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Bells—the Messengers of Christmas

By the Rev. NICHOLAS F. D. COLERIDGE

THROUGHOUT the land countless sermons will be preached in our churches at Christmas, as indeed they are every Sunday, but they will be heard by only a limited number of people—people who want to hear the message of Christmas. The majority of people never hear that message in church but it is taken to them by the sound of the bells. Not all who hear the bells at Christmas will understand their message, for many who enjoy the festivities of Christmas do not associate it with God at all. Some will curse the bells for waking them up and others will merely think how lovely it is to hear them, but there must still be many to whom the bells will speak of God.

It may be that the sound of the bells will remind them of a far greater gift than any they have given or received, for it is the gift of God's only begotten Son Jesus Christ. That gift is the greatest expression and proof of God's love. The bells will remind them that God is concerned with their daily lives as they recall the fact that he became man. The bells will bring those who suffer and those who are bereaved a message of comfort and the assurance of God's love, for He whose birth we celebrate entered fully into human suffering. Many who are cast down will lift up their hearts and rejoice at the sound of the bells including those who feel the burden of their sins. The bells will call them to repentance with the assurance that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. One has even heard of criminals being restrained by the sound of the bells from the evil they had planned.

There are, however, a growing number of people who do not believe the message we proclaim and have become cynical as they see the world in a mess despite the birth of Christ. They do not realise that it is the world's failure to respond to the message of Christmas which is basically responsible for the world's unrest. We can only hope and pray that the sound of the bells will at least bring about within them what Samuel Taylor Coleridge called a "**willing suspension of disbelief for the moment**" that they may give glory to God.

If we ourselves really believe the message our bells proclaim we can see how very important is our work as ringers. We shall enjoy and perhaps improve our ringing if we realise how valuable is our contribution to the work of the Church in proclaiming the Gospel. We do not draw attention to ourselves in our ringing for we cannot be seen, but we try to draw people's attention to Jesus Christ. It is for that reason that we give of our best and offer our ringing to him for his greater glory.

There are some who would say that we do not ring primarily for God's Glory but for our own enjoyment. Most ringers would admit that they ring because it is a hobby which they enjoy and while they ring they cannot give any thought to God because they have to concentrate on their striking. That need not, however, prevent our hobby from being used as an act of worship for God's Glory. The same is equally true of those who enjoy singing in the choir or playing the organ. The fact that we enjoy our ringing does not invalidate it as an act of worship or prevent it bringing tidings of great joy to countless people. On the contrary we are privileged to have a hobby which we can use for so high a purpose. Those whose ringing is no more than a hobby can still be led by their art to worship the Lord Jesus as the Wise Men were led by their art to make a very costly offering to Him. Our ringing can be a costly offering and God is able to use what we offer Him in our belfries in ways beyond our knowing. We should pray as we go to church that our ringing will be effective in bringing a message from Him to all his people on His birthday.

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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

By N. J. DAVIES, F.S.A., Scot.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL, the glory of Kent and cradle of Christianity in England, dominates the city and countryside as proudly today as it did in 960 when the Saxon church, rebuilt by Archbishop Odo, was consecrated. Ill-fortune dogged this early church; it was pillaged by the Danes in 1011, later repaired by Canute, and then rased to the ground by fire in 1067. The new Norman building, erected on the exact site of the present Cathedral, was completed by Archbishop Lanfranc and dedicated in 1077. Within twenty years the eastern arm of this church, having proved inadequate, was widened and extensively lengthened by Priors Ernulph and Conrad.

A further fire in 1174 caused a rebuilding of the East end, largely still intact today. In 1378-1410 Lanfranc's Norman nave, western transepts and south-west tower were rebuilt by Prior Thomas Chillenden, the latter, however, not being completed until 1459. In 1433 work commenced under Prior Molash on recasing the central tower; by 1496 the "Angel Steeple," still the crowning glory of Canterbury, was completed, and for poetry of design and beauty of proportion it is still in a class of its own.

BELL TOWER

Of the bells in the Saxon Cathedral nothing definite is known, although it is recorded that St. Dunstan, Archbishop, not only cast bells but gave instructions for their use. Lanfranc's Norman church, however, included a large detached "clocarium" or bell-tower which stood on a mound to the south-east of the main building, and records show that c. 1098 a large bell was placed herein by Prior Ernulph. This bell was recast by his successor, Conrad, who added four smaller bells, and it is recorded that the smallest required 10 ringers, while the largest required 24 ringers to sound it.

Fifty years later (c. 1160) Prior Wybert added a sixth that required the services of no less than 32 ringers—indicative, probably, of the fact that these bells were swung by treading beams fastened horizontally to the headstock. Following the assassination of Archbishop Becket in 1170, it was recorded by contemporary writers that these bells remained silent for a year along with the general desecration of the church prior to its reconciliation by Pope Alexander III.

In 1316 Prior Henry of Eastry, probably the Cathedral's greatest single benefactor, gave a large bell dedicated to St. Thomas, which weighed 71½ cwt. Later, in 1343, Prior Hathbrand gave bells dedicated to Jesus and St. Dunstan. At this time the bells in the campanile were rehung, and their names recorded as "Jesus," "Dunstan," "Mary," "Crundale," "Elphy" (Alphege), and "Thomas."

In 1382, following an earthquake, the campanile fell, destroying the first three named bells. Following its reconstruction, the other three bells were rehung together with two others of whose casting no record remains. These five bells were sold at the suppression of the Priory in 1540, and totalled over 11 tons in weight, confirming their magnitude of size. The campanile was supposedly demolished at the turn of the seventeenth century.

CENTRAL TOWER

The first donor of bells to the central tower appears to have been Henry of Eastry in 1317; he gave six bells, the largest weighing 13 cwt., and the whole ring totalling 58½ cwt.

Whether these survived until 1408 is unknown, but in that year a new ring of five bells was installed by Archbishop Arundel and Prior Chillenden; the great tenor, dedicated to the Trinity, weighed 64½ cwt. Work commenced on the reconstruction of this tower in 1433 and, some years later, the "Arundel ring" was removed to the N.W. tower, thenceforth known as the "Arundel steeple."

After completion of the central tower, a subsidence of the S.W. pillar precluded the hanging of a new ring, but a small bell, previously hung in the N.W. tower and called "Bell Harry," after its donor, Henry of Eastry, was hung on the roof of the central tower, thenceforth known as "Bell Harry Tower." Preserved to this day inside the tower is a gigantic mediaeval treadmill, still in working order, used to haul up the stone for the reconstruction.

COCK STEEPLE

Lanfranc's Norman N.W. tower appears to have remained vacant until 1316, when the illustrious Prior Henry rebuilt the upper story, adding a lead spire and weather vane, the tower then being known as "Cock Steeple." In that year also three bells, largest 21½ cwt., were installed and a small bell of 6½ cwt. to summon the Chapter (later removed to the central tower, as noted above). In c. 1440 Arundel's five bells were installed, and then history is nearly blank until 1585, when one of the bells was recast by Robert Mot of Whitechapel.

Two other bells were recast in 1606 and 1624 by Joseph Hatch, and in 1635/6 a major reconstruction took place. The remaining bells were augmented to six, and there is evidence that this was achieved by recasting Arundel's tenor into two trebles. The poor structural condition of the tower was evident when one reads that Hatch's hanger, Thomas Crust, had to contract to make the frame for the bells "rest upon the ground." In 1705 the leaden spire was taken down after storm damage, and by 1718 four of the bells were reported cracked. In 1726 they were removed altogether, recast into eight by Samuel Knight of Holborn, and rehung in the S.W. tower.

IN S.W. TOWER

Taking up the story of the S.W. tower, this does not seem to have housed bells before its rebuilding in 1430-59. In 1430 Prior Molash gave a large bell, cast in London, dedicated to St. Dunstan, and evidently meant to replace Hathbrand's "Dunstan" destroyed with the campanile. The bell, weighing 72½ cwt., had to wait nearly 30 years in the nave of the Cathedral for its dedication in June, 1459. Earlier, in March, 1451, a new ring of five bells had been hallowed and hung in the tower, then known as St. George's tower. In 1499 Dunstan was new cast by John Bale, Bell-founder, and then weighed 64½ cwt., being rehung on the roof of the tower as at present. The five other bells (tenor 19½ cwt.) were also rehung, and there were three

other bells in the tower known as the "Quarres"—possibly the quarter bells of the clock, mentioned in 1551. In 1663 Dunstan was recast by Michael Darby of Stepney; this bell, weighing 53 cwt., was not a success, and it was again recast in 1684 by Christopher Hodson, who brought its weight up to 69½ cwt.

In 1726 the bells, now six in number and described as "deep and melodious," were sold, thereby ending a period of 90 years when the Cathedral (like Lincoln) possessed two separate rings of six bells. The old bells are believed to have gone to St. Peter's, Sandwich, and money received for them spent on repairing windows on the South side of the nave.

The old six (tenor approx. 32 cwt.) from the N.W. tower having been removed, the treble (cast by Hatch in 1635) was hung on the central tower in place of the old "Bell Harry," which was given in to the new ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt. The new eight were not entirely satisfactory, as the 5th was recast in 1727, and the 6th in 1728. The bells were opened by the College Youths, who, in May, 1732, rang a maiden peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by B. Annable, one of the very earliest peals in Kent. The first peal by a local band, also Grandsire, was not until 1751.

In 1758 Dunstan was again cracked by tolling with a hammer. A futile attempt to mend the crack with solder was made, to no avail, and the bell was eventually recast by Lester and Pack in 1762. The recasting was done within the precincts by William Chapman, then foreman, one of the onlookers being young William Mears, who, after serving an apprenticeship, took over the foundry in 1784. The exact weight of the new bell is unknown, but it was recorded that 10 cwt. of new metal was needed, of which 5 cwt. was waste, so the present bell probably weighs 74 cwt.—rather more than was generally thought.

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TWO TIER FRAME

In 1778 Samuel Knights's tenor was recast by Pack and Chapman, who placed upon it a rhyming inscription, typical of this era of bellfounding. In 1802 two new trebles, cast by Thomas Mears and reputedly given to celebrate the short-lived restoration of peace in Amiens, were added to make a ring of ten. A two tier bellframe, with five above and five below, was installed, and the ringing chamber elevated twenty feet in the tower to its present level. The first peal on the augmented ring, Grandsire Caters in 1824, was rung by a joint band from the Cathedral and Quex Park, conducted by William Shipway.

In 1832 the Norman North-West tower again gave cause for alarm; it was surveyed by the Cathedral architect who thought it both worthy and capable of restoration, but an ill-advised love of uniformity led to its destruction and replacement by the present tower, the work being completed in 1853. During this period ringing was prohibited for fear of damage to the unsupported West front, and the bells were only sounded for occasional services by light ropes attached to the clappers. This reprehensible practice resulted in the 3rd and 6th bells becoming cracked, and they were recast by C. & G. Mears in 1854 when ringing recommenced. The new bells were, unfortunately, unsatisfactory, and they were recast anew the following year by the same founders.

By 1897 the "go" of the bells was very poor, two men invariably being required for both 9th and tenor. In that year they were rehung on one level in a cast-iron frame by Blackbourne of Salisbury; at the same time new quarter-chimes were added to the clock, being founded on the 8th Gregorian tone to mark the thirteenth centenary of St. Augustine's landing in Kent.

In a routine maintenance report in 1906 it was reported that the tenor was cracked in the crown, but the warning appears to have gone unheeded for 45 years,

WAR MEMORIAL

In 1923, as a memorial to those members of the K.C.A. who gave their lives in the war, two further trebles to make 12 were added, cast by Mears and Stainbank, and additional framework was constructed above the main foundation; finally, in 1951, the whole ring was rehung on ball-bearings by the same foundry. At this time the cracked tenor was rediscovered and recasting put into hand. The old bell, always reputed to weigh 34 cwt., was found to weigh 28½ cwt., and was recast with 4 cwt. of fresh metal.

The most recent campanological applications took place in 1959 when the ringing of Bell Harry was converted to an electric solenoid system. Originally the bell was rung from All Saints' Chapel in the triforium at the West end of the South choir aisle. More recently the rope fall was diverted to a small covered passage above the East walk of the cloister, but the complicated geometry of the steel hawser rope required both skill and energy for success.

THE CATHEDRAL RINGERS

The ringers have always been an active and integral part of the community. In 1271 it was noted that there were four bell-ringers, the principal ringer also being keeper of the Wax house. Their annual stipend was £1, and they were expected to ring for over 80 festivals in the year, this being regulated in accordance with the relative dignity of the feast; on nine "greater doubles" the sacrist paid 3s. 6½d. to the ringers, but on twenty-six lesser feast days no more than 3d. They also received other benefits (mainly food and drink) for other more menial tasks such as ringing to school and curfew, making the Paschal candle, carrying books and preparing altars, etc. One cannot help but feel that a certain amount of extra-monastic help must have been employed, especially for ringing heavy bells such as "Thomas" and "Dunstan."

After the Reformation, the incorporation charter of the new foundation dated 1541 mentions six ringers at a salary of £6 per year, whose duties, together with sub-sacrist, vergers and potters, included the prevention of dogs and rude boys entering church during service. One wonders whether William Oldfield, the city bell-founder, volunteered his services; certainly he was well known to the new authorities, for, in 1538, he is paid for "putting owte Thomas Bekket from the Commen Seale, and gravying agayn of the same." In 1542/3 he is also mentioned as "gravying of the scochon for beggars."

