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The Church of St. Michael, Aldbourne, Wilts

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Michael's, Aldbourne, Wilts

By the Rev. Roger Keeley

The prospect of a small village in North Wilts becoming a centre of bell-ringing instruction and activity a thousand years ago could not have been less auspicious. Yet this is exactly what has happened. The first church at Aldbourne was a wooden Saxon structure which the Normans replaced with their own style of building. Unfortunately all that remains of the Norman church today is the porch; the rest was destroyed in a fire. The third church to be built did not suffer that fate, but, sadly for any aspiring bellringers, the tower fell down. The building which we know is mostly 15th century and was completely restored just over a century ago. It dominates both village and countryside, and so do the bells—see the inscription on the tenor.

The Aldbourne Foundry

Robert Cor opened his bell foundry in 1694 and it was continued by his family until 1742. The bells they made are notable for their lavish forms of ornament and style of inscription which, as often as not, are found on the rim of the bell. Their work extended into at least ten counties. Subsequent to the Cors, the foundry passed into the hands of John Stares and later Edward Read until a new dynasty appeared under Robert Wells and his descendants. H. B. Walters in his "Church Bells of Wiltshire" gives an extract from the Marlborough Journal of June 6th, 1772, of an advertisement which ran:

At the Bell Foundry at Aldbourne, Wilts, Church bells are cast in a most elegant and as musical a manner as in any part of the Kingdom, the Founder having made the Theory of Sounds as well as the nature of Metal his chief study.

The Wells also cast handbells, horse bells, clock and room bells and mill brasses. (The writer recently had the thrill of seeing a carrier's bell known as a "rumbler" with the initials R.W. on it owned by a parishioner. This particular one had been found in a drain in the village of Marnhull, Dorset, in about 1935.)

Robert Wells was succeeded by his sons Robert and James until 1826 when the business was bought up by Thomas Mears of Whitechapel. They continued the practice of putting inscriptions on the rims of bells.

The Bells

Treble. On rim: The Gift of Robt Wells Bell Founder. 1787 (twelve roses).

Second. On rim: The Gift of Jos Pizzie & Wm Gwynn of Aldbourne. Robert Wells fecit 1787 (five half rosettes).

Music and ringing we like so well
And for that reason we gave this bell

Third. On rim: Ex Generosorum Donis a Gulielmo Jackson Vicario Collectis et Arte Gulielmi et Roberti Corr Hic Sono 1709.

Fourth. Humphry Symson Gave XX Pound to bi this bell and the Parish gave XX Pound more to make this ring gooe well H K 1617 T C G A.

Fifth. Recast by Warner & Son in the year 1915

W. A. Butler, Vicar

Wm. Brown C. Smith Churchwardens.

Sixth. Stella Maria Maris Succurre Piissima Nobis.

Seventh. Anno Domini 1636.

Tenor. Intonat de celis vox campane michaelis

Deus propicius esto aiabus Ricardi Godard Quondam de Upham Elizabeth et Elizabeth uxorum eius ac aiabus oim liberorum at parentum suorum Qui hanc campanam fieri fecerunt anno dni M ccccc xvi

(This date—1516—is the earliest on a Wiltshire bell. The founder is unknown.)

It is not many years since the ringing chamber was moved from the ground floor to its present position. Now the organ fills up the original chamber so there is no likelihood of another change! The earliest recorded peal seems to have been in 1791 (Grandsire Triples) and others in the same method were accomplished in 1806 and 1837. The bells which

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Warners rehung rest on individual stanchions which rise from the main girders—an interesting if not unique practice which not many towers are big enough to copy. They are a bit odd-struck and require careful ringing. Apart from the 5th they are very pleasant musically.

[Photo by David Uttley, Marlborough.]

PRICE INCREASE

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A CHALLENGING LETTER

IS THE CENTRAL COUNCIL A WHITE ELEPHANT?

By CHRISTOPHER F. MEW

I MUST concur with Mr. May in his thoughts on the Central Council and go further to say that what is needed is total reconstitution. The Council by the very nature of its present machinery is impotent to deal with the fast-moving changes that are overtaking the Exercise as a whole, and a body which cannot reach decisions will soon lose respect and authority and be bypassed by its subordinates. We can no longer afford to preserve the atmosphere of a Victorian club for gentlemen, which is a hangover from the Council's inception; but rather to transform it into an EFFICIENT body concerned with and totally involved in the decision-making and planning necessary for the future of ringing in the space age.

Firstly, taking the question of the ringing traditionally with the Whitsun week-end, surely it is not too much to ask those members of the Council attending to forgo actual ringing and devote one week-end of the year to helping the Exercise along. It is most evident that if the ringing were cut out many persons would not stand for election as representatives. Perhaps it would be better if this were so—at least there would remain a hard core of duty-bound members. In any case a great many present members should search their consciences on this point: Are you really going on behalf of your Association or for the ringing?

REDUCE COUNCIL

Secondly, there are too many members attending the meetings to enable efficient debate to take place; a total of around 150 is quite unmanageable. The first step to rectify this could be to limit all territorial Associations to two representatives and all non-territorial Societies to one. The latter are limited to one under Rule 4 (i) B; in practice, six of the non-territorials had 18 representatives present at this year's meeting—some 124 per cent. of the attendance, this being made possible under the let-out clause 4 (ii).

By placing the aforementioned limitations the meeting would be reduced to around 100 in number, still a lot, but more manageable. There would be one other positive result from this in that Associations would have to be more selective in their choice of representatives. It would be no longer possible to say "We'll elect old Fred again, he likes going

and we've got three other places"—no, it would be a case of choosing the most suitable people, and the Council would be down to its fighting weight!

One other question springs to mind, that of cross-representation, i.e. one ringer may belong to several Societies and his membership counts towards the quota which entitles each of these Societies to a Central Council representative. This business of, in effect, getting more than one vote needs attention

NOT DEMOCRATIC

Speaking of representatives, what a misrepresentation! You think you are electing someone to represent you. You are kidding yourself: the Central Council just is not democratic in that respect. There is no rule in the Central Council mandate which says that your representative(s) must forward matters raised by your Association before the Council. If your representative, once elected, decides to refuse to speak on your behalf he could do so and quite likely you could not get rid of him for three years. What is more, if your Society is so small that it warrants only one representative and no one else on the Council is willing to co-operate, then you will not even get your motion on the agenda, as it requires the backing of two members, and if you are just a humble ringer outside, you have to convince two members that your subject is worthwhile. Now just supposing that you have a nice item backed by your Association and Central Council members and formally

sent to the Central Council secretary for inclusion on the agenda, you still have a long way to go. It will pass between the professional resolution killers and the lack of time caused by the lengthy ringing jamboree, and if it should succumb to either, why worry? You only have another year to wait, plus another sweep out, plus the year it is discussed and deferred, etc. . . . keep going, lad!

Right now, let us start the meeting on Saturday and go through to Tuesday evening if necessary and change Rule 8 to make it incumbent on the chairman to call a further meeting if the business is still unfinished. You only have to look at the rash of letters in "The Ringing World" on Doubles methods to confirm that this matter at least has not been resolved in the minds of many members as has so often happened through hurrying up for tea! The old argument of the clerical members being unable to attend on the Sunday is hardly valid, since it only involved five members this year and they could still attend on the other days.

SOLUTION RESTS WITH GUILDS

The answer lies with the ringers at large; if you want the Central Council to work for your benefit (as, indeed, it should), it is up to you to press every one of your Associations, Societies and Guilds to change the constitution of the Central Council by putting forward your resolutions at your annual general meetings; if you do not, it is your responsibility. I hope you will bear this in mind in the months to come and make 1969 a year of progress. The Association to which I belong, the Surrey Association, has already put forward a resolution demanding more time for business at Central Council meetings; the call to arms has been made—give it your backing. Finally, if any 11 members of the Central Council would like to join me in invoking the final part of Rule 8 and requesting a special meeting to get things moving, I shall be pleased to hear from them at 32, Wymond Street, London, S.W.15.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

St. Paul's Walden and King's Walden ringers were the hosts for the St. Albans District meeting on September 21st. The back-handed six at St. Paul's Walden were rung until tea-time. As in past years, an excellent tea was laid on in the Strathmore Arms.

The business meeting was held in the church. The Association president, Dr. Gullick, took the chair. The secretary spoke about a visit to the I.T.V. Studios on November 28th to see the recording of the "Jimmy Tarbuck" show. A coach has been booked and anyone wanting to go should see Bob Hardy or be at the next meeting, when final details will be announced.

Forthcoming events: Wednesday, November 6th, District practice, St. Paul's Walden; next meeting, Sandridge, October 19th. The District dinner tickets should be available at the next meeting, so do not hang back, as accommodation is limited.

A barbecue was held on September 7th. The secretary said that the evening turned out to be quite enjoyable.

Under any other business, Mr. Peter Dale said that Mr. Kenneth Darvill, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, was ill on returning from holiday abroad and was now in the City Hospital. Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Ken from all the District.

A convoy of cars made their rather indirect way through the lanes to King's Walden, where ringing continued on the ground floor six until 8 p.m. J.A.F.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Taunton Branch

Some 25 members of the Taunton Branch foregathered at Ruishton on September 21st for the autumn meeting, and ringing on the light, musical six was much enjoyed. The service in the lovely little church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Reddish, and coincided with the harvest thanksgiving week-end. Tea was prepared in the Village Hall at Thornfalcon.

The Rev. Michael Odium, Branch chairman, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. S. G. Williams reported that a sum of £20 had been sent to Wellington Parish Church Restoration Fund in memory of Mr. Stanley Bristow, late of Ashbrittle. Several new members were elected, among them Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williamson and their two sons, lately come to Taunton from Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. It is hoped to collect the names of any ringers in the Taunton Branch with a membership of 46 years or more.

The formation of an Association library was discussed and the suggestion made that the appointment of trustees as well as a librarian should be considered in order to ensure continuity.

Members are asked to note the following dates: The Association dinner at Cheddar on October 19th; a practice meeting at either St. James', Taunton, or Wellington Parish Church on November 16th; and the Branch A.G.M. at Wilton on January 18th or 25th next year.

Chew Deanery Branch

A sparsely attended quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Backwell (8) on September 20th. The Association service was conducted by the Rector and Rural Dean, the Rev. J. T. George, who joined the company for tea afterwards.

At the meeting, B. White (Publow) and D. Lines (Backwell) were elected members, and life membership of four non-resident members prior to a peal at Portishead was ratified.

The annual Branch meeting will be held at Wroughton on December 7th, with practice meetings at Weston-in-Gordano (October) and Nempnett Thrubwell (November).

Under any other business, concern was expressed at the continued lack of support for practice meetings, and it was decided that as it seemed the meeting were not benefiting those who they were provided for, the question of their continuance in future should be decided at the annual general meeting.

Further ringing took place after the meeting. J.B.

LADIES' GUILD BRANCH IN ABEYANCE

Only five members attended the meeting of the Devon Branch at Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, on September 14th and without male support the six bells could not have been rung. The Rev. E. Giles conducted the service and Mrs. Julia Steere provided an excellent tea.

In view of the lack of support at this and previous meetings it was decided that activities be held in abeyance until the annual general meeting of the Ladies Guild in 1969.

RAVING RINGERS REVISIT THE EMERALD ISLE

THIS year saw the Raving Ringers once more in Ireland for their annual tour. Liverpool was the meeting place before departure by sea and it was here that the two cars and minibus met after their journeys up from Oxfordshire. The journey to Liverpool was no dull trip in so far as we crawled for miles along the A.5 before the accelerator finally found the floor on the M.6. Great discussions on whether Chris Clarke got out of the slow lane took up part of the time and it was eventually discovered that he did manage to pass two cars and ten lorries, one of which he passed four times!

Before leaving Liverpool some members rang on the 12 at Pier Head, where we were made most welcome. On board the majority settled for sleeping in the cafeteria, but this proved none too successful. Breakfast was at 4.30 a.m. and this meant that Mexican Pete had to cook queue-up meals.

From the docks in Dublin we made our way to Blessington, where we were to sample our first Irish bells. Neither of the cars nor the minibus made directly for Blessington—some found a quiet road for sleeping beside, and others stopped in O'Connell Street, Dublin, for yet another breakfast and to inhale the delightful smell of the River Liffey, where it was rumoured that even the fish wore goggles and breathing apparatus!

FIRST BELLS

Blessington did not exactly turn out to be typical of the bells we were to meet but, despite a difficult tenor, ringing included Stedman, Cambridge and London. In the afternoon ringing centred on Dublin. At St. Patrick's we met Peter Brown and Colin Lewis, who both gave us invaluable help during our stay. Stedman Cinques was among the methods rung despite the fact that Barry and Ted—at various stages—found the 11th did not wish to join in. More fun was had on the ten at Christ Church, where there were two semitones—one sally being so high that it was impossible to use. Only Caters was rung here, due to the awkwardness of the tenor, which was both odd-struck and difficult to handle, but this was easily made up for by the fine eight at St. George's. Bray was the overnight stop, where everybody felt relieved to have a wash, a meal and a bed instead of a belfry seat—even if it did mean seven in one bedroom. Perhaps the best quote of the day was seen by weary minibus travellers in a dry cleaner's in Dublin: "Drop in your blankets now."

