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THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE



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Built of the local red sandstone, the Church of St. Mary, Wich Malbank, as Nantwich was originally known, has a splendour beyond the range of the average parish church. The elaborate rib structure of the vault (14th century) and the 20 magnificently-canopied choir stalls might be accounted for by the collegiate status of the church. To ringers the octagonal central tower places it in a special category.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Mary, Nantwich, Cheshire

ONE of the finest cruciform shape in Decorated and Perpendicular examples with embattled octagonal central towers—one of the very few in England—built in c. 1380; though there were other associations before it was a parish church: it was an Abbey Church belonging to the Cistercian Order of the Benedictine of Combermere, Combermere Abbey, founded in 1130. It appears there was on the site a simple building, probably in the Norman style, built early in the 12th century as a chapel of ease to Acton Church. This original chapel was bestowed in 1130 upon Combermere Abbey by Hugh-de-Malbank, second baron, as part of the endowment that included the Mother Church of Acton and a quarter of the town of Wich Malbank, as Nantwich was then known. Not until 1690 is the incumbent of Nantwich styled Rector—and that title does not appear in the parish register until 1714.

The tower has windows in the back face of the upper stage and contains a lovely ring of eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.). Access is gained to the belfry from an outside door leading to the turret staircase at the north-west corner of the north transept. Ascending this one emerges on to a ledge with a low parapet running along the bottom side of the transept roof, and so to the octagonal central tower. The ringing chamber is then entered by a door at the top of three steps. This has a tendency to lessen the beauty of the tower but is offset by the beauty of the pinnacles, gargoyles and panelled buttresses giving a fine effect.

The chancel is slightly out of parallel with the nave and is known as a "weeping chancel", commemorating our Lord's head falling to one side as He died on the cross. The clerestory was added to the nave probably about 1603–1625, the time of James I, in place of the original high-pitched roof, and has eight Tudor four-centred arches on each side. At the foot of the tower is a Jacobean pulpit—all that remains of a three-decker made in 1601. There is also a stone pulpit of early Decorated work and it is one of the church's greatest treasures.

The faultless masonry of the chancel makes it a worthy background for the magnificent choir stalls; they are unique in their perfect state of preservation. St. Mary's has a magnificent east window, the beauty of which is somewhat marred by an equally magnificent carved reredos.

Restorations have been very extensive and expensive (1572–1577): in 1683 a beam from the nave roof fell on to the three-decker pulpit, and ten years later the transept roofs again gave trouble and "a lay of ye whole Old Rent was levied to meet the cost" (1698–99). One restoration lasted from 1855 to 1879, when something like £17,000 was raised.

In 1950 the present Rector, Canon Southwell, issued an appeal for £20,000 which realised £26,000. In 1961 60 tons of special cement (using the methods used at St. Paul's Cathedral and the Leaning

Tower of Pisa) were pumped under pressure into the foundation. The floor has been raised twice owing to pressure of subterranean water; this water is now maintained at a constant level by means of an electric pump. And despite this it is true to say the church "stands on springs".

The back six of the bells were by Abr. Rudhall (1713), although in 1600 there were only five bells in this tower. In 1608 "the Great Bell" was cast by George Lee, of Congleton, the weight being 2,300 lb. In 1669 our great bell in Nantwich "chaunced" to be cracked and was cast anew at Wellington, Shropshire. Forty years later the five were recast into six by Abram Rudhall. Little attention was given them and they tended to throw considerable strain on the tower. In 1878 they were quarter turned, frame strengthened and generally overhauled; two trebles were added in 1922 by J. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the first peal rung on May 5th, 1923.

Nantwich has a great name and history, not only in Cheshire but all over the country, and has had—and still has—some great characters, locally known as "Dabbers", arising out of, it is said, the early bird catchers with small cages and decoys. As the birds came in, father would say: "Dab down, chaddie (Red Poles) on cage—or on bird-limed twigs." The natives are good gardeners, good sportsmen—cricket, pigeon racing—anything, including good sayings, one being "dunner thro' if tha cans ner ketch". Nantwich has some lovely Cheshire black and white; one bears the inscription (a prayer of those days before the Great Armada) "God grant our royal Queen, In England long to reign, For she hath put her helping hand to build this town again" (after the devastating fire of 1583, £1,000).

COMMENT

Ever increasing in popularity among method ringers, striking competitions are guaranteed to provide all those who attend, especially those who participate, with an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. The reports in "The Ringing World" are very varied, portraying many different standards and atmospheres.

Only occasionally do we hear about the method of judging, but the recent Horsley Cup final report began with an outline of the points system which aroused the writer's interest. The usual way of judging is merely to place the bands in the order of least faults and often there is a standard piece to be rung. This set piece, if too difficult, may well preclude some bands from participating and will always preclude call change ringers. To allow all to enter and yet retain some advantage for those who choose to ring a more difficult method the Derbyshire ringers subtract the faults from the number of changes (240) and increase the result by a percentage dependent upon the type of method rung. They have obviously found this equitable over the years and it might well be adopted by other Guilds, Associations and Districts.

In reports of competitions using the conventional way of placing bands, faults vary from single to treble figures but this does not

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Points about Competitions

necessarily reflect adversely on those incurring hundreds of faults. The method of allocation of faults depends on the judge. My own method is to mark each double row as a unit with a maximum of four points, awarding a quarter fault for a poor lead or variation in time interval between two bells, a half fault for a "clip" or a very bad lead and a whole fault for two bells ringing together. The Derbyshire ringers favour marking each single row but this incurs too much writing for me! An article on judging by a West Country expert would be interesting.

The reaction of ringers to competitive ringing is varied. There are those who disagree with any form of competition in ringing, those who prefer not to take part and those who enjoy it. In the Southern Counties, competitions tend to be strictly "friendly" with no prizes or cups, and judges try to make constructive criticism of each band's effort, which can be a hazardous pursuit! However, a happy afternoon is always experienced, and evening ringing is often of above average quality. Provided no bitter feelings or rivalries are fostered by competition ringing there seems to be little reason for any objection to it; the stimulation and self-criticism induced are beneficial to individuals, bands and Guilds alike.

D. A. R. MAY.

BELLHOUSE FOR CHESTER'S NEW 12 PLANNED

Focal Point at Cathedral for Diocesan Guild Envisaged

AN announcement was made at a Press conference at Chester on July 4th by the Dean of Chester (the Very Rev. G. W. O. Addleshaw) that the Dean and Chapter had decided to apply for planning permission to build a bellhouse, designed by Mr. Pace, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A. on a derelict piece of ground belonging to the Cathedral in the south-east corner of the precincts beyond the Cheshire Regiment Memorial Garden.

It has been impossible to ring the Cathedral bells, which need recasting and a new frame and the strengthening of the tower since 1963. The scheme was welcomed by Mr. H. O. Baker, secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild. The bellhouse would be a focal point for the Guild. He visualised the appointment of a Cathedral company of 16 ringers.

(3). The belfry of the Cathedral should be the centre of the ringing world of the Diocese and county; a place where ringers can meet and which has adequate facilities for serving refreshments and cloakroom accommodation. It is quite impossible to provide these in the central tower.

(4). It is impossible in the central tower to have a complete ring of 12 bells and a flat 6th. A ring of ten is the maximum the tower will accommodate.

BELLHOUSE THE ANSWER

In their thinking about a place other than the central tower for the bells, the Dean and Chapter were much influenced by a remark of the late Mr. F. H. Crossley, the famous



A drawing by the Cathedral architect, Mr. George G. Pace, showing the siting of the proposed bellhouse in relation to Chester Cathedral. The architect's description of the building and bells appears on page 541. The scheme is subject to planning permission and also that of the Fine Arts Commission.

The Dean said that in the central tower of the Cathedral is a ring of ten bells. Since 1963 it has not been possible to ring them owing to the need of a new bell frame. The bells themselves, too, need recasting. A cathedral cannot be without bells and Chester Cathedral should have as fine a ring as any in the country. The Dean and Chapter have given a great deal of thought as to how to get the bells ringing again. The obvious course is to have the bell frame renewed and the bells recast.

But when estimates were obtained it was found that the cost at present day prices would be something in the region of £42,000. This is a large sum, and it made the Dean and Chapter think very carefully whether the money would not be better spent in putting the bells somewhere else than in the central tower, which is not the ideal place in the Cathedral for its bells.

THE DISADVANTAGES

In fact it has grave disadvantages for these reasons:—

(1). Looking up at the inside of the central tower from the floor of the Cathedral one sees some very fine 15th century intersecting

arches and wall arches, architecturally almost unique in England. Until 1867 the ringing chamber was below these arches. In that year the Cathedral architect, Sir Gilbert Scott, moved the ringing chamber so that the arches could be seen from the floor of the crossing, and the bell chamber was placed near the top of the louvred openings of the tower. But this position for the bells is unsatisfactory. It is contrary to sound building practice. Excessive stresses are set up in the tower and Cathedral structure generally due to the live movement of the bells when they are rung. Further, the bells are exceedingly noisy in the ringing chamber.

(2). Structurally, the weakest part of a mediaeval cathedral is the central tower, since its weight is carried, not on solid walls but on the four piers and arches of the crossing. A good deal of the cost of putting the bells back in the central tower is due to the strengthening of the tower that would be necessary. This is a difficult and costly task and even then it might not obviate structural weaknesses in the tower for the future; and structural weaknesses in the central tower could have serious repercussions on the whole fabric of the Cathedral.

Cheshire architectural historian, who designed the Cathedral Refectory roof and lived in Hoole. In his "Timber Building in England" (Batsford, 1951), he says on page 47 in regard to the positioning of bells in cathedrals and abbeys in the Middle Ages: "Many cathedrals and abbeys had separate bellhouses, bells being injurious to the fabric when rung in a central tower poised on four legs."

Was a detached bellhouse the answer to the problems raised by rehanging the bells in the central tower? Although Chichester Cathedral is now the only one in England with a separate bellhouse there were a number of cathedrals and abbeys in the Middle Ages that had them.

Inspired by what Mr. Crossley said, the Dean and Chapter and their architect, Mr. George Pace, in consultation with Mr. H. O. Baker, honorary secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, fully explored the possibility of building a separate bellhouse. The outcome is that the Dean and Chapter have decided to apply for planning permission to build a bellhouse, designed by Mr. Pace, on what is now a derelict piece of ground belonging to the Cathedral in the south-east

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1968 CENTRAL COUNCIL AS THE PRESIDENT SAW IT

Under the heading of "A Mixed Bag as Ringers Confer," Canon Gilbert Thurlow contributes his impressions of the Central Council meeting to "The Norwich Churchman." We publish it in the hope that it will mitigate against some of the unfavourable reports of the proceedings:—

A nationwide organisation, run by laity and clergy on equal terms, with influence far beyond the British Isles, and which stands the test of time and changing social conditions—such is the Church Bell Ringers' Central Council.

It has representatives from every diocese in England, from Wales and Ireland, and has close contact with the growing number of ringers in U.S.A., Canada, Australia and Africa.

Its annual conference,—this year at Worcester on June 4th—resembled a large gathering of technicians, businessmen, organists or missionaries!

Its agenda is varied and its business organisation considerably. It sells over 6,000 books on ringing annually and its management, production and distribution of "The Ringing World," with a circulation of over 6,000 a week, means a turnover of over £11,000 a year.

ALL EXPERTS

Among the committees whose reports are discussed is the Towers and Belfries Committee, whose members, all experts on one or more of the technical aspects covered, last year gave advice on the maintenance, restoration or new building of over 120 churches.

No architect should supervise work of such specialised nature without consulting this committee, which gives its services for nothing but expenses.

While Tuesday began with Holy Communion in Worcester Cathedral, celebrated by the Bishop of Worcester, and attended by most of the 166 members present.

The conference itself lasted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with lunch break, and the civic reception came as a welcome climax to a day which was mentally tiring—at least for the president.

The conference gave the impression that ringing has a worthy place in church life today. It provides a stimulating activity for modern teenagers who find in it an art inviting constant progress through life and amply justified by its connection with worship and proclamation of the Gospel, with the glory of "Old England" and with the modern scene. And it finds them place and purpose and friendship everywhere.

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Leicester Diocesan Guild A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held in Leicester on April 20th. Ten towers were open during the morning in the county and five city towers were well supported during the afternoon. The annual service was held in Leicester Cathedral, led by the Precentor, with a sermon by Canon Gundry. The singing was led by a choir of about 30 members of the Guild under the guidance of the assistant organist, Mr. R. Prime. Tea followed in the Alderman Newton Boys' School Hall.

Mrs. P. J. Stanforth, the president, opened the meeting by reporting on the achievements of the past 12 months—the 21st anniversary of the foundation of the Guild and the diocese's ruby year. She thanked the officers of the Guild for their services and mentioned seven or eight towers where ringing has again become a regular feature.

Four apologies for absence were received and 30 certificates of membership were presented—mostly to new members.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting, held at Loughborough on February 10th, were read, approved and signed. Three small matters were dealt with.

The hon. general secretary's report stated that membership was slightly higher than in 1966. The attendances at general meetings had improved, but once again the annual Guild striking competition was very poorly supported—only four towers entering. The annual dinner, held in October, had been very successful—the room being full to capacity.

The treasurer's report showed that during the year the General Fund had shown an increase of income over expenditure of £23. to £47. The Bell Repair Fund had increased by £165, although no grants were made from this during 1967, as the new rule, passed in 1967, made payments only from the committee meeting prior to the next annual general meeting. These had been made to Stoney Stanton (£80), Newtown Linford (£30) and Aylestone (£15). These increases showed an overall increase in the balance sheet of £212.

The peal secretary's report showed that the total peals rung during 1967 were 28 less than

in 1966—107 against 135. The usual analysis was reported.

These reports were all adopted by the meeting.

All the present officers and the present auditors were re-elected, and the election of four Central Council representatives (from 1969 to 1971) was the only one to need a vote. The four elected were Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Stanforth and B. G. Warwick. Mr. R. K. Mason was not elected.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES

This gave the appearance of being the longest item on the agenda, as two sides of foolscap paper had been duplicated with the proposed alterations. The first item, which proposed a completely new arrangement for membership, was heavily defeated. The second, to remove from the rules all mention of junior members, was carried, after some discussion, by 76 votes to 14. The alteration of one word—to read "long standing members" instead of "old standing members"—was passed nem con. The other four alteration proposals, all of which had a committee recommendation that they be not accepted, were withdrawn.

The committee announced that a librarian had been appointed until the 1969 annual general meeting, when the holder of this position will become an officer of the Guild. He would take complete care of the bound copies of "The Bell News" and "The Ringing World," recently given to the Guild unbound and gradually being bound by members.

