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Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lincoln

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OUR COVER PICTURE

The Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lincoln

By G. PAUL, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of the Company of Ringers

"THE finest building in the whole world," so said Cobbett in his book "Rural Rides", and whilst perhaps the superlative may be a matter of opinion, it is beyond dispute that it is indeed one of the finest buildings, and there can be few views which compare with that of the triple-towered cathedral raised on the hill overlooking the city and the great county of Lincoln.

At the present time the bells hung in the three towers of the cathedral are as follows:—

Central Tower.—Great Tom (cast in 1834, 5 tons 8 cwt.). This is the hour bell; it is hung dead but it can be tolled by swinging the clapper. It is tolled before service on the major festivals, when the Assize judges attend service and as a passing bell for persons connected with the cathedral. Together with Great Tom are four quarter bells.

North West Tower.—In this tower are two service bells which were the 7th and tenor of the old ring of eight (tenor 16½ cwt.) from the other western tower. These two bells are hung dead, but they can be chimed from the ground floor by the vergers for the weekday services and for the curfew each evening at 8 p.m.

South West or St. Hugh's Tower.—This tower contains the fine ring of 12 (tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D). In 1913 the old eight, except the 7th and tenor, were recast by J. Taylor and Co., making what is now the back eight of the 12. In 1928 four trebles were added; these were given by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild as a memorial to those ringers in the county who gave their lives in the Great War. At this time the tower was completely restored, the bells were lowered 30 feet

in the tower so that they are now supported on a reinforced concrete structure within the old stonework, the lower louvres were closed and the tower ceiling replaced by a lantern roof, thus the sound level is acceptable close by, with the added merit that the bells can be heard far afield. In 1948, as a memorial to Rupert Richardson, a past Master of the Lincoln Guild, a semitone bell was added to give a ring of eight with a tenor of 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

In 1929 the late Mr. J. A. Freeman was elected Master of the Cathedral Company of Ringers, which office he held until his death in 1961. During the years of his Mastership a steady progress was made in the standard of ringing at the Cathedral so that shortly after his death the company was able to ring a peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus. We of the present day owe much to the fine example of service set by Mr. Freeman, and it is a lasting tribute to his work that a 12-bell band is still maintained for ringing on Sundays.

Much more could be written of the early history of the bells at Lincoln and of the Company of Ringers, but this information is readily available to those who seek it. It is sufficient to remark that today the Company of Ringers of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln, founded in 1614, is thriving with several young persons in the membership and that, as is proper for a living Society, three years ago, under Dean Peck, the old rules were revised to be more in keeping with modern times. It is fitting that this revision of the rules should have taken place whilst Mr. J. Walden is the Master, for thus a link is forged with earlier times: while Mr. Freeman was the Master Mr. Walden was the secretary; but Mr. Walden's membership of the Company spans over 50 years—a great achievement.

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BIGGLESWADE ALL UNDER CONTROL

The March meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Sandy (6) and Great Burford (5). A very informal attitude marked the day with tea and meeting in the local Youth Club.

The District secretary, Mr. K. Fleming, said his task was now one of comparative ease, now that the towers for the year were planned and the respective people organising teas were arranged well in advance. Mr. P. Mehew was asked by the District to purchase a length of ash—enough to make three spare stays in case of mishaps at District meetings or practices.

The District practices are, after taking up a new format, progressing extremely well, and the hard work of Mr. A. S. Smith and helpers is now beginning to come to light.

L. E.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ARRANGEMENTS FOR C.C. VISIT TO A.G.M.

Mr. WALTER AYRE TO BE HOST PRESIDENT

An atmosphere of great expectation prevailed at the annual meeting of the Herts County Association held at Hemel Hempstead on April 12th, in view of the forthcoming visit of the Central Council. For two years the Association has been collecting funds to meet the cost of the visit. The splendid total of £248 has been collected and commitments to date are approximately £200.

For the occasion Mr. Walter Ayre, the senior member of the Central Council, was elected President. He has held this office before—in 1935. Walter has passed through a bout of serious illness and although far from fit and feeble of voice he told the meeting: "I have to go steady but I am going to look in at as many meetings as I can get to."

The morning and afternoon were devoted to ringing en route to Hemel Hempstead. A meeting of the committee was followed by a service, conducted by a ringing parson, the Rev. Malcolm L. Lester, who is priest-in-charge of Highfield. A feature of the service was the handbell ringing of a touch of Seven Surprise Major by Mrs. S. Kathleen M. Baldwin, John R. Mayne (conductor), Gerald Penney and Roger Baldwin. Later at the meeting Mr. Tony Kench expressed the members' appreciation of the performance. "It should be noted," he said, "that in Hertfordshire we have the finest handbell ringers in the world, and it was a first-rate example not only of high technical skill but in the standard of striking."

