porter 4
John A. H. Betts 2	J. Paul Coad 5
Roy H. Jones 3	C. Richard Miles Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John A. H. Betts.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Ronald Russell Treble	Graham C. Paul 5
James Linnell 2	Rev. Ernest G. Orland 6
Alan A. Paul 3	Charles E. Truman 7
William J. Chester 4	Barry E. Saunders Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method for all except the conductor.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's, two extents of Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Christopher J. Groome Treble	Roger N. Scholes 4
Ronald Russell 2	J. Charles Hudson 5
*Michael J. Hawkins 3	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* Most Minor methods to a peal "inside."

Rung as a 17th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles Hudson.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

Richard C. Taylor Treble	*Allan Tubb 5
David G. Massey 2	Edgar T. Skipsey 6
*Michael G. Bartlett 3	Richard J. Bowden 7
Paul J. Rigby 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BREWOOD, Stafford.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.
Arthur Allsop Treble	Lewis D. K. Roberts 5
Robert G. W. Broughton .. 2	Derek T. E. Hidden 6
David R. Hawsworth 3	Roger L. Hawsworth 7
George L. Askew 4	Chris A. S. Allsop Tenor

Conducted by Roger L. Hawsworth.

First peal of Triples by a local Sunday service band.

Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

CHELMORTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in A.	
David R. Hawsworth .. Treble	*George L. Askew 3
Charles S. Dumbell 2	†Derek T. E. Hidden 4
Roger L. Hawsworth .. Tenor	

Conducted by Roger L. Hawsworth.

* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung as an 11th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the third and his wife, married at this church.

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

On Thurs., April 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5010 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings).	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.
E. Marion Key Treble	Barnabas G. Key 4
*Pamela E. Key 2	Roger L. Hawsworth 5
David Hawsworth 3	William Watkin Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Stedman.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hawsworth (20th) and Mr. and Mrs. J. McNaughton (2nd).

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 19 methods: Two extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Kirkby, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Zeus, Marchington. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain, and three extents each of Seighford, Kennington, Old and April Day. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

*Linda M. Baguley Treble	*Elizabeth A. Hill 3
†Maureen Green 2	†Martin J. Kirk 4

E. Andrew Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Martin J. Kirk.

* First peal. † First "inside".

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb.

Mrs. Leslie Mills Treble	John A. Underwood 5
Maurice T. Symonds 2	Leslie D. Mills 6
Wilfred Jarvis 3	Donald L. Mills 7
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale .. 4	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

Rung for the birth of a daughter (Alison Mary) to Diana and George Pipe, and also as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

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

On Sun., April 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.	
Philip Thompson Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey 4
Vivien A. P. Cross 2	David E. Culham 5
Brian J. Vaughan 3	Michael J. Howes Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Howes.

First peal as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

Colin H. Cook Treble	Nigel Thomson 5
Christine A. Foster 2	Kenneth J. Rider 6
*R. Jean Henderson 3	Jeremy R. Pratt 7
C. Martin Foster 4	Richard C. Stevens Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Nigel Thomson.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Rosemary J. Cotton, who earlier in the day left for Germany.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Frederick R. Scott Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Christopher H. Rogers 6
Ernest Treagus 3	Jonathan S. N. Porter 7
Robin G. Leale 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin.

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris's) and 40 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

David J. Winchester .. Treble	*Brian R. Forster 4
*Susan M. Hatton 2	Ian V. J. Smith 5
*G. Bert Masters 3	Ivor S. Holland Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

* First peal. First peal by an entirely local band since March, 1893.

Rung for the Feast of St. George, prior to Evensong; also in memoriam David Fairall, nephew of the ringer of the second.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

LLANFIFGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan

On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Rupert A. Clarke Treble	Christopher S. Nokes 5
*Carol M. E. Johnson 2	James R. White 6
†Roger K. Boulton 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite 7
Robert M. Chambers 4	Richard J. Parker Tenor

Alternate parts called by Richard J. Parker and Philip J. Crossthwaite.

* First peal "inside." † First peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Mary of Upham.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being two extents of St. Simon's Bob, 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob.

*Sandra M. Pearce (15) .. Treble	Leslie J. Read 5
Mary E. White 2	Charles E. Bassett 5
†David G. Hatherly (14) .. 3	Peter Godman Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* First peal and first attempt. † Most methods to a peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Clifford Skidmore Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	John C. Eisel 6
Peter L. Bill 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
*Peter J. Brown 4	Arthur D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Thomas Thurstans. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District)

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

On Sun., April 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 34 cwt.