In 1633 the ringers were paid 8s. 9d. at the enthronement of Archbishop Laud, and in 1642 they were granted an additional stipend to keep the church windows from defacing. During the Commonwealth, no ringing appears to have been done, apart from the sounding of Bell Harry every Saturday morning when the market was opened by the Mayor and aldermen.

"RINGING CLUB"

After the installation of the new ring of eight, a new company of change ringers was formed, whose activities are well documented in the Cathedral belfry archives. By 1795 they had changed their name to the "Ringing Club," and they were obviously a good team, for they won first prize of eight crown pieces at the opening of Faversham bells in 1798. In 1826 a separate young company of change ringers was formed. Their annual outings, regularly held until 1832, seem to have been energetic affairs; seldom were touches of less than 720 changes rung, and they usually rang at their first tower at 7 a.m. before breakfast!

In 1829 they received from Lord Fordwich 12s.: "To ringing for the canvass and election." This sparked off a storm of protest from the Dean and Chapter, who later capitulated and ruled that ringers should only ring for "The High Church and Tory Party"! Later, in 1840, when the bells were only being chimed for services, the authorities decided to halve the ringers' allowances. This met with unanimous disapproval, and the entire band migrated to St. Stephen's Church on the city outskirts. This tower had six bells, which were augmented to eight in 1844, largely through their efforts. The opening ceremony was a grand occasion, with teams from the neighbourhood competing for an inaugural trophy, which was won by the adept band from Hythe.

After reinstatement at the Cathedral in 1855, relations improved, the Dean actually having to settle a quarrel between the ringers and the architect, the latter, usurping his authority, having confiscated the belfry keys! Links between the authorities and ringers have since been most amicable; the late Canon Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral, a fine ringer, being President of the Cathedral Company and Secretary of the K.C.A. for many years. With the advent of the University and other training colleges, Canterbury has seen a recent influx of young blood in the belfry to carry on the tradition.

Many criticisms have been levelled that the present bells are not really worthy of the fine building. Using the yardstick of a first-class modern ring, it would be hard to disagree, but the writer would be sorry to see the old bells go. The old back eight in particular are a fine ring, and they seem

Canterbury Cathedral—continued

to have inherited some of the grandeur of their forbears, "Trinity," and her four saintly companions "Mary," "Gabriel," "Blaise" and "John."

Dimensions, weights, notes and founders of the bells.

Treble: 28½in. 6 cwt. 16 lb. G. Mears and Stainbank 1923.

2nd: 30in. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. F. Mears and Stainbank 1923.

3rd: 31½in. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. E. Thomas Mears 1802.

4th: 32in. 7 cwt. 2 qr. D. Thomas Mears 1802.

5th: 34in. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 17lb. C. C. & G. Mears 1855.

6th: 36in. Approx. 8 cwt. 1 qr. B. Samuel Knight 1726.

7th: 38in. Approx. 9 cwt. 3 qr. A. Samuel Knight 1726.

8th: 40in. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. G. C. & G. Mears 1855.

9th: 43½in. Approx. 13 cwt. 2 qr. F. Samuel Knight 1727.

10th: 46½in. Approx. 16 cwt. 2 qr. E. Samuel Knight 1728.

11th: 51½in. Approx. 22 cwt. D. Samuel Knight 1726.

Tenor: 57in. 32 cwt. 6 lb. C. Mears & Stainbank 1951.

"Great Dunstan": 69in. Approx. 74 cwt. Slightly sharp of C. Lester and Pack 1726.

"Bell Harry": 36in. Approx. 8 cwt. B flat. Joseph Hatch 1635.

The old 5th bell, by Samuel Knight, 1726, weighed 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

The old 8th Bell, by Samuel Knight, 1726, weighed 11 cwt. 24 lb.

The old tenor, by Pack and Chapman, 1778, weighed 28 cwt. 1 qr.

VICTORIAN PEAL RINGER

LEWIS, F. J. sen., of Cirencester, writes: "I rang in a peal of Grandsire Caters on June 30th, 1898, and also a peal of Grandsire Triples on April 16th, 1900. I have taken 'The Ringing World' since the first number and also 'The Bell News' and 'Campanology,' and I am in my 88th year. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Barnett's father in 1924 when he rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques with the St. Martin's Guild at Cirencester."

**NEXT WEEK'S
COVER PICTURE**

**ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
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Retirement of John P. Fidler

Outstanding Service in Providing the Country's Bells

ONE of the best-known personalities in the Ringing Exercise, Mr. John P. Fidler, has retired from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and he is now living in Crediton, Devon. He started with Taylor's in June, 1926, and while with them inspected well over 3,000 rings of bells and measured up the same number of towers.



"Fid," as he is familiarly known to his friends, learned to ring at St. Thomas's, Norbury, Cheshire, in the spring of 1914. The following November saw him in khaki, having enlisted in the 9th Royal Scots and was stationed in Edinburgh. Whilst in Edinburgh he teamed up with the ringers at St. Mary's and St. Cuthbert's.

He served with the 9th Royal Scots in France, mostly on the Somme, and was transferred to the Scottish Rifles in 1916, being invalided home the following year. Transferred to the King's African Rifles in 1917, his next sphere of active service was in British East Africa, where he remained until the summer of 1919.

On demobilisation he rejoined the Norbury band and started ringing in earnest. For a time he was secretary of the Stockport Branch and peal recorder for the Chester Guild. "Fid" made a detailed study of method splicing and on December 4th, 1923, rang the famous 35-method Treble Bob Minor peal. He then wrote a series of articles on "Method Splicing," which later appeared in book form.

Upon accepting an appointment with John Taylor and Co. in 1926 he took a keen interest in the affairs of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and from 1946 to 1950 he represented the Guild on the Central Council. He was elected an honorary member of the Council in 1951.

The following appreciation of his services is written by Mr. Paul L. Taylor:—

"FID"

At the end of November this year I said goodbye to an old friend whom I had known since my schooldays. For over 40 years "Fid" has been with us in Loughborough and I shall now miss him very much. Poor "Fid" was saddled with me to be looked after when

I was a schoolboy of 12 and my uncle sent me out with him inspecting bells. We used to travel together all over the West Country and I can still see myself sitting at an evening meeting of a parochial church council while "Fid" held forth about their bell scheme. This culminated in a resolution to order the restoration of their bells from us, and I remember him with great delight sending off the telegram "Morval ordered," and signing it "Paul."

I think there is hardly anywhere in the British Isles that "Fid" has not travelled through and he has regaled me with tales about such and such a place and such and such bells as we went by in the car. Also the tales, some of them extraordinary, or even more than extraordinary, about the various people he met on these travels.

Over all these years he has acquired great knowledge of the problems presented by bells and bell frames, and many's the time when he has patiently explained to the good folk of the church why they should do this and not that which they had suggested. During all these long talks and discussions he was never at a loss for the apt word, a little story or coming out with a downright blunt remark if he felt this was called for.

He saw no reason to limit his labours merely to inspecting and reporting on bells, and if when he got home there was an urgent need for work in the drawing office to get a drawing out, well "Fid" got down to it. And not only that, if when he had made the drawing he did not like it he would set out and make another and better one.

He did not mind getting himself dirty doing a bit of bellhanging if he thought it was called for. He would get up, without being asked, early in the morning and set off on a long drive. Once he heard through the grape vine that a church had been set on fire and he set off in the car and was there before the fire was out to tell the powers that be what they should do with the bells!

As he grew older his experience grew greater and he rarely forgot what he had seen and what he had advised in the various churches.

He loves working with bells and talking bells, but now the time has come when Mother Nature has let him know gently but firmly that he is no longer as young as he used to be and the other day he came to me and said that he must retire. Not to a life of gentlemanly ease. Oh no! He is retiring to Devonshire, where he hopes he can put his knowledge of bells to still further use. Our family gave him a quiet send-off and he has left us with our good wishes for his future life in Devonshire to be both long and happy.

FENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: R. Offen 1, Jane Hough 2, Violet Ring 3, O. Webster 4, W. P. Tickner 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6, E. Clifton 7, P. Relf 8. A farewell to Rev. John Elson, who is leaving to take up an appointment as priest-in-charge at Chart Sutton. A 72nd birthday compliment to W. P. Tickner.

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Letters to the Editor

RINGING IN BERKSHIRE IN 1921-22

Dear Sir,—The letter in the issue of November 22nd from Michael Bishop recalling peals in which I rang at East Hagbourne during 1921-22 revives many happy memories of ringing in Berkshire, when, during the period from early August, 1921, to late March, 1922, for business reasons I was staying in the vicinity of Harwell (how different now).

I was soon to make the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, and with them spent many hours ringing at various towers in the district, and I still retain vivid memories of the various ringers I met during that time. I paid several visits to Oxford, ringing at the various churches, including quarter peals of Stedman Caters at Magdalen and New College. Peals in which I took part were rung at Southleigh and Kidlington (Oxon) and in Berkshire, East Hagbourne, Blewbury, Watlington, Drayton, St. Helen's Abingdon (for the wedding of the Princess Royal) and Appleton.

My first peal at Appleton (November 19th, 1921) was 10,043 of Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 6 minutes and was my first on ten bells. The band included the five brothers White and was conducted by George Holifield sen.; also ringing was his son, George, and brother, Harry Holifield (father of Mrs. A. E. Lock). A few weeks later an attempt was made for what would have been a record length at that time—19,000-plus of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing almost 10,000 it unfortunately came to grief. I rang the 7th on both occasions.

I made a brief return to Berkshire in October, 1923, when I rang in my fourth peal at East Hagbourne, also again in November, 1928, when I took part in a peal of Steuman Triples at Drayton conducted by Tom Hibbert. Included in the band was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Miss Vera Robinson, daughter of the famous ringing clergyman of that parish.—Yours sincerely,

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

NO POLITICS, PLEASE

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mr. Bedford in his protest about political opinions being expressed in your columns ("Ringing World," November 29th). I, too, was offended by the utterances of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott in his otherwise admirable apologia on the Central Council and I regret that you, sir, did not see fit to wield your proverbial blue pencil in this instance.

Unfortunately, this has not been the only occasion of late that I have noticed remarks of an unseemly political slant appearing in "The Ringing World" and I trust that the trend will not be permitted to develop any further. The Exercise cannot be allowed to be besmirched by political feeling and any ringer who is compelled to give vent to his or her political opinions of the body politic should have recourse to the correspondence pages of our national dailies or weeklies, where they can find plenty of worthies to take up the challenge. Unless statutory legislation impinges or threatens to impinge on bells or bell-ringing, the columns of our paper should remain closed to political commentators.—Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle upon Tyne

MYTHICAL PEAL IN ST. GILES' CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—It appears from the interesting article in last week's "Ringing World" that an historical inaccuracy is perpetuated in St. Giles', Wrexham. It is not possible that a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, in 1886. The mediæval St. Giles' certainly had some bells—the number is not specified, but there are casual references to the Great Bell, the Lady Bell, the Moaning Bell and the Vesper Bell. But in 1560 these bells were dispersed, and some at least were demolished—the Lady Bell was melted down to make artillery for "The Towne's Army."

In 1681 the Town Records report that "The Town offers to buy a peal of bells to hang in St. Giles' steeple, to ring musically and warn us to church." But the money earmarked for this purpose lay around for a while and was eventually used to build a church in the Canon-gate. Another effort to recover the bells was made shortly after the rededication of the restored St. Giles'. In Dr. Cameron Lees' "History of St. Giles'" he writes that in 1883 "it is contemplated to place a chime of bells in the steeple." However money or interest, or both, was apparently lacking, and no bells materialised. In the crown steeple today hang three bells only, chiming the hours and quarters of St. Giles' Cathedral's faceless clock.

If a peal was rung on ten bells in Edinburgh in 1886 it must have been rung in St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. These bells were dedicated in 1879, and the first peal may well have been rung there in 1886.—Yours faithfully,

JEAN C. SMITH.

Edinburgh.

Note.—There was a correction on page 917. The first peal was at St. Mary's Cathedral.—Ed.

SURPRISE MINOR INQUIRY

Dear Sir,—Can anyone supply the names of the following Surprise Minor methods?

—34—14—12—36—14—16.	I.e.14. 154263.
—34—14—12—36.12—14.56.	I.e.14. 164235.
—34—14—12—36.14—14.36	I.e.14. 135642.
—34—14—12—36.14—34.16	I.e.14. 135642.
—36—14—12—36—14—16.	I.e.14. 164235.
—36—14—12—36.14—12.56.	I.e.14. 135642.
34—36.14—12—36—12—36.	I.e.16. 134625.
34—36.14—12—36.12—12.36.	I.e.16. 134625.
34—36.14—12—36.12—14.36	I.e.16. 165243.
34—36.14—12—36.12—34.16.	I.e.12. 154632.
34—36.14—12—36.12—34.16.	I.e.16. 165243.
36—36.14—12—36—12—36.	I.e.14. 135642.
36—36.14—12—36—14—16.	I.e.14. 136524.
36—36.14—12—36.12—34.16.	I.e.14. 146325.
36—36.14—12—36.14—14.36.	I.e.14. 164235.
36—36.14—12—36.14—34.16.	I.e.14. 164235.

