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The Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, London

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, London

By William Flook

Two keen Rochester District ringers—Mr. Richard Bushell and Miss Pamela Thomsett—leaving St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Stockbury, Kent, after their wedding on September 14th.

HALFWAY along the street known as Cornhill stands the ancient Church of St. Michael, which has long been famous for its bells. There has been a church here since before the Norman Conquest, and John Stow, in his "Survey of London" (1603), tells us that the tower of the old church was "begun to be built in 1421," in which was placed "a fair ring of five bells." These bells were evidently in the minor scale, for, as Stow says, "a sixth bell was added and given by John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430." William Rus was a notable benefactor to St. Michael's.

This new bell (founder unknown) weighed over 30 cwt., and it appears from the parish records that it was a noble bell, of which the parishioners were very proud. Of the ring of six, Stow says, "This was accounted the best ring of six bells to be rung by six men that was in England, for harmony, sweetness of sound, and tune." In those early days of bell-hanging it was evidently unusual that these six bells could be rung by only six men. Moreover, Stow tells us that the tenor bell, named "Rus," after its donor, was rung nightly for curfew at eight o'clock, "and otherwise for knells, and in peals, rung by one man, for the space of one hundred and sixty years."

Legend of Visitation

The following strange legend also appears in Stow's account of St. Michael's Church: "As I have oft heard my father report, upon St. James's night, certain men in the loft next under the bells, ringing of a peal, a tempest of lightning and thunder did arise, an ugly shapen sight appeared to them, coming in at the south window, and lighted on the north, for fear whereof they all fell down and lay as dead for the time, letting the bells ring and cease of their own accord: when the ringers came to themselves, they found certain stones of the north window to be razed and scratched as if they had been so much butter, printed with a lion's claw, the same stones were fastened there again and remain to this day. I have seen them oft, and have put a feather or small stick into the holes where the claws had entered three or four inches deep. . . . One of the ringers lived in my youth, whom I have oft heard to verify the same to be true."

In the inventory of the sixth year of the reign of Edward VI, St. Michael's is shown as having "vj great bells and ij sawnse bells." The churchwarden's accounts show that the ringers were paid 12d. for ringing for the proclamation of Queen Mary in 1553, and 2s. 3d. for ringing for her coronation.

"The Queen's Change"

It is said that as Queen Elizabeth I was passing St. Michael's on one of her royal progresses, the bells were ringing in the order 135246; and that the Queen (who is supposed to have been a great lover of bell music) was so struck with the beauty of this change that it has ever since been known as the "Queen's" change.

In the year 1587 the tenor bell, Rus, the parishioners' pride, was cracked. The parish records show that a founder name Lawrence Wright was employed to recast it, but he seems to have made a poor job of it, for when the new bell was hung it caused great dissatisfaction and generally "was not liked of" in the parish. In the following year, 1588, as it was felt that the new tenor spoilt the ring, the vestry "agreed that our bell Rus shall be new cast." This time the work was placed in the hands of Robert Mot, the earliest of the Whitechapel bell-founders. The parishioners were determined that this time they would not accept a bell that did not fit in with the other five, and appear to have rejected the one first cast by Mot. Eventually, however, he cast a bell which satisfied the parishioners, and it was hung in St. Michael's tower in 1589.

In 1598 this bell was cracked in its turn, and again Robert Mot had to cast more than one bell before he produced one that satisfied the parish, a bell weighing 31 cwt. At the same time, Mot was doing work for Westminster Abbey, and when a new tenor was wanted there, he took one of the bells rejected by St. Michael's and used that, just as it was. Evidently the Dean and Chapter of the Abbey were less critical than the parishioners of Cornhill! This bell, the present tenor at Westminster Abbey, was recast in 1738 by Phelps and Lester, Mot's bell having been described as "dull and melancholy." It bears the inscription, no doubt copied more or less from the original "Rus": "Remember John Whitmell Isabell his wife and William Rus who first gave this bell 1430. New cast in July 1599 and in April 1738. Richard Phelps, T. Lester fecit."

Peter Mundy, writing in 1652 or 3, refers to "the 10 bells in St. Michael's in Cornhill." Evidently the ringing peal had been augmented by the addition of two trebles, the other two bells being the "saunce bells" mentioned in Edward VI's inventory.

Victim of Great Fire

The church was largely destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, and although the tower was not wholly burnt down, the bells were completely destroyed. The main body of the church was rebuilt in 1679 to Sir Christopher Wren's designs, and further repaired and beautified in 1701. Eventually it was decided to pull down the remains of the old tower, and the building of the present tower was begun under Wren in 1715-17 and completed under the direction of his pupil, Nicholas Hawksmoor, in 1718-22. The tower measures 25 feet at

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the base, and to the top of the pinnacles it is 130 feet high. It is said to have been inspired by the tower of Magdalen College, Oxford, but the similarity is slight and the proportions are quite different. It is, however, a very stately tower.

In this tower was installed a ring of twelve bells, cast by Richard Phelps in 1728, three of which, the third, fourth and seventh, survive in their original form. These twelve bells, tenor approximately 41 cwt., were hung a good deal higher in the tower than the present ring. The inscription on the tenth bell read as follows:

"We honour to the King
and joy to brides do sing
To prayer do we call
St. Michael's people all
Triumphs do we tell
and ring the dead man's knell."

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Superb Gift to Gloucester and Bristol Ringers



To celebrate its 90th birthday, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a dinner at the Moor Court Hotel, Amberley, on September 28th. The highlight of an enjoyable evening was the presentation to the Association of a superb silver trophy in the form of a bell, hung in a wooden frame. This was given by the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance in memory of the late W. I. Croome, former chairman of the Council for the Care of Churches and is to be competed for annually by Sunday Service bands in the two dioceses.

It was presented to the Association's Ringing Master, P./Sgt. W. F. Scudamore, by Major P. D. Birchall, chairman of Gloucestershire County Council and former chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Other guests on this happy occasion were Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, and the Suffragan Bishops of Malmesbury and Tewkesbury.

A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY

After ringing at a number of churches in the delightful countryside around Stroud, members of the Association assembled at the Moor Court Hotel in time to admire the extensive views from the dining room windows before the curtains were drawn and the guests entered to the sound of handbells. On the top table were Miss E. M. Bliss (chairman of the Association), supported by Sgt. W. F. Scudamore (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Scudamore, Mr. C. Rouse (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Rouse, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Major and Mrs. Birchall, the Rt. Rev. C. F. B. Bishop (Bishop of Malmesbury) and Mrs. Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. F. T. Horan (Bishop of Tewkesbury) and Mrs. Horan. Because of the impending Michaelmas ordinations the Association's two presidents, the Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol, were unable to be present and had sent their apologies.

Most of the Association's 12 Branches were represented, but it was particularly pleasing to see a number of young members from the local (Stroud) Branch.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

After full justice had been done to an excellent meal and the loyal toast duly honoured, Sgt. Scudamore introduced the guest of honour, the president of the Central Council, Canon Thurlow. Canon Thurlow has an enviable reputation as an after-dinner speaker and it soon became apparent that the reputation had been well earned. Tale followed tale with the rapidity of hobs in Erin, and he delighted the company with reminiscences of the James brothers, H. Law and E. Bankes, and of past ringing adventures in the Bristol area.

Turning to more serious matters with the skill of an Albert Walter turning the big bells in *Stedman Cinques*, he congratulated the As-

sociation on its healthy state and on its excellent relations with parochial church councils in the diocese. Too often the various church organisations—the choirs, flower guilds, ringers, various societies—existed each in their own watertight compartments, and he felt that it could lead only to good when they were able to share their problems and their expertise. To tell the P.C.C.'s what the Association was striving to do and to ask for their support was a wise move, and one that would pay dividends. He finished by reminding the company of the importance of the message of the bells, an importance that grows with each passing day, and of the part ringers had to play in proclaiming that message to the world around.

In her reply, Miss Bliss spoke of the Association's history over the past 90 years. As the Gloucester and Bristol's first lady chairman, it was appropriate that she should mention some of its early lady members, the first of whom, Mrs. Brunson, of Withington, had joined as long ago as 1881. Coupled with her thanks to Canon Thurlow she welcomed the visitors. She extended a particularly warm welcome to the Bishop of Tewkesbury, whose first meeting with the Association this was, and hoped that it would be the first of many, and went on to explain to the Bishop of Malmesbury the confusion his surname had caused when it came to print the dinner menus.

THE CROOME TROPHY

The Bishop of Malmesbury replied in humorous vein before Miss Bliss called on Major Birchall. For several months past the various Branches in the Association have been holding their own ringing competitions to select a team to compete for the "Croome Trophy." Just what form the trophy would take had remained a closely-guarded secret, and there was a marked air of excitement when Major Birchall rose and placed a plain cardboard box on the table.

He started by talking of "Will" Croome's love of churches, of his untiring work on faculties boards throughout the country, and of his generous bequest to the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance on his death in 1967. As chairman of that Board, Major Birchall had therefore been particularly interested in a suggestion that part of this be-

A snapshot taken at the 90th birthday dinner (left to right): Canon Gilbert Thurlow, P.Sgt. W. F. Scudamore (Ringing Master), Miss E. M. Bliss (Association chairman), Major P. D. Birchall (chairman of Gloucestershire County Council), Mrs. Scudamore and the Bishop of Malmesbury.

[Photo by Mr. A. Reason, Lechlade.]

quest might be used to provide a "Croome Trophy" to encourage and raise the standard of Sunday service ringing in the Gloucester and Bristol dioceses. The work had been entrusted to Mr. W. H. Warmington, silversmith of the Chipping Campden Guild of Craftsmen, who had produced a wonderful trophy.

SILVER BELL IN OAK FRAME

Until now, only three people present had seen the finished result, but a murmur of admiration ran round the room as he at last drew from the mysterious cardboard box a silver bell, complete with silver stock, stay and slider, silver wheel and rope, and mounted in an oak bell frame on an inscribed base. The bell itself carries the arms of the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, and the inscription on the base reads:

In memory of W. I. Croome, C.B.E., J.P., M.A., F.S.A. Presented by the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance from the Croome Bequest, 28-9-68.

Thanking Major Birchall on behalf of the Association, the Ringing Master (Sgt. W. F. Scudamore) spoke of the diffidence with which Miss Bliss and he had first approached the Board of Finance and of Major Birchall's immediate support and encouragement. Already something approaching 70 Sunday service bands had been involved in the preliminary ringing, and he was sure that now this handsome trophy had at last been "unveiled" even more bands would enter in the future, to the benefit of service ringing throughout the area covered by the Association. This superb trophy would be one of the Association's most treasured possessions. His thanks were echoed by the applause of all those present—and even Canon Thurlow appeared to have a thoughtful look in his eye as he clapped!

The formal part of the evening then ended with a vote of thanks to Mrs. M. A. Wratten for her work in arranging such a successful dinner. Thereafter the company split up, some to renew old friendships, some to ring handbells and all to admire the wonderful Croome Trophy. This will be competed for for the first time on November 9th at North Cerney, where Mr. W. I. Croome lived until his death.

C. A. W.

LOOKING BACK

THE FIRST ISSUE OF "THE BELL NEWS"

IN February, 1881, appeared the first number of a magazine entitled:

**THE BELL NEWS
and Ringers' Record.**

**A Journal of the Ringing Exercise;
and Compendium of Information for
the Clergy and Churchwardens.**

It had eight pages and the price was one penny.

The first page consisted of "The Editor's Address" and his introduction of the paper to the ringing fraternity. I lift two quotations which have echoes at the present time: "It has been cynically observed that the components of the ringing community are of such a heterogeneous character that their unitive faculties are not sufficiently adhesive to support a paper established in the interests of ringing"; and "The discussion of any subjects offensively irrelevant to ringing and its surroundings will be eschewed, nor will our columns be allowed to become a vehicle of partisanship of any kind whatever."

"Reports of Meetings, etc.," occupied page two. First, the Yorkshire Association quarterly meeting at Leeds, where the president, Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., took the chair. The president read a circular announcing the publication of "The Bell News and Ringers' Record." This seems to have been the main business. There was ringing at the Parish Church, Holbeck and Hunslet.

IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held their third anniversary meeting at Stroud, which was well attended by contingents from Gloucester, Bristol, Cheltenham, Cirencester, etc. Fifty-four members sat down to a capital dinner in the Corn Hall, prepared by hostess Browning. A remarkable feature of this meeting was the number of the clergy in attendance: The Revs. Thomas Keble (Bisley), Mowbray Trotter (St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester), H. H. M'Crea (Painswick), F. Smith (Woodchester) and Pitt Eykyn.

At Diss (Norfolk), the 48th anniversary of St. Mary's Church bells had been held. It was stated that during 1880, 65,096 changes in various methods had been struck on the bells.

The Redenhall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association met on January 13th, which, according to them, is the old New Year's Day, to celebrate the 145th anniversary of their club. A list of members is given together with the numbers and methods of the peals they had rung and the methods in which they were proficient. The repertoire consisted of Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court, Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, Grand-sire Triples and Bob Major, one member having rung as many as 20 peals. Can anyone give us further information about the "old New Year's Day" of January 13th? Has it anything to do with "Give us back our eleven days"?

FROM MANCHESTER

The Lancashire Association's annual meeting rounds up the reports. Held at Manchester "under very unfavourable circumstances, the weather being such as to prevent members from remote parts of the country from attending." Raining, one presumes. The annual sermon was preached in the Cathedral, and from the excerpt given should have been extremely interesting.

The reports are followed by a review of Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon's "Standard Methods in the Art of Change Ringing." The review also refers to "Rope Sight," first published in November, 1879, which was so successful that the first edition of 500 copies was sold off in little more than four months, and in October, 1880, a second edition was issued.