Norzean Chaddock .. Treble	J. Henry Fielden 6
*Elsie Chaddock 2	†David Nichols 7
†Richard J. Tibbetts 3	Richard E. Price 8
Kathleen M. Higgins 4	John N. D. Chaddock 9
Neil Donovan 5	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 25th peal together.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

DRIFHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Thurs., April 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

*Belinda M. Gilbert .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 5
†Josephine M. Haskins .. 2	George Hancock 6
†Jennifer E. Pearce 3	John Potts 7
James S. Webb 4	Ronald H. Dove Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Major "inside." ‡ First on eight bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

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 by Robert B. Smith.

Conducted by Alan McFall.

First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DURHAM.—At 3, New Belvedere, Bede College.

On Tues., March 21, 1967, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*Colin C. Monson (Grey) .. 1-2	Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) 3-4
David J. Marshall (Bede, cond.) .. 5-6	

* First peal "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willesey Road.

On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,776 Plain Bob, 1,248 Double Bob, 480 each of Reverse Bob, Little Bob and Cleatham Imperial, 192 Crayford Little Court and 180 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, with 347 changes of method.

Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

Rung in memoriam Mr. H. Douglas Harris, of Woburn, who died on March 21st, 1967, aged 92. The peal started at the same time as a memorial service.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.

On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
*Joan A. Hayward 3-4	John W. Gander 7-8
Edward J. Beer 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal on ten bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY, Lancashire.—At 8, Rosehill Mount.

On Fri., March 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD T.B. MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in C.

J. Barry Pickup 1-2	Richard J. Parker 5-6
Cyril Crossthwaite 3-4	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7-8

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

First handbell peal of Treble Bob for all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., April 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 16 in B.

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

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Wed., April 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

George E. Feirn 1-2	A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5-6
Delia E. Heppenstall .. 3-4	C. Aubrey Harrison 7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by A. Robin Heppenstall.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.

On Mon., March 20, 1967, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5-6	

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.

On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 4 in G.

Enid Lawson 1-2	Kenneth Lawson 5-6
Fred Hodgson 3-4	Ann Lawson 7-8

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Enid Lawson.

First handbell peal as conductor.

NOTICES

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DEATH

WARD.—On Sunday, April 23rd, 1967, Frank Ward of Sheffield, aged 82. For 48 years a member of Sheffield Cathedral Company. Funeral service held at Cathedral on April 26th, followed by cremation. 1484

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WOOD.—The address of Marian and Peter is now 70, Quest Hills Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire. 1476

PERSONAL

"And Peter said unto them Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."—Acts II, v. 38.

PUBLICATIONS

"BOBS AND SINGLES," an illustrated history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellingers. 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

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, Sussex.—Ringers desirous of attending practices at Bexhill during summer months are advised to phone J. M. Swift (tower captain), Bexhill 2508, between 6 and 7 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. Public engagements frequently necessitate change from normal Tuesday practice. 1480

CANADA.—Would any ringers interested in travelling to Canada, August, 1967, to combine a visit to Expo 67 with campanological exhibitions in Montreal and Quebec please contact Box No. 1479.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley (8), Tuesday, May 16th, 7.30–9 p.m. Special methods: Rutland and Dorchester. 1487

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford and Canterbury Districts RINGING SCHOOL

(Primarily arranged for beginners.)

Wickhambreau, Saturday, May 20th
Application for tickets (5s. 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

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of memorial board to the late Stedman H. Symonds, Saturday, May 13th, 6.45 p.m., in the tower. Ringing afterwards till 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—M. T. Symonds 1451

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, Batheaston, Bath.—Dedication of three new bells (treble, 2 and 6), augmenting ring to eight, and rededication of 3, 4, 5, 7 and tenor by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells on Sunday, June 4th, immediately following Family Communion at 9 a.m. Ringing after service until 11.30, then 2–4 p.m. and 5.30–6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Newman, 23, Meadow Park, Bathford, Bath. No names, no tea. 1455

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Advanced practice, St. John's, Croydon, Tuesday, May 23rd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. 1433

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival, Claverley, Shropshire, May 29th, 1967

Service at All Saints', Claverley, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Claverley

Claverley	1.30–3.15 p.m. and 6–7.30 p.m.
Chetton. Much Wenlock, Arley, Highley ..	10.15–11.30 a.m. and 7.30–9 p.m.
Coalbrookdale, Dawley, Alveley, Chelmarsh ..	11.15–12.30 p.m. and 7.30–9 p.m.
Broseley, Quatt, Willey	12.15–1.30 p.m.
Broseley, Quatt, Stockton and Norton ..	6–7.30 p.m.
Madeley, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's), Worfield ..	1.15–2.30 p.m. and 6–7.30 p.m.