Yours faithfully,

London, S.W.

A. BISHOP.

UNPUBLISHED PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I, through your paper, ask the organisers of the peal of Rutland Surprise rung at Hughenden, Bucks. on August 7th when they are going to publish the peal in "The Ringing World"? We keep a record of all the peals rung at our tower and we are unable to get our peal book made up to date until this peal has been published. —Yours sincerely,

ROLAND BIGGS.

Hughenden.

COMMENTS ON BOOKS

Dear Sir,—I do not know whether "The First Book of Bells" by Helen Fletcher (published by Edmund Ward Ltd., 1965) was reviewed in "The Ringing World"; I have not been able to find one. This book, which acknowledges help given by yourself and "The Ringing World," would make an admirable Christmas present for a boy or girl who is learning to ring or whom it is hoped to interest in ringing. I would like to commend this book to ringers in search of a Christmas present for a youngster.

May I also add a few comments about "Discovering Bells and Bellringing" by John Camp, reviewed in "The Ringing World" of September 13th? The author says that the most drastic means of bringing ringing back into the ambit of church activity in the 19th century is to lengthen the bell ropes and to take out the floor of the ringing chamber. I have not heard of this being done before and I wonder if it is at all widely done.

On page 35 the author says: "The majority of fatal accidents occur when a keen but misguided non-ringer, perhaps a new curate, decides to explore the belfry." How many new curates are known to have had fatal accidents in belfries?

The book contains one or two inaccuracies, such as "Southwell Cathedral, Derbyshire." Is there a ring of ten at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, as stated under the photographs (page 21)?

In the chapter entitled "Ringers v. Clergy" it is a pity that no reference is made to the Rev. F. E. Robinson. It may not be realised by those who have not read "Among the Bells" that besides ringing 1,261 peals, he visited many towers to give advice and attended many openings.—Yours faithfully,

ERIC WOOD (Rev.).

Drayton, Abingdon, Berks.

Note.—Despite the errors pointed out by the librarian to the Oxford Diocesan Guild we found "Discovering Bells and Bellringing" very enjoyable.—Ed.

DOVE'S "GUIDE" QUERIES

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Fitzgerald's query of October 4th concerning Old Newton, Suffolk, I was one of the band which rang here some five or six years ago by invitation of Mr. R. Clauston, diocesan adviser on bells. I understood that the bells had not been rung since before the 1914-18 war; the treble was badly cracked, but otherwise the fittings and "go" were fair considering the long "rest." No doubt Mr. Clauston would give more details if referred to.—Yours faithfully,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

APPRECIATION FROM "DOWN UNDER"

Mr. Tom Roache, of 27, Hall Avenue, Brisbane, Australia, writes:—

"The Ringing World" is really a wonderful paper, with no commercial advertisements. I have had it for several years, regularly, and cannot imagine anyone being dissatisfied at its price, as some of your readers seem to be. Why, the front page pictures of churches are worth the 1s., and I know of no other magazine anywhere at such a small price.

"If only the dissatisfied readers could come and spend a few years in Queensland, where there are no bells at all, they would then realise how blessed they are to be able to hear and see bells in Old England. No other land in this world has such a marvellous heritage."

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

A NEW venture was organised by the Council and took place on Saturday, November 23rd. This was a striking contest and it was held at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk. It is believed to be the first time that teams from all parts of the county have taken part in such a contest, although some individual Societies have had their own contests for many years.

The aim of the contest was to bring together teams representing all the ten Societies which comprise the Joint Council. Unfortunately both the Cleveland and North Yorkshire and the Selby and District Society were unable to send teams, so finally there were eight entries.

The judge was Mr. Harold Chant and his marker was Mrs. Christine Moxon. After all the teams had rung, Mr. Chant announced his decision. The test piece was 360 changes of Minor and the result was as follows:—

Beverley and District, Norwich Surprise, 12½ minutes, 73 faults.

Sheffield and District, Oxford Treble Bob, 12 minutes, 94 faults.

Doncaster and District, Plain Bob, 12½ minutes, 102 faults.

Leeds and District, Oxford Treble Bob, 12 minutes, 80 faults.

Yorkshire Association, Cambridge Surprise, 12½ minutes, 55 faults.

Halifax Association, Oxford Treble Bob, 12½ minutes, 75 faults.

Archdeaconry of Halifax, Oxford Treble Bob, 13½ minutes, 77 faults.

Barnsley and District, Oxford Treble Bob, 11½ minutes, 90 faults.

Mr. Edward Hudson (chairman) then presented the certificate to Mr. Fred Hodgson (Richmond), the conductor of the Yorkshire Association team. The other members were: Stuart Armeson (Rotherham P.C.) 2, Ron Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull) 3, Jack Roach (Ormesby) 4, Fred Munday (Bradford Cathedral) 5, Wilfrid Moreton (Wakefield Cathedral) 6.

An excellent tea had been prepared by the local ladies, and 80 people partook in two sittings. The Rev. T. Boyd Webster, Vicar of Felkirk, welcomed those present and said how proud they at Felkirk were to be hosts to the first Joint Council contest.

The bells at Crofton, Hemsworth, Royston and Wragby were also available during the day, and a number of teams visited these towers. After the presentation, Felkirk bells were put to good use until late evening by many ringers. Numerous methods were rung, with both open leads and "cartwheel," to suit every taste.

The event gave the opportunity for ringers from all over the county to meet, renew acquaintances, chat and listen to some good ringing. For these reasons it may be considered to have been a success, and praise must go to Mr. Harold Chant, not only for his judging but for the hard work he put in to make the local arrangements.

ANON.

MR. NORMAN V. ANDREWS

Originally from the Trowbridge area, Norman Andrews came to Andover in 1947, where he became an asset to the local band, who were at that time struggling with Grandsire Triples under the captaincy of Archie Mitchell.

With Norman's help they progressed to Plain Bob Major and in 1948 and early 1950 peals of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung in the Andover tower. Peal boards were erected for both peals, as most of the ringers were from Andover, and Norman conducted the peal of Major.

He was also proficient on higher numbers, taking part in the Coronation peal of Grandsire Cinques at Winchester Cathedral and Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Christchurch Priory in November, 1953.

In 1952 he was elected as Joint Ringing Master with Archie Mitchell, who was captain of the Andover team, but ill-health prevented Norman taking an active part and he retired from the scene. He died on August 12th this year.

A memorial peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the Andover tower on November 21st

After bumping into various odd characters and running up against some queer ways of describing who had taken part in quarter peals and queer ways of making arrangements for outings, I suppose I ought not to have been surprised when competitions were mentioned.

It was the usual sort of opening—"What do you think about competitions?" George buttonholed me at the College Youths' Dinner. Most anxious not to start anything when I was looking forward to an enjoyable evening. I tried to sidestep by saying that I seldom took any interest in them as when I had scientifically worked out exactly where the ball must be from the angles of the various footballers' eyes I found that it was among the racing results, two columns outside the picture! "Not that sort of thing. I mean striking competitions in bellringing." "Oh," I sighed, still just as anxious not to start anything. "I don't think they do any harm." "Of course they don't do any harm. They're one of the finest things for raising standards and there should be more of them." For a moment I thought he was priming me for a speech and I grabbed the toast list, but all was well and I thought he must just want

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to replace one that was lost there on October 19th. It was regretted that Archie Mitchell was not fit enough to stand in, as he was Norman's closest ringing friend while at Andover. May he rest in peace. G. D.

MR. G. W. MARTIN

An old Gloucestershire ringer, Mr. G. W. Martin, passed peacefully away on November 15th at his son's home in Auckland, N.Z. He formerly rang at St. Mary the Virgin's, Cheltenham.

Since coming to New Zealand he had rung at Christchurch and Hamilton Cathedrals, though not recently. Possibly his last visit to the Hamilton tower was when he went to meet the Great Adventure II team.

Mr. Martin regularly supported the meetings of our handbell group in Auckland until just a few weeks ago. The Auckland bells are still unringable so no muffled ringing was possible.

As a mark of respect the next handbell meeting after his death was opened by observing a brief period of silence. W. T. L.

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a good-natured fellow like myself to listen to his views.

"You know," he went on, "most bands who enter competitions do not know how you can often improve your performance if you get your band placed properly." "Here it comes," I thought. "what ridiculous formula are we going to have trotted out this time?" "Most important," I agreed, but then unwittingly dropped my guard and added "But how to achieve it?" Like lightning George was in. "Simple if you adopt my plan. Take your six ringers, where you have six bells, and send them up the tower to ring six touches, instructing them each to ring a different bell for each touch, and see which arrangement produces the best striking."

There was rather more to it than just this for his lads—Alan, Bill, Charlie, Derek, Edward and Frank—had presented him with a problem. They had carried out his instruction, together with an additional one that Bill should ring a lighter bell than Alan in as many touches as possible. George had listened outside, judged

that the third touch was the best and now wanted to enter that band for the competition on Boxing Day, but they would not tell him directly who had rung which bell in that touch. They had given him these statements: Edward rang a lighter bell than Bill in the last touch; Charlie rang a lighter bell than Alan in only two touches—the first and the fourth; Derek rang a lighter bell than Charlie in the last three touches; Derek rang progressively lighter bells in each touch; Bill, Edward and Frank rang the treble in successive touches; Frank rang a lighter bell than Bill in four of the touches.

I hope that I scribbled these statements down correctly on my menu. Somebody fell off a chair while I was busy and that did not help. I am afraid that the problem is a bit beyond old George and I feel sure that he would be prepared to offer a small reward through the Editor if someone can send in a solution in time for Boxing Day.

Merry Christmas.

T. SURR.

Note. — There is a Ringers' Diary awaiting the first correct solution received.—Ed.

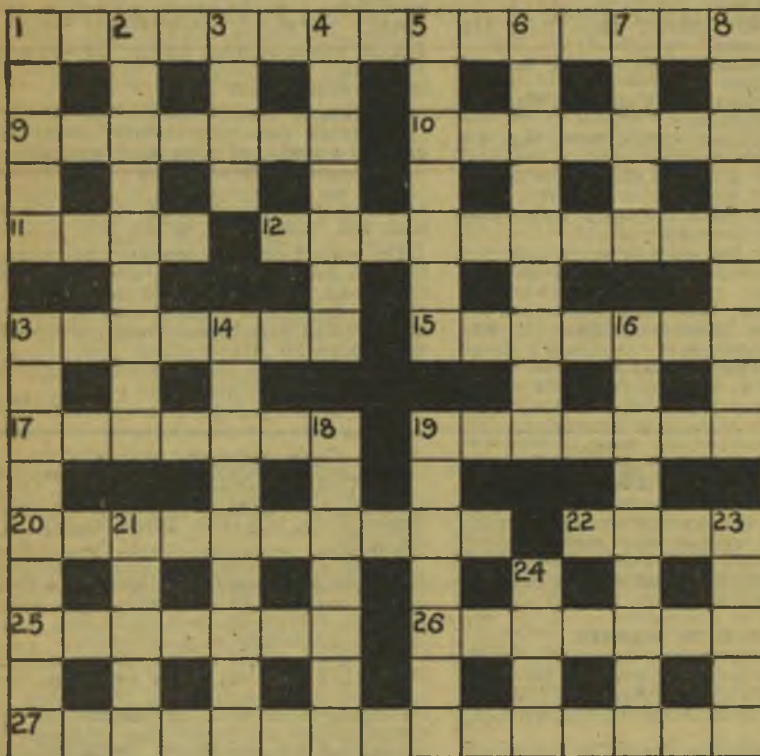
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Commemorated on August 6th (15).
9. A sub-division of a lead in treble bob (7).
10. Change or one who has been changed (7).
11. Ringer or rope may do this (4).
12. Vat is great (anag.) (10).
13. Descriptive of a slow bell. (7)
15. Do this with your steps and you'll not advance (7).
17. What the conductor does at the bob (5, 2)
19. Number denoting order (7).
20. Tar boilers - ho give freedom (10).
22. If Ian follows this ringer the result will be foreign (4).
25. Produces two rounds for Major band on half pints (1, 6).
26. There's a complaint here. Sound control required? (7).
27. Sir Walter Scott's "half Church of God" (6, 9).

DOWN

1. Some cricket matches are; some are not (5).
2. Russian port (9).
3. Vessel (4).
4. Nothing ringed—no notice taken (7).
5. Take the tenor away from Triples? (7).
6. When Anna goes to Ted the notes are made (9).
7. Five in this could make it turn upside down (5).
8. N.B. is being obeyed (5, 4).
13. There are no visitors in this collection of ringers (5, 4).
14. Represented by Philip Gray on the Central Council (9).
16. He provides the news for many people (9).
18. Gigantic (7).
19. We ringers are on these before the conductor calls "Stand" (3,4).
21. This castle is the seat of the Duke of Atholl (5).
23. Expand part of the organ (5).
24. Ring out the false; ring in the (Tennyson) (4).

Address entry "Crossword", "The Ringing World", c/o
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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

Saturday, November 16th, saw a joint meeting between North Mymms (8) in the afternoon and Monken Hadley (8) in the evening. At both towers methods up to Spliced Surprise were rung.

As the Vicar of North Mymms was away on a course there was no service. Tea and the business meeting were held in the Vicarage. Mr. T. J. Lock was elected to the chair at the business meeting and proceedings began with welcoming the Rev. Talbot-Ponsonby and his wife as District members on moving to Radlett.