Sunday morning's lay-in came to an abrupt end when some local R.C. went mad on his solitary bell—just outside the guest house—and so some people were up by 7.30 a.m. with the exception of one, who had woven his own cocoon overnight and was staying put. The first ring was on the eight at Bray (a fine ring enjoyed by all), and this was followed by an even more magnificent eight at Arklow, set above the town overlooking the Irish Sea. The final tower of the day was at Wexford, which, by a stroke of luck in the form of Colin Lewis we were allowed to ring after having been refused permission.

FROM WEXFORD TO CORK

Monday morning meant an early rise to get to Waterford by 10 a.m. The minibus was last away and went via Wexford Church for a photographic session, whilst ace rally driver Chris Clarke left 15 minutes earlier but was passed just beyond New Cross by Sterling Russ, who was in top motoring form. From Waterford we went to Kilkenny, a journey which perfected our hand-waving when passing local inhabitants. Our first slipped wheel of the week occurred here when Ted Venn flopped his rope.

The 100-mile drive to Bandon was not uneventful, with Ron and Walter in their element as we went along an Australian-type road. Bob was going to take it easy (after all, maximum speed was 20 m.p.h.), but after much bar-



racking he did just manage to touch 60 m.p.h. At Bandon (a good but noisy six) there was an argument as to who should be first to go up two vertical ladders—ladies or gents. Tradition was maintained—the ladies were last up. At St. Finbarre's, Cork, we were given an excellent conducted tour of the Cathedral (which was completed in 1876). The magnificent eight were thoroughly enjoyed although they tended to be a little overpowering inside the ringing chamber. Four people were out of luck in getting a room, but fortunately enough accommodation was eventually found, although breakfast meant two sittings.

IN LIMERICK

The first tower the next day was at Doneraile, where the six were enjoyed until the treble started playing up. It was discovered after three-quarters of an hour's ringing that the bell was only held to the headstock by one bolt. Limerick provided the only two remaining towers of the day, where the first four injuries were sustained. Pam—according to Ted—sliced her arm with the carving knife, and Barry argued with the ninth clapper at St. Alphonsus' whilst investigating a mysterious noise at handstroke and a movement on the Ellacombe chime rope. The bell was rung down but appeared to be all right and, on ringing it up again, back came the clunk. It was not long before it was discovered that the end of the Hastings stay was just touching the clock chime hammer lever. St. Alphonsus' was followed by the C. of I. Cathedral, where some excellent ringing on the fine anti-clockwise eight included Spliced Surprise Major. The night's stay was at Tullamore.

The first tower on Wednesday was at Enniskillen and this meant a 90-mile drive, a journey which took us past piles of cut peat and gave the photographers a field day. Near Enniskillen we were joined by Peter Smart and his wife, who were on holiday. To Londonderry, the final tower of the day, meant another long drive. The minibus crew stopped for dinner by Lough Erne, and refueled the batmobile at Kesh.

STINK BOMB

At Londonderry a course of London Royal did not make it, although one member of the band claimed to know all the starts, but when it came to ringing London Major the next day she had forgotten them. The overnight stay was in Portrush, Ireland's answer to

THE RAVERS AT HILLSBOROUGH.— Left to right: Ron Russ, Chris Clarke, Mike Church, Roger Smith, Jim Linnel, Tony Fortin, Della Smith, Bob Reeves, Walter Knight, Ray Vickers, Diana Reeves, Peter Heritage, Barry Saunders, Gill Brearley, Sara Woolley, Peter Tombs, Ted Venn, Pam Powell, Jean Marlow and Barry Davis.

Blackpool, and it was here that Tony and Michael nearly incurred the wrath of the Irish. A stink bomb intended for Ray and Walter went astray and found its way into the room of an Irish family who were fast asleep. Tony, on discovering the mistake, went to rescue the bomb, and as he entered the room a face raised itself from the pillow and looked at him. As he picked up the bomb he did manage to muster a goodnight to the owner of the still rising head. It was a night of peculiar occurrences, because when Pete woke up he found his bedmate—who shall remain nameless—holding his hand.

The first tower on Thursday morning was at Coleraine, where we found a ring of eight tucked away in a large tower that appeared to have no bells at all, and this was followed by Ballymena, where eight eager ringers ascended to the ringing chamber and locked the remainder out. At Carrickfergus the fine eight were enjoyed in the unusual tower above the lych gate. Some people managed to fit in a visit to the Castle (depicted on the 2s. 6d. postage stamp), and found the trip round the battlements and keep of this excellently preserved Norman castle well worthwhile. From Carrickfergus our journey took us through Belfast to Bangor, where Stedman, Plain Bob and eight Spliced Surprise were on the menu, but the spliced did not come round.

For the minibus travellers Friday came as a great relief with a two-day stay in Belfast. We travelled to Hillsborough and had a good ring on the fine eight.

On the excellent Taylor eight at St. Thomas's, Belfast, Bristol, Yorkshire and London were rung before moving on to the delightful ten at Dundela, which was thought by many to be the best light ten they had rung on. The final tower was at Hollywood, where no film stars were seen but we were greeted by John Dunwoody. Before leaving we held our annual summit conference and it was decided to visit Scotland and Northern England next year. Pete agreed to arrange the re-

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SOMERSET MEN'S PEAL WEEK-END IN KENT

THREE cars set out in convoy from Bath on August (?) Bank Holiday Saturday headed for Kent. Leading the way was Eric Naylor with Gwilym Salmon and Philip Jones; in the middle was Vic Savage with Ron Beck and Ted Chivers; bringing up the rear were Arthur and Brenda Read. Ahead was a long week-end of peals and, perhaps, some fine weather and relaxation.

Having lunched at Guildford en route, the party arrived at Rochester Cathedral just after four o'clock. Here we joined up with Adrian Beck, who was holidaying separately at Eastbourne. The Somerset members were supplemented by Christopher Osenton and Trevor Cross, the latter being well known to most of the band, having lived for a time at Yeovil.

We made our somewhat tortuous way to the belfry and settled down to the job in hand. A peal of Stedman Caters was duly called by Eric Naylor in three and a half hours. The bells were half-muffled in memory of Princess Marina, who, as well as being Duchess of Kent, was patron of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral. It was generally agreed later that this peal was the best of the tour.

The party eagerly retired for refreshments with members of the local band. Eventually we said goodbye to Adrian and the locals and made our way to the Coniston Hotel at Sittingbourne.

On Sunday morning we left the hotel a little later than planned and so just missed being able to ring for service at Bredgar. We therefore made our way to Harrietsham, stopping to admire Leeds Castle on the way. Unfortunately when we arrived we found that the service times were rather at loggerheads with the times of ringing printed in the local report. Undaunted by this glut of non-ringing, the convoy, still in strict sequence, headed north to Sheerness, where the rest of the morning was spent watching the hive of activity on the Thames estuary. In the afternoon at Sittingbourne Church Ted Chivers called a well-struck peal of Cambridge Major, and after a very welcome "cuppa" we returned to help ring for service.

The night was spent at the Coniston. Next morning, after severely depleting the hotel's supply of coffee and toast, we booked out and set off for Rainham, arriving in the middle of a downpour. We again found the muffles on when we arrived. George Naylor joined us and we rang a peal of Double Norwich Major conducted by Gwilym Salmon. After an ample lunch we headed for home.

The week-end was thoroughly enjoyed by all the party and our thanks go to the Men of Kent (or should it be Kentish Men?) who made this possible. The thanks of the rest of the party also to Eric Naylor for having the idea and making all the arrangements.

P. H. D. J.

THE RAVERS—Continued.

union in the Cambridge area, and votes of thanks were extended to the organisers, Chris, Ted and Fred Dukes.

On Saturday most people had a lay-in before visiting Lurgan (a difficult eight). Rostrevor has an easy-going six but had a second that slipped so regularly that little ringing was done. At Drogheda we met Fred Dukes, to whom we gave our warmest thanks for all the work he did in organising the towers. A short ring was had on the eight after the completion of a peal by Bob Smith and his band.

Back in Dublin Peter Brown arranged half an hour's ringing at St. John's (an anti-clockwise ten), and at St. George's Peter entertained us to a cup of tea whilst finances were sorted out. By 11.30 p.m. we were on board and ready to sail. This time some slept in the minibus and two took the floor. Deddington was reached by dinner time after only two stops after leaving Liverpool. One stop was for breakfast, the other for a ring at St. Mary's, Warwick, by those who one can only call tower grabbers!

B. J. D.

Cambridge University Guild's Master Weds



The wedding took place on September 7th at St. George's Church, Hyde, between Alan F. Scholfield, Master of the C.U.G., and Miss Jenny Alcock. The best man was Mr. Richard Inglis, of Nottingham, a fellow undergraduate. The ushering was in the capable hands of Mr. Robert B. Smith. Handbells were rung by friends from Cambridge and Cheshire as the couple left the church.

Several peals were attempted in honour of the wedding. An attempt for Stedman Cinques at Manchester Town Hall by a mainly Guild band was lost after a quarter of the peal had been rung.

Handbell ringers in photograph, from left to right: R. H. Youdale, A. McFall, B. F. L. Groves, R. B. Smith, S. C. Walters, G. Moorhouse. (Photo by Proctor, Hyde.)

DOINGS IN DEVON

Down St. Mary have been keeping up their usual silver-collecting routine, winning among other competitions last month the Bow Bells Shield and the Cadbury Deanery competition—in case you are confused by London imitations, Bow Bells are in the village of Bow, between Crediton and Okehampton. At Bow there was some very close marking, Down St. Mary, Plymstock and Swymbridge all coming between 20 and 23 faults.

October sees the competition programme slowing down for the winter; but the first two Saturdays have two festivals each—on the 5th at Dolton for the Dolton Shield and two cups, and at Babbacombe for the South Devon eight-bell. The Dolton Shield, by the way, is one of the most attractive trophies in the county. Built by a local man, it has mounted on it a tiny silver bell hung for ringing with beautifully-made frame and gear. Babbacombe, a Guild tower as well as Association, have a young band who have been doing some very useful ringing in both traditions for the last year. On the 12th there are two festivals in North Devon; first the Boundy Shield at the beautifully-situated village of Knowstone (the "Know" rhymes with "cow"), and the Shirwell Deanery competition at Combe Martin.

The 19th sees the Kentisbeare Cup: the village is a few miles east of Cullompton, in very pretty country not far from the A.38—and until the Cullompton By-pass is finished nobody will be sorry to make a detour just about there.

On the 26th, call change ringers will be converging on Exeter, for that is the day of the big Ringers' Service at the Cathedral, when ringers from all over the Diocese will be bringing their gifts for the Cathedral Appeal. Both the Guild and Association are supporting it for all they are worth, and it should be a great day.

We are sorry that September was given a miss in this series; our intelligence system was put out of joint through the contributor's being on holiday—in a parish with an out-of-tune five hung dead.

J. G. M. S.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The National Guild of Police ringers were made very welcome and spent a pleasant time when they held their annual meeting at Grantham on September 2nd. Ringing took place at five towers, viz: Edenham, Haydone, Bottesford, Colsterworth and St. Wulfram's, Grantham.

The business meeting was held in the afternoon at the Divisional Headquarters of the Lincolnshire Constabulary, Grantham, by kind permission of Chief Superintendent William Goosey.

At the dinner, held at the George Hotel, Grantham, the guests were Chief Superintendent Goosey and Mrs. Goosey and Canon Sansbury (Rural Dean of Grantham).

The next A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at Worcester.

PRESENTATION TO NORFOLK VICAR

On September 14th members and friends of the Norwich Diocesan Association met at South Lopham for a presentation to the Rev. C. E. Beevers on his retirement and in appreciation of his work in restoring the derelict church and grand old ring of six bells.

In presenting Mr. Beevers with a pen and pencil, Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Association, spoke of the great work done not only at South Lopham but also at North Lopham Church. Largely due to Mr. Beevers South Lopham bells are now one of the finest rings of six in the Diocese.

In reply, Mr. Beevers spoke of the help he had received and also of the support of the ringers and parishioners.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Beevers, followed by tea, which was provided by the local ringers and friends. Ringing took place during the afternoon at South Lopham and in the evening at both churches.

In retirement Mr. and Mrs. Beevers will be residing at Diss, and so not altogether lost to the district.

C. F. W. P.

Letters to the Editor

MINOR RECORDS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Jones inquires (page 746) why the Central Council has not published annual lists of new Minor methods rung during the previous year, just as it publishes lists of methods on higher numbers.

He will be pleased to know that for the past two years I have been collecting details of Minor methods on behalf of the Council's Records Committee, with the ultimate aim of producing a comprehensive record of all such methods that have been rung in peals. What was hoped would be a fairly simple task has proved to be far more complex than was expected, since it has involved (in the case of "irregular" methods) digging back into 300 years of ringing history.

This digging has shown, for example, that a number of these "irregular" methods rung in recent years had already been rung in peals in the past under quite different names. Rather than produce a list, therefore, that may need later correction, I am endeavouring to complete my researches first. It will then be possible to produce a master list of methods, and update it each year as Mr. Jones suggests.

In the meantime, I have records of nearly 1,000 Minor methods that have been rung—not all of them in peals, admittedly—plus approximately 5,000 further notations for methods that have not (as far as I am yet aware) ever been rung and/or named. I shall be only too pleased to answer any queries concerning these records—short of copying out the lot for any particularly avid student—but would appreciate an s.a.c. for the reply.