Mr. John R. Mayne acknowledged the compliment and added: "This Association has had a tradition for handbell ringing which is incomparable from the days of Mr. Harold Cashmore."

Tea was provided for a company of 162 in St. Mary's Church Hall by Mrs. Sheppard and her helpers, and then followed the meeting with the president, Dr. D. L. Gullick, in the chair, supported by the general secretary, Mr. A. Rex Agg, and the hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Collings.

The president, on behalf of the Western District, gave a cordial welcome to the Association and guests and had a warm "thank you" to officers and members for their kindness to him during the year. "In ten or 15 minutes' time," he said, "I shall be consigned to that limbo. Before that I should like to thank the officers, both Central and District, who have made this year so memorable to me and have given me a 'plushy' ride."

LOSS BY DEATH

The list of those who had died during the year was referred to at the service and again at the meeting. They were Messrs. S. F. Carter (Little Mundesley), A. W. Coles (unattached), C. Cook (Bushey Heath), G. Ditton (Hertford), R. T. Newman (Baldoak) and M. D. Trigg (Hitchin).

A significant paragraph in the report was: "Looking to the future we have expressed our concern at the possible effects of the diocesan reorganisation and the closure of some churches with rings of bells. A closer liaison with the Diocesan Advisory Committee is being sought in an attempt to gain early intimation of such proposals, and to enable the Association to have a voice in any cases which arise."

Mr. John R. Mayne asked if the officers had any idea of the closures contemplated.

The secretary replied that the diocese brought out a report, of which he obtained a copy. This indicated that in the next five or ten years a reduction in the number of churches would take place, and it seemed to him wise to have the machinery available to obtain as early warning as they could so as to prevent the bells from being scrapped.

MOST PEALS EVER

The year 1968 was one of records regarding peals, stated Mr. G. Penney, the peal secretary. For the first time in its history the Association was able to record 142 peals compared with 73 in 1967, 90 in 1966 and 133 in 1964. Conductors numbered 43 (30 in 1967) and first pealers 21 (16); first peal as conductor 8 (5).

The highlights of the year's peals were all rung on handbells, being 17,824 Kent T.B. Major, 10,784 Oxford T.B. Major and 26-, 28- and 30-Spliced Surprise Major. There were 15 methods rung for the first time on handbells for the Association, and Glasgow and Nettleden Surprise Major—the first ever rung. Leading peal ringers were G. Penney (46), J. A. Fellows (42), B. J. Woodruffe (36), and leading conductors: B. J. Woodruffe (22), J. R. Mayne (21) and W. Ayre (18). The thanks of the Association were due to Mrs. J. Dodds for writing the peal book, to Mrs. O. M. Johnson for maintaining the composition register and Mr. H. G. Cashmore for proving the compositions.

Problems arising from the tardy reporting of peals were ventilated by the peal secretary, and with a view to lightening his work a resolution to amend Rule 10 (relating to peals) was presented by Mr. Penney, with the unanimous support of the committee. The two main points were that peals were to be reported within a month of being rung with notice of belfry election of new members and a fee of 6d. per member taking part. The conductor would be responsible for the payment of the subscription.

Mr. Penney said about 80 per cent. of the conductors did conform to the rules. Of the 197 people who rang peals, 125 were resident and 67 non-resident. He still had five names, in connection with which he had been unable to trace membership. An example of flagrant delay quoted was a peal rung in March of which he was not told about until December 12th. He managed to get details by the end of December and the peal was finally published in "The Ringing World" on February 7th.

Mr. Penney also called attention to the importance of sending compositions with peals. To give the number from the Central Council Collection was not sufficient.

Mr. G. Dodds seconded the amendment.

In answer to a question by Mr. Kench, Mr. Walter Ayre said if a true peal was rung it was bound to be accepted by the Central Council. If it was not accepted by their Association it would be recorded as "non-Association".

There was opposition. Mr. Keith J. Walpole pointed out the danger of a peal being lost in the post and Mr. Andrew Wilby thought the time limit should be three months.

The debate was skilfully managed by the chairman and the two amendments to the rules were carried by substantial majorities.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Walter Ayre was elected president on the proposition of Mr. Penney, who said that within the next two months the Central Council would be visiting Hertfordshire and it was fitting that they should have the oldest serving member of the Council as their president.

Mr. B. M. Barker seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Ayre was then installed by the retiring president with the chain of office, and in reply, said: "I cannot express myself sufficiently for the honour you have done me. I have wanted the Central Council to come to this Association for more years than I can think of."

Mr. A. R. Agg was elected secretary for the tenth successive year. But he accepted the office with a proviso: "Ten years in office is sufficient time for any general secretary," he said. "It is not good for me or for the Association, and it is good for a new broom to come and stir things up."