The secretary then spoke about the forthcoming events. Tickets for the dinner on December 7th are still available from the secretary. South Mimms asked for a District practice on December 19th—the Ringing Master pointed out that the numbers supporting these various practices seemed to be diminishing. Please note the date. The next District meeting will be at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on December 21st. The secretary reminded members that the A.D.M. is on January 18th at St. Peter's, St. Albans, so please will everyone make the effort to attend the December meeting as there is plenty to discuss and think about before the A.D.M.

Before the meeting closed congratulations were passed from the District to Anthony Carter and Christine Lesley on their engagement. The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lock and the North Mymms girls for the arrangements and the tea, and to the Vicars of North Mymms and Monken Hadley for the use of the bells.

J. A. F.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): G. Newsome (aged 11) 1, H. W. Easey 2, D. Newsome 3, R. Fuller 4, M. Seunke (first "inside") 5, G. A. Kindred 6, P. Kindred (cond.) 7, J. White (aged 11) 8. First quarter 1, 3, 4, 8. For Evensong.

LADIES' GUILD IN BRECON

Although November 23rd proved a wet, miserable day, the Ladies' Guild meeting held at Talgarth was well attended and enjoyed by all.

A very warm welcome was extended to the visitors by Mr. B. Davies, tower captain at Talgarth, and a similar welcome was given by Mr. E. J. Smith, tower captain at Glasbury-on-Wye, where ringing was enjoyed during the evening.

Bronllys bells were available during the afternoon, and here Miss Linda Jacob welcomed the visitors.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Talgarth, the Rev. T. James, who expressed great pleasure in having the Guild meeting at his church. Mr. E. J. Smith was the organist, and Miss Jennifer Lawrence, a Talgarth ringer, read the lesson.

A fine tea was waiting in the Church Hall and Mr. Alan Paton thanked the kind ladies who had prepared this.

Yet again more new members were elected. These were: the Misses Linda Jacob (Bronllys), Eira Banks (Ebbw Vale), Janet Sutton, Judy Fawke, Jennifer Lawrence, Gillian James, Catherine Gwillam and Gillian Davies (all of Talgarth and all members of the choir).

It was decided to try to hold the next meeting at Llanelli with Gorseinon in February, and to join the Western District at Bristol on March 1st next.

J. S. K.

RAIDER CUTS BELL ROPES

The ringing chamber of the ancient parish church at Middleham, North Riding of Yorkshire, has been broken into. Four of the eight ropes were cut off. The Rev. D. M. Collins (Rector) said to "The Yorkshire Post": "Our bells, often described as the finest set in Wensleydale, are the only ones rung regularly in the neighbourhood."

BARKINGSIDE RINGERS AT "DEAR OLD SUSSEX-BY-THE-SEA"

Sussex-by-the-Sea was the venue for Barkingside ringers' third annual outing, which turned out to be even better than the previous two. This year we tried a coach for transport and in spite of it being half empty a very enjoyable day was had by the members and several friends.

East Grinstead, reached ten minutes early, provided a good coffee stop and a good ring of bells, and for some of the younger members their first taste of heavy bells and a long draught.

Ringling at St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, was curtailed at the former due to a wedding, and at the latter due to possible complaints from the neighbours, but we all had a ring and managed a good half-course of Yorkshire at St. Mary's—it just would not come round on the much heavier eight at St. Saviour's.

Heavy waves and the red danger flag thwarted the few ambitious swimmers amongst us, but they did not deter us from a paddle and splash—quite a large crowd preferred this entertainment to that provided by the band a few yards away.

Alfriston was our tea stop, and after a rushed cream tea we all descended on the church, only to commit one of the cardinal sins of ringing by not checking that a bell alleged to be down was down. In fact they were all up, as events soon proved, but no damage was done and we were soon able to enjoy the pleasant ring of six. Rotherfield was our last call and we were pleased to meet several local ringers and to ring with them.

Ringling during the day was up to quite a good standard, and our thanks are extended to those who met us and to the incumbents for allowing us to ring.

CHIP.

RESTORATION SCHEME FOR STURRY, KENT

Since late September the residents of Sturry, Kent, have not heard the bells of St. Nicholas' ringing out across the Stour Valley, for it was then the church architect, after inspecting the tower, had decided that any further ringing would be detrimental to the structure.

The bells are still on plain bearings and until recently went very well, but in the final weeks before ringing stopped they were becoming increasingly more difficult to strike as the frame moved around the tower. Indeed, if the tenors ever became separated the tower could be felt to tremble, and the cracks widened.

The keen young band of ringers, to whom the news was not entirely unexpected, have since then been practising and Sunday service ringing at the neighboring tower of St. Martin's, Herne, and more recently attending the practice at St. Mary's, Chartham, and they are very grateful for the welcome extended to them at all local towers.

A Tower Restoration Fund has been started and many donations have already been received. Well known trading stamp companies have been approached and have agreed to redeem their stamps at a generous price, and so any further donations, either of money or stamps, would be greatly appreciated.

The address for donations can be found elsewhere in this issue under "Miscellaneous Notices."

A LAY OF ANCIENT ROME A Fragment

With apologies to all lovers of Thomas Babington Macaulay.

"The author seems to have been an honest citizen . . . sick of the disputes of factions and much given to pining after good old times which had never really existed."

. . . For ringers at their meetings
Were ready to catch hold
For rounds with the beginners
In the brave days of old.

Then none was for a District;
Then all were for the Guild;
The meetings were less frequent,
But the halls were always filled;
Then practices were friendly;
Then standards high would hold;
The ringers were like brothers
In the brave days of old.

Now ringer is to ringer
More hateful than a foe,
In towers there's often squabbling,
And the striking standard's low.
As we wax hot in faction,
In ringing we wax cold;
Wherefore men ring not as they rang
In the brave days of old.

DRUID.

CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

The peal on page 932 shown as Hertford should be Hatfield.

The correct notation for Welford Surprise Major is: —38—14—1258—16—34—3458—16—78. Group B.

The constitution of London University has been amended to include members of Brunel University. (Correction to report on page 890.)

After ringing in a peal of Triples at South Petherton on November 23rd as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Chant, Mr. Gilbert W. Rendell discovered that it was 30 years to the day that he rang his first peal of Triples there. The bell on that occasion was the sixth, which his son was ringing.

The first peal on the new ten at Edington, Wiltshire, was rung on November 30th. It was Stedman Caters and Mr.-E.-C. Shepherd's 200th peal of Stedman.

REVIEW

Minimising a Church's Depreciation

WE are living in a "Do it Yourself" age, and this spirit of tackling things yourself exists not merely in the home but very much in church activities. Almost weekly we hear of bands of ringers endeavouring to bring their belfries and bell chambers to an efficient state. And a gratifying feature is that the leading bellfoundries of John Taylor and Co. and the Whitechapel Foundry are ready with advice to help those with the experience to tackle such jobs.

This spirit of the age is not confined to bells and belfries; it is finding its way into many church activities relating to repairs and enriching the beauty of buildings and surroundings. Indeed, it is a prominent part of Christian Stewardship, which is not confined to money, but an equally important section is time and talent. Timely and fully in keeping with this spirit is "Church Maintenance" by Major the Rev. Vivian Symons (Marshall, Morgan and Scott, 35s. net.). The author is an M.A. (Oxon) and a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers. After 13 years in the Army he entered upon theological training and in 1951 became Vicar and officiating chaplain to the R.A.F., Biggin Hill. His work included the dismantling of a London church and rebuilding, refurbishing and equipping it in his parish. It is the practical experience of these 15 years that forms the foundation of "Church Maintenance."

The great value of this book is not merely its comprehensive character, supported by diagrams and illustrations, but the admirable way it is indexed and the concise style in which the information is imparted. In the 18 chapters such matters as roof covering, rain-water disposal, roof timbers, stone decay, external walls and woodwork, windows, floors, vestries, vessels and ornaments, furniture and fittings, interior stonework and monuments, bell towers and churchyards are dealt with.

Above all, the author is a practical man courageously tackling the dismantling of All Saints', North Peckham, and reassembling it, and also a craftsman in gold and silver, making many of the ornaments of his church. With slender resources, parishioners and others were persuaded to donate precious metals and stones. Over 70 wedding rings were received from the relatives of deceased parents, and ornaments and trophies were donated. These were melted down and ornaments made.

The chapter on bell towers will be of particular interest to our readers. So much of it wanted saying to the non-ringing section of the church. "Bell towers are places for the hanging and ringing of bells, and are not glory-holes for harbouring and storing anything else. The ringing room should be

pleasantly decorated, taking care that wall records are not damaged. There is no reason why this chamber should not be as habitable as regards lighting, cleanliness, ventilation and warmth as the living room of a dwelling."

Work for the steeplekeeper is set out in detail. Emphasis is given to frames, fittings and girders being scraped and repainted every five years; appropriate warning is given on the danger of clocking; and that the old type of plain bearings should not be allowed to become too worn. Another point is that a maintenance chart for bells should be obtained from the bellfoundry and this should be displayed in the tower.

To those of our readers who serve as churchwardens or on the P.C.C.'s this book is invaluable. How many of us "have eyes and they see not" when it comes to spotting defects in old buildings, and hundreds of pounds could be saved if such things were tackled early. Another point stressed is the importance of records and their safe keeping. With Mr. Symons' book ever available, even archdeacons' visitations would be encountered with a clear conscience and the quinquennial inspection not a thing to disturb the parish budget.

21 UNRINGABLE RINGS IN ONE DISTRICT

At the annual general meeting of the S.W. District of the Suffolk Guild, held at Clare, all the retiring officers were re-elected; about 60 members were present.

The chairman extended a welcome to the large number of members from other Districts and asked Mr. S. Twichett to accept this attendance as an appreciation of his successful efforts in raising yet another local band. (No mean achievement with Clare bells.)

Six new members were elected—five from Clare and one from Bures. The news that ringing is now banned at All Saints', Sudbury, means that 21 towers in the District are now unringable. In some cases the bells have been blamed for tower damage, and the Exercise cannot afford this adverse publicity.

To counteract this, an attempt is being made to stage an exhibition of ringing as an art and prove to the public that very little (if any) damage is caused by properly-hung bells. If this proposal is accepted, the demonstrations will be held in Long Melford Hall Park on June 28th and 29th next year. Details are advertised in this issue on Page 978. L. D. M.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Helen J. Wright is the first lady to ring a quarter peal of Major "inside" in Whitwick, Leicestershire, tower.

Congratulations to Mr. T. F. East, of Sandown, Isle of Wight, who has completed 60 years as a ringer. A complimentary peal was rung at Brading on November 24th.

Canon C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was inducted on November 26th to the living of St. Peter's, Hook Norton, Oxfordshire. Hook Norton has a ring of eight with a tenor of 204 cwt.

The band who rang the peal on the back eight at Chelmsford Cathedral on November 11th are grateful to Sue Rothera for standing in at short notice in place of her husband, Phil, who was to have rung the tenor but was struck down by a sudden stomach upset. Thanks are also due to Phil for checking the ropes, etc., before the attempt.

The peal at Chalford, Glos, was the first on the bells for 34 years and the first of Minor for 54 years.

Four people rang their first quarter at Ringmer, Sussex, on November 23rd. It was Grandsire Doubles called by W. Merritt, who was ringing his first as conductor.

Two 11-year-olds—G. Newsome and J. White—rang their first quarter at Pakefield, Suffolk, on November 24th. There were four first quarters and one first "inside" in this quarter conducted by Mr. P. Kindred. Congratulations!

Among our Methodist ringers is Mr. H. W. Dunsden. He was more than pleased to take part in an Ecumenical Evensong at Blewbury, Berks, attended by Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Methodists. The preacher was Monsignor Canon F. Bartlett, the Administrator of Westminster Cathedral.

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ROPE TROUBLE UPSETS JASPER SNOWDON MEMORIAL PEAL

Saturday, November 16th, saw the 83rd anniversary of the death of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, founder-president of the Yorkshire Association, who died at Ilkley. To commemorate the occasion a peal attempt was arranged at Ilkley. After one or two last-minute changes in the band the method was changed to Plain Bob and, on a rather dismal afternoon, the band assembled. The glorious ring of eight bells was raised, ropes adjusted and the bells tried in rounds. At this point disaster struck, for the sixth rope broke on the wheel. After a delay of some 20 or more minutes a new rope was fixed and the attempt was recommenced.

All went well for a while, and as everyone settled down to a reasonable rhythm some enjoyable ringing ensued. The first quarter-end came up in 45 minutes and everything seemed set for a successful conclusion of the peal. Alas, after about ten minutes' further ringing, a splice beneath the sally on the third rope began to come undone. Within a very short time it became evident that the rope would not even last to the half-way, and so the decision to bring the bells round as soon as possible was taken.

The following few minutes had many anxious moments but the bells were duly brought round after 1,824 changes without the rope parting. As the bells set up, however, the tail-end dropped to the floor, thus confirming that it would not have been possible to ring any more. The band were naturally disappointed, but at least we had something to record for our efforts, especially Ann Waldron and Janet Walker, whose first peal it would have been. Our thanks go to the local company and the Vicar for allowing the attempt, and perhaps we can go again on another November 16th, when we shall have more luck, we hope!