Apropos Mr. Bishop's inquiry about fourth's place Delight methods (page 748). I have no record of any of these ever having been rung or named.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

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CLOCK HAMMERS

Dear Sir.—The incident of the clock hammer at Caistor (page 728, "Uphill in the Flatlands") should serve as a warning to steeplekeepers of towers with clock hammers.

A great deal of damage could be caused in other towers as a result of clock wires coming adrift, especially where the clock hammer passes through the wheel of the bell when striking. Steeplekeepers should make sure that nails, etc., which hold clock wires are firmly anchored in the tower wall. Needless to say, had the conductor thought any damage might have been caused at Caistor the peal would have been stopped.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

London, S.W.

PREVIOUS GUERNSEY PEAL CORRECTION

Dear Sir.—With reference to Canon Felstead's article on recent peals, the 1965 peal at St. Michel-du-Valle, Guernsey, was Minor. The methods were Kent, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, but by some error, most probably my own, the peal appeared as "5,040 Doubles" in the "R.W." May I take this opportunity of thanking Canon Felstead for what is one of the more interesting regular features of the journal.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

King's School, Worcs.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir.—The C.C. Collection and Decisions divide Doubles methods into three sections. Section I contains principles used as methods. Section II contains methods with two (like) hunt bells. Section III contains methods with one hunt bell. Name variations are permitted for plain methods in Sections II and III. No method or variation has for its plain lead the called lead of another method or variation in the same section.

Mr. Wratten does not like this, why did he not say so at Worcester? He labels the above as my personal dicta, thereby showing disrespect for those who compiled the 1955 Collection and those present at Worcester. He himself has said that my adherence to the C.C. Decisions is technically irreproachable and cannot be faulted.

In his second paragraph he splits hairs over principles and methods: he wants to complicate matters. He agrees that bobbed leads of methods in Section I (such as Original and 3153535135) may be used as methods in Section II (Grandsire) and III (New Bob), but he wishes to ban methods in Section III which are used as calls in Section II. This includes three methods in the 1955 Collection and the regular method All Saints, which is a singled lead of the very irregular Newark Place; also more than 50 methods in Section III, where the corresponding method in Section II cannot produce a true extent. Would he ban the regular method Shorthoath Surprise, which is the bobbed lead of an irregular method?

His last paragraph is not so simple as he would have us think. A simple extent of Spliced Plain Bob and St. Simon would have to be given a name as a variation. Here's pedantry.

Assuming that Mr. Wratten has finished—I finish.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

PETER PERCEY OF CHERTSEY

Dear Sir.—When I came to live in Weybridge in 1902 the only progressive change ringing band in the district was at Hersham, where a new band was learning on a new ring of eight. My visits to Chertsey warned me not to mention anything about Peter Percy's peal which beat the Rev. F. E. Robinson's peal of Stedman by two minutes.

Yesterday, September 23rd, 1968, as I was being wheeled in my bathchair, a lady at her garden gate spoke to me, saying "Do you remember me, Mr. Shepherd?" She spoke of my ringing at Chertsey, and of Peter Percy. Sixty-six years ago—and I am still wondering about those two peals. The Rev. F. E. Robinson's peal was duly recorded in "Bell News" and has never been questioned, but the Percy peal was a local effort. I cannot picture the conductor calling out the call changes, 5,040 of them, in just over three hours. My investigations over the years revealed that there were two Peter Percys, one senior and one junior, but I do not remember either of them as ringers.

Once, outside Chertsey Church, a lady introduced herself to me as: "I am Mrs. Peter Percy, but no information was forthcoming about the famous peal on Chertsey bells of which her husband was a local hero!—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

KING CHARLES SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—I am rather puzzled by the appearance in the note in "Belfry Gossip" in the September 13th issue of "The Ringing World" (No. 2995) concerning King Charles Surprise Minor. For a start, the method is not Surprise but thirds place Delight; secondly, exactly what "sequence" of Kings and Queens methods has been completed; and thirdly, does it now hold true that the first band to ring any length in a new method may now name it?

On this last point I always understood that it was a **peal** in a new method (or spliced methods) which gave a band the privilege of naming it. If this is not true, I shall presumably be able to ring touches of 48 or more changes of any of the 50 or so outstanding irregular Minor methods like King Charles and name them as I like.

May I suggest that Mr. Dodd, by bringing some band may be sufficiently interested to ring a complete peal containing it, thus robbing him of his chance—Yours faithfully,

DEREK J. JONES.

Spalding, Lincs.

WARSPOP SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Derek C. Jackson's observation that we have two names recorded in "The Ringing World" for one method (page 723). I should like to make the following point.

As far as I am aware, the customary procedure in naming methods is that the band who first ring the method in a peal have the privilege. To the best of my knowledge at the time, the method rung at Warspop in a peal had not been named, and since we are the first not only to ring it in a peal but also the first to ring a peal in the method, I wish to claim the privilege of naming the method, as published on page 660, Warspop Surprise Minor.—Yours sincerely,

BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

Mansfield.

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BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Blagrove—Smith Controversy

Dear Sir,—To reply to Mr. Blagrove's letter ("Ringing World," September 20th, 1968): he says he intended to include the peal of 13,140 Kent T.B. Maximus (Cam variation) with the other record peals for 1968 without comment; in his original letter, in special black type, he says that expressed in this form the peal is **not** a record peal. Now if the difference between a record peal and a progressive length is so insignificant not to be worth a comment, why bother going to all the trouble of arrangements for the former, especially when it may still be classified as one of the latter on some obscure technical point? For example, the record handbell peals rung both in Norbury belfry and Marple belfry: umpires were present all the time, and the band rang in less comfortable conditions than they would have done in the confinement of somebody's home, which would have been much easier to arrange.

Record peals should be what the name implies in every respect, and as there seems to be little difference between progressive lengths and record peals, then an umpire is an absolute necessity for both! The original controversy in long peal ringing was when the late William Pye questioned not only the standard of striking in the record peal of Double Norwich at Kidlington, but also he contended that the late J. W. Washbrook did not call the composition he later published in "The Ringing World."

While I do not question Mr. Parker on these two counts, I believe that peals of this type should not be included with record peals or progressive lengths, but with a question mark in place of the number of changes! This might persuade some of our more frivolous members of the Exercise that they are wasting their time in ringing such peals. I recollect a

band ringing what was then the longest peal of Yorkshire Major at the Bell Foundry about ten years ago, but this was not accepted then as a record peal and the committee at that time did not consider it worthwhile creating a new category for progressive lengths. Which also reminds me that Mr. Blagrove is wrong in his statement about 1967 being the first year that such a problem has arisen.

I accept Mr. Blagrove's explanation, as a member of the Methods Committee, with respect to a method being founded on two principles. However, I would like to reaffirm that it was only part of my argument (along with other people who believe) that the Cam variation is acceptable on traditional grounds. The band have been completely explicit in their claim and if the Records Committee decide that it shall be a progressive length, a record peal or both does not really matter now! What does matter is that the committee should realise that if they let the Pudsey in, in either classification, in ten years or less nobody will abide by any of the rules.

Just two more points from Mr. Blagrove's letter:—

(i) He says that the statement "two types of hob" should have read "two types of call." I would remind him that he stated this twice in his first letter so that it could hardly have been an error in typesetting.

(ii) He states that I stick to the principle "I observe rules and decisions when they suit me." As far as I am aware, every one of the 265 peals I have conducted complies, as he would say, "to the last detail," with the Rules and Decisions of the Council. I would further point out that it has not suited me on some 20 occasions to provide umpires for record peals.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Cambridge University Guild Master Seeks the Truth

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove has been very quick in his reply to Mr. R. B. Smith's "outspoken comments". I would agree entirely with the paragraph dealing with the structure of the Cam Variation. It is difficult to appreciate the reasons for the sentence "The band have not been precise in their claim". The conductor has been perfectly precise in the initial notice (p. 506), news of success (p. 606) and actual publication of the peal (p. 628). We rang Kent Treble Bob Maximus (Cam Variation) and this title is perfectly explicit and has been so since 1920. If Mr. Blagrove's interpretation of the initial notice was that the peal could not be accepted as a record peal proper because of suggested method irregularity, he should, as a responsible convener, have contacted the conductor immediately and explained the position to him **before** we rang the peal. Instead, he kept quiet and decided to upset the band and to involve himself in another argument—**after** the peal had been rung and published.

Mr. Blagrove's second paragraph is extremely contradictory. He states that the peal would stand as a progressive length—one of the two categories introduced by him in earlier correspondence—and then goes on to state that he intended to include it in his report to the Central Council "with no comment to differentiate it from the record peals of Cambridge Royal and Lincolnshire Major"—both record lengths proper. This means that he is introducing two categories for his own reasons and then combining them in his report to the Central Council! Something has caused him to change his mind because in paragraph 4 he states that

the peal will now be considered separately along with other peals where the methods are supposed to be irregular. He mentions that it might be necessary to refer the matter to the Methods Committee, but I am sure that they are not very interested in the matter otherwise something would have been done about normal length peals of Treble Bob cut variations. Presumably these are also governed by Central Council Rules and Decisions.

Turning to Mr. Loveday's letter on the same page, I would point out that we do read footnotes, and I can only refer him to Mr. Wratton's letter on p. 652—"a strictly legalistic interpretation of the Decisions in no way alters the fact that their spirit has been deliberately contravened"—and by the truthful convener of the Records (?) Committee.

It is hardly surprising that more and more ringers are having less and less respect for the Central Council and some of its Committees. This will only lead to an increasing number of peals being rung which do not comply with the Council's Rules and Decisions. When a long length or a record peal of spliced is rung all the interested "Ringing World" readers know, as soon as the performance is published, that a new record has been established. The academic arguments which follow are a direct result of the failure of the Central Council to keep its Rules and Decisions up to date and free of ambiguity in the light of new ground being broken in the fields of methods and compositions.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD.

Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT KNARESBOROUGH

MIXED weather greeted the members of the Yorkshire Association who converged on Knaresborough for a most successful general meeting on September 21st. The bells at Patley Bridge, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Aldborough and Birstwith were available in the morning and those at Kirk Deighton, Knaresborough and Whixley in the afternoon.

Before the service, which was taken by the curate of Knaresborough, the Rev. Mr. Capstick, a committee meeting was held, and afterwards tea was enjoyed by over 120 members and friends in the Parish Hall.

The president, Mr. V. Bottomley, was in the chair at the business meeting at which two new members were elected—Miss Kathleen Robinson, Bedale, but attached to Northalerton, and Mr. Gordon Wighton, of Knaresborough.

Nominations were invited for Central Council representatives and these were: Mr. N. Chaddock, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. E. Hudson, Mr. D. S. Johnson, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. J. Seager. The election will be at the meeting in January.

Future dates of interest to members are: the 1968 Snowdon Dinner on October 19th at Bradford (tickets are still available from Mr. F. Munday); January 18th, general meeting at Beverley; April 20th, A.G.M. at Penistone; September 20th, general meeting at Bradford; 1969 Snowdon Dinner at York. In 1970 it is hoped to hold the Central Council meeting at Ilkley, and in 1975 we celebrate our centenary.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. S. Johnson to the Vicar of Knaresborough for allowing the use of the bells, the curate for taking the service, Mr. R. Gudgeon and local ringers and friends for preparing tea, and lastly the incumbents of all other towers open during the day. This was seconded by Mr. E. Hudson, who also said that due to the efforts of Mr. L. Bean, of Knaresborough, Nidd bells would be available that evening and Masham by invitation of the Vicar. Harrogate, Kirk Deighton and Knaresborough were also available after tea.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £5 1s. 3d. E.J.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Forty ringers, representing 18 towers, met at the 14th-century all-wooden tower at High Halden, with its fine ring of bells, on September 13th for an Ashford District meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. R. Gore-Browne, and Mrs. J. Manger was the organist.

A first-class home-made tea was arranged by local ringers and friends in the Memorial Hall.

At the conclusion of the business meeting Mr. H. Deacon thanked those who had contributed to the day's activities. A. P. S. B.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers and the South Devonshire Association of Ringers held a joint meeting at Buckfast Abbey on September 14th, when there was a large gathering present.

Ringing to suit all tastes took place throughout the afternoon and was followed by a service in the Abbey conducted by the Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, who heartily welcomed the visitors.

After a buffet tea at Abbey Farm the ringers dispersed to other towers in the neighbourhood, some very good ringing taking place at Dean Prior. A. L. B.

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MICHAEL UPHILL'S PARTY IN KENT



Michael J. Uphill arranged a day in Kent for ringing friends last June. In the picture, left to right, are: Men, Messrs. Berry, Flood, Whittall, Hart, Burn, Bagworth, Sansom, Hughes and Uphill; ladies, Misses Armstrong, Madge and Cotton. Mascot, "Stedman," owner the Rev. M. Hart.

Happiest member of the team was "Stedman," who, unaware of the technicalities of ringing, was allowed to spend most of his time darting up and down in the fresh air.

Ringing opened at St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, with a good touch of Stedman, followed by successful courses of Yorkshire and London. The only regret was failing to ring Hawkhurst Bob Triples, but it was finally rung at Lenham.

Before an early lunch, ringing at St. George's, Benenden, was restricted to Doubles, as the tenor clapper had unfortunately been broken.