Essential that I receive names for tea by May 23rd.—G. T. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 1495
The Police Station Flat, Ross-on-Wye.

HOLIDAY PUBLICATION

In view of May 29th being a Bank Holiday, last date for Notices for June 2nd issue is FRIDAY, MAY 26th.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FRAMPTON COTTERELL, near BRISTOL

A Festival of Flowers is to be held at the Parish Church from June 29th to July 2nd, 1967, inc. In conjunction with this Festival Saturday, July 1st, has been set aside as "Ringers' Day." An invitation is extended to all ringers and teams of handbell ringers to come and join us. Frampton Cotterell and various towers in the area will be available for general ringing during the day.

Handbell ringers are invited to ring in the church during the afternoon, tea will be available, after which a Social Evening and Barbecue with a Handbell Ringing Competition will follow. A Silver Cup has been kindly donated for this competition. Full details for the entire Festival available from:—Mr. H. Taysom, 16, Frome View, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol. 1414

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

Rededication of ancient six bells and hallowing of two new added trebles in new metal frame by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Saturday, May 20th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Numbers for buffet tea, please, to R. W. Leavett, Hope Bungalow, Tollesbury. 1454

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

Notice of the Ringing Week at Salisbury between August 4th and 12th was sent to members last November. Those who sent 10/- deposit will have had this acknowledged by post. Accommodation is now fully booked at the Retreat House. A few double rooms are available at a nearby hotel. Members who would like to reserve one of these rooms or who could make their own arrangements please write to me as soon as possible.—M. C. C. Melville, Secretary, The Lodge, Heacham, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 1474

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Bishop's Lydeard (8), Saturday, May 13th. Bells 6.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Branch Sec. 1477

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Cherry Hinton and Great Wilbraham, Saturday, May 13th. Cherry Hinton (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Great Wilbraham (5) 6.30 p.m. approx.—B. Pratt, Sec. 1477

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hutton, May 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Ingrave (5) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. Jones, Krithia, Kingsley Road, Hutton. 1447

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. 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), Chilton (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), Grea 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.

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

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidbury, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea, also at Harpford (6) 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Woodley, Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth (Tel. 2795). 1461

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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Wilson, Warnham, Red Lion Lane, Sarratt. 1459

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Norton, (6), Saturday May 13th. 6–9 p.m. District outing to be announced at this meeting.—P. M. S. Searles. 1470

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Malling, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. J. Garner, "Gilletts," 47, Watlingbury Road, East Malling.—M. L. H. 1448

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 13th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. All welcome. M. Dodd and K. L. Wilson, Hon. Secs. 1471

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All welcome.—J. Cotton.

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.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec. 1436

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, May 13th, Holme Pierrepont. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Owens," Whatton 1440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Aldeburgh on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. S. Bedford, 49, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 1465

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 1446

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, May 13th. Ringing arrangements as previously advertised, except Hastings All Saints' substituted for Bexhill, 11.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. Names for tea will be accepted by telephone only up till Friday evening, May 12th, at Hailsham 3515.—G. M. FitzHugh.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, Tuesday, May 16th, 7.30 p.m., at the "Skips" Boys' Club (opposite schools), unveiling of plaque in memory of E. Harry Stoneley, founder of the club, scout-master and ringer of over 600 peals. A large company is expected and all ringers will be most welcome. The Earl Shilton handbell ringers hope to be in attendance and the Women's Institute will provide refreshments.—Thomas C. Belton. 1498

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Chiswick, Wednesday, May 17th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening meeting, Thursday, May 18th, Fobbing. Bells 7.30-9 o'clock. All are welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Friday, May 19th, Conisbrough (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major, Ringing Master, Mr. W. Eric Critchlev. All welcome.—M. King, Dis. Sec. 1081

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY.—Meeting, Leamington Hastings, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Stretton, New House, Hill, near Rugby. Telephone: Marton 412. No names, no tea. 1468

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Winlaton, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. T. Bullerwell, South Farm, Barlow, Blaydon, Co. Durham, in good time, please. 1490

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, May 20th; Taynton, 5 to 6.30 p.m.; Gt. Barrington, 6.30 to 8 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 1489

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Bisley (8), Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by Tuesday, 16th.