Under the heading of "New and Original Compositions"—"Great then are the mysteries of Bell Ringing"—Southey, appear two com-

positions of Stedman Caters by H. Hubbard, sen.

The Editorial, page 4, under the heading "The Bell News," commences "The truth of the statement that within the past few years the study and practice of Ringing has increased among the community cannot seriously be brought into question." Dealing with composition, the Editor later says "Though the discovery that 8,448 was not the extent with the tenors together in Treble Bob Major, has been the greatest event within the recollection of many, several new peals in the same method have appeared, which afford evidence that a deal of attention has of late been paid to composition." And finally, after throwing his columns open for composers—"It is hoped that the most eminent in this particular branch of the science, both in London and the provinces, will become frequent contributors to the column to which we refer, and also that the less advanced in the art of composition may exert themselves to attain notoriety in the same direction."

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM

After this appears the note: We hear that the St. Martin's Company, of Birmingham, have in view the notion of going for 9,000 Stedman Cinques, to supersede the St. Michael's (Cornhill) peal. We wish them success when they make their attempt, but it will require a deal to excel the London performance. Should it become an accomplished fact, the exercise at large will have no hesitation in believing (if so announced) that such a performance has been accurately performed, coming from such a quarter." This is by far the nicest remark I have read anent this Society for some years.

The "Ringers' Record" gives particulars of the following peals, then recently rung:—

Bethnal Green.—Kent Treble Bob Major.
Barking (Essex).—Grandsire Triples—Holt's Original.

Bishop's Stortford (Herts). — Grandsire Triples—Holt's Bob-and-Single.

Bollington (Cheshire).—Grandsire Triples—first peal on the bells.

Diss (Norfolk).—Oxford Treble Bob Major.
Dorking (Surrey).—Grandsire Triples—Holt's ten-part.

Drayton (Berks).—Kent Treble Bob Major.
Fressingfield (Suffolk).—Oxford Treble Bob Major (6,080).

Guisley (near Leeds, Yorks).—Two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Kenninghall (Norfolk).—Kent Treble Bob Major.

Preston (Lancs).—Grandsire Triples—Holt's ten-part.

Rotherham (Yorks).—Stedman Caters.

Sheffield (Yorks).—Grandsire Triples—Holt's Original.

Followed by "Correspondence." — "The writers alone are responsible for the opinions they enunciate." There is a letter from a young ringer objecting to another large bell in London to be hung at St. Paul's. He says (inter alia): "I don't see the necessity of another large bell at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The bell there at present answers every purpose and in my opinion is a good bell, Sir E. Beckett notwithstanding. I think it is a capital bell, and I begin to have my doubts whether the learned Q.C. knows anything at all about it. If the Dean and Chapter determine to have another large bell, let them call to their counsel one or two of the most eminent ringers, many of whose aural faculties enable them to do what many of our great musicians would pronounce to be all but impossible. I am sure than many ringers would feel interested with an account in your columns of 'Big Ben' of Westminster, and what is meant by the phrase 'to prevent the referees being taken in again by concealed defects': perhaps the learned haronet would give us the bell's history." Good fighting stuff.

A milder letter from Mr. Snowdon offers to publish peals of Treble Bob in his possession should the Exercise wish.

On the back page came the advertisements. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London. Established 1570; Henry Banks, Bell Rope Manufacturer, Shambles, Worcester; Standard Methods, Ropesight and A Treatise on Treble Bob by J. W. Snowdon; Handbells, 19 for sale, in fair condition; Handbell Music, Wm. Gordon, Stockport, including "The Blue Bells of Scotland" with two easy variations. In my distant youth there was a copy of this latter in the belfry cupboard (it may be there yet), but the ringers were forbidden to take the handbells out of the tower, because they were liable to give demonstrations in the local estaminet. Also a pamphlet entitled "The Continuity of the English Church," by Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., Hurworth-on-Tees, 8vo., price 1/-. Finally a list of books, including "Adelaide Rosenberg's Troubles," "Worth Her Weight in Gold," "Without a Friend in the World" and "Where Can Uncle Hermann Be?"

I have dealt with the first number of "Bell News" at some length, but should any further effusions of mine sneak past the editorial chair, they will contain the more interesting features of several numbers and, I hope, become more interesting as they continue. Like the Dance of the Seven Veils." CHESHIRE DELIGHT.

**NORTH KENT RINGERS
VISIT LONDON AREA**

Approximately 40 ringers and friends from various churches in North Kent, including Sittingbourne, Newington, Tunstall, Maidstone, Halling and Eastchurch, spent the late Summer Bank Holiday visiting various towers in the London area.

After travelling through a downpour the party arrived at St. Paulinus', Crayford (8), to be met by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett. We experienced some difficulty in handling the ten at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, and hurried on to St. Mary's, Lewisham, where our ringing improved on the pleasant eight. The coach then made its way to the City for lunch before taking the M.4 en route for Heston, Middlesex, where some good ringing was enjoyed. Christ Church, Mitcham, our next call, proved to be a little disappointing. Tea was taken at Banstead before ringing on the very well-going eight. We were delighted to be met here by Mr. Pitstow.

The last tower of the day was at Kingswood, where some of the best ringing of the day took place. Liquid refreshment was taken at Locks Bottom and the coach deposited the last member of the party at 11 p.m.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents and local ringers, also to Frank Dadson and Wendy Austin, who organised the tour. Laurie Mitchell was Ringing Master. L. M.

CHELSEA GO TO RUTLAND

The Chelsea outing this year was to Rutland and Leicestershire. Having first inspected Monty's pitch pipe to see that it was in sound mechanical order, we felt able to ring at the first tower, at Oakham (a splendid church with matching bells—even the ringing rose to the setting). After lunch we rang on the excellent six at Asfordby. The ten at Melton Mowbray were next, and here ringing started off with Grandsire Royal! As we left the church the bells chimed "There's no place like home"—a gentle hint!

A magnificent tea was provided for us by the ringers of Somerby—high tea wasn't the word! Some good ringing then followed on the six bells at the church. These are a ground-floor ring in a tower that stands between the nave and chancel.

We then turned for home. Our sincere thanks to all concerned for a happy and enjoyable outing. R. J. C.

Chilvers Coton Ringers at Liverpool Cathedral



Chilvers Coton ringers, joined by six others from Bulkington during their outing on September 28th, tackled the heaviest ring of 12 in the world at Liverpool Cathedral. Comments their correspondent, Mr. G. Edmonds: "Unfortunately it was the general consensus of opinion that these bells are far from easy to ring any method successfully, not only because of their excessive weight but also because it is very difficult to hear them individually in the ringing chamber, and one has to rely almost entirely on 'ropesight'."

"However, it was an experience which will long be remembered by all those who 'had a go'—and the incident of the lift (up to the halfway stage), which refused to function, will no doubt make our visit all the more memorable!"

"Our non-ringing friends were duly impressed by this massive Cathedral, the building of which commenced no less than 64 years ago and is still far from completed, and also by the Roman Catholic Cathedral nearby. Mention must also be made of the light entertainment which was provided by three of our members, who nobly tackled the 82 cwt. tenor single-handed and found that it was far from easy to set. The reverberant booming of its deep tone around the ringing chamber was reminiscent of the funeral bell for Admiral Lord Nelson!"

Ringings also took place at SS. Peter and Paul's, Ormskirk, Emmanuel and Christ Church, Southport, and St. Mark's, Worsley. A most appetising chicken dinner at the Dog and Doublet Hotel, Sandon, near Rugeley, rounded off a memorable and happy day. Special thanks go to the organiser, Mr. G. A. Bell.

The names of the ringers, from left to right, are: Hubert E. Ashley (Bulkington), Brian Liggins (Bulkington), Geoff Pratt (Bulkington), Geoffrey Edmonds, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Jonathan Evans, Mr. A. H. Beamish (president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild), Arthur G. Bell, Jack Lloyd, James Draycott (all of Chilvers Coton), George Pluckrose (Bulkington) and Frank Reynolds (Manchester).

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES TAYLOR

Mr. J. P. Partington, in the current issue of "Reverberations," writes the following tribute to Mr. James Taylor, of Rochdale.

"Many of you at last year's Rally will remember seeing Jim Taylor sitting quietly at the back of the hall. He had been in hospital for almost two years as a result of a stroke, and although possessing his mental faculties was practically unable to walk. Nevertheless he still followed his great love of bell-ringing, both church and hand, even if he was now unable to take an active part. Being at that Rally was to him a wonderful thrill, more especially as a number of his old ringing friends were also there and went along for a 'natter' about old times. This outing was one of his last from hospital and he passed to rest on August 28th.

"Jim had been a church bellringer for some 45 years and possessed that wonderful and rare knack of being able to train youngsters in the intricacies of change ringing. The writer has personal knowledge of his infinite patience and will always remain indebted to him for encouragement and friendship over many years.

"His job as caretaker at his local church school enabled Jim to also further his love of handbell ringing. During morning breaks he used to train a very keen team of young boys and girls, and All Saints' (Rochdale) C. of E. Handbell Team became a 'must' for all sorts of events connected with the parish. A vast number of youngsters passed through his team over the years. A lot gave up going to the Secondary School, some became church bellringers, but all were richer for 'having made music'.

"His method of arranging music was unique, for he used six lines and five spaces. Many an experienced bellringer has come to grief attempting to ring from Jim's handbell music!"

"The ringing world has suffered a great loss, but those of us who knew him are richer for having done so."

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Striking Contest

The Rossendale Branch acted as hosts for the competition this year, the finals of both the six- and eight-bell sections taking place at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on September 28th.

A wider based entry was forthcoming this year and despite several last-minute withdrawals six teams competed in the six-bell and four in the eight-bell sections.

Mossley (St. John's, Roughtown) were again the winners in the six-bell section, ringing an excellently-struck course of Treble Bob with only nine faults, followed by very pleasing ringing from Todmorden (Christ Church), Preston (St. John's) and Burnley (St. Peter's). Whitefield (All Saints', Stand) and Newchurch (Bolton Branch), newcomers to the competition, rang well in parts but faltered and incurred quite a number of faults.

In the eight-bell section Westhoughton again proved the winners with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples that incurred 68 faults, followed fairly closely by Southport (Emmanuel). Blackburn Cathedral and Accrington were not able to mount a serious challenge as periodic clipping incurred too many faults.

The judges were Miss C. Andrew, Messrs. D. R. Jones and A. Ward, and J. F. Wood acted as marshal.

The competition was brought round at 5.25 p.m., and tea (kindly arranged by Messrs. Bracewell and Parkinson) and inquest followed. Afterwards further ringing at Christ Church, Bacup, was enjoyed by all. J. F. W.

KINGSLERE GUILDS

BEST STRIKER

The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's striking competition was held at St. Mary's, Fordingbridge, on September 21st, when teams were entered from Alton, Blackmoor, Bishopstoke, Eling, Fareham, Highclere, Hordle and Kingsclere. The afternoon arrangements were carried through smoothly under the direction of Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the judge being Mr. Frank Darby, Master of the Surrey Association. A feature of this year's meeting was the number of younger ringers taking part—one team boasting an average age of just under 14 years.

After tea in the Church Hall, Mr. Darby gave the company the result of his afternoon's listening, with helpful criticism of each team's performance. St. Mary's, Kingsclere, proved to be the winners, with St. Michael and All Angels', Highclere, runners-up and St. Mary's, Eling, coming third. Mr. Philip Murduck received the Allison Cup from Canon Felstead, together with a certificate signed by the Master of the Guild and the competition judge. Certificates were also awarded to the runners-up and third-placed team. Canon Felstead concluded the meeting by expressing the Guild's thanks to Mr. Darby, to the Vicar of Fordingbridge and to the local captain, Mr. Ron Marlow.

The company enjoyed further ringing during the evening in methods up to London Surprise Major. The Guild's thanks are due to Canon Felstead who, as chairman of the Striking Competition Committee, carried out the somewhat heavy secretarial work in arranging the competition. A. V. D.

Letters

PRICE AND COSTS OF "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—Permit me to venture a contribution to the current controversy over the price of "The Ringing World" and its cost structure.

The peal columns in this journal seem to fulfil two functions. First, to record for posterity the standards of change ringing at any particular time. Secondly, to act as a vehicle for what might be deemed a form of self-advertisement, indulged in by those who ring peals (I intend this latter observation to be anything but deprecatory). I am led to suggest what is probably not novel but may at this time need to be put forward again, perhaps to be kicked about in your columns. That is, that the Central Council ought to bear about half the cost of publishing the peals, but that the peal ringers ought to carry the other half, according to a charge per rope.

Getting down to actual figures, apply a charge of £10 per page of peals (the current rate for a full-page advertisement), then divide this figure by two for the reasons given above. Now, in the October 4th issue, the average number of "ropes" per page for five pages of peals is about 110 (it is the same for four pages of peals in the September 27th issue), therefore a rate of one shilling per rope would bring in the required £5 with a little over. This surely would ease the strain on "Ringing World" finances occasioned by the publication of peals.

In anticipation of any comment that donations go some way towards paying for insertion, allow me to point out that in the September 27th issue the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column recorded 12s. under the heading "Peals" and £9 8s. 6d. under "Quarter Peals." In that issue 516 peal "ropes" were published and 750 quarter peal "ropes." In the October 4th issue £2 8s. came from peals, £11 3s. 4d. from quarter peals, and 540 peal "ropes" and 594 quarter peal "ropes" were published. The pattern seems to be not dissimilar in other recent issues. A quarter peal occupies about one-third of the space of a peal. The facts speak for themselves, and loudly.—Yours faithfully,

HERVEY BAGOT.

London, W.

PIGEON MENACE

Dear Sir,—Could you please give me any advice re getting rid of pigeons around the tower of Keynsham Parish Church?

We can keep them out of the bell chamber with wire netting but a lot of mess comes in and the path surrounding the tower is fouled.