At Ashford most of the time was taken up in finding parking space. A pause for tea, and then Charing and Lenham. The 32 cwt. ten at All Saints', Maidstone, provided a glorious climax. All were tired but all were equally determined to make the most of the opportunity to ring here. Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters were rung, and with a final spurt of enthusiasm we also managed a touch of Little Bob Royal.

R. J. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Bicester and District Branch at Piddington on September 21st was attended by the Master of the Guild (Canon C. Elliot Wigg), who preached at the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse). The Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson. A ringers' tea was served by Mrs. H. Jones and helpers.

At the business meeting it was reported that membership had increased this year but recruits were needed in all towers. Mr. C. P. Panter was elected a member.

Branch officers elected were: President, Canon W. H. Trebble; vice-presidents, Rev. J. W. Larter and Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kinch; Guild Committee, Mr. E. G. Jones.

In addition to ringing at Piddington, ringers went to Brill in the evening to ring for the Flower Festival.

HARTLAND DEANERY RINGERS ARE GLUTTONS FOR IT

WHETHER it is the sea air up there—and there is plenty of that, believe me—or the prime Devon beef that is bred in the district, there are some amazingly keen ringers in the Hartland Deanery. This is reflected in the fact that every parish church in the Deanery except little Landcross has a ring of bells—even Lundy Island, although its bells are on the ground now—three eights (not counting Lundy) and eleven sixes. And one day last summer six ringers from the Deanery set out to ring in every one of them, ringing the back sixes of the eights, including 17 cwt. Bideford and Hartland and little 7 cwt. Welcombe. The other towers were at Appledore (8, 10 cwt.), Alwington (6, 11½ cwt.), Abbotsham (6, 12 cwt.), Buckland Brewer (6, 12 cwt.), Clovelly (6, 10 cwt.), Littleham (6, 9 cwt.), Monkleigh (6, 8 cwt.), Northam (8, 13 cwt.), Parkham (6, 7½ cwt.), Weara Gifford, (6, 7 cwt.) and Woolfardisworthy (pronounced Woolsery, of course) (6, 8 cwt.).

The six ringers were George Smith and Dick Johns from Clovelly, Frank Daniel and F. Bailey from Alwington, and R. Clements and C. Nicholls from Littleham.

In every tower they raised the bells, rang 60 call changes and lowered the bells again. And I think I can say that every one of those 14 rings of bells in one of the remotest parts of the South-West is rung, if not every Sunday, then regularly and well.

Not content with this achievement, three of this party were not long after involved in call change history. The first was at Welcombe, where they kept the light six going for 3 Hours and two minutes—a broken stay brought this an end. Another attempt at Littleham—a very nice six near Bideford—resulted in 4 hours and 7 minutes of call changes, ringing the standard 120, 60, 48, 36 and 20 in turn five times—a total of about 1,400 changes and some 8,000 rounds. The band were: G. Smith (Clovelly) 1. H. Coneybeare (Hartland) 2. R. Bryant (Littleham) 3. R. Clements (Littleham) 4. C. Nicholls (Littleham) 5. J. Sears (Clovelly) 6. Now . . . who's going to beat that?

J. G. M. S.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM WOOD

The Truro Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest method ringer in the person of Mr. William Wood, of Gulval, who died recently. Mr. Wood came to Cornwall from Somerset just before the first world war and established a horticultural business which, with his brother, Mr. John Wood, also a ringer, who died several years ago, he developed into a large area of glasshouses, now carried on by his nephew, Mr. Victor Wood.

Until three weeks before his death Mr. Wood was active and was ringing earlier in the year, being present at the Spring Festival of the Penzance Branch. He still held the office of Branch auditor; he was a vice-president of the Guild.

William Wood had a great love for Gulval Church and bells; he was a churchwarden for many years and took great care of the ringing chamber; the cost of refurbishing this in oak and oak panelling the walls was borne by him, although he would never refer to it. He also recorded in the tower the ringing done there. He will be sorely missed, as over such a long period he had given a great example of regularity and punctuality for all service and practice ringing. He had rung a few peals of Grandsire Triples.

The funeral was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Jasper) and the church was crowded with ringers, parishioners and friends from a wide area. Among ringers present were Messrs. H. Miles, C. N. Hollow, R. Woolridge, Mrs. A. White, the Misses M. L. Lidger and M. Christopher (secretary, Penzance Branch). Floral tributes were sent by the Gulval ringers and the Penzance Branch of the Truro Guild. Gulval bells were rung half-muffled, and a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Lelant on September 14th, but it was regretted that a thanksgiving peal at Truro Cathedral on the 14th failed through a miscall after two and a half hours of Grandsire Caters.

LONGDON, WORCS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Price (first quarter) 1. Susan Price 2. F. Lawrence 3. J. Mead 4. D. Price (cond.) 5. F. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Fred Woodward, a member of the local band.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal at Meldreth which appeared on page 734 is duplicated on page 751.

There was a literal in the peal report of King Charles Surprise Major on page 710. We understand it was rung at Wonston.

Mr. E. A. Cole writes withdrawing the peal rung at Ashby-de-la-Launder on January 6th and published in "The Ringing World" of January 26th.

The peal rung at Longparish on August 16th (page 755) was rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and not Non-Association, as printed.

In "Four-Bell Towers of Dorset" Brownsea Island bells was inadvertently omitted from the list. These are the front four of a major five. Two misprints in weights of tenors occurred. Margaret Marsh's tenor is 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ and not 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., Pentridges' tenor 5 not 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Aug. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, Margaret Jenner 2, J. Hemsley 3, N. Davies 4, A. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 3.

BACKWELL, SOM.—On Sept. 11th, 1,344 Ten Spliced Surprise Major: Heather Walters 1, Diana Bride 2, P. J. England 3, J. R. Taylor 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain 6, T. Chapman 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First of 10-Spliced by 3, 6, 7.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Bob Doubles: A. J. Callow 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Guille 1, R. Le Marchal 2, L. Cull 3, J. Hallett 4, J. Collis (first as cond.) 5, M. Anstee 6. Rung as a compliment to Linda V. Cull on her return to college.

BLEBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. H. Webb 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, M. Bishop 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Before Communion Service, attended by the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Harry Carpenter), to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Pickles.

CHURCHILL, SOM.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Avery 1, J. Coombs 2, B. Dodds (first as cond.) 3, S. Lewis 4, J. S. Walton 5, W. Warren 6.

CLAVERTON, SALOP.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Soride (first quarter) 1, J. Courtman 2, E. Drew 3, W. Francis 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, V. Parton (cond.) 7, R. Jones 8. Rung before Evensong in recognition of the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Raby) having completed 25 years as a priest.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Andrews (first quarter) 1, P. Schaffe 2, G. Lamb 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, D. Whent 5, C. Coulson 6. For Evensong and to mark the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Stanley G. Brown.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): H. Bell 1, Ann Collins 2, Suzanne Udell 3, Jacqueline Hobbs 4, G. Harris 5, R. Medway 6, B. Pocock 7, B. Collins (cond.) 8. First "inside" 4 5. For Battle of Britain Sunday Evensong.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. Sinfeld 1, Mrs. B. Redfearn 2, J. W. Sinfeld 3, K. Lewin 4, N. Garrard 5, P. Aslett (first in method) 6, D. Redfearn (cond.) 7, H. Burrows 8.

DURBAN, S. AFRICA.—On Sept. 20th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Maeder (first in method) 1, Felicity Booyens (first "inside") 2, J. Harvey (Sawley) 3, C. Chambers (first in method as cond.) 4, R. A. Davey 5, A. Manicom 6. First quarter 5 and 6.

GT. ASHFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: H. Culpin 1, L. Nice 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, C. Hancock 4, M. J. Rose 5. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Southgate, church workers for many years.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Norfolk Bob Doubles: D. Livsey 1, R. Perry 2, N. Dawson 3, W. Williams (25th quarter as cond.) 4, S. Barenman 5, H. Goss 6. First in method by all. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 PL Bob Minor: Pam Sturdy 1, R. Hedges 2, J. Ferris 3, A. Dander 4, G. Collins 5, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 6. On the 54th wedding anniversary of Mr. W. J. Gait (tower captain) and his wife.

QUARTER PEALS

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Adams (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. Clarke 2, Miss P. Busby (first quarter) 3, D. Pullin 4, C. Bennett 5, W. Carter 6.

ILTON, SOM.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Welch 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, S. Welch 3, Reginald Welch 4, Roy Welch 5, K. Welch 6. A 21st wedding compliment to ringers of 1 and 5.

INVERNESS.—At St. Andrew's Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Hill 1, D. Wheeler 2, E. Short 3, G. Short 4, A. Thomas (first as cond.) 5, Lily Bisset 6. For Matins. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 6. First on the bells and first recorded quarter by local band.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Bell (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, C. J. Dunstan (first "inside") 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Langley 1, V. Mary Matthews 2, A. F. Burley 3, C. J. Venn 4, G. D. Carter 5, T. J. Bell 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, A. Carveth 8. To welcome the new Vicar, Rev. G. M. Calder.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (ten meth./var.): G. H. Baldam 1, Miss M. Lewis (most methods) 2, R. A. C. Cross (most methods "inside") 3, J. Cornelius 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, F. Mills 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 PL Bob Minor: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgley 2, J. J. George 3, W. R. Curtis 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, F. M. Bowers 6. A peal attempt curtailed. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Wood, a vice president of the Guild.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Webster 1, M. Webster 2, Jane Osenton 3, Margaret Jenner 4, T. Young 5, J. Hemsley (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. For Evensong.

LONGDON, STAFFS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and P. Bob): S. W. Illidge 1, C. T. Collins 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, L. E. Monk 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding this day of John Bushnell, of the local band, and Heather Margaret Reeves.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Aug. 29th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: M. A. Arscott 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius 3, A. H. Reed 4, R. F. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. First of Kent Treble Bob by all.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Lunn 2, B. Ellis 3, K. Wilson 4, R. Coverley 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Townend, a ringer at this church for over 30 years. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (12 meth./var.): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, I. Roberts (cond.) 4, D. Williams 5, E. Lord 6. First Doubles for all. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. A. V. Davis, of 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, is the new secretary for the Christchurch and Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Mr. L. F. Cobb, the former secretary, is now living at Swindon.

The day before he was due to attempt his first peal at Sappote, Leics, Neil Harvey broke his thumb while playing Rugby. Neil's parents nevertheless provided refreshments for the band who rang the peal and thanked Chris Sturgess. Neil's deputy.

One result of Magnus Peterson's article in "The Ringing World" on Inverness Cathedral has been the increased number of visitors to the tower. This week we have the first local quarter there with four of the band ringing their first. We look forward to receiving many more.

The unteachable old dog mentioned in Mr. Blagrove's letter of September 20th would like to remind him of a quarter peal of Spliced Doubles in 27 methods—not variations—rung at Beenham, Berks, in March, 1960, after meeting short for a peal in 72 methods. Frank was invited but due to other commitments was unable to take part. The old dog is always interested in any further attempts.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): Susan Goodwin (first quarter) 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, Susan Rayner 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6. First in five meth./var. 3 and 4. For Evensong and as a farewell to Elizabeth Ingleton.

PRESTON-next-WINGHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Thomas 1, Marion Kemp 2, Jane Osenton (first in three methods) 3, Margaret Jenner 4, J. Hemsley (first in three methods as cond.) 5.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hunting 1, J. Preston (cond.) 2, C. Moyers 3, F. W. Faulkner 4, M. E. White 5, C. Winter 6. For the Patronal Festival.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Kenward 1, Mrs. Eileen Palin 2, P. O. J. Beal 3, D. W. Grimwood 4, N. J. Chesson 5, L. Mitchell 6, B. E. Jemmett 7, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 8.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Abbott 1, Mrs. S. Haille (first quarter) 2, E. Arnold 3, H. Burton 4, S. Arnold (cond.) 5, E. Lewindon 6. A 93rd birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Shearlock.

SOUTH MILTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Edden 1, Miss C. L. Jarvis (first quarter) 2, Rev. P. Dowling 3, Rev. P. Angold 4, G. J. L. Read (first as cond.) 5, B. Garner (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,319 Grandsire Cinques: A. S. Bishop 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, R. L. Jones 4, Julie S. Armstrong 5, D. G. Franklin 6, Rev. M. Hart 7, K. J. Rider 8, C. T. Richards 9, H. W. Rogers 10, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 11, J. R. Pratt 12. First on 12 for 4 and 5. For the Flower Festival. A.M.D.G.

STAPLE GROVE, SOM.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. H. Reed (cond.) 1, J. E. Brewer 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, K. E. Beale 5, M. R. Arscott 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Sheila Arscott, wife of the tenor ringer.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (seven var.): Barbara J. Duck 1, Valerie C. Allen 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, D. Stephens 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. For Harvest Festival.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Attrill 1, Lealey Warwick 2, D. Brock 3, C. H. Rogers 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. For Evensong.

SUTTON MADDOCK, SALOP.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. S. Butler (first quarter) 1, S. F. Yates (cond.) 2, A. J. Fletcher 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, C. J. Bennett 5.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Newton 1, Isobel Tomlinson (first quarter) 2, Doreen Payne 3, J. Rickaby (first "inside") 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. M. Payne 6. For Evensong.

The Coombs family of Marksbury, Bath, made it a family affair when Alan called his first quarter as conductor. There were two first quarters to give four ringers in the family.