Preliminary Notice.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD

Ringling and Floral Festival at Prittlewell on July 8th and 9th.

Ringling arrangements for Saturday, July 8th:

Route 1	Route 2	Route 3
9.00-10.00 Kelvedon.	9.00-10.00 Dugmow.	9.00-10.15 Hornchurch.
9.45-10.45 Witham.	9.45-10.30 Fyfield.	10.00-10.45 Orsett.
10.15-11.00 Maldon.	10.30-11.15 Shenfield.	10.15-11.15 Stanford-le-Hope.
10.45-11.30 Purleigh.	10.45-11.30 Hutton.	10.45-11.30 Fobbing.

Local Towers:

11.15-12.15 South Benfleet.	
12.00-1.00 Rayleigh.	
2.00-3.15 Great Wakering, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh.	
2.30-4.00 St. Mary's, Prittlewell. Service 4 o'clock.	
6.00-7.00 Thorpe Bay.	
7.00-8.30 St. Clement's, Leigh.	

With Prittlewell open throughout the evening.

Other towers will be arranged on request to the secretary, Mr. G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. 1443

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. and 6 onwards. Own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 1488

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Bredenbury, 3 p.m., May 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 18th, latest. 1475

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—May 20th, South Mimms. 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, North Mymms. Names for tea to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mimms. Tel. 2202.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1475

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 20th. Bells: Standon (6), 3 p.m.; Braughing (8), 6 p.m.; Much Hadham (8), 7.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at The Golden Fleece, Braughing. Names for tea must be sent to Peter Glazebrook, 11, Friars Road, Braughing, Ware. 1492

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual general meeting, Blewbury, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Village Hall, followed by meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 16th. 1441

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Croxton Kerrial, May 20th. Bells (6) 7 p.m. 1491

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Little Aston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Fairley, 9, Buchanan Close, Walsall, Staffs, by May 17th.—P. J. B. 1427

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Special practice meeting, Buxted, May 20th, for learners. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting. Bob Doubles and Minor Instruction given. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by May 9th. 1435

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 20th. Market Weighton (6) 2.30-4.15, after tea to 8.30. Nunburnholme (6) 2.30-4.15. Service, Market Weighton, 4.15. Tea, Market Weighton, for those notifying Miss Shirley Beanland, "Greensett," Southfield Close, Holme Road, Market Weighton, by previous Thursday.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be at Tickhill on May 20th. Voting for new committee to take place, plus the Ringing Master. Ringing at Tickhill (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Bawtry (6) approx. 6.30-7.45. Harworth (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Tea at Tickhill. Names to Mr. W. Canning, 4, Westgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, as soon as possible. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 1439

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Edgware (two minutes from Edgware Station, Northern Line), Wednesday, May 24th. Bells available from 7.15-9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1493

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—A.G.M. Buckfastleigh, Saturday, May 27th. Service Buckfast Abbey 4 p.m. Meeting Buckfastleigh Town Hall 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Buckfast Abbey 1.45-3.55, Bovey Tracey 11-11.45, Bickington 12-12.45, Ashburton 1.30-2.15, Buckfastleigh 2.45-3.30, Widecombe 11-11.45, Buckland-in-the-Moor 12-12.45, Holne 2.30-3, Dean Prior 7.30-8.15, Staverton 7.30-8.15. Names for tea to Fr. Paulinus Angold by previous Wednesday, 1456

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield (8), May 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Wethersfield, Braintree. 1481

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Brigg, Saturday, May 27th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Ipswich Surprise and Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1497

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Cowlinge, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. R. Johnson, The Vicarage, Cowlinge, Newmarket, Suffolk, by May 25th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 88th annual meeting will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in the Chapter House. Coffee available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (6s.). Tea 5-6.15 p.m. (3s.). Ringing: Cathedral 10.15-10.45 a.m. and 6-8.30 p.m.; from 3 until 6 p.m.; Great Baddow, Sandon, Galleywood, Whittle, Widford; 6-9 p.m.: Great Waltham, Terling, Great Leighs, Boreham, Luncheon and tea tickets available from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Whittle, S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, May 24th.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 1452

LATE NOTICES

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Dolgellau (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 2.15 p.m. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, not later than May 27th.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Evening practice meeting at Belgrave (8), Tuesday, May 16th, commencing 7.30 p.m. All members and visitors most welcome.—Ron Hughes. 1499

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 1508

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, May 20th, Yatesbury (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Preston, 6, The Lymers, Yatesbury, Calne, by previous Tuesday. 1505