I remember reading in a recent "Ringing World" about a suggestion for hanging fish netting around the louveres, but as ours in a large tower with many ledges, and netting would look unsightly, we have decided against this. We have also been in touch verbally with Rentokil Ltd., who apparently can spread repellent jelly, but they do not seem interested in quoting.

Do any readers know of a method other than those mentioned and shooting, which is impracticable as the tower is surrounded by public roads?—Yours faithfully,

REG VIRGIN,
Tower Captain.

Keynsham, Bristol.

Mr. BLAGROVE ANSWERS CRITICS

Dear Sir,—I accept Mr. Smith's statement, as a long-length ringer, that I am incorrect in saying that up to 1966 all record peal attempts were properly made. The peal of 14,560 Yorkshire Major was rung without due notice, and it was not claimed as a record. But the Records Committee did include it in their report, as a progressive length. Mr. Smith does not mention the other case, the peal of 17,248 Yorkshire Major, rung with one day's notice. This also was included in the committee reports.

Mr. Scholfield will note the footnotes on page 628—Treble Bob Maximus. The Central Council lays down the two categories. The committee has always submitted a combined list to the Council. It is up to another committee to say which peals do not comply, and treat them accordingly. My implication of para. 4 on page 726 was that the Cam peal should be placed before the Council with all other new long lengths for its decision. The Cam variation and all other such calls are covered by the Decisions—the Report on Regular Methods does not apply.

I did not mention the Cam peal before it was rung because I expected it to go forward as usual on a combined list. The question of its status arose only after Mr. Woodruffe's letter, as explained on page 746. I suggested that some apology was due to Mr. Parker for the untruthful gossip put around that the peal of Pudsey was false. Instead, Mr. Smith quotes the story of William Pye contending that J. W. Washbrook did not call the composition of D.N.C.B. Major that was later published in "Bell News."

Mr. Smith drops the Kent and Oxford question. But in answer to Mr. Scholfield, the Decision on Regular Methods, passed in 1903 and confirmed in 1955, states that the plain course may be divided into leads either at

the lead-end or at the half-lead. The Decision on spliced, passed in 1951, states that the leads must remain intact. The spirit of this is not known, since the debate was never published. But it follows that, in the Worcester variation, spliced at the half-leads and having no bobs, the leads remain intact and are therefore spliced. But in the other variations, with the change of method at the half-lead, and bobs at the lead-end, the leads are split into half, and are not spliced. The Worcester splice is a means of splicing together courses and leads, and will, I think, run to 11,520 Major with the tenors together. The other variations are means of keeping the tenors out of the slow, and will only run to 9,120 tenors together. I did follow precedent! The 21,600 Spliced T.B. Minor (no composition published yet) included Kent and Oxford without bobs for the last extent. Conducted by B. J. W. with R. B. S. on the tenor, claimed and still standing as the longest peal of spliced.

Mr. Smith is careful in wording his last paragraph. Although he did not conduct it, he did submit the notices of the 17,248 Yorkshire Major. A record peal needs more than an umpire. Written notice must be sent to the secretary of the holding Association, and a record peal attempt may be shortened only for the purpose of calling it round, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. Scholfield should know that a committee has been appointed to revise the Decisions. Is it asking too much that the Records Committee may prepare this year's report as in the past—one list of new long lengths? Can Mr. Smith accept that New Durham is not the extension of Durham Minor? Can we all get on with something useful?—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

SURPRISE RINGING AT TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in "The Ringing World" of October 11th (page 799) of a quarter peal of Cambridge Major rung at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, and claimed to be the first of Surprise Major on the bells by an all-local band.

This prompted me to forward an account of a peal of Superlative Major rung at the Church of St. Michael, Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, on December 8th, 1930, in 3 hours and 2 minutes, which appeared in "The Ringing World" at the time. The band was as follows: W. H. Crocker 1, T. F. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, H. W. Brown 6, W. J. Prescott 7, G. H. Harding (conductor) 8. Composed by N. J. Pitstow. First peal of Superlative for the Bath and Wells Association by a resident band.

By the ravages of time there are only two survivors of the band, the ringers of 3 and 8.

There is a story attached to this peal. A band at Taunton and we at Twerton-on-Avon were each competing to ring the first of Cambridge for the Bath and Wells Association by a resident band. The Taunton band won, so we at Twerton changed to Superlative to be the first to ring a peal in that method for the Association by a resident band.

In the early 1930's we were regularly ringing London Surprise at Twerton, and made several attempts to ring a peal in this method, but we were not successful. The peal was never ac-

complished as two members of the team had to leave Bath for business reasons, leaving a gap in the band that was never filled.

Previous to this a peal of Cambridge Major had been rung at Twerton, all being resident members of the band except one.

I am very pleased to read that Mr. A. F. Lee now has a Surprise ringing band. My congratulations to him and I wish him every success.—Yours sincerely,

G. H. HARDING.

Trowbridge, Wilts.

RECORDED BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that any ringer should advocate the use of recorded bells in his Cathedral Church.

Many of your readers will remember what Archbishop Ramsey had to say at the Snowdon Dinner in 1956. Dr. Ramsey said he was concerned to safeguard and extend the great art of bellringing. Bellringers had one or two enemies. One enemy was the use of gramophone records and similar devices which tried to produce the sound of bells without any ringing at all. "I regard this as one of the most bogus frauds of Christendom," he said.—Yours sincerely,

York.

HAROLD WALKER.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Annual Meeting at Hull

The very satisfactory programme enjoyed at Hull on September 28th was certainly due to the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Neville Pailing. It was unfortunate that we were unable to ring at Sutton because of a wedding at the church, but this, however, did not mar the day's enjoyment.

For an autumn meeting, there was a good attendance and most regions were represented. The highlight of the day was Holy Trinity Church, Hull (12).

At the business meeting, with the Master (Mr. Jack Brown) in the chair, details of the programme for our visit to Penzance were given in full by Mr. Sid Foskett. These included the date and accommodation for the week-end. The following were elected members: Miss F. Dean (associate member) and Mr. J. T. Parsons (ringing member).

Mr. Foskett, proposing the vote of thanks, stated that Mr. Pailing, who was responsible for the pleasant week-end, had many difficulties to contend with. Mr. Pailing, in reply, expressed his disappointment in not being able to get Beverley towers for this meeting. He was, however, very grateful that everyone had enjoyed the visit to Hull. J. A. H.

Forest Branch Striking Competition

The second striking contest of the Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held on September 21st at Bromsberrow. The holders of the silver cup donated by the Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth, of Mitcheldean, the team led by Mr. L. Meadows, retained the cup by 1½ marks to a strong challenge from Lydney. The third team was Redmarley, followed by Mitcheldean, an all-ladies team, and Mr. Tyler's band.

The winning team was J. J. Webb, C. Cox, L. Meadows, Howard Meek, R. Williams and Harold Meek, and, comments our correspondent, each member of the winning team will carefully polish the splendid cup for two months, and hope to make it a hat-trick next year.

Judges were Mr. Reg Powell and his son, Michael, from Hereford, with Mr. Chandler, of Newent, as steward. A splendid tea was provided by Miss Minchen and her helpers.

BIGGLESWADE CONTEST

Five teams entered for the Biggleswade District's striking contest held at Stotfold on September 21st. Of these, three were resident Sunday service bands and two combined bands of enthusiastic youngsters.

The judges were Mr. J. Dear (Baldock) and Miss B. Sims (Biggleswade), and the cup, which had been kindly donated this year, went to Maulden. Certificates to the runners-up were awarded to Sandy, Potton and Stotfold.

The evening ended with a buffet-social. The film "Ringers Required" was very much appreciated by the audience, and quizzes and games followed.

The September monthly meeting was at Willington and Cople. A very good tea was provided by local ringers, and Mr. A. H. Smith presided at the business meeting. Ringing at Cople in the evening was attended by many more District members and a variety of methods to suit everybody's capabilities was introduced.

A Doomed Manchester Church

St. John the Evangelist, Miles Platting

THE Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Miles Platting, stands in the middle of a large slum clearance area on the east side of Oldham Road (A62), some one-and-a-half miles from the centre of the city of Manchester. The church, of brick construction, was consecrated on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1855. Its fabric blended so well with the mills and warehouses adjacent to it that many a ringer has passed the church not seeing it, and has either been late for a peal attempt or arrived too late for a local branch meeting.

Miles Platting derives its name from the fact that it is a traditional mile from the centre of Manchester, and that there once existed in 1715 a Platt or Platting bridge (made from hurdles and wickerwork) which crossed the Newton Brook, which is now closed.

The rural charms of the old village are commemorated by former Groves, now Elm, Sycamore, Fir and Poplar Streets. Other names such as Cow Lane, where cows were led to the farm, and Coal Pit Brow, where once stood a colliery yard, have long since disappeared, though they still linger in local memory. The area now consists of old terraced houses huddled together along cobbled streets, ill-lit by gas lamps, but the houses are rapidly being replaced by large blocks of flats and maisonnettes.

HEYWOOD FAMILY'S INTEREST

The charms of old Miles Platting had long been forgotten when a certain Sir Benjamin Heywood became owner of a good deal of the property in the district, in payment for a bad debt. Sir Benjamin was a model landowner and he improved conditions in the district by paving, flagging and draining. In 1852 the Manchester Diocesan Church Building Society asked Sir Benjamin for some land to build the present church on. The first stone was laid in April, 1855, and the building cost £5,000, provided by Sir Benjamin. The style of architecture was that of Early Basilica, but owing to the impossibility of purchasing a cottage on the south side of the church it was built with only one aisle, on the north side.

The first ring of bells were by Warners, of London in 1872, and was a ring of six with a tenor of 11½ cwt., paid for by public subscriptions in the parish. Later that same year alterations took place to the sanctuary and chancel, and a choir vestry was formed. Also in 1872 many presents of altar furniture were given by the patron, Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, son of the late Sir Benjamin Heywood. A. P. H., who was well-known for his principle "Duffield," and later moved to Duffield in Derbyshire, where he was a locomotive engineer.

VICAR ARRESTED

In the late 1870s there appeared to be some controversy between the Vicar of St. John's and some of the villagers because of his religious and political beliefs. On the night of April 1st, 1879, the church was entered by some persons who are supposed to have secreted themselves at the close of evening prayer and, after the doors were fastened, to have commenced work of spoliation, not apparently for the purpose of robbery, but for the gratification of simple spite and malice. The altar ornaments were stripped off the altar and thrown behind it, but they were not seriously damaged. It was in the vestry where most of the damage was done. All the books and registers were torn up and the drawers emptied into a heap on the floor and set on fire. It had apparently been a deliberate attempt to set fire

to the church, but the fire burnt itself out before any damage was done. A cross was also broken in the vestry.

A summons was eventually issued for the arrest of Fr. Green, the Vicar, and he was later tried before Lord Penzance and then sent to Lancaster Prison along with his two churchwardens. Whilst Fr. Green was imprisoned, the Bishop nominated the Rev. Tom Taylor to the living of St. John's. At the same time, Sir A. P. Heywood complied with the wishes of the congregation and nominated Fr. Cowgill to the benefice, but the Bishop refused Mr. Cowgill's nomination because he had similar views to Fr. Green, and a lawsuit followed. After a lapse of ten months the case was heard, and was decided in favour of the Bishop. The Rev. Taylor had no easy task. Church officers resigned and the Sunday School was closed, dispersing some 450 scholars and 50 to 60 teachers.

In 1906 the church was redecorated, and remained untouched until 1934, when it was redecorated again and electric lighting was installed. The 1906 decorators executed some beautiful graffiti work, which was obscured by grime and dirt in latter years, and it was feared that chemical action might have played its part in defacing the work. Fortunately, the graffiti (almost unique craftsmanship in this country) was restored to its original beauty.

THE PRESENT RING

A new ring of bells was cast in 1912 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the tenor weighing 12 cwt. 22 lb. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" (Glory to God in the highest).

2.—"In Terra Pax" (Peace on Earth).

3.—"In Hominibus Bonae Voluntates" (Good Will amongst men).

4.—"Laudamus Te" (We praise thee).

5.—"Benedicimus Te" (We bless thee).

6.—"Adoramus Te" (We adore thee).

7.—"Glorificamus Te" (We glorify thee).

Tenor.—"Gratias Agimus Tibi" (We give thanks to thee).

In the late 1920s and 1930s many of the parish workers moved to the suburbs of the city, and in 1939, at the outbreak of the Second World War, the church lost practically all its Sunday School and choir through the evacuation of children, and many of the young men joined the Forces. During the Manchester blitz of 1941 the church was damaged by bomb blast.

After a colourful history spanning over 100 years, we are now told that the church is to be demolished because of subsidence from the nearby colliery and for the widening of Oldham Road. By the time the demolition workers have removed the first pane of glass, it is hoped that the Manchester Branch (with the assistance of the Lancashire Association) will have found a new home for the fine ring which is hung in the tower. A. W.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Ilchester Branch practice meeting on October 5th was held at St. Margaret's, Tintinhull, and coincided with the harvest festival week. The Vicar (the Rev. Raymond Brown) said the belfry office and welcomed the good attendance. Ringing on the good, tuneful five was under the authority of Mr. Gordon Rendell (Branch Ringing Master) and included call changes, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and All Saints' Bob.

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The Bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, London—continued

The other bells bore short Latin inscriptions. The bells were first rung on Wednesday, December 4th, 1728, "on account of the arrival in town, from Holland, of H.R.H. Frederick, Prince of Wales."