Mr. Morley P. Tobin is recovering from a recent abdominal operation. His many friends in Worcestershire wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Six members of the Welch family rang a quarter peal at Ilton, Somerset, on September 18th. Will the Arscott family note the challenge to their family prerogative of the county?

Quizzes are popular these days and Elliot Right Way Books, Kingswood, Surrey, have just published "The All British Quiz Book" (price 3s. 6d.). Those on Church Bells and Services are not for ringers but more for the general public. Quizzes in 59 subjects are included.

During a quarterly meeting at Buxted in August, Sussex ringers learned that the Rector (Canon G. Cooke) would shortly be celebrating the 50th year of his ordination. A complimentary quarter was duly rung on the actual anniversary day in the presence of Canon Cooke and members of the P.C.C., who afterwards kindly invited the band to join in the parish supper to mark the occasion.

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WARFIELD HAVE RING OF TEN

On Saturday, November 16th, two new trebles will be dedicated at St. Michael's, Warfield, at 3.30 p.m. by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, making a ring of ten. The new bells, both gifts to the church, were cast by the Whitechapel Foundry as were the ring of eight in 1913. A frame for the new bells, designed by Mears and Stainbank, has been constructed, donated and erected by local builders with able assistance of Warfield ringers.

Prior to 1913 there were five bells in the tower, the earliest dating back to 1487, being cast by one Roger Landen of Wokingham, and a further bell cast in 1629. Of the fifth bell little is known except that it weighed over a ton and was dated 1718. These five bells were in a minor key and of poor condition and tonal quality.

In 1913 the bells were recast into a ring of eight with a tenor of 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F and are a most mellow and melodious ring.

In order to raise funds for the balance of the moneys required, the ringers have made handsome personal donations to the fund; also a large draw was organised—the first three prizewinners being as follows:

First prize, £20 (No. 2093)—Mr. Brien, Warfield, Berks; second, £10 (0049)—Mr. A. Scott, Tottenham, Beds; third, £5 (0178)—Mr. Pla-tecks, Croydon, Surrey. Other winning ticket numbers were: 1171, 0185, 2726, 1732, 2365, 2318, 2526, 2758 and 2611. F. C. P.

DID YOU GET THE PEAL?

The peal of Frodsham at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, was definitely rung in spite of everything.

Ken was removed to hospital on Friday, much to the concern of everyone. A quick shuffle-round followed. St. Stephen's has a ground-floor six, the belfry door opens right on to the tenor, a thin partition separates it from the vestry, and the boiler is in a little room off the vestry with the only access through the circle. Hence we had to take the door off its hinges so that the two men who cheerfully said that they would be working on the boiler all morning could go out if necessary. "It's all right, we're used to ringers," they assured us. They retired; we began amid an inspiring smell of gas.

Next were the little boys who came into the church and got noisier and noisier! There was much muttering at them, but soon they were joined by a dog, which proceeded to bark. Thinking we would not see them, they transferred to the vestry, where they were joined by the secretary, who began banging on a typewriter. Because there was no door, the visitors in the church were able to stand in the doorway between the treble and tenor and watch us. We had a variety of faces, including a very small infant.

The din next door increased, the dog still barking, and at the height of it all the boiler-men decided to emerge. Mutterings and great concentration, and when Brian knew exactly where everyone was he told them to go through. Roger stood to one side and managed to ring in about two inches of floor space! However, they did not wait when they came back—they just grinned and walked through.

Having resigned ourselves to the noise we pushed on, to see the church filling up with guests for a mid-day wedding. We just about heard ourselves run round and had no sooner stood than the Vicar yelled out from the vestry—"Did you get the peal, then?"!!

J. A. F.

YOUNGEST MASTER AT HEREFORD



Miss Valerie M. Edge, of Much Wenlock, Shropshire, became the first lady Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild when she was elected at the 1968 annual meeting held at Hereford on Whit Monday.

Miss Edge is a former secretary of the Bridgnorth District of the Guild, and she is a choir member and the Ringing Master at Much Wenlock Parish Church, where her enthusiasm and devotion has been responsible for teaching and keeping together a band composed mainly of lady ringers. She is a keen supporter of the Hereford Ringing Courses and, at 23, is the youngest Master in the history of the Guild.

HUNTINGTON GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

To mark the ordination of their vice-president (the Rev. Michael Escritt, curate at All Saints', Huntington) in Howden Minster on September 22nd, members of the Guild travelled to Howden, where, prior to the service, they were privileged to ring on the glorious ring of eight bells. Touches of Plain Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before the impressive service, which was conducted by the Archbishop of York.

In the afternoon six members of the Guild rang a peal of Minor in two methods on their own bells as a compliment to Mr. Escritt, who since his arrival in the parish 12 months ago has been a valuable friend and supporter of the Guild.

SUFFOLK BELLS AT FOUNDRY

One of the oldest rings of Suffolk bells, at St. Mary's, Woolpit, between Stowmarket and Bury St. Edmunds, is now at John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough for retuning, new clappers and other work estimated to cost £1,158. Some £600 remains to be raised to cover the cost.

There were five bells here in 1553 and early in the 19th century, writes Mr. Claude Rush, there were still five and all had been cast in the 17th century except the third, which was cast earlier. The tower was rebuilt in 1852 after it had been destroyed by lightning. C. and G. Mears then did work on the bells and a sixth was added.

12-YEAR-OLD SALLY TAKES PART IN SURPRISE MAJOR OUTING

Newest recruit to the Warminster-Frome District Surprise Major practice band is 12-year-old Sally Baker, of Frome. She was one of the party of 30 ringers and friends who, on September 21st, had their annual outing into Wales and Herefordshire. The bells were first set going at Monmouth to Cambridge Major, in which Sally rang. She also took part in Stedman Caters at Abergavenny, and lowered the tenor in peal at Blaenavon.

From Monmouth the route was through the beautiful Wye Valley to Ross, where Cambridge, Bristol and Rutland were brought round on the well-known bells. After lunch at Ross there was some very worthwhile ringing at Abergavenny.

It was unfortunate that the next part of the trip—over the mountains to Blaenavon—was marred by the heaviest storm of the day, which succeeded in hiding much of the country and the beautiful views obtainable from the road. Cambridge and Lincolnshire were successfully rung here but eight-spliced came to grief. However, at the next tower, at Usk, thanks to the wizardry of Squadron Leader George Massey, it was accomplished. It was at Usk that some of the best ringing of the day took place. The search for tea here was unsuccessful, a substitute being at a small fish and chip shop in the Square.

The famous Severn Bridge was again crossed. There was a stop for refreshments at Keynsham, and it was a tired but happy party that reached home.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. Slatford for the arrangements, to Mr. Cecil Ovens for his competent driving, and to all incumbents for the use of bells. N. G. K.

AN UNLUCKY 13

Mr. Martyn Marriott of Bedford, has lost 13 consecutive peal attempts. Five of these were over two hours and one over three hours. Five were miscalled, four were stopped because the standard of ringing was not good enough, and two through illness. We hope success will attend Martyn in the peals arranged for later this year.

UNSEEN METHODS CHALLENGE

Wharton ringers (Nottingham) challenged Derby Cathedral ringers to a bellringing competition. Each team, in turn, attempted to ring a 360 of three previously unseen methods. Harry Poyner selected the methods and judged the contest. Each team had ten minutes to learn the method before going up to the tower to ring it.

Miraculously, all teams succeeded in ringing their 360's—though after the occasional false start. The first method turned out to be Alnwick, the second was London below the treble and Oxford Treble Bob above, and was thought to be Mendip. The final method, which had some resemblance to Cambridge, could not be christened. At the end of the contest the Wharton ringers entertained their opponents to tea in the Village Hall. Harry Poyner judged Derby Cathedral to be winners of all three 360's.

The day was rounded off with a skittles competition at the Griffin's Head, where the Wharton ringers struck better form and did much to redeem their earlier failings by beating the Cathedral ringers two games to one.

A return match is prophesied for early next year.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire.
 *Bernard Dodds Treble Stanley Lewis 4
 †Christopher Avery 2 John S. Walton 5
 John Coombs 3 *Christopher Field Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.

* First peal. † First in five methods "inside." Tenor 6 cwt.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints'

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods—Grandsire and Plain Bob, one variation—Kennington, and two spliced compositions—Wychbold and Dedworth.
 Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Stanley C. Davis Treble George J. Hawkins 4
 Jean Lee 2 Julian E. Newman 5
 Alan F. Lee 3 Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Lucy Butt, a 60th birthday compliment to Stanley Davis, and a wedding peal for David Barnett and Dawn Kendall, married at Twerton-on-Avon on this day.

EXFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents in 42 methods: Stedman, New Bob, Stedman Slow Course, Huntspill, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.

Keith E. Beale Treble Leslie H. Arscott 4
 Frederick C. Arscott 2 *Gordon H. Baldam 5
 John Cornelius 3 Mervyn R. Arscott Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal of Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick C. Arscott.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, New, Huntspill, Grandsire Union, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain, St. Simon and St. Martin.
 Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Brian Williams Treble Stanley Lewis 4
 †Harold Hooper 2 John S. Walton 5
 Yvonne Criddle 3 †William Warren Tenor

Conducted by John S. Watson.

* First peal in 14 methods. † First in 14 methods "inside" and has now "circled the tower." ‡ First peal

LOCKING, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, four of Stedman, three of Union, New Doubles, Huntspill and St. Simon.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Raymond Jones Treble John Coombs 4
 Marjorie Legg 2 George Prescott 5
 Yvonne Criddle 3 Henry Button Tenor

Conducted by Yvonne Criddle.

First peal as conductor.

THORLOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 45 extents in five methods—four Plain Bob, eight Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, three Rev. St. Bartholomew, three All Saints and two Grandsire; two variations—three Kennington, three Southrepps and seven spliced compositions—three April Day, three Seighford, three Clifford's Pleasure, three Little Aston, three Northrepps, three Rushall and one Dedworth.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble †*Rodney A. C. Cross 3
 Adrian F. Arscott 2 *Mervyn A. Arscott 4

Keith E. Beale Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal on five bells. † Most methods/variations to a peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Ronald F. Andrew .. Treble C. Kenneth Lewis 5
 James E. Andrews 2 *Michael Thomson 6
 David Vincent 3 Richard Starkie 7
 *Stuart I. Bamforth 4 Basil Jones Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents each of All Saints', Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Rev. Canterbury and ten extents of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Gordon K. Green Treble A. Doreen Edwards 4
 Geoffrey A. Edwards 2 Frank R. Morton 5
 John R. Scott 3 William H. Watkin Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

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

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

John R. Scott Treble Geoffrey A. Edwards 4
 Frank R. Morton 2 Frederick S. Sutton 5
 *A. Doreen Edwards 3 Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* 75th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild

EDGMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Brian Schofield Treble Ernest Pimlott 4
 Christopher J. Jones 2 John Moore 5
 David A. Godfrey 3 Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung as a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jones

MORETON CORBET, Salop.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's.
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Ernest Pimlott Treble Brian Schofield 4
 David A. Godfrey 2 Christopher J. Jones 5
 John Moore 3 Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the third.

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

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 42 120's in nine methods—St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, All Saints and Rev. St. Bartholomew, and 56 variations. Tenor 14 cwt.
 Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Herbert Sutton Treble John R. Scott 4
 Geoffrey A. Edwards 2 Frank R. Morton 5
 John E. Brough 3 Frederick S. Sutton Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.

First peal in 65 Doubles for all the band, the tower and the Guild.
 Rung for the 65th birthday of Herbert Sutton (treble ringer).

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Caroline Mackie .. Treble Peter C. Randall 5
 Anthony J. Cox 2 Peter H. Mackie 6
 Robert H. Newton 3 Stephen F. Royal 7
 *Jeremy R. Pratt 4 Anthony P. Foster Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

* 25th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter H. Mackie.

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1, 5) Cambridge Surprise, (2, 6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4, 7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Lawrence Mackie .. Treble Peter C. Randall 4
 Peter H. Mackie 2 Robert W. Sherriff 5
 *R. Ian West 3 †John F. Thorne Tenor

Conducted by Robert W. Sherriff.

* First peal in more than one method. † 25th peal for the Guild.
 Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Coventry, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter H. Mackie.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Joan Beresford Treble	Colin J. E. Wyld 5
Edward F. P. Bryant 2	Nicholas J. Davies 6
Michael H. O'Callaghan 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Peter M. Wilkinson 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Timothy Wylie Treble	Edmund Shuttleworth 6
Gordon A. Halls 2	Harold Taylor 7
Richard Wilcox 3	Denis R. Carlisle 8
Brian A. Tolminson 4	Alan H. Bridges 9
Clive A. Thrower 5	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

KETTERING, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

David W. Friend Treble	Geoffrey Bridges 6
Richard Wilcox 2	Clive A. Thrower 7
Maralyn Astridge 3	Gordon A. Halls 8
John V. Chadwick 4	Denis R. Carlisle 9
Harold Taylor 5	Derek G. Astridge Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Brian Tomlinson Treble	*Peter Blight 5
Jack Chadwick 2	Richard Wilcox 6
E. Frederick Gobey 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Clive Thrower 4	Rev. Fred Ross Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

C. Duncan Davis Treble	Malcolm E. Johnson 5
Ann Lawson 2	*James Crowther 6
Enid Lawson 3	Michael Maughan 7
George S. Deas 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* 100th peal (99th tower bell peal). First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 704 Bristol, and 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 143 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Donald F. Murfet Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley 5
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	David E. House 6
David E. Rothera 3	John H. Fielden 7
Geoffrey Pearson 4	Alan F. Scholfield Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

*Arthur Newton Treble	*William H. Pedley 4
†Catherine Pedley 2	†R. Ian West 5
†Martin R. Kitson 3	Robert H. Newton Tenor

Conducted by Robert H. Newton.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal at first attempt

† First of Minor First of Minor as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWICKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Alan A. Paul 7
Iris Lemare 2	Geoffrey W. Randall 8
Beryl E. Cawser 3	D. John Hunt 9
W. Eric Critchley 4	Robert C. Kippin 10
Brian Bladen 5	Russell S. Morris 11
J. Edward Cawser 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity. Knowle.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 59 lb. in G.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	†Dennis Powney 5
*Jennifer J. Murrell 2	Brynley A. Shackleton 6
Heather A. Walters 3	Bernard G. North 7
Bruce Martin 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal † First on eight bells.

BLUNSDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores of Stedman (10 callings) and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Anthony R. Peake Treble	†Harold W. Ball 4
*Donald Naylor (aged 10) 2	Brian Bladen 5
Walter H. Trueman 3	*Walter J. Grubb Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal † First of Doubles.

Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. J. Vincent, a ringer and chorister here for over 60 years, by a band who all learned to ring in the tower. The band wish to associate with the peal E. W. Ford (tower captain) and Ann (on holiday).

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*A. Patrick Cannon Treble	†Elizabeth J. Gibbs 4
Roy D. Mills 2	Christine M. Harbott 5
†John F. Oakshott 3	Tony Skilton Tenor

Conducted by Tony Skilton.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal attempt. First on six bells as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

S. Barnaby Bell Treble	Austin T. Wingate 4
*Peter L. Hughes 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood 5
Dennis Jaine 3	Peter D. Sell Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal of Treble Bob "inside."

Rung as a wedding compliment to Jennifer J. Donnelly and Peter J. L. Suddes, son of the church organist.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Sara K. D. Woolley Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5
John R. Southey 2	Martyn L. J. Jordan 6
Frank Reed 3	David E. Rothera 7
John W. Sinfield 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 16 methods, being one extent each of: (1) Cunecastre, (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Walter Ayre Treble	Augustin V. Good 4
*C. Valerie Mills 2	*Keith Sheppard 5
Reginald E. J. Sheppard 3	*Francis M. Byrne Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

*First peal in 16 methods

REDBOURN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURRISE MINOR

In 19 methods, being extents as follows: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre, (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, (3) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, (5) York, Durham, (6) Netherseale, (7) Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*George A. Reading Treble	Walter Ayre 4
*C. Valerie Mills 2	*Francis M. Byrne 5
Augustin V. Good 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in 19 methods.

Rung on the Feast of St. Matthew.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 FRODSHAM BOB MINOR.

Seven different extents.

*Richard J. Lewis .. Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A.
Susan D. Cowan .. 2	Peter T. Dale .. 4
Julia A. Fellows .. 3	Roger D. J. Brown .. 5
	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,984 London, 992 each Cambridge and Superlative, 704 Rutland and 448 Bristol, with 98 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Kenneth J. Rider .. Treble	*John W. Smith .. 5
Margaret E. Oram .. 2	Tony Lewis .. 6
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	D. Paul Smith .. 7
Ian H. Oram .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal of five-Spiced Surprise Major.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Sheila Copping (tower captain) and Michael Foster, whose marriage took place at this church later in the day.

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

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's .. Treble	Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.
*Rosemary K. Gates .. 2	†Michael Hansford .. 5
Richard Hayes .. 3	John W. Smith .. 6
*Frank H. Gates .. 4	Tony Lewis .. 7
John Pladdys .. 4	Percy J. Spice .. Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Michael Foster and Sheila Copping, who were married the previous Saturday at St. Luke's, Bromley Common. The band also congratulate Raymond and Margaret Large on the birth of a son.

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

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. Bankes James arrangement .. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.	
Valerie J. Howard .. Treble	Derek Slater .. 4
Judith M. Corby .. 2	John A. Howard .. 5
*Phillip A. Butler .. 3	Richard Hayes .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* First peal at the first attempt.

Rung with best wishes to Phillip Butler on his birthday.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A sharp.

Lucy P. A. Hopkins .. Treble	Terence M. Fitzgerald .. 5
Celia F. H. D'Aeth .. 2	Walter Allman .. 6
Martin E. Snape .. 3	Keith J. Walpole .. 7
Thomas W. Hesketh .. 4	Bruce Wakefield .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

MELLING, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being four extents of Original, 30 Grandsire (ten different callings and different 240's by B. D. Price, A. J. Pitman and L. W. G. Morris) and eight Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

William Kenyon .. Treble	Joseph Whalley .. 4
*Dorothy M. L. Maudsley .. 2	Kevin M. Price .. 5
*W. Stephen Walker .. 3	*Brian Maudsley .. Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal of Doubles. First in three methods by all the band except the conductor.

PENDLEBURY, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's each of Stedman, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, Spliced Plain and St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob and twelve 120's of Grandsire.

Thomas Hobson .. Treble	John Ashcroft .. 4
*Ian Eggleton .. 2	*David Makin-Taylor .. 5
*Neil T. E. Burnett .. 3	†Graham Wells .. Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal

Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Robert B. Smith .. Treble	Shirley Burton .. 6
*Sheila M. Anthony .. 2	E. Alan Jaques .. 7
Christopher L. D. Munday .. 3	William J. Root .. 8
Ernest W. Rawson .. 4	Russell S. Morris .. 9
David F. Moore .. 5	Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung after meeting short for Maximus, Mr. George Dawson kindly standing down.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Fri., Sept. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 SPICED PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH

LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Comprising 4,224 Plain and 792 Gainsborough, with 132 changes of method.

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

*J. Richard Perkins .. Treble	*Ronald D. Hughes .. 5
Malcolm D. Barsby .. 2	*Roger I. Kendrick .. 6
†Alec R. Jones .. 3	B. Stedman Payne .. 7
*Roger N. Scholes .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner.

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal of Major in two methods. † First of Major.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

Michael J. Palmer .. Treble	Ronald K. Russ .. 4
Patricia A. Copas .. 2	Frank T. Blagrove .. 5
Jeffrey M. Britchford .. 3	Christopher Venn .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Palmer.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 of Kent T.B. and 3,600 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

A. Frederick Boyce .. Treble	Peter J. A. Bower .. 4
*Neville J. Burgess .. 2	Richard A. J. Bower .. 5
Andrew J. Harrison .. 3	David F. J. Bird .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.

* First peal.

Rung to the glory of God and to thank Andrew Harrison for his regular attendances at Wroxham, which he will have to break to go to Leicester University.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roland Biggs .. Treble	Sydney M. Bailey .. 5
Michael B. Best .. 2	*Ernest E. Gosling .. 6
Joyce I. Cornwall .. 3	Walter Lee .. 7
Arthur Newton .. 4	David A. Cornwall .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

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

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CUMNOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 16 methods, being: (1) London Court, (2) College, (3) Durham and York Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Court Bob, Rosehill, Hanney and Radley College Court Bob, (5) Plain and Reverse Bob, (6) York Surprise, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

John R. Norris Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller 4
Catherine A. Salter 2	A. Keith P. Poole 5
Jonathan R. Rowson 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

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

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.

Jonathan R. Rowson .. Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller 4
A. Keith P. Poole 2	Michael C. E. Hodge 5
Catherine A. Salter 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

Rung in association with the 17th birthday of the treble ringer, on the following day, and the golden wedding of the grandparents of the ringer of the 2nd, on August 29th.

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

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

On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Susan E. Smith 2	John R. Insley 8
Iris M. E. Lemare 3	George E. Fearn 9
Richard J. Tibbetts 4	Roderick W. Pipe 10
Maurice F. Edwards 5	James W. Be'shaw 11
James Insley 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 132 combination roll-ups. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	Peter England 5
Norman J. Goodman 2	James W. Belshaw 6
James Insley 3	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Ronald N. Marlow .. Treble	† Brian S. B. Kear 5
* Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2	Ross G. W. Robertson .. 6
† Roderick A. Bryant 3	Frederick E. Collins 7
‡ David Wilson 4	Timothy F. Collins Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major "inside." † First of Major.
‡ First of Plain Bob Major

ASKERSWELL, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Melvyn J. Hiller .. Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 4
Jonathan R. Rowson 2	A. Keith P. Poole 5
Angela R. Quick 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

CANFORD MAGNA, Dorset.—At the Parish Church.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

* Roderick A. Bryant .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 4
John N. Longridge 2	* Ross G. W. Robertson .. 5
Mary E. Elmes 3	† Timothy F. Collins .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor.

LODERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being Wells, London, Cambridge and Beverley.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

David B. Ellery .. Treble	A. Keith P. Poole 4
Angela R. Quick 2	Melvyn J. Hiller 5
Jonathan R. Rowson 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.	
Sidney Carnall Treble	Philip Rogers 4
John A. Coates 2	Peter Carnall 5
A. Harry Hawcroft 3	Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of David Roy Brown, a local ringer, aged 20, who was laid to rest this day.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Sept. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
* Harold Archer .. Treble	Paul N. Mounsey 4
Chris M. Wright 2	Harold Denman 5
John A. Coates 3	Philip Rogers Tenor

Conducted by Philip Rogers.

* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EWHRST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. James and Mark.

On Sat., Aug. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Fourteen extents each of Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and

Winchendon Place. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

William Button .. Treble	Derek Slater 3
Valerie J. Howard 2	John A. Howard 4
Richard Hayes Tenor	

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST MEON, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

* Basil E. Pink .. Treble	† John F. A. Rolph 5
Michael S. Bruce 2	Geoffrey J. Gammon 6
Charles E. Bassett 3	Patrick Page 7
* Ramon A. Stone 4	John H. Hunt Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by John H. Hunt.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon .. Treble	* Stephen W. Barton 5
* Susan E. Smith 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
* Robert Edwards 3	* James W. Belshaw 7
* John R. Insley 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Shirley Drew .. Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
* Martin Powell 2	Geoffrey R. Drew 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	Robert Edwards 7
John J. Durham 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* 25th peal
Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter J. Brown and M. Irene Ellsmore, who were married at St. John's Church, Halesowen, on September 7th, 1968.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

Ian G. Campbell .. Treble	* Tom M. Cox 5
John N. D. Chaddock 2	Ronald J. Snack 6
C. Barrie Dovee 3	John Robinson 7
Rev. Giles C. Galley 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* 80th peal and first of London Major. Fastest peal of Surprise on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C

Alan A. Potts	1-2	Robert B. Smith	7-8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6	J. David Atkinson	11-12

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Gerald Moorhouse.

First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Tues., June 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Lawrence Haines	1-2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5-6
Alan A. Potts	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8
Herbert M. Heaton	9-10		

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal on ten handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Tues., July 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Lawrence Haines	1-2	Alan Scholfield	5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8
Ian M. Holland	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by Kenneth Lewis.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,696 each of London and Rutland, 672 Yorkshire, 384 Cambridge, 352 Lincolnshire and 228 Superlative, with 128 changes of method

Neil Bennett	1-2	Robert B. Smith	5-6
*Bernard F. L. Groves	3-4	†Gerald Moorhouse	7-8

Composed by Kenneth C. Lewis.

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. † First in six methods. First of Spliced Surprise in six methods as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

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

On Sun., Aug. 25, 1968, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of four methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; ten variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, April Day, Old Kennington and Dedworth. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Composed by Kenneth C. Lewis.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*J. David Atkinson	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	†C. Kenneth Lewis	7-8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First of Surprise "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5140 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 14 in D.

Brian J. Woodruffe	1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5-6
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	Roger D. R. Brown	7-8

*Peter T. Dale 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on ten handbells.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5048 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In nine methods, being 896 Plain Bob, 536 Little Bob, 512 Double Plain Bob, 768 Reverse Plain Bob, 896 St. Clement's College Bob, 512 Crayford College, 256 Crayford Little, 336 Gainsborough Little Bob and 336 Wellington Little Court, with 77 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5-6
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	Roger D. R. Brown	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Spliced Plain Major in nine methods by all.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 81, Overstone Road.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5312 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkerton variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Susan D. Cowan	1-2	Julia A. Fellows	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	*Roger D. R. Brown	7-8

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 28 methods, comprising 480 of London, 320 each of Eastcote and Elford, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashted, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Dublin, Ealing, Hereford, Highgate Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Yeading and York-shire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1-2	Roger Baldwin	5-6
John R. Mayne	3-4	Gerald Penney	7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

Umpire: Brian Bladon.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Surprise Major on handbells. The umpire checked every course-end and call throughout the peal.

THE ST DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

PEMBROKE, Pems.—In the belfry at the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Sept. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob.

*Frank R. Morton	1-2	John R. Scott (cond.)	3-4
†Anthony R. Trickett	5-6		

* First peal away from tenors. † First handbell peal. First handbell peal in the county and for the Guild. Tenor size 15 in C. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. R. Trickett.

PEMBROKE DOCK, Pembrokeshire.—At The Surgery.