The St. Margaret's band (Leicester) had offered to have a new bookcase made and to keep the copies in its belfry. This offer was gratefully accepted and Mr. J. Bramley was appointed librarian.

After much discussion it was agreed not to proceed with the Guild Office, which had had a trial period of 12 months' use in all Districts.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies who had prepared the tea, and the visitors who had acted as tellers in the one vote necessary.

After the meeting a social evening was held at the Aylestone Parish Hall. A. J. P.

Do's and Don'ts in Care of Handbells

Do handle the bells with care.

The metal is necessarily brittle and will not stand rough handling or dropping on the floor.

Don't touch the metal surface unnecessarily.

We send out the bells with a very high polish, and this can be maintained by an occasional rub with a clean, dry, soft chamois leather. Moisture from fingers causes local tarnishing.

Do use metal polish or impregnated cloths

to remove any tarnish that the leather will not. Metal polish two or three times a year will do no harm.

Don't clean the bells with abrasives.

If you must use a buffing machine, use a soft mop and jeweller's rouge. Nothing coarser.

Do store your bells in a clean, dry place.

Moisture and light will tarnish them.

Don't remove felt buffers from clappers.

They are fitted to the larger bells (usually 18G down) and are graded to give the finest tonal response.

Do apply a spot of cycle oil

either side of the clapper where is swings on the nylon staple pin. Only very occasionally if they get dry and rattle slightly, and only a tiny drop.

Don't stand large bells mouth downwards.

22C and larger are heavy and you may set the springs out of adjustment, or damage the clapper pegs and felts.

Do grip the handles close up to the leather caps

when playing. We take special care to make a smooth flush finish to the rivets for this purpose, and proper handling will lengthen the life of the handles indefinitely.

Don't pack the bells jumbled in a box

where they will get scratched and the handles and clappers damaged.

Hints given by Meares and Stainbank.

[By courtesy of "Reverberations."]

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. Baxter 1, A. R. Tibbles 2, M. Maggs (cond.) 3, O. Maggs 4, G. House 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

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Chester Press Conference

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corner of the precincts beyond the Cheshire Regiment Memorial Garden.

THE ADVANTAGES

The advantages of putting the bells in a bellhouse on this site rather than back in the central tower are as follows:—

(1). For all time the stresses on the central tower, and on the Cathedral fabric generally, that come from hanging the bells in the central tower would be removed, as change ringing sets up tremendous stresses in a bell tower, whereas chiming and carillons do not.

(2). A bellhouse would be built especially for the bells. It would be possible to incorporate in it all the most modern techniques in regard to ringing. Bellringing is one of the oldest and greatest English arts and one peculiar to our country. In a bellhouse the Diocese and county and its ringers could have what is, in effect, the perfect arrangement for bellringing.

(3). A bellhouse could be the centre of the ringing world of the Diocese and county; and on its ground floor could be provided a room for meetings, a canteen and cloakrooms.

(4). Chester would have the distinction of being the first cathedral since the end of the Middle Ages to build a bellhouse. And a bellhouse could be a great architectural adornment of the city, as indeed bellhouses are in Italian cities.

(5). A bellhouse on the site chosen would not interrupt any view of the Cathedral.

(6). A bellhouse would be cheaper. At present day prices its cost is estimated at between £36,000 and £39,000, some thousands less than rehanging them in the central tower.

(7). In a bellhouse it is possible to have a full ring of 12 bells with a flat 6th.

GUILD'S WELCOME

"I want to say how much we welcome the project," said Mr. H. O. Baker, speaking on behalf of the Guild.

The primary function of the bells, he said, is to call people to the services on Sundays and other Church festivals. As the Cathedral is at the centre of a very busy city, the architect has so designed the tower and the hanging of the bells that the sound will be carried upwards and outwards rather than being directed straight down to the immediate neighbourhood.

The building of the bellhouse will provide the Cathedral with the opportunity of forming its own regular company of ringers. A fruitful field for obtaining learners may be found at the Cathedral Choir School, Cathedral Youth Club, the Queen School, the King School, Chester College, the Grammar and Secondary Schools and Church Youth Organisations, who should be encouraged at all times, even though their stay may not be long in the city. It is the enthusiasm of the older ringers that will lead these learners to realise the fascination of this hobby and find satisfaction and pleasure as so many others have done.

The growing custom of the exchange of choirs between churches for a Sunday's duty could well be copied by ringers—when the company has become proficient—in fact I know of churches where this is done with great interest and success. It is also possible now to have one-day schools, which are becoming popular and very useful.

The Cathedral company of ringers, when formed, should consist of about 16 ringers with a Master, a Deputy (or perhaps a Ringing Master) and a secretary.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. On April 21st, 1,280 Superlative S.M.: J. Linnell 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, W. J. Chester 3, D. Burbridge 4, T. E. Roberts 5, F. C. Case 6, C. E. Truman (cond.) 7, G. E. Green 8. Also on May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge S.M.: J. G. Shallard 1, W. J. Chester 2, T. E. Roberts 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, F. C. Case 5, C. E. Truman 6, B. R. Egglefield 7, J. Linnell 8. Both for Evesons.

Architect's Plan for Chester Bellhouse

With Bells will Cost about £39,000

By George G. Pace, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., the Cathedral Architect

WHILST there is nothing new in a free-standing bellhouse, there are very few modern examples of free-standing towers designed for that very English art—change ringing. There are few difficulties in the structural design of a free-standing tower to carry bells hung dead for chiming or for playing as a carillon. With 13 bells hung for change ringing and with the maximum movement in the structure and the bellframe not to exceed 1/32nd of an inch, very careful investigation of many thousands of different stress combinations has been essential.



In this a computer has played a part. The very special stress problems and the need to work out a very simple and economic structural system required collaboration at all stages of the development of the design between the architect and the engineer, Ove Arup and Partners (the engineers for Sydney Opera House).

The bellhouse is to stand at the south-east corner of the Cathedral precincts, on part of the Abbey graveyard. The distance from the south transept, the choir and the Lady Chapel is thus considerable. The full height of the bellhouse is about 68 feet, and to the apex of the pyramidal roof 84 feet. These may be compared with the main part of the central tower (127 feet) and the ridge of the choir and the south transept (78 feet).

The design for the bellhouse has been worked out from first principles and with no preconceived ideas of the form and shape. It is interesting to note that the result bears a family likeness to the timber bellhouses of many ancient churches, especially those of the Welsh Border.

REINFORCED CONCRETE FRAME

The Chester Cathedral bellhouse has a deceptively simple reinforced concrete frame. At certain levels this has brick infilling. The ground stage is enclosed with a red sandstone wall having a basic quatrefoil plan shape. Above this level the whole of the frame is protected by a skin of western red cedar shingles. A continuous band of windows lights the ringing chamber and immediately under the eaves of the pyramidal cap are the sound holes. It is hoped to have a finely

conceived structural weather vane terminal in cast aluminium. The shingles will soon weather a silver-grey colour.

The treatment of the surrounding site may be grass or paving and possibly some specially designed seats.

Visually the bellhouse will be an object of interest in itself and its placing, outline, material, texture and colour have been carefully designed to integrate with the Cathedral and the townscape of Chester.

Inside the bellhouse, at ground level, there is a clubroom, with cloakrooms and a kitchen. A short spiral staircase leads to the ringing chamber. The bell ropes come down in a perfect circle and all is arranged and equipped to give near perfect facilities for bellringing. Between the ringing chamber and the bellframe there is a sound chamber. The distance between the ringing chamber floor and the bellframe gives the ideal length of pull for the bell ropes. The bellframe is placed so that access for maintenance is easy. There are pits for 13 bells.

13 BELLS OF 120 CWT.

In the existing ring, bell No. 8 is dated 1606 and cast by Oldfield. This bell is to be kept and the others recast to form a ring of 12 in diatonic scale with an additional bell, a flat 6th, making a total of 13 bells. The present ring of ten bells weighs approximately 125 cwt. The ring of 13 bells in the key D would weigh approximately 120 cwt. The bells would be pleasing musically and similar in timbre to the rings at the Cathedrals of Lincoln, Leicester, Blackburn and Southwell and Macclesfield Parish Church. The bells would have the best and most up-to-date fittings.

The bellframe would be of massive cast iron, low side type with cross bands and bolted to grillage beams.

The bellhouse is designed so that sound holes are at the perfect height above the bellframe. The sound of the bells passes to the open air through a specially designed reflector at the top of the belfry. This not only ensures that the sound of the bells travels the greatest possible distance, improves the quality of the sound, but also guards against excessive noise in the vicinity of the bellhouse.

Costs are difficult to estimate under present conditions and for a structure without precedent. Making an attempt to anticipate what costs may be 18 months hence gives the approximate cost of the bellhouse, bells, bellframe, clock and chiming machine as between £36,000 and £39,000.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Visitors from the Axbridge Deanery, Chippenham and Leicester joined Branch members at the quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery at Yatton (8) on June 16th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. P. Wilkes, during which he dedicated a new peal board, giving details of the peal rung to the memory of the late tower captain, Mr. H. A. Price. In his address the Vicar spoke of the Christian qualities of Mr. Price and of the debt we owed him.

After an excellent tea, prepared by Mrs. Porter and her helpers, the business meeting was chaired by Mr. H. W. Knight. Subject to permission, the September quarterly meeting will be held at Backwell, with the practice meeting at Stanton Drew (July) and a joint meeting with the Frome Branch at Kilmersdon in August.

A discussion arose over the time of practice meetings and it was decided that winter practices would start at 5 o'clock, as at present, but summer practices would be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Following the customary votes of thanks, ringing was resumed until shortly before 9 o'clock.

J. B.

Letters to the Editor

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—May I through the medium of the columns of "The Ringing World" and as a non-member of the Central Council, please thank the Worcestershire Association for its very kind hospitality to me and to all other non-members over Whitsuntide.

How nice it is to meet old friends and make new ones and to visit new towers as we do on this occasion which, unfortunately, only comes once a year.

With this in mind, I would like to emphasise that I feel a great concern for the future of the Council, particularly with regard to the meeting held on Tuesday, June 4th. I was very disgusted with the all too apparent un-Christian and purely selfish attitude of some members re arrangements, etc., for future Central Council meetings.

Mr. Speed's comment with regard to the tower-visiting was, for the most part, completely unjustified. Restrict the ringing to members only, Mr. Speed, and you will kill the whole atmosphere of the Central Council, and you know it. Concerning Mr. Ayre's remark, viz. peal ringing for next year's meeting at St. Albans, if Mr. Ayre will not make peal facilities available to non-members, I will be only too pleased to arrange peals that weekend. After all, there are plenty of towers outside Hertfordshire within a stone's throw of St. Albans.

Change Central Council proceedings in any way, ladies and gentlemen, and to my way of thinking this would be the first step towards killing ringing as we know it today.—Yours faithfully,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

MISS BELLRINGING

Dear Sir.—I did not think that bellringing or "The Ringing World" were involved in pornography, or surely, if they had been, they would both have been banned a long time ago!

Why on earth shouldn't there be a "Miss Bellringing"? After all, we read about ringers' socials, dinners, cricket matches and holidays, so why shouldn't we "mini-skirted" females be allowed to display our feminine charm?

I really fail to see what is obscene about such a contest; after all, a "Miss Bellringing" does not necessarily have to parade in a swimsuit at the Central Council meeting! (I wonder how many would object?)

So, Mr. B. C. Law and Mr. M. C. Broad, please arrange something; after all, what is Anna Sadowska really against, the literature in "The Ringing World" or the Exercise emerging from Victorian ideas?—Yours faithfully,

BRYONY P. H. MOORBY.

Kingston upon Thames.

Note. — The writer was not Miss Anna Sadowska, but someone who apparently had a grudge against her.—Ed.

OVERLOOKED?

Dear Sir.—Surely Professor Dodge, in his recent article, has omitted to mention one of the most unoriginal introductions to be made into the field of Minor ringing, namely that of special alliance methods.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER D. BAILEY.

London, N.W.

PARSONS AND BROADCASTING

Dear Sir.—In regard to the report of the C.C. Broadcasting Committee, I would like to point out that the bells of St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, Camberley, were twice broadcast in 1967.

Our Vicar, the Rev. Paul Barber, is a frequent broadcaster on "Five to Ten" and on Sunday, February 26th, the people's service at 11.30 a.m. went out live from our church. A request for the bells to be heard resulted in that service being faded out with about one minute of rounds on the bells. (Note page 502, top of column 3, in bold type.) On November 15th Mr. Barber introduced "Five to Ten" with the record of these bells and again faded out with the bells.

To all captains I would say: Get the parson interested in your bells and then if the opportunity arises—as with us—it becomes easy to get your part in the proceedings. You little know of the joy it can give to someone far from home. Our Vicar received, among many others, a very nice letter of thanks for the bells from a lady in Newcastle.

I might add that a series of three "people's services" is planned for later this year, when no doubt we shall again be "on the air." The dates are not yet known.—Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND BATH.

Tower Secretary.

Yorktown, Surrey.

PEALS ON THE IRISH SEA

Dear Sir.—Regarding the query in Belfry Gossip, page 485, on May 29th, 1901, a peal of 5,173 Stedman Caters was rung on handbells in 2 hours and 53 minutes during the crossing from Dublin to Holyhead in the S.S. "Cambria."

Let us recall the famous names of this historic event, for they were of ringers of a calibre of whose like we shall never see again: William Pye 1-2, William H. Barber 3-4, George R. Pye 5-6, Ernest Pye 7-8, and William Short (conductor 9-10).

The peal was witnessed by Isaac G. Shade, James George, John Buffery and John S. Goldsmith.

It is of interest to note that the three Pye brothers, James George and Isaac G. Shade each amassed a total far in excess of 1,000 peals. At the time of his passing the total of peals rung by William Pye was 1,969.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. NASH.

Muswell Hill, N.

T.B. MINOR QUERY

Dear Sir.—Can anyone supply the names of the following Treble Bob Minor methods?

—34—16—12—16—14—16.	1.e. 14.	164235
—34—16—12—16.34—12.36.	1.e. 12.	165324
—34—16—12—16.34—12.36.	1.e. 14.	136524
—34—16—12—16.34—14.36.	1.e. 14.	145362
—34—16—12—16.34—14.56.	1.e. 12.	154632
—36—16—12—16.34—12.36.	1.e. 14.	145362
36—34.16—12—16—12—16.	1.e. 14.	152643
36—34.16—12—16—12—36.	1.e. 12.	142563
36—34.16—12—16—12—36.	1.e. 14.	154263
36—34.16—12—16—14—56.	1.e. 14.	135642
36—34.16—12—16—34—36.	1.e. 14.	164235
36—34.16—12—16.34—12.36.	1.e. 14.	164235
36—34.16—12—16.34—14.56.	1.e. 12.	165324
36—34.16—12—16.34—14.56.	1.e. 14.	136524

Yours faithfully,

A. BISHOP.

London, S.W.

PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir.—The composition of 1,288 Bob Triples which was published on page 528 of the issue of July 21st, 1967, contains two errors in the course-end figures published due to a copying error on my part. I therefore submit the following corrected composition:—

1,288 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

234567	M	H
3425		2
3254		2
3245	3	1n
5243	S	
2435	S	2
2345		"A"

While on the subject of Bob Triples, it has been drawn to my attention that some people who are new to calling the method tend to regard the first lead (7th in 5-6 up) as the "Wrong" instead of the "Middle" and the next to the last lead to the course-end (7th in 5-6 down) as the "Middle" instead of the "Wrong." This is quite understandable if the individual concerned has had experience of calling Plain Bob Major, etc.

The fact is that the coursing order after a bob at the first lead of course is the same for Plain Bob on odd and even methods. Perhaps the powers that be might give thought to bringing Plain Bob on odd bells into line with its even bell counterparts as far as the "Wrong" and "Middle" headings are concerned. If this is not possible the headings 1, 5, 6, etc., would be a safer way of avoiding confusion.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. CHAPMAN.

Thornbury, Glos.

ANOTHER SPOOF LETTER

Dear Sir. — Would you please publish a statement to the effect that the letter of June 28th ("Ringing World," page 504), printed over my name, was not written by myself, nor did I have any knowledge of it being written.

Unless I receive an apology through your columns by the "person" who wrote the aforesaid letter, I shall have to consider taking further action.—Yours sincerely,

ANNA K. SADOWSKA.

Reading.

Note.—We apologise to Miss Sadowska. The letter was signed in her name and purported to come from 6, Bishop's Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham. We have again become the victim of a spoof.—Ed.

720 SURPRISE MINOR (8 METHODS)

Dear Sir.—I submit the following composition as requested earlier on:

23456 Primrose	63542 Prim. No. 2
35264 Bourne	24653 Primrose
42635 Ipswich	45236 Hull
—56423 Cambridge	36524 Primrose
23645 Cambridge	62345 Norfolk
45362 Ipswich	53462 Prim. No. 2
34256 Bourne	26543 Primrose
62534 Ipswich	64235 Hull
—45623 Cambridge	35426 Primrose
23564 Cambridge	52364 Norfolk
64352 Ipswich	43652 King Edward
36245 Bourne	56234 Hull
52436 Ipswich	34625 Cambridge
—64523 Cambridge	25463 Cambridge
42356 Norfolk	—56342 Norfolk
	23456

With 45, 64 and 56 the same way.

Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

Petworth, Sussex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

DIAMETER NO GUIDE TO TENOR'S WEIGHT

Dear Sir,—Generally, the diameter across the lip of a bell from the outside gives a rough guide of its weight if not already known officially. But there are exceptions, as for example: Tenors, St. Edmund's, Northampton, 46 ins, 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.; Wootton, Northants, also 46 ins., 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.; and Claybrooke; Leics, 46 ins., 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

The note, also, is not a true guide—the first of these three is F, the latter two are E flat. Market Harborough's (18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.), which is heavier than that of St. Edmund's, Northampton, is also F. And if one gets to St. Saviour's, Leicester, the tenor there is 25 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb., and its note no lower than the tenors at Claybrooke and Wootton.

There are several answers to this big difference—one is length of waist and another is circumference around the crown—these explain the differences between the three above-mentioned 46 inch bells.

Despite my pointing out to the general secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild that the 41 inch tenor bell at Easton Neston is only 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb and not "10½ cwt.," there is yet another peal reported in "The Ringing World" of June 7th, 1968, giving this latter assumed weight—obviously taken from the diameter, which, I repeat, is not a safe guide. One cannot go on reports of old peals, for Oakham has in the past 40 years been given three different weights—28 cwt., 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb., and 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.—this last is the correct one and even this is heavy for a bell of only 49 inches when compared with Castle Ashby—50 inches and 19 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

In the 1967 Peterborough Diocesan Guild report the general secretary did make the necessary alteration to all reports of peals rung that year at Easton Neston, so there is now no excuse for still reporting it at its assumed weight of 10½ cwt.

Ecton, too, is 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. and not 16 cwt., as stated in a peal reported in your June 7th issue. This, too, is corrected in the 1967 report. There may be three Ashtons in Northants (only one with bells), but it is news to me that there are two Nassingtons, one near Oundle and another in the Guilsborough area, and there is no excuse for this tenor constantly being reported as 11 cwt. Its correct weight of 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. is clearly printed up in the belfry. There are not two Nassingtons. The new tenor at Wansford should read 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., not 34 cwt. or 3 cwt. 19 lb. It may be interesting to reveal that this bell in 1967 cost £352 to install—frame already there. A similar bell in the 1920-30's would have cost £80 to £100. — Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

5.088 WESTHOUGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. W. WASHBROOK

23456	M	B	W	H
35426			2	
24653				
23564		3		3

Repeated twice.

OBITUARY

MR. VALENTINE GOSLING

The death took place in Florida last month of Mr. Valentine Gosling, aged 94. He had lived in America for some years but came from Nottinghamshire. About five years ago he offered a sum of money to the first band ringing one of his compositions. This was of Bob Major, and the peal was duly rung by a handbell team, who received the award.

MR. HARRY STRANGWARD

Mr. Harry Strangward, for many years tower captain at St. Mary the Virgin's, Nassington, Northants, passed away peacefully at his home on June 23rd, 1968, aged 83 years.

Harry was taught to ring at his native Nassington just before the turn of the century, and during his 69 years as a ringer he taught countless numbers of young and not so young to handle a bell. At the time of his death he left a good band of ladies to carry on in the noble art, all in their early teens, together with one or two older ringers, who ring regularly for services and attend Branch meetings.

Prior to the formation of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Nassington was not affiliated to the local Deanery Association but on February 14th, 1925, at a meeting at Alwalton, Harry, together with five other Nassington ringers, joined the newly-formed Guild. Harry took part in only one peal, Grandsire Doubles, his favourite method, in 1939. He was well loved by all who knew him.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Foster), president of the Oundle Branch, on June 27th, followed by interment in the local cemetery. The Vicar spoke of Harry's love and devotion to the church and to the art of bellringing. During the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles in his memory.

SILSOE, BEDS. OUTING

It was a beautiful, sunny Whit Saturday morning when Silsoe ringers and friends set out for their 17th annual outing. The area chosen this year was Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.

The first ringing of the day was at Colsterworth, where we found a very interesting church having associations with Sir Isaac Newton. A sundial carved by him at the age of nine was among the many things to be seen. Then to Great Ponton, where the heavy five was a little difficult for the younger ringers.

The villagers of Barrowby were to be our hosts for the next two hours. After a pleasant ring on the light six lunch was taken at the Rectory, kindly prepared by the Rector's wife and her very willing band of helpers.

After such an excellent lunch everyone enjoyed the long run to Gosberton, where there is a fine church and lovely bells, and the ringing here was of an excellent standard. So on to Surfleet, a chance for many of the ringers to ring on 12 bells for the first time.

Tea was taken at the Garden Restaurant at Springfields, Spalding, and this was followed by another relaxing ride to March. Before ringing, the Vicar gave us a short history of his church and pointed out to us the fine angel roof. The last ring of the day was at Doddington and, after the usual refreshments, Silsoe was reached at about 11.30 p.m.

Our grateful thanks go to all who met us, especially to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Gagner-Harris and the helpers at Barrowby, to the coach driver and last, but by no means least, to our organisers, Des Brazier and Colin Mann.

M. M.

CALL CHANGES

DOINGS IN DEVON

Seven competitions will be taking place in Devon during July. The 6th is a blank day so far as we can hear, but the 13th sees two—the Bristow Cup at Bristow, on the A.30 road just beyond Okehampton, and the East Portlemouth Shield at Kenn, near Exeter. This shield is competed for in the tower of the holders. On the 20th the fine old six at Shaugh (pronounced Shaw) Prior will be going to the Shaugh Prior Shield, and visitors in the Plymouth area will find not only good ringing but lovely scenery, for Shaugh is a superbly-sited village clinging to the edge of the Moor, where it takes a plunge into the lovely wooded Plym Valley, near the famous Dewer Stone. On the same day is the Down St. Mary Shield competition in another very pretty village not far from Exeter.

Three more festivals come on the 27th; at Stoke Gabriel on the Dart, where visitors will see one of the finest yew trees in the country; at Shebbear, where the Devil is buried under a boulder on the village green and the bells have recently been restored and put in line order; and at Poughill, north-west of Exeter. This last village is one of the little shibboleths which Devonians maintain in order to identify foreigners. The parish of the same name in North Cornwall is pronounced "Poffle"; this one is pronounced in a manner only acquired after many years of residence in the county, but nearer to "Poyill" than anything else. It has a pretty light Taylor six which go very well.

We hear glowing reports of the competition run by Beric Bartlett at Lustleigh on June 22nd; the first three teams were all below 20. And Down St. Mary managed to redeem a little of the glory lost at Bishopsteignton by beating Plymstock with a very fine peal with 12 1/3rd faults: Plymstock had 17 1/3rd and West Alvington 18 1/3rd. J. G. M. S.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

One tower in Surrey, three in Kent and two in East Sussex were on the programme for Guildford Cathedral outing on June 8th. At Oxted, the first tower, the party of 30 or so ringers were met by Mr. A. Newham. A fair percentage of the ringing at all towers was rounds and call changes to cater for our profusion of learners.

Leaving Surrey, we were met at Westerham (our heaviest ring of the day) by Mr. J. O. Weller. Edenbridge, which followed, had the best bells of the day. Thank you, Mr. Leigh, and congratulations on a spotlessly clean ringing room!

After lunch at Edenbridge it was a pleasant ride to Wadhurst, where one of our experts learned his ringing and practised his carpentry. We were met by Mr. Charles Bassett and two other local ringers. Another good Sussex eight was at Withyham. We went back into Kent for tea at the Elizabeth Barn, Tunbridge Wells, and our last tower was at Tunbridge Wells (a majestic eight), the ringing including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge and Double Norwich. M. K.

ELMORE, GLOS.—On June 5th, 1,320 Doubles: Miss S. M. Perry 1. R. J. Page 2. M. N. Amphlett (cond.) 3. Miss J. G. Pillinger 4. D. I. Tomlins 5. D. G. Whalley 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Page and a wedding compliment to the brother of the 4th ringer.

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THE COLLEGIATE SOCIETY IN DERBYSHIRE

THE 1968 week-end was the fourth full-scale excursion to sample other people's bells and, in retrospect, it was vintage stuff. The band met in Oakham on the Friday afternoon and despite a delay which cut into the ringing time the first tower set the tone for what was to come. Oakham bells are a fine, full-toned 22 cwt. eight and we rang Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge. Visitors who follow may care to remember that Deputy Ringing Masters of some standing can be left swinging above the tenor box here if they do not appreciate deepest bells. There is also a cunning device to chime the tenor when lowering in peal, but it is perhaps wise to rely on local knowledge for this.

Before reaching Derby that evening we called at Wymeswold to ring on the nice little 11 cwt. six and found that the vintners' phrase "travels well" could fairly be applied to these products of the Downham Market foundry. The last tower of the day was at Kegworth and we had been warned that the back seven only were ringable. However, the treble lacked but a stay and the purists allowed themselves to count the tower. The party was joined at this stage by friends from elsewhere and we closed on Derby in some strength.

The York Hotel, Derby, is a sound choice for train spotters; not so obviously, it attracts itinerant peal ringers and we found two well-known characters already in residence. The hotel is unique in my experience in that, while in bed at 6.15 a.m., one's attention is drawn to the fact that "the train now standing at Platform 3 is for Loughborough, Leicester and all stations to . . ." Useful, no doubt, for some.

A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE

Our first tower on Saturday morning was at Duffield, where we started well and rang Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Cambridge Royal. The ten might be described as a textbook example; fine, clear tone, audible in the tower, easy to handle; an appropriate reminder of the work of the founder of the Central Council.

With some diffidence, the only member of the company who had shaken George Brown by the hand led the way to St. Peter's, Belper, and we climbed the narrow stair of this gangling and rather gauche tower to find a ringing chamber just large enough to contain us. Nevertheless we liked the bells, a mellow octave of medium weight, and could have enjoyed a longer visit had not the timetable urged us on.

Crich St. Michael (our next tower) has a most interesting church standing high above the Derwent Valley with the old village clustered round it. The tower itself is handsome with a recessed spire complete with dormer windows, and, being a ground-floor ring, the fine interior is easily appreciated. The standard of ringing slipped somewhat here, although the final touch of London went well. Our resident traffic engineer having returned satisfied from the nearby Transport Museum, we motored rapidly down to the Anglers' Rest and up again to Wirksworth. After a fruitless search inside we found that the crossing tower is reached via outside steps and gently-sloping tunnel stair which lead to a ringing chamber which is interesting if only for the phonetic French on one of the large hatchments. The bells (a 14 cwt. eight) are tuneful but somewhat odd-struck and it was not until the second touch that the ringing achieved a reasonable rhythm.

A MACABRE YEW

What should have been a quick beer and sandwich lunch at Matlock Bath dragged on for over an hour, during which time half the party wolfed their ham and lettuce while the other half wilted visibly. However, we were just about on time at Darley Dale, where frustration and indigestion gave way to quite

vigorous touches of Plain Bob Triples. Superlative and Stedman. We made our way out of the church past the extraordinary and faintly macabre yew tree, which, for those who appreciate accuracy in these things, is 33 feet in circumference at four feet from the ground.

Turning back through Matlock we made for Ashover, where the Church of All Saints possesses a beautifully sonorous 18 cwt. eight housed in a 15th century tower. These bells have a high reputation and after ringing them we felt bound to endorse it. Ground-floor rings after lunch are always welcome but at Ashover there is a certain tendency to wander off and look at the many interesting things the church contains: the alabaster tomb of Thomas Babington (whose family built the tower) is particularly fine.

In Clay Cross there are pit-head baths—"one of the many exemplary structures put up by the Miners' Welfare Commission," and the Church of St. Bartholomew designed by Stevens in 1851. To divert one's attention from the remainder one may ring on the eight cwt. six and be amply compensated. Coming from a six-bell tower—at least nominally—our critical faculties tend perhaps to be sharper on that number, but we could find no fault with the tone and handling of Clay Cross bells and we enjoyed them. Touches of Norwich, Cambridge, London and Plain Bob were rung here.