First Peal by College Youths

It was not long before the first peal was scored on these bells, 5,126 Grandsire Cinques, rung in 4 hours 8 minutes by the College Youths on Friday, November 7th, 1729. Three men were required for the tenor, including the conductor, Benjamin Annable. At this time there was much rivalry, apparently friendly, between the College Youths and the London Scholars. This latter Society attempted a peal at Cornhill only three days after the first peal there, but lost it after 4,200 changes. A fortnight later, on November 24th, they started again, and this time they rang 6,204 changes in 4 hours 45 minutes, "being the greatest Performance of this kind that ever was known" ("Norwich Gazette," December 10th, 1730). The London Scholars only had two men on the tenor, but they had two "assistants" in the tower to give a hand when and where it was needed.

On Monday, February 14th, 1732, the College Youths again secured the record for twelve-bell ringing with 7,018 Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's in 5 hours 19 minutes, again with three men, including Annable as conductor, on the tenor.

So far as I know, it is the College Youths who have always done the ringing at Cornhill, the tower being one of those shown on the Membership Certificate; but in 1745, when the ring of bells at St. Paul's, Bedford, was increased from five to eight, "the Common Council paid six guineas to eight men from St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, for ringing the opening peals" ("History and Art of Change Ringing," p. 249).

Peal Rivalry

In 1746, the treble and second bells were recast by Thomas Lester, who had already

recast the eighth in 1740. Presumably because of the bad "go" of the bells, no further peals are recorded as having been rung at Cornhill until January 18th, 1783, when 5,214 Grandsire Cinques was rung by the "Junior" College Youths in 4 hours 20 minutes, "being the First, ever rung there by thirteen men only."

In 1795 the fifth and tenor bells were recast; apparently the tenor had been cracked by the practice of "clocking." But the bells were still, it seems, unpopular with peal ringers, for, apart from a peal of 5,015 Grandsire Cinques rung by the Cumberland Youths in 4 hours on April 11th, 1837, I have no record of any peal attempt at Cornhill until 1851. At that time there was great rivalry among the leading twelve-bell bands of the country to see who could ring the longest peal of Stedman Cinques, and on January 21st, 1851, the Cumberland Youths attempted 8,184 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, but the peal was lost after nearly 6,000 changes. They tried again on May 5th at the same church, but after ringing 7,746 changes they were "too exhausted to finish" (J. A. Trollope).

The first peal of Maximus was rung on the bell on Monday, April 11th, 1853, 5,232 Kent Treble Bob in 4 hours 7 minutes. Matthew Wood rang the tenor to this peal. The next peal here seems to have been the famous record peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques rung on Saturday, April 27th, 1861, in 6 hours 41 minutes, "being the greatest number of changes ever rung in that method on 12 bells," as it says on the massive stone tablet on the wall of the ringing chamber, which was given by W. Middleton of Gravesend to commemorate the performance. This was also the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

The Cornhill peal remained the record length for twenty years, until it was beaten in February, 1881, by the Birmingham ringers. The College Youths at once tried to regain the honour, and in May, 1881,

they started for a 10,000 at Cornhill, but the attempt failed after three hours. They tried there again in 1886, but a broken wheel quickly put an end to this attempt. In 1887 they started for a 10,030, but the peal was lost in the last course.

Frame Lowered

In 1910 the eleventh bell was recast by Mears and Stainbank, and the whole ring was rehung in a wooden frame lower down in the tower. The original frame was left in position and can be seen to this day. As a result of this work, the bells were a lot easier to ring, and peals on them became quite frequent, the most notable being the first silent and non-conducted peal on twelve tower bells, 5,002 Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths on February 22nd, 1913, in 3 hours 51 minutes. A board in the ringing chamber recording this peal was given by E. P. O'Meara in 1914.

In 1958 the gudgeon of the eleventh bell broke, and as a result it was decided to carry out a major restoration. The White-chapel foundry, which had done all the work on these bells since 1588, was again entrusted with the work. The sixth, ninth, tenth and tenor were found to be cracked and were recast, care being taken to see that the recast bells blended in with the older bells so that the "character" of the whole ring should not be lost. The remaining bells were retuned, and the ring was rehung with new fittings and framework in 1960. The present tenor weighs 42 cwt. 6 lb., and the whole ring weighs 180 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

The bells were rededicated by the Bishop of Stepney on February 14th, 1961, and the first peal on the restored bells, 5,100 Stedman Cinques, was rung by the College Youths on April 29th, 1961, to mark the centenary of the record peal of 1861. On February 23rd, 1963, a silent peal of 5,007 Stedman Cinques was rung here to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the 1913 silent peal. Both these last peals are recorded on boards in the ringing chamber.

OVERSEAS NEWS

RINGERS PART IN RHODESIA ENTHRONEMENT

"At the end of the service the city centre echoed with . . . the ringing of the Cathedral bells." So ran the report on the front page of "The Rhodesia Herald" of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Mashonaland, the Rt. Rev. John Paul Burrough in Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday, September 29th.

Ringers came from as far afield as Que Que and Blantyre in Malawi, as it had been rumoured abroad that the ten might be up and that even a quarter peal might be attempted for the occasion. We only regretted that the Bennetts from Luanshya were unable to get down owing to troubles in Zambia.

The ringers were given places for the service in the gallery along with the fanfare trumpeters. We are certainly not the only ones to make loud noises for the Church! The bright-coloured and costly robes of the church dignitaries made a great and seldom-seen spectacle as they welcomed their new Bishop. An anthem by native singers and drummers was an interesting change from our British church music.

With some ringing before the service to remind those of us who had not seen a bell rope for some time of the intricacies of handling, fair rounds and call changes on the ten and Plain Bob Minor were managed after the ser-

vice. A quarter peal was not rung but the bells were kept going for about two hours until Evensong.

Unfortunately the Que Que contingent, led by Harry Earle, had to start their 150-mile drive home immediately after ringing, but the rest of us spent a most enjoyable evening in the Ambassador Hotel. J. D. C.

VETERANS' DAY, 1969

John Euston, who has carried on with distinction the organisation of Veteran Reunions at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, tells us that the function next year will be held on the Saturday nearest to the longest day, i.e. actual day, June 21st, 1969.

Behind these functions, in arranging for the hall and catering, has been Mrs. Davis. At this year's reunion a presentation was made to her and there was a feeling then that this would be the last of such gatherings. The announcement took the Rector by surprise and he mentioned how much he enjoyed the gathering and looked forward to the event each year. He implored John to continue. Knowing John's interest in veterans, we feel certain the appeal was not in vain. A good sign is that John has announced a provisional date!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

After a lapse of 15 years a quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Maiden Newton on October 5th. The Rector, the Rev. G. W. Allen, took the Guild service, and the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth gave an address. Mr. Squires was the organist.

A company of 28 enjoyed the excellent tea provided by the local ringers in the Village Hall. Twelve ringers from Bere Regis and Maiden Newton were elected members of the Guild. After nine years as Branch chairman the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth notified his intention not to seek re-election at the annual meeting in January.

Ringling took place at Maiden Newton under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey, and Frampton tower was also open during the evening.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER FIRST-PEALERS TOGETHER

The peal at Bromley Parish Church ("Ringing World," page 793) may not look particularly different in print, but it was. There were two first-pealers in it. Rosemary Gates rang her first peal at first attempt, and her father, Frank Gates, rang his first peal after ringing for nearly 40 years.

The ringer of the 16½ cwt. tenor was the ever-young Percy Spice, who is now in his 78th year and rang his bell with a great deal of skill and precision.

May I offer congratulations to the band for a fine performance. T.L.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Mr. Richard Speed writes that the 5,056 Surprise Major composition on page 780 is a well-known composition by Harold Cashmore and is to be found in the Wratten Collection.

In the peal at Brewood on August 28th the ringer of the fifth was George L. Askew, and not as submitted. Also, the weight of the tenor is 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., not 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., an error in copying from "Dove's."

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Susan Barnard (first quarter) 1, R. Baldwin 2, Irene Mayfield 3, E. Ashby 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Moore 6, J. Southey (cond.) 7, Kathleen Baldwin 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Diana White 1, Rosemary White 2, J. Humphreys 3, M. Allery (first St. Clement's) 4, M. Mulvey 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: Cynthia Humphreys (first attempt) 1, Margaret Westwood 2, J. P. Burton 3, M. Allery 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, R. Riley 6. For Harvest Festival.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand-
sire): B. Hillstead (13 years, first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. J. Hope 2, W. J. Clayton 3, F. N. Instance 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, H. Instance 6. For Harvest Festival.

ANGERSLEIGH, SOM.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 New Grand-
sire Doubles: Miss L. M. Dade 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. First in method by all. For Harvest Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. B. Smith 1, D. F. Yates 2, S. Bamforth (first in method) 3, H. Heaton 4, L. J. Haines (first in method) 5, G. Moorhouse 6, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 7, R. Andrew 8.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. S. Coe (first quarter) 1, E. J. Smith 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, J. P. Loveless (first in method "inside") 5, L. D. Mills 6. For Harvest Festival.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, P. Brandon 2, M. Pring 3, W. Linkstead 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, R. Debrett 6. For Harvest Festival.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Bray (first T.B.) 1, T. R. Natt 2, Mary D. Kinchin 3, J. Watkins 4, H. Bray 5, A. S. Hayden (first Surprise "inside") 6, W. J. Kinchin 7, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. S. Bedford 1, Miss M. Chambers 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, J. Bull 4, P. Sloman 5, P. Bedford 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, S. Halliwell 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,259 Grand-
sire Caters: N. Thomson 1, Julia Greenhalf 2, Kathleen Chilcott 3, J. Schofield 4, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 5, Juliet Stoy 6, D. Spittle 7, R. J. Cook (cond.) 8, S. F. Kimber 9, P. D. Jennings 10. For Harvest Festival.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,344 London Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, Jill Orme (first in method) 2, C. M. Orme 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, R. L. Piron 5, R. H. French 6, K. H. Fleming 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 29th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ivin (cond.) 1, J. Piron (aged 10) 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, Charlotte Harris 4, R. L. Piron 5, M. J. Marriott 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Jill Orme 1, Charlotte Harris 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, S. Ivin 5, C. M. Orme 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, R. L. Piron 8, A. Gibbs 9, R. H. French 10. By Sunday band for Harvest Festival.

CORFE, SOM.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 St. Nicholas Place Bob Doubles: A. F. Aracott 1, Brenda Binden 2, J. Cornelius (125th quarter) 3, K. E. Beale 4, R. F. Aracott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. First in method by all.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. F. Cowley 1, M. W. Coleman 2, W. Ivings 3, A. W. Ivings 4, H. N. Pradley 5, P. R. Davies 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings 8. For Harvest Festival.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, R. W. Bridges 2, J. Saxton 3, W. Beavan 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6. For Harvest Festival.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Ballam (cond.) 1, R. Stannard 2, J. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, E. Stannard 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

QUARTER PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Matthew's, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Kersey 1, Sheila Hancock (first quarter) 2, Mary Mills 3, Margaret Newby 4, C. Taylor 5, C. Aldous (cond.) 6. For the christening of the eldest daughter of third ringer.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: May Graham 1, Cheryl Chorlton (first "inside") 2, A. Craddock 3, J. Pardoe (first as cond.) 4, G. White 5, P. Martin 6. For Evensong.

KEWSTOKE, SOM.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: W. Blake 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, W. Hart 5, G. Kingdon 6. Rung after the marriage of Mr. J. Strachan and Miss C. Costelloe.

LAXTON NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. Chambers 1, E. A. Wilson 2, A. Smithson 3, W. Riley 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Readshaw 1, Pauline Hilliard 2, M. Goakes 3, P. H. Langton (cond.) 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis 6. Rung for the wedding of Dr. A. Turnbull (Rector's son) to Ann Pamela Zelly.

MERTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Stanley 1, P. Seabright 2, H. R. Dennis (first quarter) 3, N. Bagworth 4, G. Hawkes (cond.) 5. A farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Seabright, who are shortly leaving the parish.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Harriet Platon (first quarter) 1, M. Soper 2, A. Price 3, Valerie Maynard (first "inside") 4, T. Pink 5, C. King 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. A compliment to Esca and Larry Hayek on the birth of their second daughter, Katherine, and for Harvest Festival.

OADBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: Kay Farrell (first quarter) 1, F. Haslum 2, Mrs. Margaret Palmer 3, I. Bentley 4, M. Tunnicliff (first as cond.) 5, Julie Walker 6. First quarter by local band in recent years. For Harvest Festival.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—1,260 Bob Triples: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Janet Aaton 2, Susan Chew 3, J. Perry 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia 6, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 7, C. Kennaugh 8.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, C. Bassett 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Christine M. Leslie (first attempt) 1, Helen Dodds (first "inside") 2, Joyce Dodds 3, Jane A. Briggs 4, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 5, Katherine S. Hardy 6.

ST. JULIOT, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Pearce 1, Beatrice M. Boyle 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Heard 4, D. F. Welch 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

Miss Elizabeth M. Barber makes a correction in the postage for her test card books. From 21-30 copies the price is 1s. 6d.

Mr. George E. Fearn's peal week in the North-East was highly successful, with nine peals being scored. The peals were six Surprise Major, two Cambridge Royal and one Stedman Cinques.

The warden of Grantley Hall offered Mr. Norman Chaddock, for the 1969 Ringing Course, either mid-August or mid-November. Will those interested inform Mr. Chaddock, Blencathra, Spring Road, Market Weighton, which date is most convenient to them.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Liverpool Cathedral on October 12th in 4 hours and 14 minutes. Ringing the 82 cwt. tenor were Wilfred Williams and Walter Allman. Tudor P. Edwards conducted.