BELLRINGERS' FESTIVAL, HIGHCLERE

For the eighth year in succession the annual bellringing festival was held at St. Michael's Church, Highclere, on November 24th. Ringing started at 7.30 a.m. by the local band, all of whom attended the Holy Communion service for which they rang.

The team were again well represented at the 10.30 Matins, and in the afternoon a peal of Plain Bob Major was successfully rung with 16-year-old Philip Taylor conducting his first peal on eight bells; 12-year-old David Goss was also ringing in his first peal on eight bells.

This was the fifth time a peal had been rung for the Festival; on three occasions a last-minute illness or an afternoon service prevented an attempt being made.

The evening service ringing was attended by many ringers from neighbouring churches and four pews were filled by them for the service. Members of the local band read the lessons and acted as sidesmen.

A feature of the service was solos sung by four members of the Royal College of Music, whilst the choir sang a special anthem as their offering to the service.

Further ringing followed after the service, an attempt to ring a quarter peal of London Surprise Minor coming to grief after ringing 500 changes. We look forward to doing something special for next year's service. G. K. D.

DINNER-DANCE AT BEACONSFIELD

Some 80 ringers and friends gathered at the Beech Tree Hotel, Beaconsfield, on November 16th for the seventh dinner and dance of the East Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Proceedings were delayed for a short while due to the unfortunate failure to start the chairman's car, but the wait served to sharpen everyone's appetite.

Presenting certificates to representatives of Hughenden and Lane End, who were first and second in the Branch striking competition last April, the Master of the Guild (Canon C. E. Wigg) complimented Mr. Ernest Gosling on his calligraphy. The Master went on to say that striking competitions seemed to be on the increase and that he hoped all Branches would maintain or improve their support for the Guild competition. He also extended an invitation to the tower of Hook Norton, whither he would shortly be moving.

Mr. Giles Shedden (Branch Ringing Master) replied, hoping that no one in his audience would associate the rise in price of tickets with the fact that he was a member of the legal profession, and assured everyone that none of the increase was destined for his pocket! After welcoming the guests on behalf of the Branch, he proceeded to a series of racy anecdotes of a mixed clerical and legal flavour.

Tables were then cleared, lights were lowered and the company enjoyed dancing until midnight and "Auld Lang Syne."

RIDING RECTOR WELCOMED HOME

While he was taking part in the "Deben Ride" in October the Rector of Worlingworth and Tannington fell from his horse and injured his back. A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major to welcome him home was rung on November 16th by Mrs. M. R. Page (Pettaugh), Messrs. W. W. Miller (Earl Soham), C. W. Pipe (Grundisburgh), L. E. Last (Hoxne), E. W. Pye and W. Pye (Sawston), H. Leather (Monk Soham) and L. G. Brett (Framsden).

CLOCKWINDERS BECOME RINGERS

From Brampton, Cumberland, comes a good story. A group of village lads volunteered to wind the clock of St. Martin's Church. As they climbed the spire to wind the clock they saw the bells and interest was stirred.

That was 18 months ago and now the boys ring every Sunday, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Arthur Armstrong (churchwarden), who started them off, and, later, Mr. Eric Hotine, who took over in January as head ringer.

The bells were rehung in 1956 and then rung for 18 months. From then until the boys came forward St. Martin's was a silent tower. November 23rd was a red-letter day for the boys when the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association held a meeting at Brampton, the first there for 12 years. Twenty-eight members from all over the two counties attended. There was plenty of ringing—in the afternoon and well into the evening—a shortened Evensong conducted by the Vicar, and a good tea provided by two mums of the boys.

THREE GENERATIONS IN A PEAL

Four Barnsley ringers who participated in a quarter peal of Minor at All Saints' Church, Silkstone, on November 24th, were from three generations of one family. They were Michael (11) and David Carbutt (12), ringing their first quarter, their father, Peter (the conductor), and L. W. Carbutt, their grandfather.

FIRST HANDBELL PEAL IN CANADA

The first handbell peal for the North American Guild of Ringers is recorded this week. It comes after many weeks' practice, the conductor travelling 80 miles round trip to Hamilton from Toronto each time.

Before John Owen joined us from Elliot Lake (writes Derek M. Sawyer) we practised for a peal of Plain Bob Minor. Starting from scratch this proved to be a difficult task and I still maintain that a peal of Yorkshire Maximus is probably easier mentally and physically than a peal of Grandsire Doubles!

At the end of September we were able to increase to Major and slowly but surely we progressed to ring the quarter peal which we recently reported, and now a full peal. I would personally like to associate the peal with John Acres, who spent many patient sessions with me in my teenage days drilling this particular composition of E. M. Atkins into me and teaching me how to conduct it. It has not been forgotten!

Finally the peal is a farewell to Ruth Gay on her return to England with her handbells. We wish her a safe journey and good ringing in the "Old Country." To Fred Andrews and the ringers of Hinton Blewitt, Somerset, we send our sincere thanks for letting Ruth bring their handbells with her. They have been well used and very much appreciated. D. M. S.

PHILIP GRAY RINGS WITH "CONSTITUENTS"

Mr. Philip Gray, on a visit to his "constituents," was unsuccessful in the attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on November 23rd. The following morning, however, he called a service quarter of Grandsire Triples on the heavy eight at the Cathedral. Afterwards the company made their way to the home of the tower captain, Andrew Bolton, where a most enjoyable Bar-B-Q was held.

ST. JUDE'S THEIR MOTHER TOWER

St. Jude's, Randwick, N.S.W., ringers (captain, Mr. John Fryer) were upset by a comment made in "The Ringing World" a few months ago stating that their bells were only kept going with the help of St. Mary's Cathedral ringers. Our correspondent writes: "We do have a lot of people who are members of both towers, but in all cases except one they learned to ring at St. Jude's, and that is where their first loyalty lies."

10-YEAR-OLD HAS RUNG IN 80 TOWERS

Richard Barker, aged 10 years and 3 months, rang his first quarter peal at King's Langley on November 24th. A regular ringer in the King's Langley band, Richard started to learn shortly before his ninth birthday. His parents were in the quarter peal, although his 13-year-old sister, who is also a ringer, was unable to take part. Richard has already rung in over 80 towers and is keenly interested in bell-hanging and maintenance.

A DISS CELEBRATION

To celebrate "Bert" Harrison's 25 years as vergier, a quarter peal had been arranged at Diss Parish Church on All Saints' Day. Owing to repairs to the tower it could not take place, but six members of the Norwich Association rang a quarter peal at Redgrave instead. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison later joined the ringers at Diss for a convivial evening at the home of their daughter, Kathleen, who is also a ringer at Diss.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 5
Merryn Hutchings (Newn.) 2	†E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 6
*R. L. Underwood (P'house) 3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 7
D. Barton (Selwyn) .. 4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* 25th peal with the Guild. † 100th tower bell peal. First peal in the method.

WORTHINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

b. —38—14—56—16—12—38—14—38. (H. & M. 369.)

THETFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

Jenny Field (Newnham) Treble	D. S. Bishop (Caius) .. 5
R. L. Underwood (P'house) 2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 6
A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 7
E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by W. Willson.

Conducted by B. D. Threlfall.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Sept. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Joyce Gardner Treble	Geoffrey Gardner 5
F. John Nelson 2	Richard S. Starkie 6
*G. Richard King 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Timothy Wylie 4	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

Rung to mark the ordination (Michaelmas) as Deacon of Michael Nelson at Derby Cathedral.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRINKLOW, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., Oct. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*Betsy A. Mountford .. Treble	*Barry Elliott 4
*Dorothy Boyd 2	*David W. Mountford .. 5
Alan Boyd 3	*Susan Bagshaw Tenor

Conducted by Alan Boyd.

* First peal. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells. First peal on the bells for 41 years. Second recorded peal on the bells and the first by a local band at the first attempt.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.

George L. Roobottom .. Treble	David J. Marshall 6
John K. Smith 2	*†Gordon A. Halls 7
Malcolm P. Phipps .. 3	Denis A. Frith 8
*David W. Parkin 4	†David W. Friend 9
Clive Thrower 5	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* 50th peal together. † 100th peal together.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., Oct. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Westminster, Bourne, Ipswich, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Keith W. Brown .. Treble	Peter G. Brown 4
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	James L. Towler 5
Yvonne A. Murray .. 3	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) York, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) Cambridge, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

Ian V. Foster Treble	Keith W. Brown 4
Patrick A. Cross 2	George E. Thoday 5
James L. Towler 3	Yvonne A. Murray Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday

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

On Tues., Nov. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Chester, (2) Carlisle, (3) Netherseale, (4) Allendale, (5) Wells, (6) Durham, (7) Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble Peter G. Brown 4 |Josephine A. Quilter .. 2 James L. Towler 5 |Keith W. Brown 3 *George E. Thoday .. Tenor |

Conducted by George E. Thoday

* 475th peal of Surprise.

Rung within the octave of All Saints'.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Carol Kemp, of Danbury.

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

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 15 methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle and Chester, (2) Bourne and Netherseale, (3) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (4) York and Durham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble *Peter G. Brown 4 |*Yvonne A. Murray .. 2 †James L. Towler 5 |†Keith W. Brown 3 George E. Thoday .. Tenor |

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together. First in 15 methods as conductor.

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

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Arthur J. Bryant .. Treble David C. Isgrove 4 |*Patricia M. Harpole .. 2 Michael A. Houghton .. 5 |Laurence H. Turner .. 3 Harry Turner Tenor |

Conducted by Harry Turner.

* First peal.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.

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

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 26 methods, viz.: (1) Luton, Rhyll, Ripley, Thorne, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (2) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling, Bourne and Caithness, (3) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, (4) Primrose, Hexham and Berwick, (5) London, (6) Wells, (7) Norwich.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Delphine E. Holman .. Treble Ian Slade 4 |Ian G. Campbell 2 Michael Maughan 5 |Alan Bridges 3 George A. Dawson Tenor |

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Most methods to a peal of Surprise Minor by all.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. T. Gill, and his wife upon their silver wedding anniversary.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ARKLOW, Co. Wicklow.—At the Church of St. Saviour.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods—Stedman, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Spliced Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Rev. St. Bartholomew. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

George MacGregor .. Treble Colin A. Lewis 4 |*Derek A. McEndoo .. 2 Peter W. Brown 5 |*Leslie R. Taylor 3 Harold H. Brown Tenor |

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal of Doubles.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

Richard Hayes .. Treble Andrew J. Corby 7 || Judith M. Corby 2 | †Tony Lewis 8 |
Robert W. Hinde 3	†John A. Howard 9
*Simon A. B. Wigg 4	†Brian D. Threlfall .. 10
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5	D. Paul Smith 11
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 6	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus. ‡ 50th peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 ACTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Doris E. Colgate Treble	Ralph Bird 5
*Ann Jenner 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Margaret E. Oram 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Arthur S. Richards 4	†Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 250th peal † 100th tower in Kent for a peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch.)

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

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Roger Leigh Treble	*Ian Smith 6
John Parsons 2	*Brian Hill 7
*Philip Woods 3	*Frank West 8
*David Haworth 4	*Raymond Helliwell .. 9
*Douglas Deakin 5	Richard Parker Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor. First peal on the ten bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Malcolm D. Barsby .. Treble	Maurice R. A. Kirk .. 5
*Hazel I. Nichols 2	E. Guy Slater 6
Clive J. Mobbs 3	B. Stedman Payne 7
Julian M. Morley 4	Roger I. Kendrick Tenor

Arranged by H. Poyner.

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal of Major.

HATHERN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

David Swift Treble	Frank Chambers 5
Tom H. Harris 2	John Tickle 6
*Arthur Fletcher 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
Mrs. Celia Harris 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal of Major. A Loughborough District peal.

(Hinckley District.)

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.	Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
John J. Morris Treble	Michael Vernon 5
Leonard Towers 2	Alfred Ballard 6
*George E. Vernon 3	John Vernon 7
*Christopher Sturgess .. 4	†Michael Angrave Tenor

Conducted by John Vernon.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the restored octave.

Rung with the gratitude of the local ringers to all those who helped to make the restoration possible.

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	†John W. Rawson 5
Joseph W. Cotton 2	Ronald D. Hughes 6
E. Frederick Gobey 3	Frank Chambers 7
*E. Guy Slater 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by E. F. Gobey.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † Has now rung every bell to a peal.

MARKFIELD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents, being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Chester, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	Ronald D. Hughes 4
*Kenneth Burdett 2	Frank Chambers 5
*Alec R. Jones 3	Roland Beniston Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Neil W. Harvey Treble	†Laurence Watkins 4
†Robert W. Smith 2	*John Watkins 5
*Brian L. Burrows 3	Michael E. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal. † First of London. * First of London Surprise Minor. First peal of London Surprise Minor to be rung by a Sunday service band in Leicestershire.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

UPHOLLAND, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods—Grandsire, New Bob, St. Nicholas, Huntspill, Winchendon Place, St. Vedast, St. Remigius, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Osmund, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury: and 32 variations—Newborough, Longparish, Daffodil, Bluebell, Middleton Stoney, Lapley, St. Giles, Sharncliffe, Heyford, St. John, St. Miles, Ryton, Chilton, Horsley, Church Greasley, St. Cleer, Southrepps, St. Colum, Campion, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Ignatius, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, Churchill, St. Ambrose, St. Ninian, St. Felix, Amersham, Kennington.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

*Patricia A. Jenkins .. Treble	*†A. John Macefield .. 4
*Susan D. Cowan 2	Bruce Wakefield 5
H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 3	*Martin J. Corry Tenor

Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.