On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1968, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods and four variations, being eight extents each of Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and seven extents each of the following variations—Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, April Day and five extents Old variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank R. Morton	1-2	John R. Scott (cond.)	3-4
Anthony R. Trickett	5-6		

Most methods/variations on handbells for the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DURWESTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher F. Longridge	1-2	John N. Longridge (cond.)	3-4
Martin J. Corry	5-6		

(Abingdon School Society.)

BOTHENHAMPTON, Bridport, Dorset.—At Pentwyn.

On Sun., Sept. 8, 1968, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.

Jonathan R. Rowson	1-2	Christopher I. Rowson (cond.)	3-4
A. Keith P. Poole	5-6		

First peal on the bells. Tenor size 16 in B.

12,000 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

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265743	2									
453762										
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673425					3					
473526					2					
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276354					2					
256347										
62534										2
54326										2
36245										2
25463										2
63542						2				2
635472		Single Before								
56342		Single Before								
23645										3
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BIRTHS

JACK—On September 29th, 1968, at Kilton Hospital, Worksop, to Hilary Ross, wife of David William Jack, a son. 4921

MITCHELL—On September 17th, 1968, at 26, Gayhurst Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, to Hazel (née Dadson) and Laurence, a son, Julian Philip, a brother for Janette. 4918

ENGAGEMENT

MANN—BAYLEY. — The engagement is announced between Alison, younger daughter of Mr. B. C. Mann and the late Mrs. B. C. Mann, of Goldhanger, and Michael, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. P. Bayley, of Ardleigh.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

EDEN—WILSON. — The marriage of Christopher and Ruth will take place at Penrith Parish Church, Cumberland, on Saturday, October 12th, 1968, at 2 p.m. Future address is 19, Gerald Road, Oxtou, Birkenhead, Cheshire. 4922

DEATH

HUNT—On September 17th, 1968, Harry Hunt, a ringer at Lyminster Church, Sussex, for 42 years, aged 74 years. The bells were rung by his friends before and after the funeral. 4909

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ATAK.—The address of Rachel M. J. Atak is now 42, Harvey Goodwin Avenue, Cambridge.

BRADLEY.—Rowan's address is now Flat 2, Seaton House, Seaton Road, Camberley, Surrey. Telephone (work) Farnborough 44433. Extension 293. 4899

COBB.—Lewis and Elizabeth now live at 5, Cowley Walk, Park North, Swindon, Wilts. All friends welcomed. 4903

GIBSON.—The address of Harold F. Gibson is now 59, Lincoln Road, North Hykeham, Lincs (previously 68, Lincoln Road). 4923

PERSONAL

"Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing." —I Peter iii, 8.

FOR SALE

"ELEMENTS OF CAMPANALOGIA," by William Scottanstill Sowerby, Yorkshire. Part II, 1867. "Change Ringing" by Charles A. W. Trovte, fourth edition. Offers welcomed. —J. V. Muller, Ash, Sevenoaks, Kent. 4906

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner at Caveman Restaurant, Cheddar, October 19th, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Five-course meal, 22s. 6d. Tickets from J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 12th. S.A.E., please Cheddar bells available 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. 4736

HALLING, KENT. — From October 8th and until further notice the practice night at Halling will be Tuesday from 7.30–9 p.m. — C. T. Osenton. 4913

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN ringers wish to thank all those who supported their Ringing Sunday, especially those from distant towers. 4902

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch and Southampton District.—Change of Secretary.—Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, is now Secretary, and all correspondence should be sent to her.

ASTON PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM

The 12 bells will be ringable from Oct. 6th, 1968. Tower Restoration is now complete.

Ringling: Thurs. 7.30–9 p.m.; Sun. 10–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m.—Ringing Master. 4911

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE on Saturday, October 19th, in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (27/6) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, S.A.E., please. 4839

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Snowden Dinner, October 19th. Ringing arrangements: Brighouse 11.30–12.30; Otley 11.30–12.30; St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 11.30–12.30; Cleckheaton 1.15–2.15; Guiseley 1.15–2.15; Burley (Leeds) 1.15–2.15; Drighlington 2.30–3.30; Idle 2.30–3.30; Bramley 2.30–3.30; Bradford 4–4.30. 4901

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD Kesteven Education Committee

ONE-DAY RINGING SCHOOL to be held on

Saturday October 19th, 1968

at the

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Assembly at the School 10.15 a.m.

Instruction in classroom and tower for beginners, intermediate and advanced groups. Twelve changes to Plain Bob Minor, Plain Minor Methods. Treble Bob Major, Erin and Stedman Triples.

Brochure and enrolment forms from Dr. T. W. P. Golby, Director of Education, County Offices, Sleaford, Lincs 4908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE

at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 26th, 1968. Tickets 27/6 each. Apply (with s.a.e.) to C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 4746

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

83rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER, The Queens Hotel, Marine Parade, Eastbourne, Saturday, October 26th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets (26/-) from Mrs. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne, or from Hon. Div. Secs. S.A.E. 4855

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL DINNER

on Saturday, October 26th, in the Tresham Hall, Rothwell.

Assemble 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. Dinner. Tickets (£1 each and c.w.o.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. Closing date Monday Oct. 14th.

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary.
4830

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26th, 1968

at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets 15s. 6d. each.
Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5; All Saints' (10) 4.30–6; St Swithun's (6) 5 to 6.
Tickets from General Secretary and Branch Secretaries by October 21st.
D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 4883

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

Box of 15 for 5/6 carriage paid. Remittance to Mr. L. Mitchell, 26, Gayhurst Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent. Proceeds to Newton-next-Sittingbourne Bell Restoration Fund. 4917

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

331st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, November 2nd, 1968.

The 331st Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 1968 (6 for 6.30 p.m.) at the Wallbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (32/6) now available from me: Cheques and Postal Orders to the made payable to the Society.

Ring arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a. Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 4733

ST. MARGARET'S, ASPLEY, NOTTINGHAM

The two new treble bells will be dedicated on Sunday, October 20th, at 6.30 p.m., by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, President of the Central Council 4940

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS invites Coventry students to attend its practices, usually held at Honiley, Works, on Wednesdays, 7.30-9 p.m. Inquiries to the Secretary: Miss C. A. Harris. Tel.: Tile Hill 65189. 4548

HULL COLLEGES GUILD.—All ringers coming up to Hull this session are invited to attend the first practice of term on Monday, October 14th, 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Hull. 4925

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, Saturday, October 26th. Towers: Rotherhithe 9.45-10.30; St. Mary's, Bow Road, 11-11.45; Clerkenwell 12.15-1; St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 2-2.45; St. George's, Borough, 3-3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4, followed by service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will members please make every effort to attend this important meeting, when changes in the constitution will be proposed. Names for tea, please, to Audrey Alexander, Canterbury Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1 4824

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

ST. PETER'S, HENFIELD.—In future, practice night will be on Wednesday of each week at 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome. 4929

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL.—Commencing October 14th, practices at St. Mary's will take place on Mondays, 7.30-9 p.m. 4943

POSTPONED

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice of Western Deaneries postponed from October 12th to Saturday, November 9th, at Wroxham, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton, Wroxham, Norwich, NOR 062 4928

WARFIELD, BERKS.—Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Foundry the dedication of the two new trebles will not take place on Saturday, October 12th, as published, but will now be held on Saturday, November 16th, at 3 p.m. The Sonning Deanery evening ringing meeting will be held at Binfield on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. 4932

MEETINGS

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Kirby, October 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Richard's Hall, Common Road, at 6 p.m. Short business meeting follows. Ringing after meeting. All welcome. 4926

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. A. Faulkner, Thorncombe, 9, Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin, Chester C43 8LA. 4865

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ely and Cambridge Districts) and **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 4862

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Seaton, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec. 4888

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, October 12th, at Cricklade 3-5 p.m. and Castle Eaton 6-8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. 4936

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, October 12th, 3 to 6.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Ware (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Lawrence, 1, Founcey Avenue, Dane End, Ware.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 4894

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 4887

KENI COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing at St. Michael's 3-4. Service at All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 4845

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, October 12th. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 4894

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Mathern, October 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 4894

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 12th, St. James' Clerkenwell Green, 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth Palace Road, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting and ringing till 8.30. Own tea.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4874

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Enstone, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing: Enstone until 7.30, and Chipping from 7.45.—P. R. Covelev, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. 4857

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 4857

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hodnet (8), October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing in the evening to 8 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Mr. R. E. Morris, 12, The Crescent, Hodnet, Market Drayton.—E. F. W., Hon. Sec. 4895

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Leatherhead (10), 3-4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ashted (8), 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15 4832

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—At Home to Melton District, Granby, October 12th. Bells 3-4.30, 6-7. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Wharton. 4832

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, October 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk. 4838

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Mortlake (8) on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Barnes (8) available in evening. Names for tea to L. Freeman, 11, Shrewsbury Avenue, S.W.14 (Tel. PRO 0199). No names, no tea.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 4773

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Heene and West Tarring on Saturday, October 12th. Heene bells (8) 2.30. Service, West Tarring, 5 o'clock, followed by tea in the hall. Ringing at West Tarring (6) 6.30-8. Please notify for tea to Mr. R. M. Cox, 42, Cedar Close, West Tarring, Worthing.—R. Wake, Div. Sec. 4885

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Broadway, Saturday, October 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bredforton bells available 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. C. Berry, 25, Priest Lane, Pershore, Worcs. 4998

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Alveston, Glos, Thursday, October 17th, 7.30 p.m. Non-members welcomed.—B. J. 4900

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at All Hallows', Twickenham, on Thursday, October 17th at 7.30 p.m.—M. J. Palmer, Hon. Dis. Sec. 466

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Striking Contest will be held at Eaton Bray on Saturday, October 19th. Practice ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. J. E. Sinfield (Organiser), 35, Peblemoor, Edlesborough, near Dunstable, Beds. 4949

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Brough, Esq., 25, Queen's Drive, Nantwich, by October 16th.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 4935

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Alveston on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open from 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Alderminster, Snitterfield, Sherborne and Wellesbourne, all six-bell towers. Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, will be open from 6.30 to 8.30. Numbers for tea (at Alveston Church Hall), very important, to Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, by Wednesday, October 16th, please. 4871

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Annable's London Surprise Minor and Single Oxford.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4910

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Combined meeting with Bristol Rural Branch on Saturday, October 19th. Ringing at Westerleigh 2.30-3.30, Yale (6) 3.45-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (both at Yale). Ringing, Chipping Sodbury (6) 5.45. Skittles at Half Moon, Coalpit Heath, 7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, essential by Wednesday, October 16th. 4931

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Coln St. Aldwyns (8), October 19th, 5.30 p.m.—J. Pearce, Branch Sec. 4941

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Avening (6), October 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Names for tea to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by Tuesday 15th. 4952

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge (6), October 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans. (Tel. 57344).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 4920

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting, Wye, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, only for those who notify Mr. C. J. E. Wyld, 82, Abbots Walk, Wye, Ashford, by Thursday, October 17th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Kenward, 44, Bell Road, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 4890

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich (8) on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.15.—A. J. Illingworth, Branch Sec. 4930

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, October 19th. Bells: Long Clawson 1-1.45 p.m., Hosc 1.45-2.30, Eaton 2.30-3.15, Crofton Kerrial 3-3.45, Waltham-on-the-Wolds 3.30-4.15. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Cooke, Moor Lees Lane, Waltham-on-the-Wolds (Tel. Waltham 808). Melton Mowbray, not later than Wednesday, October 16th. 4937

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Hendon, Saturday, October 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby. 4954

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Audley on Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Warham, Queens Road, Audley, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 4950

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, Bucks, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. A.G.M., Wilton Hall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.45 p.m. Notices: Applications for tea tickets, with remittance (3s. 3d. each) and s.a.e., to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Saturday, Oct. 12th. Members are reminded that the new postal rates are in force. Ringing arrangements will be sent with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.—M. R. Cross.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, Saturday, October 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Chambers, Parkway Garage, Croughton, Brackley, Northants, by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 4939

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting and Striking Competition at Kings Norton (10), October 19th. Bells 3.30. Service and tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28 (Phone SPR 1025), by previous Wednesday. 4907

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbury, Saturday, October 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts, by Tuesday, 15th. 4955

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kingston, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Swanage. Swanage bells 7 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Fuller, 21 Bontfield Avenue, Swanage, by October 17th. 4947

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Oswy Street Cup Contest, October 19th. East Retford back six (tenor 23-1-7). Entries and names to Mr. H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by Wednesday previous. 4953

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 4916

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Final Notice.—Annual Dinner at the Lakers Hotel, Redhill, Surrey (adjacent to main line railway station), 6.30 for 7 p.m. (fully licensed). Dancing afterwards. Tickets (30s.) obtainable from David Brooks (01-946 9047), Chris Mew (01-788 0733) or the General Secretary, 63, Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey (Tel. 46218).—C. H. Cook. 4771

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Northiam and Beckley, Saturday, October 19th. Bells at Northiam 3-4.30 p.m. Ringing at Beckley 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, 16th, or alternatively make own arrangements.—G. M. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 4946

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, October 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. Leadley, Moonrakers, Bromfield Road, Henfield, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please 4942

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting at Hordle, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Milford (8) after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lewis, Cottismore, Everton Road, Hordle, near Lymington, Hants.—Mrs. G. W. Davis, Acting Hon. Sec., 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 4915

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, October 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, October 15th, please 4860

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A.G.M., St. Alphege's, Canterbury, on October 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than October 23rd. 4919

LADIES GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, October 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names for tea to Mr. D. Kirtton, Sunny Side Farm, Coddington, Newark-on-Trent, Barnby bells available 2.30-4.15.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 4938

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amesbury, Saturday, October 26th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 22nd. 4945

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The ringers of St. Margaret's, Aspley, invite members of the Guild to their open day on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham, by October 24th. 4941

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Review

"BELLS AND BELLRINGING"

Frequently we receive requests for a useful handbook about bells and ringing. Mr. Roy H. Jones has supplied this in "About Bells and Bell Ringing" (price 3s. from the author, 118, Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford). Mr. Jones has based his handbook on material he has used in talks and articles, but really it dates back to 1961-62, when he wrote a two-page booklet for recruiting purposes.