CHESTERFIELD IN POURING RAIN

Traversing the battered landscape we came to North Wingfield, where St. Lawrence's Church is set on a windy hill. The available notes say that Double Norwich failed and that the Grandsire was "rubbish" and so the kindest comment would be that it was the ringers, not the bells, who were at fault. Regaled by apocryphal stories of how the spire came to be twisted in the first place, we arrived in Chesterfield in the pouring rain and it was a rather tired band that caught hold to ring. This no doubt was the reason for the ragged and uneven ringing that followed and why we failed to do justice to the bells.

Our last tower for the day was the light six at Old Whittington, where the ringing chamber has the feeling of a Chinese box puzzle—the only way to progress is to remove a ringer, whereupon the space is automatically taken by someone else. For those with a taste for the bizarre the stained glass portraits of Gladstone and the Earl of Shaftesbury in the north aisle of the church cannot fail to attract.

After an abundant meal in Chesterfield we returned to base and found the day's peal tally

was one lost, one gained. After a certain amount of "Well, we crossed over at the back and then I forgot how to catch my sally . . ." and other unlikely tales, we (or some of us) went gratefully to bed—and heard once more how things were doing on Platform Three.

Sunday morning's programme looked fearsome on paper and came to demand a strong constitution and sound digestion. Before breakfast we set off at a sharp trot round the corner, for all of 500 yards, to ring at St. Andrew's for the 9.15 service. With such a nice, easy-going ten we enjoyed ringing our staple Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Royal. Breakfast was anything but leisurely and by 9.45 a band was ready to ring at St. Peter's and a fast touch of Stedman was followed by Yorkshire Surprise Major. Next stop was at the Cathedral, where we were welcomed by the resident band and joined them to ring for Eucharist.

Coffee, communal crosswords and Chinese chow followed before we set off for Lichfield. Despite, or perhaps because of, the presence of a Ben and a Sam, the Eng. Lit. class remained sadly confused over which Johnson they were supposed to know about before we got there. We arrived in time to ring for afternoon Evensong and were delighted with this magnificent ten.

We were sorry to leave Lichfield so soon, but we had yet another service deadline and by 5.45 we joined the resident band at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Grandsire Caters, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus were enjoyed in very friendly company before we set off for home. The last stop of the day was, appropriately enough, at the George, Wisbech, and, having eaten all the toasted cheese in the house, we passed on.

Our thanks are due to David House for sound administration and inspired tower selection, and we are grateful to all those who gave us permission to ring, who met us and who rang with us. D. P. M.

SUMMER RINGING IN DUBLIN

During the summer months ringing in Dublin will be as follows:—

Sundays St. George's 10.30 a.m., 6.30 p.m.; Christ Church Cathedral 10.30 a.m., 3 p.m.; St. Patrick's Cathedral 10.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m.; John's Lane 12 noon.

Practices are held in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and at John's Lane first Tuesday in each month at 8.30 p.m.

MISFORTUNES BEFELL THE OXFORD SOCIETY

The outing of the Oxford Society this year took place on June 22nd, the weather being extremely miserable with frequent rainstorms. A seven o'clock start was required to enable the journey to the first tower to be made at a leisurely pace. On arrival at Kettering, members gazed at the Parish Church with thoughts of the pleasant ten inside. What a pity! The secretary had told the party as they left Oxford that permission to ring on this Northamptonshire ten had not been granted.

The journey continued to Oakham, via Uppingham, where a transport cafe provided breakfast. An attempt for an early morning drink at a nearby public house failed, as the drinking contingent arrived at the saloon bar door well before ten o'clock. The glorious eight at Oakham were put to good use, though it was feared that ringing here might also have to be cancelled, as on arrival the belfry door was found to be locked. Eventually, after a long argument with the clockwinder and his greyhound, the party was allowed up into the tower.

With hearty appetites, members journeyed on to Peterborough, but were saddened to

learn on arrival that no lunch had been arranged. After splitting up to make their own arrangements for a meal, the party assembled at St. John's Church, where a warm welcome was extended to them.

Back in the coach everybody began to look forward to tea and a ring on the good ten at St. Paul's, Bedford. Alas! No tea had been arranged, and Bromham had been substituted for Bedford's ten-bell tower. The final tower of the day was at Buckingham, and the party were met by three old friends—Bill Yates, George Holland and Jim Linnell. After a good ring on the heavy bells an enjoyable social evening was spent in the usual manner.

Thanks go to the secretary, Mr. Philip Walker, for the work he put in to make the outing a success. And it was a success, even though there were fewer towers than had been expected.

A STAMFORD SIX

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,260 P. Bob Minor: R. Bushell 1. Miss W. R. Austin 2. Miss P. Thomas 3. F. J. Daddon 4. J. B. Clarke 5. L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Evensong on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

DATE TOUCH

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On June 17th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: E. H. Langley 1, T. R. Hart (first of Major) 2, Violet L. Castle 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, B. C. Castle 5, F. M. Bowers 6, C. G. Bryant 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On June 9th, 1,360 Grandsire Doubles: R. Horington 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, G. Lewis 3, R. Stephens 4, S. Edwards 5, M. Roberts 6, Rung half-muffled at a memorial service for Basil Thomas, a much-respected churchman and ringer at St. Mary's for many years.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 23rd, 1,320 Carlisle Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, N. Bennett 2, Carol Cousins 3, Amanda Powell 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method by all except conductor. For Matins.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On June 17th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: F. Harris 1, T. Jones 2, L. Mainwaring 3, B. Giddings 4, T. Bound 5, R. Hatcher (cond.) 6. First in the method 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,344 Ealing Surprise Major: Mrs. Beryl M. Shuttleworth 1, Anne Harris 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, P. N. Mackley 4, D. R. McLean (has now "circled the tower" to quarters since the rehanging) 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6, E. Shuttleworth (cond.) 7, Mr. Smith 8. First in method by all except the conductor. By N.U.S.C.R. for Evensong on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BRISTINGTON, BRISTOL.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Clark (first quarter) 1, D. A. Powney 2, J. Palmer (first quarter) 3, F. G. Bloomfield 4, A. Enticott (first quarter) 5, B. D. Sims (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Barnabas' Day for Choral Eucharist a compliment to Rev. Austin Thomas on his recent ordination.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On June 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (four methods/variations): J. C. Hudson 1, Cynthia E. Barnett (first as cond.) 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, R. N. Scholes 4, C. J. Groom 5, For the Flower Festival.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol Whitaker 1, Jane Lawrence 2, C. Grandidge 3, Margaret Warford 4, R. R. Warford (cond.) 5, First quarter for 1 and 3.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On June 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): Mavis Wilson 1, N. M. Newby, sen. (cond.) 2, J. E. Burles 3, F. H. Crawley 4, V. Forshaw 5, J. Bagwell 6, J. Blackburn 7, W. Wall 8, K. M. Price 9. For the induction of the Rev. G. W. Brassington, B.A., as Vicar.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Taylor 1, Miss M. Chambers 2, Miss J. Spurgeon 3, J. Bull 4, J. H. Lott 5, M. R. Wycherley (cond.) 6. For children's service.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. P. Wood 1, Rosemary A. Hartley (first in method) 2, Charlotte M. Harris 3, R. L. Piron 4, A. D. Norman 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

GORING-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Caroline Jones 1, R. M. Palmer 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, D. W. Wyatt 4, G. R. Hills 5, A. R. Martin 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4. For Evensong.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. R. Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, R. Welch 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, E. White 5, T. Hill 6, G. Nevill 7, B. Brown 8. A wedding compliment to Miss D. E. Carbin and Mr. H. J. Gummer.

KINGSDON, SOM.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Welch 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, R. Parker (cond.) 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Dean 6. Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of the 2nd and 5th ringers, married at this church on June 4th, 1938.

KINGTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. P. Hull 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Lucas 1, G. Lucas 2, Miss J. Hills 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, W. White 6. Most methods 1, 2, 4. Rung prior to the christening of Zoe Elizabeth Fleckney. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Gray 1, K. Lucas 2, Miss J. Hills 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. For Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: W. White 1, G. Gray (first "inside") 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Stott 4, P. M. Fleckney (cond.) 5, L. Foster 6.

QUARTER PEALS

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Kelly (first quarter) 1, Patricia Mundy (first "inside") 2, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 3, W. E. Mashiter 4, A. W. Johnson 5, C. Pouncey 6.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Page 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2, M. Bolton 3, N. D. Deam 4, R. H. Jones 5. For Confirmation.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On June 23rd, 1,296 Plain Job Caters: Adelaide Day 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, R. Preston 5, O. Homewood 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Mantion (cond.) 9, A. French 10. First on ten bells for 1 and 10. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Jane Bryant 1, Mira Ford (first "inside") 2, Ann Bryant (first "inside") 3, Joan Exeter 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Deniac Wingrave 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (four meth./var.): Denise Wingrave 1, Glynda Poppington 2, Mira Ford 3, Susan Rayner 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. F. Hunt 6. First in four methods 2, 3, 4. Both a wedding compliment to Ray Yardy (former vice-captain) and Angela Bower, married this day at Chilvers Coton, Warks.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. R. Short 1, Miss E. Pouncey 2, L. Derrick 3, Miss G. Brearley 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On June 9th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss D. Carter 1, Mrs. M. Foskett 3, S. Foskett 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, R. Pengelly 6. For Trinity Sunday.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Screen 1, Sara Cornock 2, Pat Buckland (cond.) 3, J. Taylor 4, R. A. Screen 5, R. Barnett 6. For the Bisle Deanery Mothers' Union 1968 Festival Service.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, on June 9th, 1,263 Siedman Triples: S. Cole 1, Patricia Rogers (cond.) 2, Carole Patey 3, J. Cooper 4, J. Seager 5, M. Young 6, C. Lonaden 7, J. Hartley 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Robert Kennedy, and for evening Mass. By S.U.G.C.R.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On June 10th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Judith M. Corby 1, Lucile M. Corby 2, C. Bassett (first in method) 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, P. A. Corby 5, Doris E. Colgate 6, A. J. Corby (cond.) 7, D. W. Woodcock 8. Also on June 17th, 1,280 Cimmeride Surprise Major: D. W. Woodcock 1, Doris E. Colgate 2, P. A. Corby 3, C. Bassett (first of Surprise) 4, Judith M. Corby 5, P. J. Simmonds 6, R. T. Pankhurst 7, A. J. Corby (cond.) 8.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on June 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Deborah Bishop 1, Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, J. W. Rea 5, K. J. Rider 6, A. Bishop 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8, A. E. Bagworth 9, D. M. Hughes 10. Rung by members and friends of the Cathedral Society as a token of appreciation to the late Jack A. Waugh for his service to this cathedral over many years. Rung prior to the Trinity Ordination. Also on June 16th, 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: M. T. Sprackling 1, D. M. Boniface 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, L. C. Way 5, A. S. Bishop 6, K. J. Rider 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, C. M. Meyer 9, C. T. Richards 10, J. W. Smith 11, H. W. Rogers 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STAFFORD.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Wignin 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, F. R. Wignin 3, T. G. Williams 4, N. Holland 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, R. K. Mowforth (cond.) 8. For Matins, the Mayor attending in State. Also on June 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. Daniels (first of T.B.) 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, Jennifer Beech 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, N. Holland 7, F. Beech (cond.) 8. For Trinity Sunday, and sixth wedding anniversary of 2 and 4.

STOW, Lincs.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Miss P. Denton 1, Miss R. Thorpe (first in method) 2, Mrs. J. Bull 3, B. J. Bull 4, J. F. Underwood (cond.) 5, A. Denton 6. For Eucharist, and as an engagement compliment to Miss P. Denton and Mr. S. Grattrick.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. Hensley 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Q. Webster 3, B. Butler 4, A. Leves (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. W. T. Slack 1, H. R. Jacobs 2, N. G. Hughes (first Treble Bob "inside") 3, S. M. Jack 4, A. J. Mason 5, B. R. M. Johnson (first Treble Bob as cond.) 6, First Treble Bob 1 and 2. Rung by the Winchester College Society. First of Treble Bob by men in the school only. Also on June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Janet Yeates 1, Sandra Pearce 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, F. W. Sherfield 6. A greeting to Christopher David Stone, born June 13th, 1968.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. B. Steele 1, J. P. Sale 2, D. J. Morgan 3, D. Robinson (cond.) 4, I. G. Morgan 5. For Ascension Day. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. J. Fox 1, J. P. Sale 2, Anne Henman 3, I. G. Morgan 4, D. Robinson (cond.) 5. For the Feast of Corpus Christi.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Peterborough Guild annual dinner will be held this year at Rothwell on October 26th. The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild is holding a half-day bellringing school at Islip on September 28th.

Mrs. Palfrey has been appointed to succeed her late husband, Mr. Harold Palfrey, as tower master at Corston, Somerset.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. E. Enticknap, of Womersley, is in the Albert Ward of the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, having recently undergone an operation. Ringing at Womersley has in consequence been cancelled. An announcement of its resumption will appear in due course.

Boys from King's School, Worcester, who have just renovated the four bells at Spetchley Church, would like to make their ringing five times more interesting by adding a fifth bell. The notes of the existing bells are B, C, D and E flat and the best splice would seem to be a bell striking F, of diameter 20 inches or so. Any offers or suggestions would be welcomed by Mr. P. Catermole, King's School, College Green, Worcester.

The peal rung at Froyle was the first of Doubles on the bells and was rung as a greeting to Christopher David Stone, born on June 13th, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stone, of West Meon, where Mr. Stone is tower captain. The conductor, Mr. C. E. Bassett, has now rung a peal in each tower of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild while holding the post of District Secretary.

The peal at Leeds Parish Church reported in the issue of June 7th was inadvertently duplicated in the issue of June 14th.

Corrections.—The composer of the peal at Warnham (page 490) was Giles B. Thompson. Peal at Billingshurst: ringer of 4th Geoffrey C. Rix: ringer of 5th Timothy Banner.

The Rev. Royer Keeley has accepted the living of Whiteparish, Wilts. The date of his institution and induction has not yet been settled but it will not be until the autumn. To his regret, Whiteparish has only three ringable bells.

In the recent report of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild quarterly meeting the name Uppminster inadvertently appeared for Yemminster. It was the newly rehung six at Yemminster that was the cause of many favourable comments.

The inscription on the 5th bell at Lardisland reads: "To commemorate the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, June 2nd, 1953." By coincidence, the recent College Youths' peal of Glasgow there was rung on the anniversary of this event.