* First peal of Doubles. † First "inside." Rung to congratulate Society members Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Veitch and Mr. and Mrs. David Jenner on the birth of sons.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BASSALEG, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Basil.

On Fri., Nov. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Gill J. Colleypriest .. Treble	Stephen Fenwick 4
David L. Phillips 2	Paul A. Williams 5
*John W. Bull 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal of Minor.

ST. HILARY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Hilary.

On Sat., Nov. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 20 methods/variants, being two extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. John, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Kennington. April Day, Dedworth and four extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*Felicity Cooke Treble	Christopher Ricketts .. 3
*Ruth E. Havard 2	*John Bull 4
*Stephen Fenwick Tenor	

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung for the 10th wedding anniversary of Nevil A. James, tower captain at Llandaff Cathedral.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

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

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by G. William Critchley. First peal in the method by all the band.

HARROW, Middx.—At the Church of St. Mary, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Clive W. Simpson Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	John R. Southey 6
*Barry R. M. Johnson .. 3	*Leonard J. North 7
*Thomas H. Norris 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Thomas R. Roast Treble	David Cubitt 5
Janet House 2	Geoffrey H. Pullin 6
Desmond P. Mortlock .. 3	Martin Cubitt 7
Thomas E. Spight 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by David E. House.

Rung with the compliments of the band to Mrs. T. E. Spight on her birthday.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb in E flat.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of

St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Carole A. H. Patey .. Treble	Martin L. Howe 5
*Desmond P. Mortlock .. 2	*David Heighton 6
*David Cubitt 3	Geoffrey H. Pullin 7
Janet House 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Maurice G. Ingram .. Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller 5
Anna K. Sadowska 2	Christopher I. Rowson .. 6
Anne M. Carpenter 3	John R. Leary 7
Laura M. Grindrod 4	Graham J. R. Colbourne Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by John R. Leary.

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

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Diana Reeves Treble	Robert A. Reeves 5
Jean Marlow 2	Mark W. Sayers 6
Phillip J. Davis 3	*Barry J. Davis 7
John F. Carter 4	Paul R. Davis Tenor

Composed by J. Holt.

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A flat.
*Patrick E. A. Brentnall .. Treble	D Joseph Goodman 4
Brian M. Barker 2	Keith D. Waples 5
Walter Ayre 3	Peter W. Harper Tenor

Conducted by Peter W. Harper.

* First peal

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 GRESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Kilby R. Holtom Treble	Raymond A. Vickers .. 5
Graham C. Paul 2	Christopher C. Stokes .. 6
David J. Marshall 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	Patrick I. Chapman Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

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

Rung in memory of Ronald Russell.

CASTOR, Northants.—At the Church of St. Kyneburgha.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 St. Clement's, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 1,440 Oxford Bob, 1,440 Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.
*Margaret Hill Treble	†Graham Oliver 4
John H. Bluff 2	Geoffrey Davis 5
John Cooper 3	Frank Sismey Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff

* First peal. † First in four methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday greeting to the ringer of the third. Also birthday compliments to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to Maureen Simon, Wendy Daw and Clive Banks, whose birthdays fall within seven days of this date.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

M. Cecilia Evans Treble	Eric S. White 4
*Patricia C. Stocken 2	Reginald H. Newton .. 5
Michael J. A. Orman 3	Philip J. Evans Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Evans.

* First peal The conductor's 50th peal for the Association.

Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*M. Louise Slater Treble	George A. Dawson 7
Joan Beresford 2	Norman Summerhayes .. 8
Adrienne Gibson 3	John S. Barnes 9
Sheila M. Dobbie 4	Derek E. Sibson 10
Walter H. Dobbie 5	Dennis Beresford 11
*Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 6	Peter Beresford Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons. (No. 5.) Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

Arranged and rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Richard I. Thomson, Vicar of this parish, to Miss Ann Shippam, which took place at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham, Sussex, on November 9th. 1968.

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

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

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	John A. Anderson 7
Susan E. Smith 2	*Terry R. Hampton 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	Clifford A. Barron 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	George E. Fearn 10
John R. Insley 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
James W. Belshaw 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Londinium.

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon Treble	James W. Belshaw 6
Vernon Green 2	Ronald Ducker 7
*Janet E. Blake 3	George E. Fearn 8
Ian G. Campbell 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
Stephen W. Barton 5	John A. Anderson Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Surprise and of Royal

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip

On Sat., Nov. 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

John N. Lindon Treble	Stephen W. Barton 5
George A. Fearn 2	James W. Belshaw 6
B. Gillian Pipe 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
Maurice F. Edwards 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

20-course block reduced.	Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.
*Paul N. Mounsey Treble	David C. Massey 6
†Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	†David W. Jack 7
Peter Humphrey 3	R. Brian Mills 8
Harry Poyner 4	B. Stedman Payne 9
Simon Humphrey 5	William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First of Surprise Royal First of Surprise Royal as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells since recasting.

Rung to welcome James William Jack, son of David and Hilary Jack, born September 29th. 1968.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

LEISTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C. Jack Gibson Treble	Rev. Peter N. Bond 5
H. William Barrett 2	Adrian Knights 6
Peter S. Bedford 3	Stephen J. Bedford 7
Vernon B. Bedford 4	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the birth of the composer—
at Leiston on November 19th, 1868. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MADRON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Maddern.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.	
*John J. George Treble	Timothy J. Bell 5
F. Malcolm Bowers 2	Anthony Locke 6
Anthony J. Davidson 3	†W. Reginald Curtis 7
Geoffrey W. Taysom 4	Clive G. Bryant Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Clive G. Bryant.
* First peal on eight bells. † First on eight "inside."

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.	
*Elizabeth A. Webb Treble	Robert M. Ashman 5
Laura M. Grindrod 2	Maurice G. Ingram 6
Anna K. Sadowska 3	John R. Leary 7
†Graham J. N. Colbourne .. 4	P. Gerald McIlhone Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by John R. Leary.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.	
Michael J. Uphill Treble	Anthony R. Carter 7
*Robin J. Collis 2	*Alan A. J. Buswell 8
*Derek C. Jackson 3	†Philip Murduck 9
*Laurence C. Way 4	*Andrew Howard 10
*Peter N. Felton 5	*Geoffrey K. Dodd 11
†Denby P. Murduck 6	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Plain Bob Maximus and of Maximus as conductor.

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
*Marilyn Heath Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell 4
William Willans 2	Edward W. Colley 5
Jennifer L. Quaife 3	Andrew Howard Tenor

Conducted by Andrew Howard.
* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FECKENHAM, Wores.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.	
Leonard Mills Treble	†Angela Styler 5
Arthur C. Berry 2	John W. Perkins 6
*Elizabeth M. G. Pouncey .. 3	Peter D. Warren 7
Eric Styler 4	David G. Franklin Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to David Draper, of Feckenham.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Nov. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Woodbine D., (2) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston and Chapel T.B., (3) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge S., (7) Kent T.B.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.
Christopher A. Moxon .. Treble	*Robert Cater 4
*Gail Cater 2	Trevor Tarbatt 5
Alan Clifton 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in 18 methods.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Oct. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

F. John Nelson Treble	Denis A. Frith 5
David Vincent 2	†Timothy Wylie 6
*Richard Harris 3	R. Brian Mills 7
William L. Exton 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal. † First in the method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 6, Ashwood Crescent.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.	
Alan McFall 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
Neil Bennett 3-4	Robert B. Smith 7-8

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal of London Surprise on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

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

On Mon., Nov. 11, 1968, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of five methods—Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob; two extents of the variations—Northrepps, Fortune, Rushall, Marchington, St. Colum, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Old, Kennington, April Day and Seighford; two extents of the spliced variations—Marston, Broadwas, Tichborne and Norfolk. Tenor size 18 in G.
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2 John R. Scott 3-4
Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., Nov. 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Hereward and Double Court, (2) Double Oxford, (3) College, (4) St. Clement's College, (5) Single Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley 1-2 Mary W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys.

On Tues., Oct. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.	
John Vernon 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
John J. Morris 3-4	Michael Vernon 7-8

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

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

On Wed., Nov. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.	
Terence A. Thornber 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
David F. Moore 3-4	Peter J. Staniforth 7-8

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.

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

On Wed., Nov. 20, 1968, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.	
*David F. Moore 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
*Peter J. Staniforth 3-4	Michael Vernon 7-8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.
* First peal in the method "in hand."

(Hinckley District.)

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 36, Long Street.

On Tues., Nov. 12, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.	
Alfred Ballard 1-2	John J. Morris 3-4

John Vernon (cond.) 5-6

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD.

HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada.—At 16, Gary Avenue.

On Wed., Nov. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.	
*Ruth E. Gay 1-2	Derek M. Sawyer 5-6
*David R. Ingram 3-4	*John Owen 7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Derek M. Sawyer.
* First peal "in hand." First peal "in hand" for the Guild and in Canada.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ruth Gay, who is returning to England.

EIGHT QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY

On Saturday, November 23rd

HARTLIP, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, G. H. Terris 2, Miss P. R. Chidwick 3, G. K. Terris 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. J. Beal 6.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. H. Terris 1, Miss P. R. Chidwick 2, G. K. Terris 3, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, Miss M. J. Chidwick 6.

BREDGAR, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Double Oxford Plain Bob): Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, G. H. Terris 2, Miss P. R. Chidwick 3, G. K. Terris 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Miss P. R. Chidwick 1, Miss M. J. Chidwick 2, G. H. Terris 3, G. K. Terris 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. J. Beal 6.

BOBBING, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, G. H. Terris 2, Miss P. R. Chidwick 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, G. K. Terris 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, G. H. Terris 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, Miss P. R. Chidwick 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, G. K. Terris 6.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. R. Chidwick 1, Miss M. J. Chidwick 2, G. K. Terris 3, G. H. Terris 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): Miss M. J. Chidwick 1, Miss P. R. Chidwick 2, G. H. Terris 3, G. K. Terris 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, P. D. J. Beal 6.

The band wish to thank all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells.

DATE TOUCH

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael-with-Paul, on Nov. 24th, 1,968 Plain Bob Major: B. Sarll 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, G. J. Hawkins (comp. and cond.) 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, A. Swatton 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, R. I. Kendrick 8.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOM.—On Nov. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. England 1, Helen Kirkpatrick (first Minor) 2, R. W. Rice 3, G. Hebden 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. S. Rice 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rae Hammond 1, N. White 2, J. Humphreys 3, R. Riley (first "inside") 4, J. P. Burton (first as cond.) 5, Daphne Appleby 6. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Appleby (first away from cover) 1, J. P. Burton 2, N. White 3, M. Allery 4, J. Humphreys 5, R. Riley 6. For Evensong and the visit of the Archdeacon of Stafford.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Martin 1, Miss S. Staines (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Frith 3, Miss J. Daughtry 4, Mrs. A. Daughtry (cond.) 5, M. Bostock (first quarter) 6. Rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Horsham, the Rt. Rev. Simon Phipps.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stone (first quarter) 1, F. Pike 2, T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. Cross (first as cond.) 5, A. R. Cross (first Grandsire) 6.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—At Barstable School, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles "in hand": G. Gray (aged 13) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, P. Burton (aged 13, first quarter attempt) 5-6. First "in hand" for all the band and first length by Barstable School Society of Change Ringers.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Ecumenical Evensong, attended by Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Methodists, at which the preacher was Monsignor Canon Francis Bartlett, the Administrator of Westminster Cathedral.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): D. Hill 1, J. Lane 2, C. W. Nutt 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Owyne 6. Rung with bells half-muffled before Remembrance service.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): Janice Squibb 1, L. Bailey (cond.) 2, T. F. East 3, A. Russell 4, K. Squibb 5, S. Duff 6, E. Duff 8. First quarter 1, 4, 5, 6, 8. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. M. J. M. Denington, on the fifth anniversary of his institution and induction; also to mark the completion of 60 years' ringing by the ringer of 3.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Sept. 21st 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Mitchell 1, D. Livsey 2, J. Muller 3, Miss D. Hague 4, D. T. Young 5, A. L. Pearson 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, D. Fowles 8. Rung to celebrate 50 years in Holy Orders by Canon H. H. Nash, chaplain to Jesus Hospital, Bray. Also on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): Susan Rance (first quarter) 1, R. Rance (first quarter) 2, Wenda Fowles 3, E. Gosling (first Grandsire Doubles) 4, D. Livsey 5, R. E. Dean (first Grandsire Doubles) 6, D. Fowles 7, J. Norworthy 8. Rung half-muffled on the funeral day of the Rt. Rev. Harold Beardmore, resident of Bray.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hull 1, R. E. Purkess 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, M. E. Cass (first "inside") 4, W. Willans (25th this year and 25th Doubles as cond.) 5, B. J. Fry (first quarter) 6. Rung on St. Andrew's Day, the 39th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire on the bells, in which J. Hull rang tenor; also an engagement compliment to Miss Jean Sutcliffe, of Blackmore.