There is a proud footnote to the peal of Plain Bob Major at Lydd: "First peal of Major by a band of first pealers for the Kent County Association." Practically all the band, including the conductor, Brian C. Johnson, have figured prominently in our quarter peal columns. They are all congratulated upon taking one step higher.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: B. Manning (first quarter) 1, M. Walker (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Newton 3, G. Manning 4, H. Butler (cond.) 5, P. Adams 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: B. Manning 1, M. Walker 2, Miss J. Newton 3, G. Manning 4, H. Butler (cond.) 5, P. Adams 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOLIHULL, WARCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,277 Grand-
sire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, R. J. Cann 3, M. F. Edwards 4, T. J. Warner 5, E. J. Cole 6, V. Green 7, H. H. Fearn 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to the treble ringer on his 83rd birthday; also the birthday of Mr. Thomas.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Weaver 1, S. Clark 2, P. A. Bourne 3, S. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, J. Weaver (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Weaver. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. S. Bedford 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, S. Halliwell 3, D. Willcocks (first Major) 4, W. C. G. Wainwright 5, P. Bedford 6, M. J. Hallett 7, P. Sloman (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. George.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, Grand-
sire): W. Munson 3, W. Brown 4, W. Lawrence 5, D. Taplin 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. For Harvest Festival.

UFFINGTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Nor-
wich Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, Dillys Gray 3, J. Cooper 4, Mrs. P. A. Smith 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. First in method 3, 4. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Horspool 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Patay M. Barnes 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, G. T. Norris 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. Rung by Rutland Branch members in memory of Ronald Russell.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,253 Grand-
sire Cinques: I. L. Dear 1, Jane Chapman 2, Susan F. Thomas 3, Glynis E. Perry 4, June Whitcher 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6, Laura M. Grindrod 7, M. C. Austin 8, C. Forster 9, J. E. Murfit 10, M. B. Jeffreys 11, D. E. Cobb 12. First Grand-
sire Cinques "inside" 4 and 10. For Matins.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings), on the F sharp six: P. C. Hassan 1, C. J. Pickford 2, P. D. Ross 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, M. J. Robinson 5, S. Webb (first quarter) 6. Rung by the King's School Society as a farewell to the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester and chairman of the governors of the School.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Doris Street (first Triples) 1, J. McTeat 2, B. Street (first Grand-
sire Triples) 3, Marjorie Street 4, R. Wetenhall (first Triples as cond.) 5, D. Hunns 6, S. Richardson 7, C. Gates (first Triples) 8. Rung for the wedding of Sandra Byrom, daughter of the tower captain.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Regarding the peal at Wonston (page 710), Mr. R. Smith, of Sutton Scotney, writes that he had been connected with the tower since 1909, when the old live were rehung after a fire, but resigned in 1965. He felt that it was hard to believe the report was correct.

Miss Margaret Eyre, of Greasley, Nottingham, was to have rung in the peal there on October 5th, prior to taking up a college position in N.W. London. Circumstances necessitated her earlier departure, missing what would have been her first peal. The four first-pealers in the hand are to be congratulated on the high standard of performance, making the peal one which a more seasoned band would recall with pleasure.

Highclere ringers are pleased with recent progress. On September 22nd a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by an all-local Sunday service band, being a first quarter of Cambridge by all except the conductor, and on October 13th Philip Taylor conducted his first quarter on eight bells—Bob Major—with one visitor taking part. This was the first of Major for 12-year-old David Goss and was rung for Harvest Festival. Hopes are entertained of attempting London Minor shortly.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION AND RECORDED BELLS

Mr. John H. Gilbert, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has written to "The North Somerset Mercury" regarding the decision of the Consistory Court to allow recorded bells at Christ Church, Clevedon. He writes:

"The case against this was ably put by the Dean of Wells and is entirely in keeping with the policy of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. There is nothing so incongruous and unworthy as the sound of a ring of ten or twelve heavy bells issuing from a diminutive tower or spirelet. It is to be hoped that not more than six bells will be relayed from Christ Church. On the merits of having only one ringing bell I would remind you that the sexton of 'Clochemerle' rang the single bell there with great virtuosity. It can be done!

"In conclusion, may I emphasise that the personal views expressed by my predecessor, the Rev. R. O. Fry, do not represent those of the Association. As far as I am aware, no approach was made to our advisory expert for help in this matter, although we would have been pleased to have made suggestions."

MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD

On Saturday, August 31st, Dr. T. S. R. Boase presided for the last time over the "common College dinner." For the first time women attended the "dining out" of a president of Magdalen College, Oxford. Having held office since 1947, he retired on his 70th birthday. A colour television set was presented to him. Before the date of his retirement he was able to give permission for a peal to be attempted at the College on Saturday, September 28th, as a welcome to the new president.

On Monday, September 30th, the new president, Dr. James H. E. Griffiths, was installed. For the past two years he had been vice-chancellor of the University of Malaya. He flew to England and made his way to Winchester to meet the Bishop, who is a visitor of the College. In the traditional formula the Bishop declared: "If it is necessary that I admit you, I do admit you," and with this in writing he drove to Oxford for his installation.

A quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung immediately before the brief installation ceremony, which took place at 7.20 p.m. The company proceeded into Hall, where Dr. Griffiths presided for the first time. P. W.

A RINGING CHRISTMAS CARD

Those of our ringers who are seeking an attractive Christmas card associated with our art would do well to see the card St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich Ringers Guild, is placing on the market in aid of the Mancroft Fabric Fund.

It is a colour reproduction of Henry Ninham's 18th century water colour which is in the sacristy at Norwich and was published in Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing." The picture shows the ringers of Norwich in the ringing chamber at Mancroft ringing in the New Year. In the centre is the ringing jug given in 1749, which holds 33 pints and is still used on festive occasions by the Mancroft Guild.

The cards (price 9s. a dozen, post free) are obtainable from The Chantry, Norwich, NOR 62E.

KENT RINGER'S WEDDING FOSTER—COPPING

The wedding took place on September 14th at the Church of St. Luke, Bromley Common, Kent, between Michael Foster, of Cudham, and Sheila Copping, tower captain at St. Luke's.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a full-length dress in the traditional colour and was attended by three bridesmaids.

The Vicar, in his address, thanked Sheila for her very conscientious work in maintaining a band at the Common.

The fine ring of eight at St. Luke's rang out before and after the service, the bells being rung by friends in the Bromley District.

After the reception the couple left for a honeymoon in the Channel Islands.

Many ringers, I am sure, would like to join with me in wishing Michael and Sheila all the very best in the years that lie ahead. T. L.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

An attempt will be made for Stedman Cinques by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, October 26th, at 5 p.m.

DEAN OF WORCESTER'S FAREWELL

The departure of the Dean of Worcester to become Master of the Temple Church was marked by two quarter peals at the Cathedral. On Sunday, September 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters was rung on the back ten for Nave Evensong, when the Dean was preaching his last sermon. As the Dean is president of the Worcestershire Association, representatives of each of the three Branches rang in this quarter peal.

On Tuesday, September 24th, before his last Choral Evensong a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles was rung on the 15 cwt. six by the King's School Society. As chairman of the governors, the Dean has always encouraged the School's ringing activities and allowed ringing on the bells for any special school services, and it was fitting that the band included three boys—one King's Scholar, one member of the staff and one Old Vigornian.

PEALS AT LEAMINGTON SPA

To disprove a statement locally that there has never been a peal rung at All Saints' Church, Leamington Spa, Mr. Henry Allen has had the records checked by Canon K. W. H. Felstead. The peal book of the late William Male gives details of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung there on December 26th, 1911, conducted by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and these details were sent to Canon Felstead, who has this peal recorded.

The Canon writes: "There have been two other peals—Stedman Triples on January 25th, 1908, and Superlative Surprise Major on January 16th, 1913. The former of these is marked as being the first peal ever rung in Leamington. There doesn't appear to have been a peal since 1913."

TOOK THE FIRST ISSUE

(See pages 804-5)

FURBANK, Ernest (80), of Brentwood, Essex, has taken "The Ringing World" since it started and, before that, "The Bell News." He is a life member of the Essex Association and has rung over 300 peals.

MR. FREDERICK SHARPE TO REST

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, acting on doctor's orders, is taking a complete rest for a few weeks. On September 26th he was taken poorly on the top of scaffolding on a church tower, where he was supervising a restoration.

He tells us that he has worked harder than ever this summer. He has sold his family business to a new company, of which he is a director, and the business of change-over, plus establishing new offices, meant much extra work. Also, he has done 82 tower inspections this year.

Mr. Sharpe adds that once the transfer to a new company is completed things should be easier. We all hope that he will be speedily restored to full health. His absence, even temporarily, will be sorely missed.

ODCOMBE, SOMERSET, HAS NOW A RING OF SIX

Through the enterprise of Mr. Reg Guppy, formerly of Montacute, Odcombe has now a ring of six. An anonymous donor most kindly co-operated and he was able to acquire a redundant bell from Raddington.

This sweet-toned pre-Reformation bell, weighing 3 cwt. 14 lb., spoke again after a long silence on September 28th, this time in company with the pleasant 13 cwt. Odcombe five. Officials of the Bath and Wells Association were present at the trial run of this happy inauguration.

For many months Reg and his willing helpers have toiled to get this bell in place. They have fetched and overhauled it, made and obtained the necessary fittings and fixtures and cleared the bell chamber of many loads of rubbish. The ringing chamber has been cleaned and redecorated and the badly-worn tower steps have been concreted and the whole tower made spick and span for the arrival of the new bell.

This new treble will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells early in December, and Mr. Guppy is surely to be praised and thanked for all the hard work and expense which he and his friends have put into this venture. M. M. L.

ENGLISH CONTINGENT'S THANKS

In addition to the excellent report of the celebrations to mark the 800th anniversary of the foundation of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, from Mr. F. E. Dukes, and the letter of thanks from Mr. Norman Harding, Mrs. O. L. Rogers has kindly sent us a report of the proceedings. Her report concludes:

"To the Dean and ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral and to the ringers of the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, the English contingent offer their most cordial thanks and wish all our friends in the Irish Association 'good luck and prosperity in the future.'

"A special 'thank you' to the members of the St. Mary's Cathedral choir, who entertained us with singing at the social evening on the Saturday."

EARTHQUAKE RINGS PERTH BELLS

In "The Times" report of the earthquake in Western Australia on October 14th it was stated that the bells in St. George's Cathedral rang for seven minutes after the tremor and a large stone cross was dislodged, just missing the verger. Presumably the bells were left "up" after Sunday ringing.

SOMERSET PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG SUTTON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.	
M. Susan Jackson Treble	John S. Seager 4
Neil Donovan 2	Stuart R. Armeson 5
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3	Richard E. Price Tenor

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Ian G. Campbell Treble	John S. Seager 5
M. Susan Jackson 2	Neil Donovan 6
Mavis C. Stephenson .. 3	Ronald Ducker 7
Alan H. Bridges 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

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

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge, 992 Superlative, with 109 changes of method and all the work.
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Christopher I. Rowson .. Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	J. Henry Fielden 6
Alan H. Bridges 3	Ronald Ducker 7
Neil Donovan 4	Stuart R. Armeson Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

Alan H. Bridges Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Ronald Ducker 6
Ian G. Campbell 3	Stuart R. Armeson 7
John S. Seager 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

M. Susan Jackson Treble	Christopher I. Rowson .. 6
Mavis C. Stephenson .. 2	Neil Donovan 7
Richard E. Price 3	Alan H. Bridges 8
J. Henry Fielden 4	Stuart R. Armeson 9
Richard J. Tibbetts 5	Ian G. Campbell Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Stuart R. Armeson.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Iris M. E. Lemare Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts 5
Mavis C. Stephenson .. 2	Stuart R. Armeson 6
Christopher I. Rowson .. 3	Ronald Ducker 7
Neil Donovan 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

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

On Fri., Aug. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Christopher I. Rowson .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell 5
M. Susan Jackson 2	Ronald Ducker 6
*Neil Donovan 3	Stuart R. Armeson 7
Alan H. Bridges 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Stuart R. Armeson.
* 200th peal. Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Alan R. Patterson Treble	Ian L. Dear 5
Roger M. Heyworth .. 2	Andrew J. Slade 6
*Jeremy R. Pratt 3	Timothy G. Pett 7
Colin G. Wright 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 7, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Marjorie Legg Treble	George Prescott 5
Geoffrey Hebden 2	Roy W. Rice 6
*Peter J. England 3	*Sidney G. Smith 7
Walter S. Rice 4	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Association.
Rung in memoriam H. A. Price.

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

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

George W. Massey Treble	Michael G. Bartlett 5
Peter J. England 2	Walter S. Rice 6
John C. Sheppard 3	Roy W. Rice 7
Geoffrey Hebden 4	Edgar T. Skipsey Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Mr. Jack Ellsbury, a ringer at Banwell for many years.

KEWSTOKE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

William Hart Treble	Cecil Mogford 4
*George Prescott 2	Sidney Smith 5
*Marjorie Legg 3	Henry Button Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.

* 150th peal together

Rung in honour of the 104th birthday of Mrs. Stabbins, who has lived in the district all her life.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLD WARREN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 14 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford, (7) Norwich.

Anthony H. Smith Treble	Christopher R. Hardy .. 4
Kathleen A. Marriott .. 2	Martyn J. Marriott 5
Charlotte M. Harris .. 3	C. Michael Orme Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertholine.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 CREWE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Christopher J. Morey .. Treble	David J. Midgley 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard 6
Felicity Ashford 3	Roy Worrall 7
Gerald Parsons 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

4ths place bobs	Harold Dowler 5
John Hall Treble	David J. Midgley 6
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard 7
Felicity Ashford 3	Roy Worrall Tenor
Gerald Parsons 4	

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Valerie Jamson Treble	†Geoffrey Edwards 5
Roland W. Morant 2	Frank Morton 6
Richard C. L. Brown .. 3	Roy Worrall 7
David J. Danby 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside."