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Godstone (8), Thursday, May 25th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1501

PERFORMANCE

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 3,460 Doubles (2,500 Grandsire and 960 Plain Bob): P. Suckling 1, Mrs. Poulter 2, R. Threadgold 3, F. Roper 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, F. Marshall 6. Longest length 1, 2 and 6. Brought round when attempting a peal.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, I. Wiltshire (first of T.B. "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hughes 1, A. W. Williams 2, W. J. Clayton 3, N. Istance 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, K. Squires 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Welson former headmaster of the village school.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus ("in hand"): G. I. Lucas (first "in hand") 1—2, K. I. Lucas (aged 8, first quarter) 3—4.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6 covering): S. Hardy (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Miss S. Bird 2, Catherine Hardy (first quarter, aged 13) 3, R. Coughlan (first quarter, aged 14) 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For Evening on St. George's Day. First quarter attempt 1, 3 and 4.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Dodd 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, H. Pratt 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5. For the golden wedding of the treble ringer's grandparents.

BLITHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. F. High (cond.) 1, D. Toone 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, T. Brock 4, R. Peckham 5, P. N. Bond 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Diane Toone.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cloughton (first "in hand") 1—2, W. J. Perrins 3—4, A. V. Davis (cond.) 5—6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on April 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, B. Martin 2, M. Powell 3, J. Collard 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds 6, R. W. Sweet 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First of T.B. 2 and 4.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): Doreen Kendrick 1, Mary Williams (first quarter) 2, Rachel Williams (first Stedman) 3, B. Millward 4, D. Collins 5, G. Parting 6, D. Millward (cond.) 7, P. Jones 8. By the Sunday service band to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. E. Clwyd Jones.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On April 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Judy Barr 1, Pam Gough 2, Ray Stanton 3, Craig Herbert 4, Phillip Davis 5, Keith Hendry 6, Ross Hampton 7, William Rowe (cond.) 8. First Major for all except 7 and 8.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Bowers 1, A. P. Smith 2, A. Locke 3, G. F. Dunstan (first of Stedman "inside") 4, J. J. George (first of Stedman Triples) 5, W. R. Curtis 6, A. J. Davidson (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. Pengelly (first quarter) 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. J. Kite 1, Patricia Winch (first "inside") 2, Margaret Judge 3, D. W. Grimwood 4, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 5, P. S. Philpott (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. F. Matthews 1, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 2, Patricia Winch 3, R. J. Kite 4, J. B. Keeler 5, P. S. Philpott 6.

CAXTON, CAMBS.—On April 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: I. P. Sawford (first Minor) 1, T. W. Griffiths (first Minor "inside") 2, Margaret Roden 3, P. S. George 4, C. D. Corby (first Minor "inside") 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana E. Cullen 1, T. J. Welken 2, M. D. Fuller 3, J. H. Payton 4, J. F. Payne 5, P. Payne 6. First quarter rung "silent" for all the band.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On April 27th, at Holy Trinity, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Irene Park (first T.B. "inside") 2, G. A. Barker 3, D. J. Cox 4, P. M. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6. First T.B. 3 and 4.

DROXFORD, HANTS.—On April 18th, 1,272 Minimus (eight methods): Maureen White 1, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller (75th quarter) 4.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On April 16th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering): Pamela Mills 1, Jacques Hedges (first in method) 2, Beryl Platt 3, Gloria Simpson 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Langdon (first in method as cond.) 6, Trudy Newcombe 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ENSTONE, OXON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Francis 1, I. Harris 2, J. Benfield 3, A. W. Lloyd 4, R. Datson (first of Minor) 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6.

ESHER, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): P. Harit 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, P. Henry 3, C. Webb 4, J. King (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 17th, 1,200 Bob Doubles (four methods): 1. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, G. Herbert 3, M. Rose (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Birthday compliment to Arthur Rolfe.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. G. O. Abrahams (first quarter, aged 13) 1, T. Spurling (first "inside") 2, M. J. Drury 3, R. H. Rogers 4, R. J. Ellis (first as cond.) 5, H. J. Culpin 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on middle six): Caroline F. West 1, W. Gorrington 2, Maron Kemp 3, E. G. Baker 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, E. West 8. Rung as a nine year birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

HINILESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 21st, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): F. H. Mussett 1, Mary Christian 2, A. J. Muntings 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