The historical side of bells is well summarised, indicating the development since the bells of St. Ninian and St. Patrick (A.D. 465). Legends and superstitions associated with bells always make good material for lectures, and the classic example of bells being provided to keep the Devil away from the departed is the sum of money given to the Church of St. Sepulchre at Old Bailey to pay for bell ringing on the days of execution, when the condemned was given a service, a nosegay of flowers and a "peal" on the bells.

Ringers should bear in mind that misuse of bells was supposed to bring misfortune. Sir Miles Partridge gambled with Henry VIII for St. Paul's bells and won. Later Sir Miles was executed. Arthur Bulkeley, Bishop of Bangor, sold his Cathedral bells and was struck blind!

Commenting on ringing today, Mr. Jones confirms that the standard of ringing is rising steadily; certainly achievement in the front rank of ringing today has reached staggering heights and we are now confronted with the niceties of distinction between record peals and progressive lengths! He states that since the 1939/45 war the number of ringers has increased rapidly and the number of young ringers today is greater than ever before. The number of lady ringers has increased rapidly in the last ten years and there are towers completely "manned" by ladies or where ladies outnumber men. From his experience with learners the author holds that girls seem to be more interested than boys in ringing, and he foretells that if the present trend continues the majority of ringers in the future may be ladies! Certainly our peal columns indicate that ladies are still very much in the minority in peal ringing, although in quarter peals ladies now get a better showing.

One cannot deny that change ringing becomes a pastime for life, but behind its strong social side, its peal ringing and tours, there is its obligation—to ring for Sunday service regularly.

"About Bells and Bell Ringing" is a useful summary of the part bells have played in life through the ages and an introduction to the dedicated art that change ringing has now reached.

HALF PEAL

WARWICK.—On Sept. 22nd, 2,640 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Cox 1-2, S. F. Royal 3-4, P. C. Randall 5-6, G. W. Randall (cond.) 7-8. The longest length rung "in hand" on eight bells by all. Rung with best wishes to Peter Mackie for his 21st birthday.

DATE TOUCH

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: Jane Osenton 1, Margaret Jenner 2, A. Bourner 3, J. Hemsley 4, R. Lebon 5, O. Webster 6, H. Deacon 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. Longest touch for all the band except 7. First quarter of Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

THREE QUARTERS IN ONE DAY ON THE ISLE OF SHEPPEY

EASTCHURCH.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. J. Chesson 1, F. R. Searle 2, Jane Bryant 3, G. Terris 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, P. D. J. Beal 6. Jointly conducted by 1 and 6.

QUEENBOROUGH.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. J. Beal 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford (first Minor) 3, Wendy Austin 4, G. Terris 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. First on the bells since restoration.

MINSTER.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mira Ford 1, Jane Bryant 2, G. Terris 3, G. Wood 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, P. D. J. Beal 6.

All rung for the births on September 17th of Julian Phillip Mitchell and Bridget Theresa Leworthy.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,296 Annable's London Surprise Minor: Louise Powell (first Treble Bob) 1, N. Bennett 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

BATHFORD, SOM.—On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Bob Minimus: W. Willans 1, N. Dawson (first as cond.) 2, D. Livsey 3, S. Bateman 4, H. Goss 5.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sadler 1, W. Bolton (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Hewitson 3, W. A. Brown 4, K. Foster 5, E. Bumphrey 6. For the service of dedication of the new standard for the local branch of the British Legion.

CALGARY, ALBERTA.—On Aug. 3rd, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: Mrs. Sally Luttrell 1, J. Hallett 2, Mrs. Wendy Foster 3, Margaret Wheat 4, Judy Mideley 5, E. G. Jeff White 6, Pat Johns (first quarter and 21st birthday) 7, M. Simpson (cond.) 8.

CARHAMPTON, SOM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: R. F. Arscott (cond.) 1, Brenda Binden 2, F. C. Arscott 3, J. Cornelius 4, M. A. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First in method by all.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: P. MacIntosh (first Grandshire Triples) 1, R. Benson 2, D. Davenport 3, A. Cairns (cond.) 4, C. Billinge 5, J. Bell 6, C. Bell 7, W. Cook 8. Rung to mark the treble ringer's departure to Reading University.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: V. Fox 1, Angela Ayres 2, Cheri Holloway 3, F. Godden 4, James Godman 5, F. Absalom 6, G. McIlhone (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8. A wedding compliment to Jean and Peggi Exon, daughters of 8 and former ringers at the Abbey, who were married here on August 17th.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At the Church of St. George, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: G. McGregor 1, T. Roast 2, R. Joy Pluckrose 3, P. Came 4, G. Pluckrose 5, C. J. Reede 6, P. W. Brown (cond.) 7, J. P. O. Barry 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William McGregor, sen.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,280 Lincolnshire S. Major: Evelyn M. Hicks 1, Louise Smith 2, Janet E. Blake 3, Valerie J. Howard 4, F. H. Hicks 5, R. Osbon 6, M. P. Howard 7, J. A. Howard (cond.) 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Rosemary Astridge 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, S. Mortimore 3, Jill Oakshott 4, C. Chapman 5, T. Skilton 6, W. J. Munton 7, R. D. Mills 8, P. J. Munday 9, J. C. Davidge (first Pl. Bob as cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 3, 5.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. K. A. Marriott 1, C. E. Jeffries 2, R. Chapman 3, F. W. Rivett 4, R. L. Piron 5, D. A. Hammond 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, A. H. Smith 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Raymond Fowler and Elizabeth Manton, married at Bromham Church earlier in the week.

QUARTER PEALS

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 8th, 1,277 Grandshire Caters: D. G. Manby (first away from tenor) 1, Miss I. E. M. Manby (first in method "inside") 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, W. H. Riddle 5, P. W. Cave 6, R. F. Eccles 7, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 8, A. Ward (cond.) 9, A. Pearce (first in method) 10. Rung in memory of William Pye, a former member of the Cathedral band and a member of the Police band at Manchester Town Hall.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. C. Bolton 1, Helen J. Henderson 2, R. G. Turner (cond.) 3, H. J. Rossell 4, J. J. F. Roper 5, F. J. English 6. Rung to welcome Jennifer Clare Doggett, born August 2nd, 1968. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: F. J. English (first quarter) 1, R. G. Turner 2, H. J. Rossell 3, R. Jolly (first in Victoria) 4, M. Scowen (first as cond.) 5, Margaret Aslett 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandshire and Bob Doubles: A. Youde 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, J. Lott 4, R. Boultee 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer on his 68th birthday.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Single Oxford Little Bob and Plain Bob: W. Tickner 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Marion Kemp 3, J. Hemsley 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Hoodless 1, P. Royds-Jones 2, Jennifer Quaiife 3, G. Love 4, H. Trewin 5, A. Sturgess 6, A. Hicks 7, A. Buswell (cond.) 8. Rung with best wishes on the eve of the wedding between Mr. William Goff, son of the Provost of Portsmouth Cathedral, and Miss Vivien Pounds.

PRISTON, SOM.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pl. Bob Doubles: N. Dawson 1, D. Livsey 2, S. Bateman 3, R. Perry 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, H. Goss (first Doubles) 6. First in method by all.

PUNEY, S.W.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, E. J. Adams 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, L. W. Allen 4, R. L. Jones 5, A. R. Patterson 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, G. T. Brand 8. For Evensong, the last service to be held in this church before the dismantling and modification of the chancel and sanctuary.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Bassett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Lowther (first Major "inside") 2, W. Rogers (cond.) 3, Mrs. Hilary A. Brown 4, R. P. Bullen 5, A. F. Lewry 6, R. V. Johnson 7, S. D. Upton 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector and Mrs. Gooderham. Also for the 90th birthday of Mr. Lewry, father of the 6th ringer.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: D. Oliver 1, A. Fowkes 2, T. Kirkman 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, R. Stretton (cond.) 6, J. Eborall 7, N. Handley 8. To celebrate the wedding of Miss S. Adams and Mr. G. Hogg earlier this day.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Brenda Dixon 1, B. Whitworth 2, Ann Smith 3, G. Muncey 4, S. Hodgkins 5, T. Smith 6, R. Coley 7, L. Hall 8. Rung for the 85th birthday of Mr. C. Clifton.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: T. Vowles 1, B. Osborne 2, C. Mayell 3, S. Cottle (cond.) 4, J. Abbott 5, J. Hughes 6. Rung for the wedding of Peter Youatt and Miss Bridgett Kidd.

SELWORTHY, SOM.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and St. Clement's): M. R. Arscott 1, F. C. Arscott 2, M. A. Arscott 3, L. H. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. C. Arscott.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,272 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge and Ipswich): Miss E. Morgan 1, Miss P. Harpole 2, D. Isgrove 3, M. Houghton 4, D. Houghton 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. C. Rivett 1, R. H. Toop 2, W. M. Taylor 3, P. R. Denton 4, T. C. Hine (first as cond.) 5, A. N. Hine 6. First Minor 1 and 2. A compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Bates on their recent marriage, and to W. M. Taylor on his return from Africa.

SOUTHAM, WARKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Judith Ashby 1, Delphine Holman 2, C. J. Baker 3, R. J. Danby 4, B. R. Danby 5, R. W. Sherriff (25th as cond.) 6, J. F. Thorne 7, G. Cooper 8. Rung to welcome the torch to the Bishop's Call to Mission to Southam Church.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On July 14th, 1,280 St. Faith's Slow Course Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzarini 2, Mrs. C. Mills 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on July 21st, 1,280 St. Botolph Bob Doubles. Also on August 10th, 1,280 Rev. All Saints Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzarini 2, D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,320 Uffington Bob Doubles: R. Mills 1, A. Lazzarini 2, D. Lazzarini 3, B. Mills (cond.) 4, F. Bradley 5. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,280 Rev. All Saints Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzarini 2, D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,320 Uffington Bob Doubles: A. Lazzarini 1, Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,280 Datchet Bob Doubles: Same band. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,280 St. Sebastian Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzarini 2, D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: D. J. Cheeseman 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, D. R. Hutley 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6. In memoriam H.R.H. Princess Marina.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Cecily Roberts 1, Ann Hall 2, D. G. Hatherly 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, O. Dyson (first quarter) 6. For the parish centenary celebrations.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDS.—1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob and Grandshire): E. C. Bigas 1, H. G. Lane (first "inside") 2, L. J. Walters 3, D. Vokes 4, S. B. Bell (cond.) 5, Miss R. Collins 6.

STOGBUMBER, SOM.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss B. Jarvis 1, B. Dennett 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, C. Lock 4, R. Penny 5, S. Bryant 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of fourth.

SWAINSWICK, SOM.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles: W. Willans (50th quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, N. Dawson 3, D. Livsey 4, S. J. Bateman (cond.) 5, H. Goss 6. First quarter in the method by all.

TWIN, HERTS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: N. S. Blamire-Brown 1, R. J. Wilshe 2, D. Harris 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, D. Digby 6. To mark the 85th birthday of H. Shire (ringer of 4th). Also on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: N. S. Blamire-Brown 1, D. Harris 2, A. G. Sears 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, D. Digby 6. To mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shire.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Erica Pankhurst 1, Kay Whitaker 2, R. L. Coles 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, Shirley A. Cox 5, D. J. Barnett 6, I. P. Cox 7, A. F. Lee (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major by all except conductor, and first of Surprise Major on the bells by all-local ringers.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: K. E. Beale (25th as cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, Miss L. M. Dade 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, M. A. Arscott (first Grandshire) 5, A. K. Whatmore 6. Rung with best wishes of the band to Miss M. E. Norman on her departure for Portsmouth Training College.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. J. Cook 1, June Sinfeld 2, R. J. Scott 3, R. J. Rowley 4, J. N. Sinfeld (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For Evensong.

WALSHAM LE WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, L. Nice 2, C. Hancock 3, D. Tamberlin 4, M. J. Rose (cond.) 5, A. Flower 6. For Harvest Festival.

WANSTROW, SOM.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: C. B. S. Mounty 1, P. Wareham 2, J. E. Metcalfe (cond.) 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls 5, T. Crabbe 6. A wedding compliment to Denzil and Christine.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Beeken (first Minor) 1, Jo Hemsley 2, Margaret Jenner 3, Marion Kemp 4, A. Leves 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Barbara Douglas 1, R. Grosvenor 2, G. Teague 3, R. Rowe 4, T. W. Lewis (cond.) 5, G. Hawkes 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Jane Hills (first quarter) 1, R. Grosvenor 2, G. Teague 3, R. Rowe 4, T. W. Lewis (cond.) 5, G. Hawkes 6. By the Sunday service band.

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