The ringers of the peal at Hartest, Suffolk, who rang for the 81st birthday of Arthur W. Rolfe, who donated the treble bell at this tower in 1963, would like to express their good wishes to him for many more happy ringing years. This peal was rather belated as a previous attempt was unsuccessful. The two first-pealers—Brian Coley and David Tamberlin—are to be congratulated on ringing seven methods "inside" for their first peal.

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THE BATH FESTIVAL, 1968

A party of some 80 visitors to the Bath Festival had a morning tour of the Mid-Somerset area on June 24th, viewing the churches at Batcombe, Bruton and Evercreech.

At the last named a short programme was laid on including a brief introduction to English church bells and the evolution of change ringing. Practical demonstrations of change ringing were given to parties visiting the ringing room to see the ringers in action. The mechanics of a bell and how it is rung were illustrated with the use of the Wrington model bell.

The ringing programme included some simple call changes on six bells followed by rounds on the ten bells, in which the junior members of the local band took part, Stedman Triples and two touches of Grandsire Caters.

Despite the inclement weather, quite a number ventured to the top of the tower, where the bells can be heard at their best, and by the end of the programme all who wished had been able to see the ringers in action.

The party mainly comprised visitors from European countries and America and, from the expressions of appreciation of the programme received, it would seem that our ancient art proved an intriguing subject.

Ringers taking part were the local band assisted by Messrs. R. G. Beck, V. Savage, P. Hull, J. Badman, C. Wainwright and Mr. and Mrs. P. Jones. H. J. S.

LANCHESTER'S WHIT MONDAY

Three towers in three different counties were the objective of Lanchester, Durham, ringers on their second annual outing, held on Whit Monday.

We left Lanchester in pouring rain for Cotherstone, in the North Riding of Yorkshire. Good striking was not in evidence on the light six due to the length of rope, and one ringer found it easier to reach the sally by kneeling on the floor to ring.

After lunching at Brough we moved on to Appleby, in Westmorland, which for most of the party was the first ground-floor ringing experienced. Our efforts were an added attraction to the annual spring fair.

Finally came Great Salkeld, Cumberland (6), and this Saxon church turned out to be the most popular of the day. A churchwarden proved to be an amiable host by allowing non-ringing members on to the tower roof to sample the marvellous view of the Pennines.

Mr. Alan C. Walker, the organiser, thanked the respective Vicars and churchwardens for the use of their bells. A. H. W and A. C. W.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

A 34-seater coach, in place of the 20-seater ordered, resulted in Nottingham University Society having 23 spare seats for their outing into Lincolnshire on June 22nd.

After ringing at Bottesford (8) and Barkston (6) the eight at Sleaford were found to be a little tricky to ring due to the 75 feet draught, but a course of Yorkshire and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were managed.

In the afternoon the rather difficult five at Ashby-de-la-Launde and the fine six at Martin-by-Timberland, followed by a first-class tea at the Vicarage, prepared us for the best bells of the day at St. Giles', Lincoln. Here three "short courses" of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. On the light eight at Harmston a course of Ealing Surprise was achieved.

P. N. M.

NEW GUILD SECRETARIES—No. 1



The new general secretary of the Surrey Association of Change Ringers is Mr. Colin H. Cook.

After three years as secretary Mr. Bill Parrott has retired through pressure of business. Before then he had served 15 years as secretary of the Northern District.

The new man has served as assistant general secretary for two years and previously spent two years on the Southern District Committee. He was taught to ring at St. Katharine's, Mersham, by Alec Cheasley, captain, and gained further experience at other local towers. Through the encouragement of Southern District ringers he rang a number of quarter peals. His first peal was for the East Grinstead and District Guild at Fairwarp in Sussex. The conductor then was Alan Baldock, now general secretary of the Sussex Association.

Through his friendship with Edenbridge ringers he joined their annual outing and met the young lady who later became his wife.

He now lives at Caterham, a town without bells, but only two miles away are the five bells of St. John's, Coulsdon, and his first tower, St. Katharine's, Mersham, is four miles over the North Downs.

For those wishing to correspond with him, his address is as follows: 63, Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey, CRO 5PG. Telephone No. 46218.

LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

Upwards of 60 ringers from Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambs, Lines and Notts, visited Lavenham for the 157th anniversary of the augmentation by two trebles on June 22nd. This ringing day has been observed regularly except for the war years and the rehanging of the bells. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Yorkshire Surprise, with rounds and call changes for learners.

MORE RINGING IN NEW ENGLAND

The new bells at Smith College were put to good use recently when a band of ringers from the area spent three days at the Northampton school. Although most of the practices were, of necessity, silent, there was good opportunity for open ringing. One of the silent practices was started late in the evening only to be interrupted at midnight by a curious campus policeman, who, needless to say, was a non-ringer!

Good progress is being made by the Smith College ringers, despite the fact that the bells have been in for a very short time. The typical enthusiasm of the Americans is here, writes our correspondent, and everyone seems to learn quickly and well. Self-criticism is the key to the success which has been made so far. A firm foundation is essential here, as the two Smith stalwarts, Dr. and Mrs. Dickinson, will be away on sabbatical leave next year.

The ringers were very kindly entertained during the week-end by Miss Margaret Rawson, who is the daughter of the well-known Leicester ringer, Mr. Ernest Rawson. Margaret is learning to ring at Smith and is making very good progress.

This was the second of a series of week-end meetings held in the New England area, and the progress that was made bodes well for the future of American ringing. It is a pleasure to thank the Smith ringers for their hospitality. G. D.

WESTHOUGHTON'S SURPRISE BAND

The peal of Westhoughton Surprise Major rung at Westhoughton, Lancs, on June 22nd, was the culmination of six months of sustained effort by the Sunday service band. Five of the band are below the age of 18 and four of them attend Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School. In the last two years these young ringers have made remarkable progress and have rung a variety of Surprise methods.

The conductor, Mr. G. Fothergill, would like to congratulate them, through the columns of "The Ringing World," on the excellent standard of striking achieved during the peal: in particular, the ringing during the second hour of the peal approached perfection. A tape-recording of the first hour of the peal was made, and this will give the band the opportunity to recapture at least a part of a memorable occasion.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER

Wingfield (Suffolk) ringers celebrated Charlie Brown's 50 years as a ringer by a very pleasant evening on June 27th.

Miss Betty Syrett arranged a celebration peal for the evening and this was duly rung in 2 hours and 53 minutes with Charlie ringing the treble. Afterwards the company retired to the King's Head for a really splendid supper and were joined by the locals, including Mrs. Brown. Charles was presented with a cigarette lighter, and the Master of the Guild, Mr. George Pipe, thanked him for his services to Suffolk ringing. Altogether a very convivial evening, summed up by Leonard Last's final toast "More tomorrow!"

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., June 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

6th place bobs. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.
Frank C. Price .. Treble | Roderick W. Pipe .. 5
Wilfred Williams .. 2 | Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6
W. Eric Critchley .. 3 | John H. Fielden .. 7
David E. Rothera .. 4 | Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor
Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
George W. Massey .. Treble | John C. Sheppard .. 5
*John S. Walton .. 2 | Richard C. Taylor .. 6
†David J. Gay .. 3 | Raymond E. J. Baker .. 7
Michael G. Bartlett .. 4 | David G. Massey .. Tenor
Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Rutland "inside." † First of Rutland.
Rung in memoriam Senator Robert Francis Kennedy.

MIDSOMER NORTON, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.
John C. Sheppard .. Treble | David J. Orledge .. 5
George W. Massey .. 2 | Raymond E. J. Baker .. 6
David G. Massey .. 3 | Edgar T. Skipsey .. 7
Michael G. Bartlett .. 4 | Eric J. Hitchins .. Tenor
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to the Rev. Andrew Rowe on his departure from the parish after five years as curate.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.
*Mervyn R. Arscott .. Treble | †Robert Parker .. 5
†Brenda M. Bindon .. 2 | †Raymond F. Arscott .. 6
†Marian J. Beale .. 3 | †Keith E. Beale .. 7
*Mervyn A. Arscott .. 4 | Albert W. Dyer .. Tenor
Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Triples "inside." § 25th peal, 25th for the Association. First on eight bells as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Raymond F. Arscott.

(Taunton Branch)

RUISHTON, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Rung in six methods: Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington and Grandsire and three variations, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day and Dedworth.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.
*David A. Adams .. Treble | †Mervyn A. Arscott .. 4
Keith E. Beale .. 2 | †Rodney A. C. Cross .. 5
†Adrian F. Arscott .. 3 | Mervyn R. Arscott .. Tenor
Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal, first attempt. † Most methods/variations to a peal. ‡ First of Doubles "inside."

(Taunton Branch)

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 extents in eight methods Stedman, St. Simon (two), St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Plain, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and eight variations: Eynsham, St. Albans, St. Leonard, St. Paul, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Dedworth.
Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.
Raymond F. Arscott .. Treble | *Mervyn A. Arscott .. 4
*Brenda M. Bindon .. 2 | Keith E. Beale .. 5
*Adrian F. Arscott .. 3 | Mervyn R. Arscott .. Tenor
Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* Most methods/variations to a peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Adrian F. Arscott.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., June 24, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
Thomas J. Lock .. Treble | Anthony H. Smith .. 6
C. Michael Orme .. 2 | Robert L. Piron .. 7
*Charlotte Harris .. 3 | †Thomas W. Goodyer .. 8
Kathleen A. Marriot .. 4 | Alfred E. Rushton .. 9
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5 | Stephen Ivin .. Tenor
Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise Royal.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.
Kathleen A. Marriot .. Treble | *Walter G. Knight .. 5
John W. Sinfeld .. 2 | C. Michael Orme .. 6
Ruth M. Foreman .. 3 | Thomas W. Goodyer .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp .. 4 | Thomas J. Lock .. Tenor
Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal in the method.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

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

On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.
Jennifer M. Taylor .. Treble | †Trevor Newlands .. 5
Paul Williams .. 2 | David Rennolds .. 6
*John W. Collard .. 3 | James R. Taylor .. 7
*Bruce Martin .. 4 | D. John Hunt .. Tenor
Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.
On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.
*Christopher Lovatt .. Treble | †Michael J. Parker .. 5
†Rosemary A. Spicer .. 2 | Richard C. L. Brown .. 6
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3 | J. Barry Pickup .. 7
†Rosemary E. White .. 4 | †George Astbury .. Tenor
Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung as a compliment to Barbara Davies, Rosemary Spicer and Rosemary White on completing their courses at Alsager Training College.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.
Bernard F. L. Groves .. Treble | Gerald Moorhouse .. 5
Derek F. Yates .. 2 | Arthur E. Whiting .. 6
*Peter R. Harrison .. 3 | Lawrence J. Haines .. 7
†Ronald F. Andrew .. 4 | Frank Osbaldiston .. Tenor
Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal. † First of Treble Bob "inside."

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

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.
*Harry W. Howard .. Treble | †John R. Scott .. 4
†David Allman .. 2 | †Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
John Moore .. 3 | †Frank R. Morton .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 25th peal on the bells, and has now "circled the tower" twice to peals. † 50th peal together. The conductor has now "circled the tower" six times to peals.

SEIGHFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods: Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, and six variations: Fortune, Marchington, St. Columb, Southrepps, Old and Kennington.
Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.
William H. Watkin .. Treble | Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3
Anthony R. Trickett .. 2 | Frank R. Morton .. 4
John R. Scott .. Tenor
Conducted by John R. Scott.
The conductor's 50th tower for a peal.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

CASTLE DONINGTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Edward.
King and Martyr.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*Jane Gidlow Treble	Robert Corah 4
John E. Collins 2	W. Arthur Fletcher 5
Arthur F. Hall 3	Anthony C. Saffell Tenor

Conducted by Arthur F. Hall.

* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor. First of Bob Doubles by all the band. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Anne Lander and Stephen Huson.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

Joanna Mount Treble	Colin C. Monson 5
Ruth M. Horwood 2	Peter H. Gardner 6
Jean M. Berriman 3	M. Alec Beaumont 7
Andrew G. Craddock 4	Malcolm E. Johnson Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.
Rung on the occasion of the A.G.M. of the Durham University Society of Change Ringers.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANWICK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

*Michael F. Stallard .. Treble	Robert D. Bellamy 4
Christopher D. Corby .. 2	Philip S. George 5
Jeremy D. Tarrant 3	George E. Bonham Tenor

Conducted by George E. Bonham.

* First peal at first attempt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., June 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Susan Rothera Treble	*Philip J. Rothera 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Peter G. Brown 6
Yvonne A. Murray 3	James L. Towler 7
Kelth W. Brown 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Christopher Starbuck. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major.

FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Alfred J. House Treble	John W. Stephenson 5
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Michael J. Hallett 3	James L. Towler 7
Bernard C. Sadler 4	Walter Arnold Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

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

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

Jennifer M. Andrews .. Treble	W. Keith Whittell 5
Heather McArthur 2	† Adrian G. Semken 6
* Martin H. Whittell 3	Alan R. Andrews 7
Harry D. Lister 4	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Composed by James Hunt. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal in the method. † Has now "circled the tower."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

* Malcolm M. Powell .. Treble	* Michael J. Church 5
* Beryl R. Simpson 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
* David D. Smith 3	* George Francis 7
* David J. Tubbs 4	* Tom Page Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KEFLE SOCIETY.

GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

* Philip Gosling Treble	* Christopher J. Morey 4
* Leona C. Roper 2	Philip W. Gay 5
Felicity Ashford 3	Michael J. Robinson .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Robinson.

* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5080 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Ian H. Oram Treble	Thomas Cullingworth .. 6
* Margaret E. Oram 2	† Colin J. E. Wyld 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3	† Malcolm Barden 8
† Anthony J. Leves 4	George E. Evenden 9
* George F. Cantrill 5	† Alastair D. Macfadyen .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Alastair D. Macfadyen.

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

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of

SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson 5
Derek Slater 2	Martin L. Howe 6
Robert W. Hinde 3	Simon A. B. Wigg 7
Malcolm Barden 4	Peter S. Muchlinski Tenor

Composed by J. B. Fenton. Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Simon A. B. Wigg Treble	Doris E. Colgate 5
Margaret E. Oram 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 6
John W. Euston 3	Ian H. Oram 7
Tony Lewis 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

Rung as a welcome to Susan Amanda Jenner, born on June 16th, 1968, following a service at which a memorial to Preb. Treacher was dedicated by the Bishop of London.

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

On Sun., June 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

George Fry Treble	Doris E. Colgate 5
Ian H. Oram 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Margaret E. Oram 3	Stanley Jenner 7
* Philip J. Simmonds 4	Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Susan Amanda Jenner, born on June 16th, 1968; also as a compliment to George Fry and Coral Spiller on their engagement.