ILKLEY, W. YORKS.—On April 15th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Elizabeth Johnson 1, R. Ducker 2, R. C. Hawtree 3, J. S. Rank 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, H. C. Palmer (cond.) 8.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): D. P. Crawley (first of Minor) 1, Anthea Sparshott 2, Shirley Jones 3, Delphine Holman 4, R. W. Sherriff 5, A. J. Cox (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 April Day Doubles: Linda M. Baguley 1, Maureen Green 2, Elizabeth A. Hill 3, L. G. Smith (first quarter) 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung for All Fools' Day.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On April 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. R. Andrews (cond.) 1, Janet M. Besant 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, E. E. Davey 4, U. W. Wildney 5, E. Pye 6, M. Downs 7, W. Pye 8.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Marion L. Lidgely 1, A. P. Smith 2, H. Miles 3, J. J. George (first of Surprise "inside") 4, F. M. Bowers (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothea Hargreaves 1, Louise Evans 2, Sara Woolley 3, Christine Wilkins (first of Minor "inside") 4, A. Fortin 5, R. Snack (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Dorothea Hargreaves, leaving the district.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Trigg 1, J. Harris 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. Worthington 4, R. Spicer 5, M. Worthington 6.

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LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Trent 1, Heloise Leleux (first Minor "inside") 2, I. G. Pickard (first Minor) 3, J. B. Wilson 4, M. H. Tompsett 5, J. T. Caudron (first as cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Cole (first quarter) 1, Dianne Bird 2, J. T. Caudron 3, J. B. Wilson 4, M. H. Tompsett 5, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 6, I. G. Pickard (cover) 7.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Anne Pearce 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, Dierdre M. Emmett (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Dierdre Emmett, a member of the Truro Cathedral band, emigrating to Canada.

PETHAM, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, R. Swift 2, P. Richardson 3, C. Wyke 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6.

SELLING, KEN.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. A. Epps 1, Pamela Tompsett 2, K. J. Kite 3, H. J. Payne (cond.) 4, J. B. Keeler 5, P. S. Philpott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Neame, Vicar's warden, who died as the result of a car accident.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Feb. 25th, a quarter peal: K. T. Clarke 1, Mrs. B. F. Coles (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, J. Clarke (first quarter) 5, A. Chown 6, B. F. Coles 7, A. Clarke 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Rosemarie Anne Hill and Mr. J. Arden-Clarke.

SCALBY, SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Audrey Davies 1, H. Pickup (cond.) 2, M. Pickup 3, C. Easton 4, A. Grundy 5, F. Tabberer (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, A. Bourner 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Margaret Barton 2, Sylvia Knight 3, A. Bourner 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hughes 1, H. Gummer 2, L. Tucker 3, S. Cottle (cond.) 4, J. Abbot 5, M. Arnold 6.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At St. Leonard's, on Feb. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: J. W. Euston (cond.) 1, Rosemary J. Cotten 2, Sandra C. Thexon 3, G. W. Shanks 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. P. Starbuck 6, S. Humphrey 7, J. R. Pratchett 8. Rung to commemorate the first peal on these eight bells (Grandsire Triples, on February 12th, 1907), an attempt to complete a similar performance having been unsuccessful.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Jaynes (first quarter) 1, Susan Price 2, F. Lawrence 3, J. Lawrence 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Thomas Edward Jenkins, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence.

WEST HUNTSPELL, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Dibble (first of Minor) 1, E. Lee 2, J. Brain 3, M. Stone 4, C. Clarke 5, B. Wyld (cond.) 6.

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

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On April 9th, 1,296 Spliced S. Minor (five methods): P. Adamson (first quarter) 1, C. D. Davis 2, J. Crowther 3, W. Davidson 4, M. Poppleston 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6. Also on April 23rd, 1,296 S. Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): P. Adamson 1, Brenda Cooke 2, M. Maughan (cond.) 3, C. D. Davis 5, J. Crowther 5, W. Davidson 6.

WILBURTON, ELY, CAMBS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Sharp 1, D. Murfet 2, G. Markwell 3, F. Yarrow 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow (cond.) 6. Thanksgiving service for restoration of the bells.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDS.—On April 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. J. Hope 1, M. Turner 2, F. R. Harris 3, L. T. Mainwaring 4, J. W. Hope 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 1, 2 and 4.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Burn 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Caroline Madge 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On March 12th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Janet Workman 1, A. Crowson 2, K. Hughes 3, T. Sharp 4, D. Wright 5, C. G. Wright 6, A. Faulkner 7, D. Eliason (cond.) 8. Rung before the baptism of Deborah, daughter of Jim and Diana Laken, former ringers at this church.

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