BUNNEY, NOTTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Simpson 1, A. Newell 2, R. Stretton (cond.) 3, G. Fisher 4, D. Oliver 5, D. Beecroft (first quarter) 6.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,344 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. J. Marks 1, B. R. Care 2, M. J. Tyler 3, N. F. Pearson 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, T. G. Smith 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, E. C. Buckby 8.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Childs (50th quarter) 1, L. Derrick 2, J. Pople 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. Derrick.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Clarke (first quarter) 1, I. A. A. Hodgson 2, M. A. C. Frewer 3, J. D. Willcock 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5, W. Beckman (first quarter) 6. Rung by the Canford School Campanology Society.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): L. Cooper 1, A. Nixey 2, C. Woodward 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Hurst 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, M. Kennedy (first quarter) 2, D. Rimmell (first of hunting) 3, E. Eldridge 4, T. Tocock 5, D. Hartley (first "inside") 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, K. Tuck 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

DERBY.—On Nov. 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bartlett 1, J. Bailey 2, K. Betesta (cond.) 3, A. Mould 4, R. Wallis 5, M. Willis 6, D. Walklate 7, W. Steen 8.

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ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. F. Shelton 1, D. Reeves 2, R. C. Ingrani 3, D. Finmore 4, D. Collins 5, W. J. V. Conduct (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. J. Bacon who are leaving the parish church for Sedburgh, Yorkshire.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 24th, 1,159 Grandsire Caters: D. A. Frith 1, Miss P. M. Cheesewright (first Caters) 2, V. P. Evans 3, B. Buttery 4, C. Baxter 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, J. W. Watson 7, H. R. Woods 8, P. A. Slight (cond.) 9, A. Crawford 10.

ILKLEY, W. YORKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,824 Plain Bob Major: Ann Waldron (longest length) 1, S. R. Cole 2, P. Norman 3, Janet Walker (longest Major) 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, D. Featherstone 6, C. J. Groom 7, A. C. Banton (cond.) 8. Rung on the 83rd anniversary of the death of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, founder president of the Yorkshire Association. A peal attempt brought round due to a fraying rope.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Barker (first quarter, aged 10) 1, Mrs. D. W. Barker 2, P. W. Harper 3, B. M. Barker (cond.) 4, G. Spratt 5, P. Brentnall 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles: R. G. Powell 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, P. J. Wycherley (cond.) 3, M. V. Powell 4, T. H. Young 5, A. J. Williams 6.

LANCASTER.—At the Priory Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Stokes 1, K. R. Lloyd 2, P. Coddington 3, K. J. Foster 4, A. J. White (cond.) 5, T. Glen 6. For Evensong.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Baker (first quarter) 1, D. J. Atley 2, A. Marks 3, L. Hallifax (first "inside") 4, M. Hawkins 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth 1, Miss S. M. Paton 2, Mrs. B. M. Paton 3, R. Davies 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, G. Davies (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Cooper (first on eight) 1, C. Woodward 2, R. Jones 3, C. Coles 4, V. Fox 5, B. Gray 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, M. Journeaux 8. For Evensong.

PEMBROKE.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (ten meth./var.): A. Lingard 1, A. R. Trickett 2, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 3, J. Prytherch 4, P. C. Rogers 5, P. F. Kraus 6. For Evensong.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Margaret Watson 1, E. Blanch 2, Carol Adams 3, J. Fryer 4, W. Watson (cond.) 5, P. Doyle 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hughes 1, L. Tucker 2, C. Mayell 3, S. Cottle (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Abbott 6. Rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral and interment of Miss C. I. Usher.

SILKSTONE, YORKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Carbutt (aged 11) 1, D. Carbutt (12) 2, L. W. Carbutt (grandfather) 3, G. Scourfield 4, P. Carbutt (father, cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. First attempt 1, 2. Rung by four members of the Carbutt family and two ringers from Silksone. For Evensong.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Wiggan 1, N. Holland 2, F. Wiggan 3, Ruth Fairbrother 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, Jennifer Beech 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. R. Fairbrother 9, C. J. Evans 10. For Matins. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major: K. Daniels 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, F. Wiggan 3, F. Beech 4, Jennifer Beech 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, N. Holland (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. Wiggan 1, F. Beech 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, R. A. Partridge 4, C. S. Hone 5, Jennifer Beech 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, N. Holland (cond.) 9, C. J. Evans 10. For Matins.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: 1. Danby 1, J. Gibson 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, C. R. Robinson 4, L. Sherwood 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, the 89th birthday of Henry (Harry) Rodmell and 13th birthday of John Gibson.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 27th, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Sutton 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, R. Hulme 3, L. Cobb 4, M. Stanley 5, M. New 6, A. Peake (cond.) 7, B. Bladon 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Warboys (cond.) 1, K. Westwood 2, F. Bird 3, T. Camp 4, A. Richardson 5. For morning service.

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BIRTH

JACKSON.—To Heather and Bill, a daughter, Clare Nicola, born November 24th, 1968, a sister for Richard and Edward. 6152

IN MEMORIAM

TOMLINSON.—In loving memory of my devoted husband, Norman, who fell asleep December 16th, 1963. Still sadly missed by his wife, Phoebe. 6156

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COLES.—The address of Bryan and Mary Coles is now Lynstead, Vicarage Road, Sidmouth, Devon. Phone: Sidmouth 4635. 6158

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David E. ROTHERA is now living at 176, Ballards Lane, Finchley, N.3. Tel. No.: 01-346 1375 (emergency only). Office Tel. No. unchanged at 01-202 8282, ext. 513 6166

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"Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice; for the Lord will do great things."—Joel ii, 21.

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HENDON, MIDDY.—Practice night, this coming week only, will be on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, not Wednesday, December 18th.

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HOLY TRINITY, ECKINGTON, WORCS.—The bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Dec. 22nd Ringing after service. All welcome. 6177

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Dec. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. 6174

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, Heston, Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 6175

STURRY, KENT.—Will all tower secretaries please note that the bells are now unringable due to the weakened tower structure. A tower restoration fund has been started and any donations, either as money or trading stamps, would be welcomed by the treasurer, Diana Grayling, Bel-Mar, Mill Road, Sturry. 6148

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Issue of December 20th: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 13th.

Issue of December 27th: Last time for Notices, Thursday, December 19th.

MEETINGS

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Nomination Meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane on December 14th. Retiring office—president, Mr. Chant. All nominations to be handed to the secretary in writing, complete with proposer's and seconder's signatures.

Ringing arrangements: Bells available 1500 hours to 2030 hours. Cups of tea will be provided. All ringers and friends welcome. 6134

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Winscombe (8), Dec. 14th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 6149
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Ilton (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing 7-9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 6153

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. —B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 6142

ELY ASSOCIATION—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles', Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis Sec. 6111

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 6145

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Loughborough District.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, December 14th, at 3 p.m. All welcome 6139

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Hoby, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Ringing from 7 p.m.—J. H. Cook, Sec. 6161

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD—Evening meeting at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (10) available 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 6118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral Church of Christ, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Aldate's Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Walker, 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. 6099

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at St. John the Baptist's, Windsor, on December 14th. Bells available at 6 p.m.—J. R. A. Muller, 6124

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan, Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Prytherch, 33, Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest. 6129

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Please note change of times.—Meeting, Henley, December 14th. Ringing commences 3.30, Service 5. Tea 5.15. Ringing after business meeting until 9 o'clock. All wishing for tea please book: Mrs. H. Egglestone, Egges Place, 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Suffolk.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 6087

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Findon (not Washington), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 and tea at Findon Tea House 5.30. As accommodation is limited it will be essential to notify for tea to Div. Sec.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Tidenham (6), Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. A.G.M. Names for tea to M. Walker, 10, Victoria Road, Lydney. 6167

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Dec. 21st, St. Stephen's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss A. Macfarlane, 15, Folly Avenue, St. Albans (Tel. 52111).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 6101

SUFFOLK GUILD—Christmas Social at Victory Hall, Bramford, on Saturday, December 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments, entertainments and lots of fun, all for 5s. (school-children 2s. 6d.). Come and meet your friends.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Church Hall. Names for tea to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (Tel.: 233506), by Saturday, Dec. 21st. 6176

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Saturday, February 1st, 1969

At Church House, Westminster.

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Christmas Greetings

May the happiness of peace and goodwill be in the hearts of all ringers and readers this Christmas and throughout 1969.—The Editor and Staff of "The Ringing World"

Australian and New Zealand Bellringers Association send their best wishes for Christmas and 1969. May the bells of peace resound from all towers.

MARGARET and KENNETH ARTHUR, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, wish all their ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 6117

PHIL and Mrs. AVEY, 28, Windsor Avenue, Clacton (phone: Clacton 21600).—A happy Christmas and a joyous New Year to all. 6162

A. H. BEAMISH (president) and Mrs. BEAMISH, Nuneaton.—Every good wish for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends, particularly those in the Coventry Diocese 6172

The Rev. **PETER N. BOND** sends all good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas to all ringing friends everywhere, especially to fellow Cumberlands 6154

GRACE and KATHARINE BURCHNALL, Sutton-on-Trent, wish all their ringing friends a very happy Christmas and New Year. 6172

ROSE COLES, 41, Holloways Lane, North Mimms.—Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year to all friends. 6150

E. T. PAUL FIELD, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.—Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be. 6185

GEORGE R. FINCH, Marlesford, Suffolk.—Kind greetings and best wishes to all my ringing friends old and new for Christmas and the New Year. 6138

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all members from the Master and all the officers of the Railwaymen's Guild.—J. A. H. 6173

HERBERT W. KNIGHT, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Woking.—All best wishes to all my ringing friends for Christmas and the New Year. 6163

KEN and STELLA KNIGHT, PAULA and ROGER take this opportunity of wishing all ringing friends a very happy Christmas, as they are sending no cards this year. 6187

BRYONY MOORBY and RICHARD DORRINGTON wish all ringing friends (especially those in Surrey and Staffordshire, and all Rambling Ringers) a merry Christmas and many more towers in the New Year. 6168

PETER J. PERRY, on behalf of the Christchurch Society, New Zealand, sends best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey.—To our esteemed Editor and all connected with our paper my best wishes for Christmas and 1969. To all ringers and friends near and far, old or young, my deep appreciation and sincere wishes for the New Year.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD extends best wishes for a happy Christmas and bright New Year to all old and new friends; with good ringing, good health and good fellowship.—15, Morden College, Blackheath, S.E.3. 6186

FRANK and ADA STENSON, Crewe.—To "ALL" our ringing friends "EVERYWHERE": especially Ernest (97) and Mrs. Weatherby (CALIFORNIA); Doctors Harry and Margery Whipple (NEW MEXICO); Canon Ward (100) (COPENHAGEN); Sister Edith Lucas (NEW ZEALAND); Jack and Mary Armstrong, and Company (RHODESIA); Cdr. Mrs. I. E. Stephens (NEWPORT); Joe and Jean Yearsley (VANCOUVER); Nancy, Sheila, Dorothy—not forgetting Mum and M. A. Susie (called Home); "OUR" "RINGING WORLD"—read it well and don't criticise it; the Editor (Tom W. White) and Staff—heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for the new and succeeding years, and God's richest blessing, good health, to enjoy them. 6133

ST. JAMES' GUILD, Silsoe, Beds.—Good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our friends. 6184

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. STOTE and BRIAN would like to wish all their many ringing friends a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. 6169

The **WEATHERBYS** (Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weatherby, P.O. Box 2085, Plumb Hall 16, Alhambra, California 91803).—A small remembrance of old ringers and our best wishes to them for Christmas and the New Year. 6045

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. WEST, Melksham.—Sincere Christmas and New Year's greetings to all members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. 6164

RUSSELL S. YOUNG and the ringers at Groton School, Massachusetts, send their Christmas greetings to all their friends.

A CONTRIBUTION TO "MEIN KAMPFANOLY"

Hurstpierpoint ringers, for their outing on St. Peter's Day, journeyed into Dorset, starting at 7.45 a.m. and reaching home at 11.30 p.m. Towers visited were at Hampreston, Corfe-Mullen, Wool, Wareham and Cranborne.

The non-ringing curate, the Rev. Eric Craig, accompanied the party and he describes the outing in graphic terms.

"The officer commanding the invasion is usually B. J. Harfield, whose rise to power relies upon his connections with the Press. It is he who arranges the printing of all pamphlets, and his book, 'Mein Kampfanoly' will be published . . .

"On the actual day any bystander seeing the gang set off would think that it was a junior Darby and Joan Club off on their annual outing to the seaside, and this image is kept up by stopping every so often on the route to drink coffee or tea. It should be mentioned here that the gang is composed of two types of troops, the stormtroopers who actually carry out the invasions, and decoy troops, who fan out around the scene of the invasion and thereby divert attention all over the place.

"Thus when the battle wagon arrives at a place to be assaulted, the first two or three troops out of the bus are decoys to spy out the land. As soon as they give the all-clear the first wave of stormtroopers runs to the scene of action—always a church tower. They ascend the tower and overpower any guards, and then prepare to fire their first salvo. Firing positions are thus—one foot slightly in front of the other, arms upraised grasping the firing rope, and eyes sometimes fixed on the firing order.

"By now it must be obvious that the invasion is one of bellringers who are actively combating all noise abatement societies and the Lord's Day Observance Society."

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual general meeting of the N. and N.W. Branch, held at Shebbear, was a great success, about 50 ringers attending from various parts of Devon and Cornwall. Ringing started at 3 p.m. with various methods, call changes and rounds. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Robins), who preached, and a collection was taken for the bell restoration fund.