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

On Fri., June 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum .. Treble	Ian H. Oram 5
Margaret E. Oram 2	* Thomas W. Goodyer 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Herbert E. Audsley 7
Tony Lewis 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

* Peter S. Philpot Treble	Cyril W. Beeching 4
* Stephen J. Marsh 2	John B. Keeler 5
* Leonard G. Huckstepp .. 3	* Dawn V. Petts Tenor

Conducted by John B. Keeler.

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

Rung with the band's best wishes for Tracy Ann Roell, first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beeching.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	Richard Hayes 4
Jennifer L. Quaife 2	* John Pladdys 5
Judith M. Corby 3	* Tony Lewis Tenor

Arranged by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.

Rung as a compliment to George Fry and Coral Spiller on their engagement, and to Stan and Ann Jenner on the birth of their daughter.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
 On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 WESTHOUGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.
 Neil T. E. Burnett .. Treble John Illingworth .. 5
 Albert Greenhalgh .. 2 R. Keith Lister .. 6
 James Cunliffe .. 3 James E. Andrews .. 7
 Roy Jolley .. 4 Geoffrey Fothergill .. Tenor
 Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
 First peal in the method. Rung by the Sunday service band.

WESTHOUGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

(No. 2096 H. and M. Collection)
 —38—14—56—38—14—1238—56—38. i.e. 12 (14263857).

MILES PLATTING, Manchester.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
 F. John Nelson .. Treble Timothy Wylie .. 5
 Joyce Gardner .. 2 Kenneth R. Davenport .. 6
 G. Richard King .. 3 Sidney Hough .. 7
 Derrick A. Davenport .. 4 Geoffrey R. Gardner .. Tenor
 Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.
 John Walden .. Treble A. Stephen Taylor .. 7
 Judith M. Corby .. 2 Cecil W. Pipe .. 8
 John Freeman .. 3 Norman V. Harding .. 9
 Richard Hayes .. 4 Russell S. Morris .. 10
 Vivian Nutton .. 5 Brian D. Threlfall .. 11
 Timothy G. Pett .. 6 Philip A. Corby .. Tenor
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
 On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Cyril Crosswaite .. Treble Christopher K. Cooper .. 7
 *Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 2 Richard S. Starkie .. 8
 Susan D. Cowan .. 3 †John K. Foot .. 9
 David F. Moore .. 4 Peter S. Bennett .. 10
 Geoffrey H. Pullin .. 5 John H. Fielden .. 11
 *Michael Pilgrim .. 6 †Geoffrey C. Sparling .. Tenor
 Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Cyril Crosswaite.
 * First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells for the Society. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., June 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.
 *Julia Sanders .. Treble Peter W. Felton .. 6
 Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. 2 Norman Summerhayes .. 7
 Arthur D. Barker .. 3 Christopher H. Rogers .. 8
 *Jennifer E. Pearce .. 4 Harold W. Rogers .. 9
 Thomas J. Lock .. 5 Norman F. Felton .. Tenor
 Composed by Andrew Hudson. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
 * First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung during and in honour of the visit of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Syon Park to open Britain's first National Gardening Centre.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

ROCESTER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.
 Arthur E. Rowley .. Treble David J. Midgley .. 5
 *John K. Smith .. 2 Raymond Ballard .. 6
 Norman Sherratt .. 3 Joseph W. Cotton .. 7
 Gordon H. Lane .. 4 Derek P. Jones .. Tenor
 Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
 * First peal of London Surprise Major "inside."

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

On Mon., May 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5036 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.
 George W. Ridgway .. Treble E. Frederick Gobey .. 5
 Sheila Parsons .. 2 Arthur E. Rowley .. 6
 Norman W. Attaway .. 3 Joseph W. Cotton .. 7
 Roy Hughes .. 4 Derek P. Jones .. Tenor
 Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
 Rung for the 13th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. A. J. Day to the benefice of Measham, also as a birthday compliment to him.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.
 *Richard J. Warrilow .. Treble Norman W. Attaway .. 5
 *Edward R. Fairbrother .. 2 Joseph W. Cotton .. 6
 John K. Smith .. 3 Frank Beech .. 7
 Gordon H. Lane .. 4 Derek P. Jones .. Tenor
 Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
 * 25th peal together.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
 Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
 David P. Hilling .. Treble Frank T. Blagrove .. 5
 Albert E. Diserens .. 2 Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
 Cyril F. Low .. 3 Ronald F. Diserens .. 7
 Robin G. Leale .. 4 Noel J. Diserens .. Tenor
 Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
 Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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

On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 VECTIS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.
 Barry J. Davies .. Treble Ronald K. Russ .. 5
 John R. Ketteringham .. 2 Peter J. Heritage .. 6
 David C. Brown .. 3 William Birmingham .. 7
 Alan R. Pink .. 4 *Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor
 Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. (Wratten No. 30.)
 Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 * 50th peal together. First peal in the method.
 Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

VECTIS SURPRISE MAJOR

B. —38—14—1258—16—14—1238—56—78. Bob 4ths. f.e.h. b. d. o.

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

KING'S NORTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., June 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.
 Richard Hayes .. Treble James Crowther .. 6
 *Judith M. Corby .. 2 Norman J. Goodman .. 7
 Cecil W. Pipe .. 3 *Kenneth Lawson .. 8
 *Enid Lawson .. 4 Andrew J. Corby .. 9
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 5 Michael Maughan .. Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
 * First peal in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.

On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.
 Sheila M. Anthony .. Treble David Stainby .. 6
 Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 2 Simon Humphrey .. 7
 Richard A. G. Inglis .. 3 William L. Exton .. 8
 R. Brian Mills .. 4 *Ian V. J. Smith .. 9
 Edmund Shuttleworth .. 5 Walter Nichols .. Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
 * First peal of Stedman and of Caters.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS. Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. James.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Arthur F. Ballam Treble	John W. Blythe 5
Alan Feaver 2	*Charles Stannard 6
Shelagh R. Collins 3	Norman V. Harding 7
John A. Underwood 4	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Surprise. Arranged for ringers of treble, 2, 4 and 6 of the Cathedral company.

BLYTHBURGH. Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., June 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
Rev. Peter N. Bond Treble	Stephen F. High 4
Norman P. J. Cossey 2	Michael J. Parker 5
Thomas J. Brock 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

HARTEST. Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., June 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Cyril W. Hancock Treble	*David Tamberlin 4
*Brian Coley 2	John A. Underwood 5
Richard Rose 3	Maurice Rose Tenor

Conducted by John A. Underwood.

* First peal

Rung as a belated 81st birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe, donor at the treble bell at this tower.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA. Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*Richard J. Hall Treble	Christopher Ricketts 5
*Gillian Armstrong 2	John H. Prytherch 6
†Alwyn R. Lewis 3	Richard L. Underwood 7
Elizabeth Watkins 4	Paul A. Williams Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Paul A. Williams.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, E.C.

On Sat., June 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,344 Rutland and 1,248 each Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 90 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Roger D. Bailey Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck 5
Robin R. Churchill 2	*Peter G. Holden 6
*Maureen J. Carruthers 3	John Pladdys 7
Audrey R. Alexander 4	Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* First peal of spliced.

Rung as a second birthday compliment to Jessica, born July 2nd, 1966.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH. Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods and two variations: 720 each of Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Rev. Canterbury. Old (var.), Kennington (var.), Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Robin J. Collis Treble	Robert J. Crocker 3
Robert Newman 2	Philip G. Taylor 4

Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

FROYLE. Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Sally E. Stacey Treble	Ramon A. Stone 4
David G. Hatherly 2	Charles E. Bassett 5
Alan A. J. Buswell 3	Basil E. Pink Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Morley P. Tobin Treble	Martin Powell 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Roderick J. Lees 6
Margaret A. Swain 3	Robert Edwards 7
A. Bryan Ellsmore 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

* Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* 25th peal. 100th peal on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Roger Harper Treble	David Nichols 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Neil Donovan 6
M. Susan Jackson 3	Stuart R. Armeson 7
*Christopher D. Walker 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 12 cwt.

(Beverley and District Society)

HESSLE, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Thelwell and Childwall Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond H. Sharp Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross 4
Roderick R. Horton 2	*Robert H. Jordan 5
Alan H. Bridges 3	†Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* First peal in seven methods. † 175th peal.

Rung with the congratulations of the band to the Rev. and Mrs. F. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sharp on the birth of daughters, and to the conductor on gaining the Degree of B.Sc. in psychology from Hull University.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., June 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

Lawrence J. Haines 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves 5-6
Alan F. Scholfield 3-4	Giles B. Thompson 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.

On Sun., June 16, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Geoffrey A. Edwards 1-2	John R. Scott 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) 5-6	

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.

On Wed., June 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Denis R. Carlisle 1-2	David J. Marshall 5-6
Gordon A. Halls 3-4	David W. Friend 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor size 12 in F.
*James A. Burton 1-2	Enid Lawson 3-4
Kenneth Lawson (cond.) 5-6	

* First handbell peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—In the belfry of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap.

On Wed., June 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Ten extents of Kennington, eight of Norfolk, 12 each of Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Maureen J. Carruthers 1-2	Christopher J. Easton 3-4
John Pladdys (cond.) 5-6	

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., June 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

David F. Moore 1-2	Peter J. Staniforth 5-6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3-4	*Alfred Ballard 7-8
Robert B. Smith 9-10	

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* 100th Surprise peal on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Tomlinson (first away from tenor) 1, Beryl Chisholm (first "inside") 2, F. Rogers (first "inside" and in the method) 3, C. Haycock 4, A. F. Hall (cond.) 5, R. I. Gosling (has now "circled the tower" to quarters) 6.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On June 22nd, 1,320 Southrepps Doubles: C. A. Richards 1, K. C. Fraser (first "inside") 2, R. Poole 3, A. R. D. Cope 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. T. Fenton (first quarter) 6, First in method by all the band, and for the Society. By Culham College Ringing Society for their annual dinner.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Waterhouse (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Bassett 2, A. Hemley 3, F. J. Lambert 4, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. Weller 6, Rung after a farewell presentation to the Rev. E. Somerville-Collie, retiring after 11 years as Vicar.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On June 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Heather A. Walters 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, H. F. Brown 3, Diana M. Bridle 4, E. T. Lee 5, A. E. Cox 6, R. C. Kippin 7, P. Bridge (cond.) 8, A 43rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel M. Atack 1, J. P. Hull 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Irene E. Shanks 4, Juliet S. Stoy 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6, N. Thomson 7, G. W. Shanks 8, Rung prior to the induction of the new Vicar (Rev. John B. Hall).

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Brough (first quarter, age 12) 1, Margaret A. Eyre 2, P. Mary Beach 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6, Rung in memoriam Rev. C. A. W. Pegler, Vicar of Greasley from 1958-1963.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Liz C. Duncan 1, Sally Cobb 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, M. C. Austin 4, C. G. Wright 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman 7, R. E. J. Dennis 8.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Frigens (first attempt) 1, D. A. Bedford 2, E. M. Jones 3, T. C. Bowley 4, P. K. Goodhew (cond.) 5, D. N. Collins 6, A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Price, a ringer at this tower.

ILTON, SOM.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Horsey 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, S. Welch 3, R. Welch 4, R. Dean (cond.) 5, B. Spiller 6, A farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Prior, ten years as hosts at the Wyndham Arms, Iilton.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Garley 1, R. J. Cowley 2, N. F. Pearson 3, D. C. Buckley 4, E. G. Johnson 5, A. E. Garley (cond.) 6, As a tribute and in memory of C. A. Blaxley, for many years a local ringer.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (20 methods): Susan Gay 1, P. W. Gay (cond.) 2, Felicity Ashford 3, D. J. Midgley 4, R. J. Ballard 5, Caroline Stewart 6, Also on June 24th, 1,259 Doubles (three methods): Leona Roper 1, Jackie Quickfall 2, Susan Gay 3, M. Robinson (cond.) 4, C. Morey 5, P. Gosling 6.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Toon 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby 2, G. Elwell 3, J. T. Turner 4, C. Newby (first "inside") 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6, For Confirmation service.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. C. Allgrove 1, Mary R. Brown 2, D. C. Brown (cond.) 3, W. Birmingham 4, R. W. Hare 5, F. E. Adams 6, A farewell tribute to Rev. W. Palmer after 19½ years' service as Vicar.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Catherine Reed 1, M. Rigby 2, J. Machell 3, R. Grant 4, A. Long 5, J. Ellams 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, S. Rees 8, For Evensong.

LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. N. Thompson (first quarter) 1, Miss W. E. Rathbone (first "inside") 2, Mrs. C. K. Cooper 3, P. K. English (first quarter) 4, C. K. Cooper (cond.) 5, To welcome the birth of a daughter (Catherine Elizabeth) to Caroline and Andy Lambert, the former being a local ringer.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's Church, on May 26th, 1,200 Doubles (eight methods): P. S. Royds-Jones 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander (cond.) 3, J. Pladdys 4, P. G. Holden 5.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hilliard 1, P. H. Langton 2, B. Moore 3, M. Goakes 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bewis (cond.) 6, For morning prayer and as a tribute to Canon R. J. P. Peyton-Burbery, a former ringer, who has retired.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Lucas 1, Mrs. E. Hull 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, Miss J. Hills 4, D. Stott 5, G. Hull 6, For Evensong.

ORTON, WESTMORLAND.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Bagnall 1, A. Capstick 2, F. H. Crawley 3, — 4, G. Tembey 5, A. Metters 6, K. M. Price 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8.

PENDOLYAN, GLAM.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): C. Aldridge 1, Ruth Havard 2, F. W. Corney 3, G. J. B. Stickland 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, J. James (first quarter) 6.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on June 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 3, Mrs. F. W. Lewis 4, W. Sidwell (first in method) 5, P. J. Shipton 6, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 7, F. W. Lewis 8, For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, Flora Stocker 2, Faith Riley 3, D. Wilson 4, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 5, W. T. Perrins 6, F. E. Collins 7, L. T. Perrins 8, Also on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, A. W. Fry 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, D. Wilson 4, W. E. Cheater 5, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 9th, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: Marie Hatswell 1, A. Neal 2, Ruth Gordon 3, R. Harper 4, A. Holroyd 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8, Half-muffled as a tribute to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Hutchings 1, G. T. Williams 2, R. C. Williams 3, D. R. L. Jones (cond.) 4, W. R. Brabham 5, W. J. L. Groom 6, Rung by members of staff of Glamorgan establishments of further education.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On June 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. W. Harvey 1, Cynthia M. Wells 2, R. W. Smith 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6, After Matins.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Newsum 1, Mrs. F. Burke (first "inside") 2, D. Marshall 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, M. Marshall 6, A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to the tenor ringer.