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.	
Ernest J. Ladd Treble	Raymond A. Large 5
*Lynn Warner 2	John E. Warner 6
†Christopher Bassett 3	Roger Osbon 7
Brian E. Jeffrey 4	Ian Wickens Tenor

Composed by Michael Bangham. Conducted by Roger Osbon.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Major.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Jonathan Noel to Margaret (secretary) and Raymond Large, and Peter Robert to Betty and Brian (chairman) Jeffrey.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Edward E. Davey Treble	Arthur G. Button 4
*Eileen Button 2	Alan R. Andrews 5
Rachel J. R. Orman 3	George N. Orman Tenor

Composed by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal "inside."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MALMESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Aldhelm.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*Trevor Newlands Treble	*John W. Collard 5
Dennis A. Chapman 2	*Simon R. Cole 6
James R. Taylor 3	Maurice A. New 7
*Bruce Martin 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Rutland.

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

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.	
Ivor Goulter Treble	David E. L. Pohjoy 5
Peter Clarkson 2	Leonard Edwards 6
*Peter Rowe 3	Patrick H. Allen 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	Arthur W. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First eight-bell peal.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Michael.

WINCHCOMBE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge S., Beverley S., (2) Cambridge S., Surfleet S., (3) Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford. Plain, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.	
Harold Schofield Treble	John Clements 4
Arthur C. Berry 2	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Valerie Willard 3	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung for Harvest Festival.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.	
"The Washington Peal."	Michael V. Chilcott 6
William T. Hibbert Treble	Norman Summerhayes 7
Joyce A. Parsons 2	David E. Parsons 8
*Jeffry Ladd 3	Brian White 9
Jill R. Parsons 4	John Chilcott Tenor
Alan D. Flood 5	

Composed by D. E. Parsons. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

* First peal of Stedman and on ten bells.

(The St. Giles' Church Society of Change Ringers.)

ASSTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., Oct. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*Elizabeth J. Gibbs Treble	John A. Laver 5
Felicity S. Hamilton 2	Gerald Bromley 6
†J. Vernon A. Stedman 3	Roy D. Mills 7
†Gillian M. Laver 4	Tony Skilton Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Tony Skilton.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. First of Major ever rung by the local Sunday service band.

Rung for Evensong on Harvest Festival.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANGARRON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Deinst.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and one 240. Tenor 11 cwt.	
Harry Johnson Treble	Raymond A. Brewer 4
William A. Kitson 2	John J. Webb 5
Reginald I. Brewer 3	Sidney J. Bowyer Tenor

Conducted by John J. Webb.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick E. J. Reynolds, a ringer at this church for many years.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Christopher W. Woolley Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	David E. Rothera 6
*John R. Southey 3	Martyn L. J. Jordan 7
Frank Reed 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—At the National Cathedral of St. Patrick.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. Treble	John Hartless 7
Michael J. Best 2	Gwilym Salmon 8
Merryn Hutchings 3	Richard H. Youdale 9
*Rowan S. Bradley 4	Philip N. Tubbs 10
Laurence E. Hitchins 5	James A. D. Woolford 11
Frank L. Harris 6	S. Clarke Walters Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal on 12 bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., April 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Sylvia A. E. Knight Treble	Nicholas J. H. Small 5
Margaret S. Jenner 2	Owen C. R. Webster 6
Alan C. Bourner 3	Keith D. Butler 7
John A. Hemsley 4	Brian C. Johnson Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Brian C. Johnson.

First peal by all the band. First of Major by a band of first-pealers for the Association. All the band are members of the Ashford District.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Doris E. Colgate Treble	Derek Slater 5
Richard Hayes 2	John A. Howard 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Philip A. Corby 7
*Philip J. Simmonds 4	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

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

The band congratulate Roy and Margaret Large and Brian and Betty Jeffry on the birth of their sons.

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

On Fri., Oct. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
Phyllis R. Chidwick .. Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Richard Hayes 6
*Robin A. Grant 3	Frederick J. Cullum 7
Herbert E. Audsley 4	Thomas W. Blewitt Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

* First peal of Stedman.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Peter R. Butler Treble	Richard Hayes 4
†Philip A. Butler 2	John A. Howard 5
Stephen Gay 3	†Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* First peal. † First in a plain method. ‡ 25th peal on this bell Rung to the memory of R. Thomas Newman, of Bromley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BLACKBURN, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*Frank C. West Treble	Stanley Anderton 6
John T. Parsons 2	Brian A. Tomlinson 7
†Roger Barnes 3	*Bryan D. Hill 8
Dennis H. McCormick .. 4	Cyril Crossthaite 9
Christopher L. Watson .. 5	*Maurice Hill Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Brian A. Tomlinson.

* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal and first of Grandsire Caters.

First of Grandsire as conductor.

Rung to mark Mr. Arthur Tomlinson's 61 years' membership of the Association and as a belated 85th birthday compliment.

GARSTANG, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Helen, Churchtown.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*William L. Richmond .. Treble	Stanley Anderton 4
Joseph Whalley 2	Alan Capstick 5
Cyril Crossthaite 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the Harvest Festival (October 6th).

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Andrew S. Hayden Treble	Brian L. Burrows 5
Robin A. Gilliver 2	Tony Natt 6
John Watkins 3	Roland H. Cook 7
K. Paul Gilliver 4	A. James Poynor Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

PECKLETON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) York and Durham, (2) London and Wells, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) Winchester and Allendale, (6) Berwick and Hexham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt.

Jane M. Tooby Treble	John Watkins 4
*Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	Brian L. Burrows 5
*Robin A. Gilliver 3	*K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

* Most methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of London, Cambridge, York, Ipswich, Beverley, Primrose and Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Mrs. A. J. Payne Treble	Cecil Wade 4
Ronald C. Noon 2	James W. Haw 5
Derek J. Jones 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard E. Bailey and Barbara M. Charlton, daughter of Mr. Tom Charlton, tower captain at Moulton.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*Alwyn R. Lewis Treble	William M. Harford 6
Paul A. Williams 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 7
Marion S. Bennett 3	Peter S. Bennett 8
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 4	M. Jack Pryor 9
Thomas T. Yeomans .. 5	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.

* 25th peal and first on ten bells.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association, and for the birth of a daughter to David J. and Penny Llewellyn on the previous day.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 67 lb. in D.

Richard J. Bowden Treble	Alan Tubbs 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Brian J. Wylde 6
Gordon W. Land 3	Tom Chapman 7
Tudor P. Edwards 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

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

CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5066 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Roy Palframan Treble	Peter S. Bennett 5
*Gordon R. Wilkinson .. 2	Christopher E. Slade .. 6
*Gillian Colley Priest .. 3	David G. Pike 7
Stanley W. Gall 4	David L. Phillips Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David L. Phillips.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter J. Wall and Wendy J. Harris, whose father, Mr. K. W. B. Harris, is a ringer at this church.

CADOXTON, near Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

John M. Hughes Treble	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland .. 4
*Ellis N. Thomas 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
†Susan Harber 3	Alwyn R. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Alwyn R. Lewis.

* 100th peal. † 25th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Freda Clayton Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Alick Cutler 6
Joan Hooton 3	G. William Critchley .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Frank Reed Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G sharp.

Fred R. Evans Treble	George H. Randles 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	Robert Warrilow 6
Norah M. Randles 3	John W. Griffiths 7
Christopher Jones 4	Geoffrey Parting Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher Roberts (head ringer) and Miss Gloria Patricia Harper, married this day at Halesowen, Worcestershire.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

William R. West Treble	Nolan Golden 4
John R. Smith 2	Derick W. Pardon 5
Elizabeth Smith 3	George Sayer Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

First peal in seven methods on the bells and Mrs. Smith's first peal for eight years.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. J. D. Savills, instituted and inducted on the previous Tuesday

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., Sept. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 OSGATHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Terence J. Hester .. Treble	Peter Pearce 5
Alan R. Pink 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Peter J. Heritage 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Christopher C. Clarke .. 4	Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

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

First in the method by all the band.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and to mark the wedding of Miss Judith R. Coggins, daughter of the ringer of the tenor, to Mr. Leon Grimwood.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Sept. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 11 cwt.

Martin J. Turner .. Treble	Brian W. Hall 4
Terence J. Hester 2	Bertram J. Coggins .. 5
Peter Pearce 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

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

On Mon., Oct. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BACUP SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. John Collett .. Treble	Peter Pearce 4
Terence J. Hester 2	Brian W. Hall 5
Peter J. Heritage 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—At Magdalen College.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Walter F. Judge .. Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 6
Brian R. White 2	John W. T. Hibbert 7
Martin J. Turner 3	Edgar J. Smith 8
Philip Walker 4	Victor Griffin 9
Stephen S. Royal 5	Philip H. Toccock .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Rung as a welcome to the new president of the College, Dr. James H. E. Griffiths, M.A., D.Phil.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Fri., Oct. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 HILLMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Kilby R. Holtom .. Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	John K. Foot 6
David J. Marshall 3	Barry E. Saunders 7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 4	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

* 50th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method.

HILLMORTON SURPRISE MAJOR

g—56—14—56—38—14—38—14—38, f.c.e.'s group n.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John.

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford, one of Single Oxford, two of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*Pamela B. Dacre .. Treble	Peter S. Abbott 4
Ronald Russell 2	Barry R. Care 5
Murray A. Coleman .. 3	Stephen B. Bell Tenor

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.

* First peal.

(Daventry Branch.)

NORTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods—four extents of Plain Bob and two each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and 12 variations—two extents each of St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Giles, Lapley, St. Miles, St. John, Southrepps, St. Columb, Kennington and Old.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Treble	Stanley F. Webb 3
Iris R. D. Webb 2	John S. W. Townley .. 4

Edward C. Garrett .. Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal by all the band.

Rung prior to Harvest Festival Evensong and for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

Graham W. Elmes .. Treble	Ross G. W. Robertson .. 5
*Frances Brown 2	*Timothy F. Collins .. 6
Mary E. Elmes 3	William T. Perrins 7
*Roderick A. Bryant .. 4	D. Roy Fuller Tenor

Conducted by William T. Perrins.

* First peal of Grandsire.

MILDENHALL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., Oct. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

Anthony R. Peake .. Treble	Brian Bladen 4
*Anita D. O'Brien 2	*Allan G. Keen 5
*David J. Vowles 3	*Maurice A. New Tenor

Conducted by Arthur R. Peake.

* First peal in the method.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEIGHTON, Montgomery.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Allen Watkin .. Treble	*Roger Watkin 4
Keith Morgan 2	Stuart Evans 5
John Parry 3	David Parry Tenor

Conducted by David Parry.

* First peal. First of Bob Minor by all the band.

Rung by the St. Oswald Society, Oswestry, as a compliment to Mr. Derek Williams and his bride, whose marriage took place in Llandaff Cathedral this day.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Angela A. Hanlon .. Treble	*Barbara Hooks 5
P. Mary Beach 2	Donald J. Beach 6
F. Gordon Faulks 3	Peter Nix 7
*Helen M. Simpson .. 4	*Dudley Coulson .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Peter Nix.

* First peal at first attempt. First of Triples in the method by all except ringer of 3rd.

Rung as a farewell to Miss Margaret A. Eyre, a ringer at the above tower.

WORKSOP, Notts.—At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter A. Slight .. Treble	Simon Humphrey 5
Sheila M. Anthony .. 2	George A. Dawson 6
William L. Exton 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 7
R. Brian Mills 4	Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

25th peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BILSTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

Richard B. Dorrington .. Treble	Stephen T. Yates 5
Alan J. Fletcher 2	Eric E. Speake 6
Christopher J. Bennett .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
J. Dennis Holden 4	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

First peal of Surprise in the tower, which has had eight bells since 1827.

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

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, London, Yorkshire, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Ashstead, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Derek K. Knowles .. Treble	J. Dennis Holden 5
Philip G. K. Davies 2	Anthony W. T. Cleaver .. 6
Michael Elson 3	Eric E. Speake 7
Michael W. Fairey 4	John H. Allen Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

First of nine-spiced for the Society and by all except ringers of 2 and 3.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. T. F. Woolley, on his leaving the parish after 12 years on appointment as Diocesan missionary.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Peter S. Bedford Treble	Ruth Woodman 5
H. William Barrett 2	Adrian Knights 6
Katharine M. Thorley 3	Stephen J. Bedford 7
J. Martin Thorley 4	Vernon B. Bedford Tenor

Composed by P. O. Bixby. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as birthday compliments to Ruth Bedford, Stephen Bedford, Kenneth B. Sissons and the conductor.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.	
Michael Baldry Treble	Thomas J. Brock 4
Andrew Ellis 2	Michael J. Parker 5
*A. Stanley Woodard 3	A. Harry Archer Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

* First peal on six bells.

Rung with thanksgiving for a successful flower festival.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Sept. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents—seven varied callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*Margaret A. Adams .. Treble	C. Jack Gibson 4
Katharine M. Thorley .. 2	J. Martin Thorley 5
†Vernon B. Bedford 3	Stephen J. Bedford Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal. † 25th peal this year.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 BARNES SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Christopher J. Groome .. Treble	John R. Ketteringham .. 5
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Peter G. Holden 6
Geoffrey Bridges 3	Timothy G. Pett 7
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 4	John Pladdys Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Maureen Carruthers.

BARNES SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58.12.36—34—1458—16—78. 1.h. 12 B b, d.

ROTHERHITHE, London, S.E.—At the Church of SS. Mary & Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Andrew N. Stubbs Treble	*David E. Rothera 5
Laurence C. Way 2	George E. Thoday 6
Peter N. Felton 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
Rev. Michael Hart 4	†A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 250th peal. † 675th different tenor "turned in" to a peal. First peal on the bells since 1928.