At the meeting after tea two certificates were presented by the president (Preb. J. H. B. Andrews) to two young ringers from Westleigh. All the Branch officers were re-elected and thanks were expressed to the Vicar, those who supplied tea and the organist.

Evening ringing was at Sheepwash. R.P.

A PROBLEM SOLVED

The captain sat by the belfry door.
He had almost given up hope;
Twenty minutes, no less, he'd been waiting
there,
His hand on the tenor rope.

Then over the brow of the distant hill
Appeared a familiar car.
It belonged to one of his erring band,
And the captain knew he'd come far.

The car arrived, and the driver got out,
"Sorry I'm late," he said.
Then, "Are you alone—is no one about?
Has everyone stayed in their bed?"

"That's it," said the captain, "and I'm
going home,
It's twenty to ten, and I'm through.
Would you be so kind as to give me a lift?"
The ringer said, "Yes—as it's you."

The captain took note of that final remark,
And thought, as they drove down the hill,
"I know very well why he said 'As it's
you'—
So the feeling lies in him still."

Not far from the village lay a bustling town
With five churches and bells of its own.
The bells, there were eight, belonged to St.
John's,

A building of twelfth century stone.

The six in the village had been regularly
rung.
And so had the eight in the town.
One band for both had been quite all right,
And the bells were a well-known sound.

But all was disrupted—a quarrel arose;
The big band was split into two.
The villagers no longer rang at St. John's,
And their own bells no longer rang true.

Without support by the ringers from town,
The band in the village grew small.
While the rest at St. John's could only raise
five,

But more often raise none at all.

In thinking this over, the captain grew wise,
He said to his driver, "Turn right,
We must get the rest of our band out of
bed—

They must have been drinking last night."

That morning at ten, he had six from their
beds,

Himself and his friend making eight.
He said, "We are needed to ring at St.
John's,

Hurry, or we shall be late."

Mass at St. John's was then at eleven,
They rang from a quarter past ten.
The quarrel was ended, ill feeling gone by,
And twelve ringers friendly again.

So all that was needed was a little less pride,
And concern for the matter in hand.
Bells can be heard there both morning and
night,

Rung well by a steadfast band.

BY ONE OF THE BAND.

OBITUARY

CAPT. A. POYNTZ

We regret to report the death on December 1st of Capt. Alban Poyntz, D.S.C., R.I.N. (retd.), of Riverside, Shaldon, South Devon, after a long illness borne with great fortitude. He was 82.

Captain Poyntz was still captain of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, at the time of his death, and was a former Master of the Reading Branch and deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

He had a distinguished naval career and had rounded Cape Horn in sail in his young days. He saw active service in both world wars.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of the Vicar of Bowdon and the tower captain, Mr. Alan J. Brown, I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major at Bowdon on Saturday, January 4th, 1969. Ringing will commence at 8 a.m.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

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MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, Great Amwell (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Broxbourne (8), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. Regret tea under own arrangements.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 6190

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Cambridge Surprise Major practice, North Wingfield, Wednesday, Dec. 18th, 7.30 p.m.—M. P. Phipps. 6189

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Neston, Dec. 21st, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 6191

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Trysull, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, Dec. 21st, Bells (6) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. latest. (Visitors are requested to park cars at The Bell.) All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6180

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, Dec. 21st, Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 5.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Peter D. Hepburn, 33a, Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please. 6179

QUARTER PEALS

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Y. Mansfield 1, R. W. Yates (first Major) 2, R. A. Vickers 3, W. Denny 4, W. F. Eyden 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland 7, F. Vickers (cond.) 8.

ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Anne Duffell (first Major) 1, F. Whiby 2, C. Moore 3, E. Elliott 4, M. Creed (first in method and of Major) 5, J. Smith 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, R. Walker 8, For Evensong.

GOTHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. Edwards 1, A. Newell 2, S. Adams 3, T. Kirkman 4, D. Oliver (cond.) 5.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, A. Warren 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, B. Watson 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Pauline Gearing, a loyal Hendon ringer, who died on November 20th.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Gazeley (first on eight) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Sue Taylor (first "inside") 3, Dorothea Robotham 4, Liz Pearce (first Grand-sire Triples) 5, Ruth Foreman 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, A. Warren 8. For Parish Communion on Christian Stewardship Sunday.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Powell 1, Ann Sisley 2, M. Mothershaw 3, M. Gee 4, R. E. Morris (first as cond.) 5, G. Mothershaw 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor. Rung for Confirmation service.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,272 St. Clement's Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, T. Wright 2, W. Avery 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, C. Meakes (first "inside" in method) 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. Rung for Evensong and to celebrate St. Clement's Day. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bailey (first Minor) 1, S. Smith 2, C. Hagger 3, C. Meakes 4, T. Wright 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to Canon C. E. Wigg at the time of his induction at St. Peter's, Hook Norton, Oxon.

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, R. Chambers 2, F. O. Hunt 3, E. W. Pye 4, E. Cracknell 5, C. Curtis 6, C. Poulson 7, W. Pye (cond.) 8. For evening service.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Nov. 13th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: Margaret Aslett 1, D. Roaf 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, R. Jolly (first on ten) 5, R. Turner (cond.) 6, M. Scowen 7, H. Rossell 8, A. Bolton 9, J. Roper 10. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: F. English 1, H. Rossell (cond.) 2, M. Lawrence 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, R. Turner 5, G. Heyes 6, M. Scowen 7, Margaret Aslett 8. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Helen Henderson 3, D. Heyes 4, G. Heyes 5, A. Bolton 6, P. Gray (cond.) 7, J. Roper 8.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Annette Fry (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortwright 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Driver 1, T. G. Boast 2, J. Mowle 3, A. Cook 4, O. P. Claxton 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. A compliment to Albert G. Harrison on completion of 25 years as vergier at Diss Parish Church.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss E. Simons (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Russell (first quarter) 2, R. Towler 3, T. Russell (first quarter) 4, W. Merritt (first as cond.) 5, M. Jones (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Rev. D. C. Puleston, Vicar of this parish for 12½ years.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. Tranter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, Miss A. Pullen 3, Miss A. Rowland 4, A. Weall 5, D. Heath (first as cond.) 6, W. Poolman 7, G. Beadle 8.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss V. Pursey (first Triples) 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, I. Whorlow 4, Miss J. Whorlow 5, G. Firman 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, R. Holebrook 8. For Evensong.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Young 1, W. Perrins 2, D. Wilson 3, N. Skelton 4, R. N. Marlow 5, R. Jones 6, W. E. Cheater 7, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Wheeler 1, T. P. Harris 2, Susan Cadin 3, M. F. Mitchell 4, P. A. Keene (first as cond.) 5, D. T. Andrews (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Chambers, secretary of the P.C.C., to Mr. James Russell.

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QUARTER PEALS

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. Webb (first on a working bell) 1, J. R. Sach 2, P. C. Hassan 3, C. J. Pickford 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, P. K. Twinberrow (first attempt, aged 12) 6. Rung for Evensong by two local ringers and four boys from The King's School, Worcester.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Nov. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: P. Gagen 1, W. W. Cousins 2, D. Gagen 3, R. Newton 4, J. Fox 5, L. W. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the 20th birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's Church, Foster Lane, on Nov. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Audrey R. Alexander (cond.) 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, J. P. Hill (first Surprise Minor) 3, J. V. P. Lochner 4, R. C. Woodward 5, P. Bosworth 6. By U.L.S.C.R. for morning service.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey R. Alexander 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, R. D. Mills 3, D. A. R. May 4, P. G. Holden 5, P. Bosworth 6, T. G. Pett (cono.) 7, R. D. Bailey 8. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. prior to the induction of the new Rector, Rev. L. E. M. Claxton.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Morning Star Treble Bob Minor: A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Rung before Sung Eucharist for the dedication festival.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Beech 1, P. Evans 2, J. Beech 3, H. White 4, W. Tyler 5, N. Holland 6, R. Newton 7, E. Willcox (first Surprise Major as cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Morris, of Hodnet.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss H. Carter 2, N. Jackson (first "inside") 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, N. Humphries 5, K. Williamson 6. Rung to welcome Ven. E. E. Marples Earle, M.A., Archdeacon of Tonbridge, a former Vicar of Rainham.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Minor (two methods, tenor covering): Miss V. Nash 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, F. May 3, A. House 4, T. Sharpe 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6, W. Ward 7. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss V. Nash 1, J. Warboys 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, J. Laker 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Valerie Nash (first Major) 1, W. Ward 2, Penny Halliwell 3, F. May 4, M. Carter 5, J. Worboys 6, T. Sharp 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kenward 1, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 2, P. R. Chidwick 3, C. D. Linnington 4, A. D. Macfadyen 5, B. Baker 6, L. Crouch 7, G. Philpott 8. Rung half-muffled after the memorial service to H.R.H. Princess Marina.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Anne Barber 1, J. Hemsley 2, B. Johnson (first as cond.) 3, R. Lebon 4, H. Deacon 5, A. Berry 6, B. Butler 7, R. Weeks 8. First Kent T.B. Major 2, 4, 5, 7, 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thomas 1, Jane Hough 2, Marion Kemp 3, Jane Osenton 4, O. Webster 5, J. Hemsley (cond.) 6. Rung with the compliments of the band to Diana Ray and Lewis Wood on their wedding day.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. I. Brown (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. I. A. Abrahams (cond.) 2, H. Rumens 3, E. H. J. Russell 4, R. N. Marlow 5, J. E. Dowdeswell (first quarter) 6.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Ball 1, V. I. Blackaby 2, A. F. Birch 3, V. E. T. Holland 4, D. R. Starkey (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 17th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: D. M. Boniface 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. S. Bishop 5, P. N. Felton 6, K. J. Rider 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10, H. W. Rogers 11, C. T. Richards 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods): M. R. Arscott 1, A. H. Reed 2, J. Cornelius 3, M. A. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Oakshott 1, P. J. Munday (cond.) 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, T. Skilton 4, R. D. Mills 5, A. Flood 6.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): W. Savill 1, Molly Lodge 2, Pat Saunkey 3, D. J. Debenham (cond.) 4, D. Lodge 5, J. Stacey 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Pat Saunkey and to congratulate her on her engagement.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARCS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: S. K. Thompson 1, R. A. Yeates 2, Susan M. Heyworth 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, Shirley E. Jones 5, R. H. Johnston 6, J. P. Coad 7, S. F. Royal (cond.) 8, J. R. Pratt 9, L. J. Haines 10.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): A. K. Whatmore 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. R. L. Lewis, on the 30th anniversary of his first celebration of the Holy Communion.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. G. Sears (first Minor) 1, D. Harris 2, D. Digby (first Surprise) 3, Miss G. M. James 4, P. Owen (first Surprise) 5, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the birth of a second son (William James) to Alan and Marion Sears.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,320 P.B. Doubles: W. J. Stubbington 1, Janet Yeates (first of Doubles "inside") 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. L. Ventham 6.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 16th, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Royal: Susan M. Heyworth 1, Caroline Mackie 2, L. J. Haines (cond. Royal) 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, S. K. Thompson 5, P. H. Mackie 6, J. P. Coad 7, A. P. Foster 8, J. R. Pratt (cond. Caters) 9, S. F. Royal 10.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Adams 1, C. A. Tester (cond.) 2, J. A. Lambert 3, G. Cook 4, D. Skinner 5, O. D. Tester 6. First quarter for all except 2 and 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Boorman (first quarter) 1, C. A. Tester (cond.) 2, J. A. Lambert 3, G. Cook 4, D. Skinner 5, R. Adams 6. Half-muffled for Evensong.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: R. Myhill 1, M. Cosgrove 2, J. Taylor 3, J. Wardle 4, J. Igglesden 5, R. Waterhouse 6, R. Lee (cond.) 7, P. Townsend 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, Jacqueline Allen 2, W. A. Hughes 3, P. R. Butler 4, S. Gay 5, M. Gay 6. First Treble Bob "inside" for 2 and 4.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Chambers 1, Helen J. Wright (first Major "inside") 2, J. A. Lord 3, D. Waldram 4, C. Lord 5, J. Hawtin 6, J. Rawson 7, R. Benniston (cond.) 8. For Choir Sunday.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, Julie Armstrong 2, M. Bangham 3, Caroline Madge 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Bangham 6, A. Bagworth 7, D. Budd 8. A farewell to Mr. S. White, vergier and parish clerk, on his departure to Chelmsford Cathedral.

WITHERCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Barr (first in method) 1, D. A. Wills 2, H. L. Crisp 3, F. W. Williams 4, G. T. West 5, M. S. Turner 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Antwis (first quarter) 1, R. Birch 2, Pamela Court 3, J. Hemsley 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. For Evensong.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Howell 1, Mrs. E. Jordan 2, Miss M. Gerrard 3, Miss C. J. Turner 4, D. Jordan 5, R. G. Howell 6, M. G. Turner (cond.) 7, H. Howell 8. For morning service; also birthday compliments to ringers of 7 and 8.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. W. Miller 1, C. W. Pipe 2, M. R. Page 3, L. E. Last 4, E. W. Pye 5, H. W. M. Leather 6, W. Pye 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. A welcome home to Rev. W. H. Donner, Rector, who had a nasty tumble from his horse in the Deben Ride. His hospitality was much appreciated.

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