STAFFORD.—On June 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Wiggin 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, C. Hone 3, Ruth Fairbrother 4, A. Fairbrother 5, T. Williams 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, N. Holland 9, R. K. Mowforth 10, For morning service.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Hill 1, I. S. Merry 2, H. Hill 3, J. Watkins 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6, For Confirmation service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Horton (Storrington) 1, Florrie E. Wyman (Dormansland) 2, W. H. Trewin 3, R. A. Large (Tonbridge) 4, H. Heard 5, W. R. Manser (Barming) 6, D. J. Gay (cond., Weston-super-Mare) 7, H. Stacey 8, To mark the birth of Susan Amanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jenner, of Tunbridge Wells.

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SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): P. Gosling 1, Jacqueline Quickfall 2, C. Morey 3, Felicity Ashford 4, P. W. Gay (cond.) 5, W. H. Watkin 6, Rung half-muffled in memory of Father Broom, priest at Swynnerton Catholic Church.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On June 19th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Joyce Pickering 1, Valerie Warts 2, Jane M. Tooby 3, G. Pickering 4, O. Dudley 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6, A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Pickering.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Coral D. S. Spiller 1, Eileen Chilcott 2, G. Fry 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, D. W. Woodcock 5, L. T. Pope 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, V. J. Benning 8, Also on June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila M. Dobbie 1, Eileen Chilcott 2, L. T. Pope 3, V. J. Benning 4, G. Fry 5, J. Chilcott 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, D. W. Woodcock 8, Also on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Coral D. S. Spiller 1, Eileen Chilcott 2, Yvonne Burgess 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, W. Rogers (cond.) 5, G. Fry 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, V. J. Benning 8, For Festival of Flowers and congratulations to Stanley and Ann Jenner on the birth of a daughter, and to Coral Spiller and George Fry on their engagement.

TAUNTON, SOM.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. K. Whamroe 1, Miss M. E. Norman 2, Miss L. M. Dade 3, W. D. Whamroe 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. A. C. Cross 6, Rung prior to the civic service.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On April 29th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: L. A. England (first on ten) 1, G. W. Massey (cond.) 2, G. G. Salmon 3, R. W. Rice 4, W. S. Rice 5, G. Hebden (first Royal "inside") 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, M. G. Bartlett 8, D. G. Massey 9, R. C. Taylor (first of Cambridge Royal) 10.

WALTHAM, Lincs.—On June 12th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Parker 1, F. Kennington 2, J. Willows 3, J. Parker 4, D. Kennington 5, A. Pashley (cond.) 6, In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Willows; also for the 20th anniversary of the wedding of ringer of 4.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Miss J. Turner 1, Mrs. D. Smith 2, Mrs. J. Marshall 3, Miss C. Etherton 4, N. Carter 5, R. Smith 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, D. D. Smith 8, For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Holland 1, Jill Gordon 2, Jill Land (first "inside") 3, M. Eastman 4, D. Land (cond.) 5, R. G. Smith 6, R. G. Bell 7, S. Land 8, For Confirmation.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: S. F. Cooper 1, J. L. F. Floyd (cond.) 2, Christine T. Wilkins 3, Leah D. Floyd 4, R. E. Gerhardt 5, S. Mallett 6, For the silver wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. G. Milroy.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Moxon 1, P. Everest 2, J. Jagglesden 3, R. Everest 4, F. Budgen 5, C. Moxon 6, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 7, R. Sherlock 8, For Evensong.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On March 17th, 1,344 Westhoughton Surprise Major: N. T. E. Burnett 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, J. Cunliffe 3, R. Jolley 4, J. Illingworth 5, R. K. Lister 6, J. E. Andrews 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) 8, For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter 1, P. Carter 2, E. S. J. Hatcher 3, D. Parks 4, S. Taylor 5, P. K. King (cond.) 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Worrall (first quarter) 1, R. Carter 2, S. Taylor 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, P. Carter 6, For morning service.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At King's College Hostel, on June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Maureen J. Carruthers 1-2, C. J. Easton 3-4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5-6, First "in hand" by 1-2 and 5-6.

WOODDITON, CAMBS.—On June 14th, at Sunny View, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5-6, T. F. Varney 7-8.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wareing 1, K. Hughes 2, T. Sharp 3, K. Warner 4, R. Cousins 5, A. Crowson 6, A. M. Faulkner (cond.) 7, J. Cousins 8, Half-muffled after morning service as a last tribute to Jack A. Waugh.

YATTON, SOM.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 2, Marjorie Legg 3, G. Prescott 4, S. G. Smith (50th quarter in tower) 5, I. Derrick 6, J. Brain 7, J. K. Baker 8, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Gatward, regular worshipper at Yatton Church.

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NIX.—On June 17th, 1968, to Pat and George, a daughter, Helen Judith, a sister for Angela. 4311

ENGAGEMENT

FRIEND—GWILT. — The engagement is announced between Ian, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Friend, of Gnosall, and Margaret Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gwilt, of Newport, Shropshire. 4329

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

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PERSONAL

Sincere thanks to E. Ann Sadler (Keighley) for introducing us to bellringing, and we wish her much happiness in her forthcoming marriage to the Rev. Frazer Williams.—Liz, Kate, Maureen and Ian (Kildwick, Yorkshire). 4297

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Ashford (8) 6.45-8.15 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 4204

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A Flower and Bell Festival will be held on July 20th in this lovely church. Refreshments all day. Ringers are especially welcome. Bells 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. Note the date. 3962

FLOWER FESTIVAL St. Mary's, Campsall, Doncaster. July 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Doncaster and District Society meeting at Campsall, Saturday, 20th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Light refreshments available. All welcome. 4313

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION DINNER

at Moor Court Hotel, Amberley, on Saturday, September 28th. Tickets (25s.) from Mrs. M. A. Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Cheltenham (S.A.E. please). 4317

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Friday, August 2nd, Canford School. 7.15 for 7.45.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual cricket match, Tanfield, July 20th. Meet at Tanfield Church 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. K. W. Cheesman, Chapel House, Gibside, Burnopfield, Newcastle. 4306

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Due to Expo 68, the following changes have been made to the meeting programme: July meeting is cancelled; August, learners' meeting at Buxted; September, Barcombe (unchanged); October, Henfield; November, Wivelsfield and Keymer.—J. M. Hills, Hon. Div. Sec. 4276

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, July 13th, at 7 p.m. (Postponed from July 6th).—E. R. T. B. 4309

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—At the A.G.M. for 1967/68 the following officers were elected for the coming academic year: President, Mr. S. C. Wells (Grey); Master, Mr. M. A. Beaumont (Van Mildert); treasurer, Mr. C. Moore (University); secretary, Miss M. Nicholson (Trulyan), 39, Normandy Avenue, Barnet, Herts. 4325

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Shalford, Thursday, July 25th, 7.45 p.m. to 9.30. Special methods: Ealing, Rutland, Pudsey. — F. W. Housden, Tel. Guildford 63844.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at St. Martin's, Epsom (10) on Wednesday, July 24th, 7.30-9 p.m.—J. P. O. 4341

YORK MINSTER.—Tuesday evening practices cancelled for summer. Re-commence September 10th. 4320

MEETINGS

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hemington on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. Durston, The Rectory, Hemington.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4281

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Wingerworth, July 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Miss S. Heeley, Wynnstay, Nethermoor Road, Chesterfield. Tel. Clay Cross 3340. — Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 4300

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden and Littleton, Saturday, July 13th. Bells: Guilden Morden (6) 3 p.m.—4.15 p.m., Service, Littleton, 4.30 p.m. Tea, Littleton Vicarage, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, and Littleton (6) from 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4289

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Bentley Common, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, Essex. 4205

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Little Horkesley (5), July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to D. E. Culham, 3, Gardenfield Cottages, Little Horkesley, Colchester. 4268

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at Sheepstor (6) on Saturday, July 13th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 4254

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify G. Matavers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. 4277

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Meeting at Datchworth (6). July 13th. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 4295

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6). Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 4298

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Pring, 14, The Lindens, Greenacres, Aylesford, Kent.—M. L. H. 4218

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Ringwood (6) on July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Harrison, Bruemar, Front Street, Ringwood, Deal, by Thursday, July 11th. 4308

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—An out-of-the-Branch meeting will be held at Marsden on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 4304

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th. Bells: Gaulby 1.15–2 p.m., King's Norton 2–2.45, Foxton 2–3, Gt. Bowden 2.30–3.30, Market Harborough 3 to service at 4.30. Tea in the Old Grammar School 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Bingley, 32a, Coventry Road, Market Harborough. Annual dinner, September 28th, at Stanford Hall, University Hall of Residence, Leicester. Tickets later.—A. J. Poyner, Gen. Sec. 4293

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, All Saints', Church Street, Isleworth, July 13th, 2.30–4.30. Service 4. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.30–6 St. Mary's, St. Mary's Road, Ealing, 6.30–7.30; Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, 7.30–8.30. —Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 4231

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 13th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Reeves, Belle Vue, Tanners Lane, Adderbury, near Banbury. 4273

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beenham, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury. 4294

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Elton, July 13th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Hinton, Police Station, Warrington, Peterborough, by 10th. 4302

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, Wansford (6) and Thornhaugh (5), July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Yarwell (4) available 3–4 p.m. only. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 4305

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Empingham (6) July 13th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Scholes, Wakerley Road, Harringworth, Corby, Northants. 4312

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham and Newark.—Joint meeting, July 13th, Orston. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells evening. Staunton bells 3–4 and evening. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouns, Wharton. 4164

EXPO SUSSEX 68

South of England Showground,
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JULY 19th and 20th
10.30 a.m.–6.30 p.m. each day.

An exhibit on bells and bellringing has been arranged by the Sussex County Association. This exhibit will be one of the most comprehensive ever staged in this country.

A competition for change ringing and tune ringing on handbells will be held. By the generosity of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank a ring of eight bells will be hung in a steel tower and demonstrations of change ringing will be given by members of the Association at intervals throughout the exhibition.

The bells will be available from 6.30 p.m. on Saturday to all ringers who are in the ground before that time.

R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstye, Haywards Heath. 4342

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting in the Turner Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 4221

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Striking Contest will be held at St. Mary's, Thakeham, on Sat., July 13th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea at 5.30. Bells (6) available for general ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to the Divisional Secretary or to Mr. B. Farhall, New Cottages, Thakeham, Pulborough.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 4279

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Ringing practice will be held at Kenwyn (8), Truro, on Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. All visitors welcome.—K. L. Mossop. 4310

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Ringers' Sunday, Brightstone, July 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 4336

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on July 16th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 16th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; July 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 30th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; August 6th, Southwark Cathedral. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 4337

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Wimbledon on Wednesday, July 17th, at 7.30.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4284

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Stanton Drew (5), Saturday, July 20th. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 4339

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Bunbury, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4326

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Grappenhall Branch) and **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Manchester Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, July 20th. Warburton bells (8) 2.30 to 4.30. Tea at Flixton 5. Ringing at Flixton until 9. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Riddle, 57, Overdale Crescent, Flixton, M/CR (Tel. 01 748-6880) by Wednesday, July 17th. No name, no tea.—M. Thomson, Branch Sec. 4330

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Atherstone on Saturday, July 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation of Miss Crawley-Boevey, at The Gatehouse, Merevale; help given with transport. Other towers available: Grandon 10 a.m., Polesworth 11, Witherley 1.30 p.m., Mancetter 2.15; each for 1 hour. Bring own lunch. Names for tea, important, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 4333

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Somersham on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court Bob Minor and York Surprise Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4328

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Pentlow, July 20th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Belchamp St. Paul bells available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Finch, School House, Foxearth, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4283

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Hatherop (6), July 20th, 5.30 to 8 p.m.—J. Pearce, Hon. Sec. 4321

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Joint meeting with Aylesbears Branch at Heavitree, Exeter, on Sat., July 20th. Bells, Heavitree, 2.30. Service, Heavitree, 4. Tea, own arrangements. Cathedral 6–8. 4161

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton-St. Nicholas, July 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Followed by Moreton-on-Lugg 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. V. Powell, 21, Ethelstan Crescent, Hereford, by 17th. 4285

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans, July 20th, 3 p.m. and service. Tea 5.15 in Abbey Institute. Abbey bells 6.30–8.30. Special methods, respectively, Pudsey Major and Cambridge Max. Names for tea to me at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4216

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Bredgar, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. S. M. Evans, Bredgar Vicarage, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 4267

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. J. Birch, 5, St. Nicholas Road, Hythe, by Thursday, July 18th. 4215

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—By invitation meeting at Mitcheldean, Glos. on July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Paton, 8, Orchard Close, Mitcheldean. Gentlemen and children welcome. 4272

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Grappenhall Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, July 20th. Ringing at Warburton 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea at Flixton at 5 p.m. Ringing at Flixton in the evening until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Riddle, 57, Overdale Crescent, Flixton, Manchester (Tel. 061 748-6880) by Wednesday, July 17th. No names, no tea.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4324

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Twyford, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Ashby Folville bells in the evening. Names for tea to J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray, by the 17th, please. 4303

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Illston-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4335

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey, Saturday, July 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Stedman Slow Course Minor and Bob Doubles.—George L. C. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 4331

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, July 17th. 4327

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on July 20th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 4312

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at King's Bromley, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4287

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Silchester tower open after tea. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, July 16th, please. 4299

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Stevenage on Tuesday, July 23rd, 7.30–9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 27th, at Cudham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Biggin Hill. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, 24th. 4334

Mr. ALFRED BALLARD'S RECORD

100 Peals of Surprise "In Hand"

The well-known Leicester Guild ringer, Mr. Alfred Ballard, has just completed 100 peals of Surprise "in hand." It was 21 years ago that his first was rung, which was the first of Surprise Royal rung on handbells and was conducted by the late Harold J. Poole. Of those who took part in the 100th peal, only Mrs. Jill Staniforth rang in the first.

His firsts include Yorkshire Royal, York Royal, Lindsey, New Cambridge Royal, New Durham, Albanian and Spliced Surprise Royal. On 12 bells there are the firsts of Cambridge, Yorkshire, York, New Cambridge and New Durham Surprise Maximus. Mr. Ballard also took part in the record peal of Surprise on handbells—10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal.

His list:—

Minor.—Cambridge 2, York 1, Durham 1.

Major.—Cambridge 28, Yorkshire 7, Superlative 3, New Cambridge 2, York 2, New Durham 1, London 2, Bristol 1, Lincolnshire 1, Aldenham 1, Whitwick 1, Fordham 1, Ullesthorpe, Zeiah 1, Quornden 1, Rutland 1, Spliced Surprise Major (three methods) 1, four methods 2, nine methods 1, twelve methods 1.