Rung by kind invitation of the Rector after the wedding of Mr. Tony Lovett and Miss Kay Winter; also a wedding compliment to Robert C. Kippin and Heather Walters.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Kenneth C. Knight Treble	Michael J. Wake 5
Ernest Treagus 2	Philip Stevens 6
Patrick M. Wills 3	E. Winifred Keys 7
Rev. Norman J. Smith 4	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
Rung to mark the institution and induction of the Rev. Norman J. Smith to the neighbouring village of Chilham.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Oct. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in eleven methods: (1) Surfleet Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.	
*Charles B. Skinner .. Treble	*†E. Winifred Keys 4
*Anne M. Stevens 2	*Philip Stevens 5
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in eleven methods. † 150th peal for the Association.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Brian Ronald Farhall and Margaret Ann Plowman, married at St. Paul's, Worthing.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 59 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Ian G. Campbell Treble	Ronald J. Snack 6
W. Eric Critchley 2	Frederick A. Munday .. 7
Michael Staniforth 3	Ronald Ducker 8
A. W. Alan Leggett 4	C. Barrie Dove 9
Ronald R. Warford 5	Alan E. Hartley Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal of Royal on the bells.

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

On Fri., July 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Alan P. Neal Treble	Roger Harper 5
Frederick J. Jackson .. 2	Neil Donovan 6
Roger A. Smith 3	David Nichols 7
John R. Whitham 4	Stuart R. Armeson Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart R. Armeson.

(The St. Peter's, Leeds, Society.)

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

On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

*Josephine M. Haskins .. Treble	†Alan Newbould 5
†William P. Haskins 2	Ronald H. Dove 6
Arnold Cole 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
†Suzanne J. Withers 4	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major † First of Surprise Major.
† First of Cambridge Major

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 3,392 Rutland, 864 Yorkshire and 832 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.	
*J. David Atkinson .. 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse .. 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "in hand." First of spliced as conductor "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Fri., Sept. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 NETTLEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Martyn L. J. Jordan 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.

NETTLEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

b—38—14—58—36—14—1458—36—78.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.

On Tues., Oct. 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	John R. Mayne 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Roger Baldwin 7-8

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHARING, Kent.—At The Vicarage.

On Sun., Sept. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in E flat.

*Diana M. Bradford .. 1-2	Betty Robbins 5-6
Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 3-4	*John L. Anderson 7-8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Betty Robbins.
* First peal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1968, in 1 hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Being one extent each of Original, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court, College, Single Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob.	
Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary W. Whalley 3-4
*Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5-6

* 75th peal.

NOTICES

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BENNETT.—Dr. Anthony Bennett is now working at Alder Hey Children's Hospital and is resident at Olive Mount Children's Hospital, Wavertree, Liverpool 15. Tel. 051-722 2261. Ringing friends always welcome. 5010

PERSONAL

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls."—St. Matthew xi, 29.

CARILLON RECITAL

BIRMINGHAM 8, Saltley R.C. Church, Parkfield Road (opp. "Country Girl"). The last of the autumn series of evening recitals on the 23-bell instrument can be heard on Sunday, October 27th, between approx. 6.45 and 7.30 p.m., played by Clive M. Smith. Tower open. Anyone welcome. Until April, these bells may be heard most 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in a month (weather permitting). 11.15 a.m. until noon. 5018

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10.30-12.00	St Dunstan's, Stepney High Street (10).
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2.15-3.15	St. Clement Danes', Strand (10) and St. Andrew's, Holborn (8).
3.00-4.00	St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, City (6) and St. Giles', Cripplegate, City (12).
3.45-4.45	St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8) & St. Michael's, Cornhill, City (12).
4.30-5.30	St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, City (12) and St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street (8).

5011

THE WHITTINGTON HANDBELL RINGERS

will now be meeting on Wednesdays, 12.30-1 p.m. at the reconstructed Church of St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, College Street, E.C.2. (adjacent Cannon Street Station). Any persons with an interest in tune ringing welcome.—F. Tomlin, 30, Station Road, Loughton, Essex. 5028

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, STOUR-BRIDGE. — No ringing until further notice after Sunday, November 3rd. Bells being removed to Loughborough for restoration. Monday practices transferred to Old Swinford.—M. D. Fellows. 4967

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual striking contest will be held at Rawmarsh (8) on Saturday, November 2nd; draw at 3 p.m. Copy of the rules are available from the Secretary, R. Fletcher, at 34, Dransfield Road, Sheffield S10 5RN. Please send names of all teams to this address by Monday, October 28th, or soon after. Teas at Rawmarsh. 4967

WEST MEON & WARNFORD, HANTS. — The Rector will be very pleased to allow visiting ringers the use of the bells, under normal circumstances, providing proper application is made in good time. In the future, permission will not be granted after an application of only a few hours.—C. E. Bassett, Dis. Sec., Alton and Petersfield, W. and P. Guild. 5014

WANTED. — "Rope-Sight," by J. W. Snowdon, fifth or later edition. Please quote price required, including postage.—Ann Evans, 17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 7GE. 5022

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PRACTICE NIGHTS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Weston-in-Gordano (6), Saturday, October 26th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 5002

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead, Saturday, October 26th, 7 p.m. 5000

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice meeting at Knebworth on Tuesday, October 29th, 7.30-9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 5025

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.—Notice to visiting ringers: The practice nights Thursdays, November 21st and 28th, are cancelled. Instead, practices will be held on Mondays, November 18th and 25th.—E. H. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5003

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR'S, SOUTH-WARK, S.E.—Weekly practices will be resumed on Thursdays as from October 24th. 7.30 p.m.—N. B. 5009

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wick St. Lawrence (5), Saturday, October 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 4981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Queen Camel (6), October 26th, 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Marston Magna (6) after tea. Names essential for tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horthorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 4962

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Dunstable, October 26th. Bells (8) from 4.30 p.m. Short business in belfry at 6 p.m. 5009

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bebington, October 26th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead, by 24th at latest. 4998

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Crich (8), October 26th. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Cafe nearby. Please attend.—E. J. S. 4985

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. 4969

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bentley (8), October 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Avis, 39, Barn Hall Avenue, Colchester 4977

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting, Tewkesbury (12), October 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. E. Leach, 3, Tretawn Gardens, Tewkesbury, Glos. 4925

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting at Capel, October 26th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking. Evening ringing at Newdigate.—J. P. O. 5032

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick (8) on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Names for tea not required. 4987

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (E. Berks and S. Bucks).—Joint meeting at Hillingdon, October 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with social evening to follow. Further ringing 6.30 p.m.—8 p.m. Herefield bells available 2.45 p.m.—3.45 p.m.—J. Muller, M. J. Palmer. 4982

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Tadmarton (6), Saturday, October 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Swalcliffe (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea.—C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury. 5004

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Church Hanborough on October 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing arrangements: Church Hanborough (6) 2.30–4 and 6.30–7.30; Freeland (6) 2.30–3.30; Woodstock (8) 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Mr. N. I. Bridges, Wroslyn Road, Freeland, Oxford. — E. R. Venn, Sec. 4957

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M. at Stowmarket (8) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettahugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk. 4968

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, October 26th. Bells 2.45 till 8.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 in New Inn, followed by business meeting. 4993

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Chalfont St. Giles, Tuesday, October 29th. Bells available 7.30 p.m.—J. Muller. 4999

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise practice at Shalford on Thursday, October 31st, 7.45 p.m. to 9.30. Rutland, Pudsey, touches of Bristol and London. — F. W. Housden. 5013

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice at Wootton (6) on Friday, November 1st, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—E. P. Venn. 5020

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. — Meeting at Holmfirth, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Armitage, Spring Grove, Prickleden, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, HD7 1JU, not later than October 30th. 5021

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi (6, 19 cwt.), November 2nd, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. Leggett, Branch Hon. Sec. 4992

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Aspatria, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage. 5005

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at Wylam on November 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay, by Wednesday, October 30th. 5027

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch) and **SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Joint meeting, Coalbrookdale, November 2nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Valley Hotel. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, Wolverhampton, not later than October 30th. 5029

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, The Post Office, Benington, Stevenage, by Thursday, October 31st.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 5024

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Rickmansworth (10), November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth, Tel. 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 5007

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Groby (6), November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Names to Mr. T. E. Gardner, 170, Ratby Road, Groby, Leicester, by Wednesday, 30th, please.—Ron Hughes. 4979

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting, Barkston, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Gray, The Drift, Syston, near Grantham, Lincs, by October 28th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4978

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Milton Malsor, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Collingtree bells 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. Care, 4, Lorraine Crescent, Northampton, by Monday previous, please 5001

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and **SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Joint meeting at Thorne, Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Short service 4.15. Tea in Parish Hall 5. Further ringing after business meeting to 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moor-ends, near Doncaster, by October 30th. 5008

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Surprise Major practice at Wigston Magna, November 4th, commencing at 7.30. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 4980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Dagenham (8), Saturday, November 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Election of caretaker officers for the new S.W. and Southern Districts. Ringing at Romford (8) after the meeting till 9 p.m. Names for tea early, please, to Dr. John Armstrong, 7, The Cobbles, Brentwood, Essex.—G. R. L. Eve, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5023

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Mathon (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, important, to J. Ward, Woolfields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefordshire. 5015

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Berrington, Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for teas, 5 p.m., to G. Randle, Ashford, All Stretton, Salop. 4973

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch. — Evening meeting at Nocton on November 9th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. — G. R. P. 5016

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on November 9th in the Swindon area. Details will be sent to Secretaries of University Guilds concerned. —P. H. Mackie, Oxford University Society. 5026

LATE NOTICES

DEATH

RUSSELL. — On October 4th, 1968, Ron Russell, of Corby, Northants, aged 65, died suddenly. A well-known ringer throughout the area for over 40 years. 5036

MISCELLANEOUS

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD 1969 Annual Dinner

A Guild Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 1969, at the Royal Hotel, Southampton. All members and friends are welcome. Southampton towers will be open during the day. Tickets, at 27s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Mr. D. C. Jackson, 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Please enclose s.a.e. — D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5031

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FARINGDON. — "At Home," All Saints, Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open to all visitors. Ringing times: 10 a.m.—11.45 a.m.; 12.30 p.m.—2.45 p.m.; 5 p.m.—8 p.m. Everyone very welcome. 5033

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting at Winham (8 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 5030

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel Church, New Lane, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 1430–2030, except for cups of tea (at 1700) and subsequent business meeting.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 5039

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everyone welcome. 5034

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ballard, 8, Copes Avenue, Tunstall, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 5040

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts.—Meeting at Bawtry, November 2nd. Names for tea to A. Jewitt, The Haven, Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry, Doncaster, by previous Thursday. 5035

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, November 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing Redhill (8) from 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffrey, 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, by Wednesday, 6th. Tickets for the annual dinner will be available at this meeting and an early application is advisable. 5038

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting to be held at Egham on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, by previous Wednesday. 5037

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Grand-sire Doubles: Christine A. Branch 1, A. S. Smith 2, J. G. Flint 3, D. G. Carr 4, P. Clarke (first Grand-sire as cond.) 5, B. O. Stapleton 6. First quarter 1, 6.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. B. Cartwright 1, G. J. Hemming 2, D. R. Morris 3, J. C. Skidmore 4, D. R. Sayers 5, P. Cattermole 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, A. D. Cook 8, A. C. Berry 9, J. I. Stanier 10. Rung before Nave Evensong by a combined Worcestershire Association and Cathedral Guild band as a farewell to the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester. 5038

Bristol University Tour, 1968

Saturday, August 24th.

East Hagbourne, Berkshire, was our meeting point. It was the locals' Flower Festival and even the ringing room was beautifully decorated. On to Harwell, our numbers increasing, then tea at John and Beryl Baldwin's at Grove. Luckily it was one of those few real summer days and the vast number of adults and their children could spread on the lawn.

Evening practice at Appleton (a good-going 14½ cwt. ten), home of the White family, bellhangers whose work we came to appreciate in our later travels. The weather promised well for those hardy folks who were camping: the rest of us made our headquarters the Swan at Eynsham.

Sunday, August 25th.

In the morning we rang first at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, then small groups visited other city churches.

An intriguing afternoon was spent at Home Farm, Balcott, where Mr. Jarvis kindly spared time from his harvesting to welcome us, tempted by an opportunity to meet that other "light bell" man, Frank Mack. Mr. Jarvis now has ten bells (tenor just under two cwt.) hung in his farmyard wooden tower. He used cycle rims and has three interchangeable bells to permit various sixes and eights. The standard of ringing was not perfect but some of us rang Caters and the bells sounded quite fine from the top of the adjoining field.

After tea by the river, to St. Helen's, Abingdon, where some good, rhythmic ringing was enjoyed before Evenson.

Monday, August 26th.

Bampton (a good eight): old tablets on the wall indicate that the rope circle used to be something like 154362 (T. Surr, N.B.). Buckland: a lovely old Oxfordshire village. Faringdon: more good bells, but the list of several "suicidal staircases"—the last few feet going down being just an iron ladder—in full view of the congregation, too!

A quick run up to the White Horse at Uffington (no, not the pub, this is a genuine old chalk one cut in the hillside), then to the church, with its central octagonal tower and five interesting bells. Childrey (a pleasant six): and a tethered goat in the churchyard, deputising for a lawn mower. Elizabeth Gill had invited us to tea and 32 people, including 15 children, were fed very well.

On the way back some of us "gate-crashed" on a practice at Sutton Courtenay, where we found one adult ringer valiantly coping with a tower full of learners. Such

men deserve a medal—and help! Evening ringing at St. Aldate's, Cowley, on the delightful little six.

Tuesday, August 27th.

Charlbury, with its 300-year-old wooden spiral staircase (were mutterings heard about a possible conversion to a helter-skelter?), then on to Deddington, where John Norris, who was driving his 1927 "Chummy" Austin Seven, met a fellow enthusiast. These were fine bells but somehow we did not really do them justice. Adderbury has another grand eight, but next time we will not try to catch in Whittingtons after a lower.