Royal.—Cambridge 22, Yorkshire (includes 10,440) 3, York 1, New Durham 1, New Cambridge 1, Lindsey 1, Albanian 1, Spliced Surprise Royal (two methods) 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1, York 1, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1.

LATE NOTICES

ST. MICHAEL'S FOBHING, ESSEX Flower Festival

Fri., Sat., Sun., July 26th, 27th and 28th. Visiting bands welcome. Ringing at any time except during organ recital, Saturday afternoon. 4334

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Aldford, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. Weaver, School Lane, Aldford, near Chester, by Wednesday, July 24th. 4333

EXPO SUSSEX '68

SUSSEX, while not being listed among our larger English counties, has many features—scenic, ecclesiastical and civil—to attract people to within her borders. Remember that John Goldsmith, founder of "The Ringing World," and Canon Simpson, who introduced five-tone tuning, were Sussex men. The population explosion of the south-east of England has resulted in the Sussex Church Campaign—a far-seeing organisation to provide new churches, schools and halls so that the rapidly-expanding population of the parishes can have facilities for both physical and spiritual needs.

Expo Sussex '68, which is part of this campaign, is the greatest event of its kind ever to be held in the south of England. It is to be on the 50-acre site of the Sussex County Show Ground at Ardingly (which is on the B.2028 branching from the A.22 at East Grinstead) on July 19th and 20th.

This exposition of Sussex, past, present and with peeps into the future, has been treated with imagination and skill. Every activity that can be thought of has been covered.

As Expo sprang from an ox being given for roasting and has grown into the vast organisation it now is, so the bellringing side has expanded from one band performing on handbells to a large and complete exhibition under four headings, put on by the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers. The western ends of our Sussex churches have risen to the occasion magnificently in presenting their art to the many thousands of visitors that will pass through their hands. Specially chartered aircraft and ships are bringing our Continental visitors, who are coming from every European country, including Finland, as well as our Canadian and American friends.

The four branches of the Ringing Exhibition are: the craft of the bell founder; the art of change ringing; a handbell ringing competition; tower bellringing.

The exhibition opens with details of the two oldest bells in Sussex—one of them Roman. The mediæval period will be represented by a full-size model of an 11th century bell and another showing the way it was moulded. It is probably 700 years since a bell has been moulded by this technique in this country. This will be followed by examples of 24 Sussex bellfounders' work. A scale model of a mediæval foundry will show how the majority of Sussex bells were moulded and cast. The manufacture of bell metal will be explained from the native ores to the alloy itself. The formation of moulds for letters forming inscriptions and the construction of the mediæval head mould will be displayed together with a full-size model of a mediæval bell illustrating the names of its various parts. Five-tone tuning will be explained by a diagram, which will also show the distortion of the bell's shape caused by the vibration of the partial tones. Adjustable tuning forks and the method of eliciting bell tones will also be demonstrated. Attached will be a small foundry where sand and loam moulding and the casting of small handbells will be carried out. Waste wax moulding will also be demonstrated. To bring this section up to date the British Welding Research Association are putting on an exhibit dealing with the welding of cracked church bells.

The next section will deal with the art of bellringing. First, visitors will be able to see how bell ropes are made. Then there will be motivated models showing the development of the ringing fittings through the centuries. In the discussion area, ringers will be available to demonstrate on handbells and tape-recorders the answers to any questions our visitors may ask. They are even prepared for explaining the reason for the open hand-stroke lead. The organisation of the ringers will be explained and there will be a stand devoted to "The Ringing World" and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

The third section will be a handbell ringing competition, both tune and change, adjudicated by Mr. E. A. Barnett. This is the first

time such an event has been staged in the county and it should bring out much latent talent.

Finally, the fourth section is the show piece, thanks to the great interest and co-operation of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. By its aid it will be possible to see the bells swinging and the ringers in action as a complete unit. It is fitting that a model example of this foundry's work should be on show, for the majority of Sussex bells come from it. The show piece is a ring of eight (tenor 44 cwt. in E) hung in the Liverpool fashion in a steel tower which represents a breakthrough in tower design. Up to now the cost of building a masonry or brick tower has been many times the cost of the bells it eventually contains. Now the reverse is true—the tower costs less than the ring of bells. The aim of the Expo tower is to convince church architects that a tower can now be constructed on sound engineering principles, adaptable and clad to match any church building. We in Sussex are proud to show the world such a tower.

The bells will be rung throughout the exhibition by selected Sussex bands under the Master of the Association, Mr. R. V. Johnston. Exhibition standard of ringing prevents an open meeting of ringers during Expo, but such a meeting will take place at its close. Notice is given in this issue.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District Striking Contest

Rochester District's striking contest was held this year at Hartlip (6). The six bands were required to ring 240 changes of a method of their own choice. After all the bands had rung, there was general ringing until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. Green, himself a ringer.

Approximately 70 sat down to tea, after which there was a general discussion as to the exact definition of a "Sunday service band." This was a direct result of one of the competing bands being made up of ringers who ring for Sunday services at other towers in addition to the tower for which they were entered. A committee was formed to look into this problem and to draw up a precise set of rules.

Mr. A. P. Cannon (judge) then gave his decisions and comments on the ringing, the results being as follows: 1 Rainham (Grandsire Doubles) 45 faults, 2 Bobbing (Plain Bob) 52, 3 Tunstall (Grandsire) 65, 4 Minster (Plain Bob) 95, 5 Northfleet (Grandsire) 105, 6 Eastchurch (Plain Bob) 115.

More general ringing went on well into the evening. W. R. A. and L. M.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual ringing week-end of the Truro Guild was held on June 15th, when the neighbouring county of Devon was visited. Those participating were G. W. Riddy (Constantine), Margaret A. B. Weston (Cranstock), C. W. Linington, W. S. Pryor and D. Stephens (Helston), A. Beattie and Barbara J. Duck (Kea) and D. B. Carder (Perranarworth). Mrs. Linington and Mrs. Riddy also accompanied the party.

The first stop was at Liskeard for coffee, then on to Cornwood for a picnic lunch. In the afternoon ringing took place at Dean Prior, Dartington, Broadhempston and Cockington (all six-bell towers). Sunday ringing was at Berry Pomeroy (8) for morning service and at Stoke Gabriel (6) for evening service.

After leaving the hotel at Paignton early on Monday morning, ringing took place at Cornworthy and Dittisham before a ploughman's lunch. The afternoon's ringing was at Halwell, Harborton and finally South Brent.

The party are grateful to the incumbents and ringers of the towers concerned. M. W.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Records Committee

APPENDIX D

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise methods as far as the end of 1967.

1.—NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE

A.—Surprise Major Methods

1D Norwich (mx)	—34—14—12—38—34—38—34—1.
2D Long Eaton (mx)	—34—14—58—16—34—1458—34—1.
3D Xenophon (b)	—36—14—1258—16—34—1458—16—7.
4D Marlborough (l)	—36—14—1258—36—14—38—14—5.
5D Okehampton (f)	—36—14—58—16—34—1458—36—3.
6D Eastwood (b)	—38—14—1258—36.14—14.38—56—7.
7D Witney (b)	—38—14—58—16—12—1458.36.14.56.7.
8D Mablethorpe (d)	—38—14—58—16—12—38.12.36.12.3.
9D Keynsham (b)	—38—14—58—16—14—58.36.12.56.7.
10D Kew (a)	—38—14—58—16—34—58.16.34.56.3.
11D Kenwyn (b)	—38—14—58—36—12—38—36.14.7.
12D Hastings (j)	—38—14—58—36—34—58—16—3.
13D Guiseley (b)	—38—1458—12—36—14—58—16—7.
14D Mangotsfield (l)	—38—16—12—16.34—14.58.14.36—3.
15D Amesbury (e)	—38—16—12—36—12—38—56—3.
16D Aldbourne (e)	—38—16—12—36—12—58—56—5.
17D Aldermaston (e)	—38—16—12—36—12—58.56.34.5.
18D Crowan (e)	—38—14—56—36—14—3458—12—1.
19D Highbury (f)	—38—14—58—38—34—38.56—36.5.
20D Verney (d)	—38—14—56—16—12—58.16—16.7.
21D Okeford (f)	—38—14—56—36—14—58.14—12.5.
22D Melksham (f)	—38—14.56—56.1238—14—38—16—1.
23D Aquitania (d)	—38—16—12—1236—14—1458—14—7.
24D Keystone (b)	—38—16—12—36.14—14.38—12—3.
25D Knowle (e)	—38—16—12—38—12—38.14—12.3.
26D Kea (e)	—38—16—12—38—12—38.56—36.1.
27D Pendean (d)	—38—16—56—36—34—38.14—12.7.
28D Grimsdyke (mx)	—38—16—56—38—14—38—56—5.
29D Helston (f)	—38—16—58—38—12—58—56—3.
30D Belfast (mx)	34—58.14—12—38.12—14.38.16—12.3.
31D Hertford (mx)	34—58.14—12—38.12—14.38.56—34.1.
32D Otford (a)	38—38.14—12—38.14—14.58.14—36.7.
33D Cleeve (f)	38—56.14—56—38.14—14.58—36.14.7.
34D Hadleigh (a)	38—56.14.58—12.38.14—14.58.14—14.7.
35D Eversfield (e)	58.34—16—12—36—14—58—16—5.

B.—Surprise Royal Methods

36D Westminster	(a) —34—14—12—30—12—30—12—30—12—3.
37D Jugsholme (mx)	—30—14—12—30.14—14.50.16—16.70.58—18.3.
38D Kegworth (f)	—50—14—56—36.14—14.50.14—14.5.
39D Dodford (b)	—50—16—70—18—12—30.14—14.30.14—14.9.
40D Wexham (b)	—70—18—1250—36—14—50—16—70—18—9.
41D Vintry (f)	30—30.14—12—30—14—30—36—50—14—9.
42D Nobottle (d)	30—50.14—12—36.70—14.58.16—16.70—16—9.

C.—Surprise Maximus Methods

43D Westminster	(a) —34—14—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T—12—3.
44D Feering	(b) —3T—14—12—3T.14—14.3T.14—14.3T.14—14.3T.14—34.E.
45D Winchester	(b) —3T—14—125T—36—127T—38—149T—50
46D Halifax	(b) —5T—14.5T—5T.36.14.9T.14.58.9T.14.9T.70.18
47D Wembley	(f) —5T—16—12—36—14—3T—16—3T—16—3T—16—3.
48D Stoodley	(a) —5T—16—12—36—14—5T—16—147T—18
49D Manitoba	(b) —7T—18—9T—10—12—3T—14—5T—16
50D Saskatchewan	(b) —9T—10—12—3T—14—5T—16—7T—18
51D Deansgate	(a) 36—56.14.5T.12.5T.36—14—5T—16—7T—18
52D Oldham	(a) 3T—3T.14—12—3T—14—5T—16—7T—16
53D Ashton	(b) 3T—3T.14—12—3T—34—5T—16—70—36
54D Newgate	(f) 3T—3T.14—12—3T.14—14.5T.16—16.7T.14.58.14.9T.14—14.9.
55D Eldon	(f) 3T—3T.14—12—3T.14—14.5T.16—16.7T.18

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Appendix C was published in "The Ringing World" of June 30th, 1967, pages 462 and 463.

2.—TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

Method	Date	Place	
Albourne		Rung in Spliced	16D
Aldermaston		Rung in Spliced	17D
Amesbury		Rung in Spliced	15D
Aquitania	6-5-67	Buckland	23D
Belfast	11-11-67	Kings Langley	30D
Bristington	22-12-67	Stratton St. Margaret	50C
Cleeve		Rung in Spliced	33D
Crowan		Rung in Spliced	18D
Eastwood	4-3-67	Eastwood	6D
Eversfield	17-8-67	Willesden	35D
Grimsdyke	16-11-67	Harrow Weald	28D
Guiseley	4-11-67	Guiseley	13D
Hadleigh	27-4-67	Willesden	34D
Hasings	31-8-67	Rusper	12D
Heathcote	27-7-67	Willesden	440
Helston		Rung in Spliced	29D
Hertford	21-8-67	Bushey	31D
Highbury		Rung in Spliced	19D
Kea		Rung in Spliced	26D
Kenwyn	28-1-67	Buckland	11D
Kew	12-10-67	Willesden	10D
Keynsham	28-10-67	Deddington	9D
Keystone	16-12-67	Raunds	24D
Knowle		Rung in Spliced	25D
Long Eaton	29-4-67	Long Eaton	2D
Lydney	14-10-67	Cirencester (Watermoor)	24C
Mablethorpe	11-5-67	Willesden	8D
Malmesbury	8-4-67	Malmesbury	13C
Mangotsfield		Rung in Spliced	14D
Marlborough		Rung in Spliced	4D
Melksham		Rung in Spliced	22D
Norwich	8-4-67	Staines (St. Mary's)	1D
Okeford		Rung in Spliced	21D
Okehampton		Rung in Spliced	5D
Oxford	16-12-67	Headcorn	32D
Pendean	11-2-67	Chipping Norton	27D
Urchfont	3-6-67	Urchfont	19C
Verney	26-8-67	Easton Neston	20D
Wight	4-3-67	Putney	65
Witney	9-3-67	Witney	7D
Xenophon	1-4-67	Kingsclere	3D
Yatton	29-7-67	Yatton	6C

B.—Surprise Royal Methods

Method	Date	Place	
Dodford	9-7-67	Daventry	39D
Jugsholme	14-5-67	Daventry	37D
Kegworth	15-9-67	Daventry	38D
Nobottle	25-6-67	Daventry	42D
Vintry	29-10-67	Daventry	41D
Westminster	9-3-67	Watford (on handbells)	36D
Wexham	26-12-67	Slough	40D

C.—Surprise Maximus Methods

Method	Date	Place	
Ashton		Rung in Spliced	53D
Deansgate		Rung in Spliced	51D
Eldon	2-2-67	Birmingham Cathedral	55D
Feering		Rung in Spliced	44D
Halifax		Rung in Spliced	46D
Manitoba		Rung in Spliced	49D
Newgate	5-1-67	Birmingham Cathedral	54D
Oldham		Rung in Spliced	52D
Saskatchewan		Rung in Spliced	50D
Stoodley		Rung in Spliced	48D
Wembley		Rung in Spliced	47D
Westminster	23-1-67	Bushey (on handbells)	43D
Winchester	12-8-67	Winchester Cathedral	45D

Footnote.—The place notations of Melksham Surprise Major and Winchester Surprise Maximus were incorrectly published with the place reports.

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26435	—	x	—	2
43652	—	x	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
24653	—	—	—	—
53462	—	2	—	—
63542	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
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