Banbury's round tower has plenty of movement, but the bells went well to Cambridge Royal. We were limited by a previously broken stay at Bloxham, following which a course of Bristol was achieved at Hook Norton. The church at Great Tew is in the park, and its clear glass east window was most effective, with a backcloth of trees. We enjoyed these bells.

In the evening we joined other visitors and locals for a practice at Spelsbury. When Pat Bird had balanced precariously on several chairs to fit a light bulb, some useful ringing took place. Coffee and chatter afterwards with Mr. Bob Datson, captain of the ringers, and his wife, who cheerfully coped with such an unexpectedly large invasion.

Wednesday, August 28th.

Stedman Triples sounded good at Ifley, and we all enjoyed the six at Old Headington, which were tuned and rehung last year by Messrs. White of Appleton. At Kidlington we were met by Mr. Walter Judge. Here Pat Bird called "Go Stedman Triples" and tried to dodge with the tenor—but order was soon restored. These were more good bells. Full marks to John Baldwin, who planned the week, for choosing such good towers.

Of course it rained in the afternoon so our trip on the river was forgotten. Instead some went to Blenheim Palace and the rest of us browsed round Oxford bookshops.

In the evening we went up to Launton, where we rang first with Mr. Fred Sharpe's clapper silencers, then on the open bells. Mr. Sharpe told us that the entrance to the ringing room had been constructed so as to prevent the ringers taking in a barrel of beer, as had apparently been their custom. After this we retired to his "Den" and spent what will be an unforgettable evening among bells and books and (dare I say it?) beer, listening to Mr. Sharpe's stories and reminiscences and then ringing handbells.

Thursday, August 29th.

Started well, at Bicester, where we were met by Mr. Cyril Kinch. The bells are nothing but a joy to ring, and what a good idea to fasten ringing mats to the floor with press-studs! Across country to Winslow, then Cambridge Royal at Leighton Buzzard; London on the full-voiced eight at Tring; birds nests (?) falling from the roof at Thame; then back to Radley, arranged by Mary Bliss, for a number of odd Doubles and Minor methods rung fast (too fast?) on the nice little six.

We joined the local practice at Wolvercote in the evening and would like to thank the band, and all the other ringers whose practices we invaded during the week for making us feel so welcome.

Friday, August 30th.

We rang half-muffled at Witney, as the funeral of H.R.H. Princess Marina took place this morning. A touch of Plain and Little Bob, which had seemed jinxed at other towers, was at last brought round by David Heighton. Norfolk Surprise Major was rung at Churchill. At Chipping Norton someone pointed out that all eight peal boards were for Grand sire Triples (a change from the Stedman popularity of North Berkshire). Little Compton next (a ground-floor five in what looks as if it was once a little chapel). Bourton-on-the-Hill has an anti-clockwise rope arrangement and a two-tier wooden frame.

After ringing at Blockley, tea was enjoyed with the Rev. Peter and Angela Newing, who joined us on some days. At Burford the bells were good but much discussion followed concerning the growing habit of churches (? ringers or P.C.C.'s) charging visiting bands as much as £1 for three-quarters of an hour's ringing. Is it, we wonder, because ringers donate little to "Belfry Fund" boxes? After all, Sunday ringing excepted, we have a cheap hobby and do cause wear and tear and some inconvenience and even annoyance to local residents.

Ringling in the evening was arranged by Pauline and Alan Smith at Taynton.

Saturday, August 31st.

Freeland: another small six on which more odd Doubles methods were rung. Eynsham: an interesting-sounding six with lots of striking competition certificates on the walls. We hope the local ringers were not listening too critically.

Our last tower was at Woodstock and this was swathed in scaffolding, but the thickness of the walls seemed reassuring. Bristol Surprise Major by an all ex-Bristol band seemed a fitting climax to the week.

Our sincere thanks to all incumbents for the use of their bells, to all the ringers who met us at their towers, and to John Baldwin and Edward Mould for organising such a grand week. P.J.E.S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District met at Stevenage for an evening meeting on October 5th. Ringing commenced promptly at 5.30, but only on six bells. More members soon arrived, however, but not before a disastrous attempt at Double Norwich came to grief early on. Plain Bob Major followed, but its start was delayed by the conductor of the Double Norwich, who, thinking he had the treble, pulled off the tenor. The look of astonishment on his face was rivalled only by that of the girl on the treble who pulled off after him.

After an unsuccessful attempt at a recent meeting our president was keen to ring some Oxford Bob Major. Accordingly a band was assembled and instructed and a touch was brought round in fine style—the first of Major in the method by all the band.

Further ringing included Stedman, Cambridge and Yorkshire before the meeting drew to a conclusion at 8.30. M.R.W.

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ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. A. Richards 1, C. J. Jones 2, J. R. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson 4, T. J. Garrett 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. A thanksgiving for the life of Frances Kitching.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method by all except conductor. For Evensong.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Deacon 1, J. Hemsley 2, Margaret Jenner 3, N. Pollock 4, O. Webster 5, R. Lebon 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8. First in method 4 and 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: V. Sheppard 1, S. E. Armstrong 2, A. W. Bond 3, B. Read (first Cambridge) 4, M. S. Loveday 5, D. L. Nibbs (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Hardy (first quarter) 1, C. Palmer (first quarter) 2, J. Palmer 3, J. Bishop (first quarter) 4, B. D. Sims (cond.) 5, B. Clarke 6. For Harvest Sunday.

BULKINGTON, WARKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elaine Marriott (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Pluckrose 2, T. Chapman (cond.) 3, G. Pratt 4, G. Pluckrose 5, R. T. Liggins 6, H. E. Ashley 7, A. J. Hinde 8. For Evensong, also the 50th anniversary of the renewal of the See of Coventry.

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Elmes 1, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 2, R. A. Bryant 3, J. N. Longridge 4, G. W. Elmes 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6. First in method for all the band except 4.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hemsley 1, Jane Hough 2, O. Webster 3, Margaret Jenner 4, Jane Osenton 5, A. Leves 6, R. Weeks (cond.) 7, R. Webster 8.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Sept. 29th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Julie S. Armstrong 1, R. J. Cooles 2, Rev. M. S. Hart (first London) 3, N. Thomson 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, J. R. Pratt 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. A compliment to Rev. Michael Hart, the day after his birthday; also to J. R. Pratt's grandmother, on her 87th birthday.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, Shrub End, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Wright (first quarter) 1, D. Martin 2, C. Baker 3, D. Cobb (cond.) 4, P. Schafle 5, C. Coulson 6. For Harvest Festival.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 16th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Daisy M. Andrews 1, H. Webb 2, J. Avis 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt 7, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel J. R. Orman 1, Jennifer M. Andrews (cond.) 2, Daisy M. Andrews 3, A. R. Andrews 4, G. N. Orman 5, H. J. Millatt 6, N. F. Whittell 7, E. E. Davey 8.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Johnson 1, R. H. Candy 2, J. A. Hemsley 3, J. R. N. Lebon 4, M. A. Legg 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6, B. N. Butler 7, A. J. Leves 8. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. Sutton (first quarter) 1, J. M. Hollyman 3, Pauline Sutton (first "inside") 4, E. J. Jenner 5, J. R. Palmer 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, G. S. E. Winter 8. Rung for a united youth service.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, J. Hemsley 2, R. Lebon 3, R. Sutehall (first in method) 4, B. Butler 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6. 25th quarter together 1 and 2.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hatherly (first Stedman) 1, Carol Stacey 2, Mary White 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (first Stedman) 5, K. Waller 6, B. Walton (first Stedman as cond.) 7, K. Sansom 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: C. J. Mundy (first T.B.) 1, J. E. Cannell 2, A. Long 3, M. F. Oakshott 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. G. Massey 1, Sally Baker (first Surprise) 2, G. W. Massey (cond.) 3, D. J. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, A. P. Beck 6. A wedding compliment to William Carter and Frances Massey, daughter of the conductor.

HILTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. H. J. Mearns 1, E. H. Amey 2, C. W. Tidwell 3, R. A. Bryant 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, R. J. Mearns 6.

HOLFORD, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Aldridge (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, C. Lock 3, R. Somerfield 4, J. Aldridge (cond.) 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HOWDEN, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,344 Glasgow S. Major: D. Nichols 1, Maris Stephenson 2, J. Leary 3, N. Donovan 4, I. G. Campbell 5, R. Ducker 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Ayres 1, D. A. Cornwall 2, Joyce I. Cornwall 3, Meryl Newton 4, R. Biggs 5, A. Newton 6, R. H. Newton (cond.) 7, A. Payne 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): K. Mary Lambert 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, Sheila A. Harfield 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, P. D. Hepburn 6. First in two methods 1, 3. Rung to welcome Duncan James (son of the conductor) as a member of the Church, following his baptism the previous Sunday. Also as a farewell to the ringer of 1, leaving for training college.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Davies 1, Jenny Green 2, R. Green (cond.) 3, N. Hough 4, C. Jones 5. For Evensong, and in honour of the induction of Rev. P. G. Hough as Vicar of St. Aidan's, New Parks, Leicester.

LANGPORT, SOM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: R. A. C. Cross 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius 3, E. Dible 4, C. T. Clarke 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. First in method by all except 5th.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Aug. 27th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): 1. Minns 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, J. Parkin 3, S. D. Eicell (cond.) 4. Half-muffled in memoriam Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): 1. Minns 1, T. R. Smith (first Minimus) 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. For Patronal Festival.

LOCKING, SOM.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): V. Criddle 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Lambard 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss A. Barlow and Mr. P. Carr.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,253 Stedman Caters: Liz C. Duncan 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, Caroline R. F. Cole 4, C. G. Wright 5, R. D. Ellisdon 6, K. Warner 7, A. J. Slade 8, I. L. Dear 9, J. E. Murfit 10. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, Mrs. R. Wratten 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. G. Baldock 6. A wedding compliment for Martin and Patricia. Also on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. G. Butcher 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. G. Baldock 6. For Matins. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. P. Brotherton 1, M. J. Taylor (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, G. J. Neilson 5, R. G. Baldock 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Harman. Also 1,260 Doubles: M. J. Taylor 1, J. Hedgecock 2, Rachael Sinden 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. G. Baldock 6. For Harvest Festival.

MOORLINCH, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,500 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Pl. Bob and Grandsire): Felicity M. Vere-Hodge (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, R. Short 3, E. Dibble 4, M. Stone (cond.) 5, G. Nabb 6. A wedding compliment to J. Anthony Vere-Hodge and Sarah G. Thomson, married the previous day at this church.

NETTLESTEAD, KENT.—On Sept. 6th, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus (5 covering): Morella Good 1, Margaret Jenner (first in method as cond.) 2, R. Weeks 3, O. Webster (first in method) 4, A. Excel 5. First quarter 1 and 5.

NORWELL, NOTTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,272 Minimus: J. Dawson 1, G. A. Duke 2, S. Humphrey 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Milne 1, E. Warner 2, B. Medhurst (cond.) 3, D. Kaile 4, D. Munday 5, J. Soles 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. J. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Mrs. C. Rolph 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, A. F. W. Burbridge 5, L. D. Duguid 6, J. F. A. Rolph 7, M. Siddons 8. First Plain Bob Triples by all. For Harvest Festival.

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ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,250 Cambridge S. Major: A. Holroyd 1, R. Harper (first Surprise) 2, R. E. Price 3, A. Beaumont 4, N. Donovan 5, M. R. Meadows 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Welch 1, F. Welch 2, M. A. Arscott (first in method) 3, K. E. Beale 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Welch 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, R. A. C. Cross (first on eight) 8. For Patronal Festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. G. Knight 1, Sara K. D. Woolley 2, S. Hare 3, W. R. Hare 4, J. D. C. Finch 5, W. L. Gutteridge (cond.) 6, J. C. Birt 7, F. R. Scott 8, W. Birmingham 9, D. P. Hilling 10. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, on Sept. 29th, 1,319 Grandsire Cinques: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, M. J. Uphill 2, R. J. Cooles 3, Julie S. Armstrong 4, M. J. Bingham 5, R. L. Jones 6, J. R. Pratt 7, C. F. Mew 8, D. C. Brookes 9, K. J. Rider 10, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 11, A. E. Bagworth 12. Rung prior to the Michaelmas ordination, with best wishes to Rev. William Blake, of St. Mary's, Putney, who was ordained priest.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,290 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Eloie 1, W. Savill 2, Pat Sankey 3, D. Debenham (cond.) 4, D. Lodge 5, J. Stacey 6. For combined service of Guildford Central Churches.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, R. I. Bowron 2, Mrs. D. Lesley and J. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, H. Pester 6. First in four methods for all except 2.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Worth 1, R. G. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin 3, E. Nunn (cond.) 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, J. Hockridge 8. For Harvest Festival.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Marion Kemp 1, J. Hemsley 2, Margaret Jenner 3, B. Butler 4, R. Weeks 5, Jane Osenton (first in method) 6, A. Leves (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Michaelmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. K. Whitmore 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, W. D. Whitmore 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. R. L. Lewis) on the 30th anniversary of his first celebration of the Holy Communion.

TEVERSAL, NOTTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. Chambers 1, A. Smithson (cond.) 2, L. Parker 3, A. Tomlinson 4, W. Riley 5. A compliment to Peter Chambers, the first member of St. Katherine's Scout Group to be awarded the Queen's Medal.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Butler 1, T. Hopkins 2, W. A. Hughes 3, S. H. Gay 4, P. A. Butler 5, M. A. Gay (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, P. R. Butler (first "inside") 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, P. A. Butler 4, S. H. Gay 5, M. A. Gay (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Peggy Skinner on her engagement to Mr. Ian Stewart.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. J. Turner 1, Mrs. E. Jordan 2, Miss M. Gerrard 3, D. Jordan 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6, H. Howell 7, L. Yorke (first quarter) 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Gerrard 1, A. Howell 2, Miss C. J. Turner 3, J. Crammer 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, H. Howell 6.

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