The assistant secretary, Mrs. M. A. Coburn, also went back with a limitation of time. "I would like to make this my last year of office because of other commitments," she said.

Others elected were: Treasurer, Mr. H. Collings; peal secretary, Mr. G. Penney; librarian, Miss J. Dodds; hon. auditors, Messrs. Mercer and Hole.

PROGRAMME FOR C.C.

Presenting the Central Council sub-committee report, Mr. Agg said on Saturday, May 24th, there would be two tours—north and south; Sunday: service ringing in conjunction with local bands and a visit to Hatfield House; Monday: three tours (west, east and ground floor only) and coach tour (five towers).

Tuesday: Holy Communion, 7.30, at the Abbey, preceded by ringing by a selected band at 7 a.m.; breakfast 8.15, Abbey Institute; Council meeting, 9.45. City Hall; civic reception, 5.30, Town Hall; social evening, 8 p.m., Town Hall.

Headquarters: The Peahen. The Abbey Room has been booked for office use by general secretary and Council secretary over the week-end and for the Standing Committee at 6.30 p.m. on Monday. The Assembly Room will be a lounge for members and friends on Monday evening. A bookstall will be set up at H.Q. hotel.

The Carter ringing machine and, it is hoped, the Woodhouse ringing machine will be demonstrated in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall on Monday afternoon and evening and on Tuesday evening.

The official opening will be attended by the Bishop of St. Albans and the Mayor-elect. Ringing arrangements will be published in "The Ringing World" except those for Whit Monday. At the request of the C.C. the Monday programme will not be advertised but will be made available to representatives via the booklet (circulated to members before they travel) and to Association members via tower secretaries.

There will be 300 seats available on the balcony of the Civic Hall for the Council meeting.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

WASHINGTON GIRLS WEEK-END BY ROAD & AIR

In England it is quite possible to ring at three different towers inside of an hour, travelling by foot. On Monday morning, March 31st, a band of five members of the Whitechapel Guild set out with their Master to ring at three American towers, a journey which required three days, 340 miles of driving and almost 800 miles of air travel.

After a rough flight from Washington to Hartford, Conn, Ashton Applewhite, Marjorie Batchelor, Janis Hensley and Rick Dirksen were met by the two senior members of the Guild, Martha Windrem and Judy Andrews, who had flown to Hartford from Judy's home in Cleveland, Ohio. Renting a car in Hartford, the band drove up to Smith College for a ring on the new Whitechapel eight.

We arrived at Smith about 1.15 p.m. and were met by Mr. Russell Carpenter, secretary of the College, who is in charge of ringing. After a quick lunch we went over to the tower, where we proceeded to ring touches of Bob and Double Court Minor, half-muffled in observance of the National Day of Mourning for General Eisenhower.

TRAINING SESSION AT SMITH COLLEGE

The remainder of the afternoon and a two-hour session in the evening were devoted to working with the Smith band, who have just learned to hunt on five bells. With the assistance of our girls, six of their number were taken through courses of Bob Minor on treble and Grandsire Doubles, in which two of their number rang "inside" to the plain course and the rest rang treble to an extent. Grandsire Triples was also rung with the help of Alan Durfee, an experienced American ringer in the vicinity, on vacation from college, and several of the band were given practice in covering 7-bell ringing. Finally there were call-changes on eight. Changes were called at the rate of one per whole pull until the bells were thoroughly mixed, then one of the Smith ringers would be asked to identify the striking order and call the bells back to rounds—a most valuable exercise in ropesight.

To say that we were amazed at the progress made by the Smith band on their own since Bill Theobald left would be an understatement. They adjusted very rapidly to our experiments on six and eight bells and displayed a wonderful enthusiasm for the exercise. It is a pleasure to be able to report that the makings of a very solid band are present, and we hope that our visit helped to give them a little more self-confidence—a thing which is sorely needed in any young band struggling to break through the plain hunt barrier.

Returning to Springfield, Mass, about 11 p.m., we spent a very comfortable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Earl, relatives of Janis Hensley, and the next morning we set out for Kent, Conn, a drive of about two hours on back roads through the magnificent Appalachian Mountains of Western Connecticut.

At Kent we were met by Eric Roberts and Geoff Davies, two English ringing friends of ours, who drove up to Kent to ring with us. After a brief practice session we adjourned to the mountains for a picnic lunch, since the school had requested a quiet period between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m.

QUARTERS WERE ELUSIVE

Returning to the tower at 3 p.m. we set out to ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. Unfortunately, however, our several attempts came to grief, owing mainly to our lack of familiarity with the bells and the handling problems caused by the very long rope draught. By about 4 p.m. we decided to abandon the attempt for Triples, and a band of six was selected to go for a quarter of Bob Minor. Fifty-four minutes and 1,260 hard-fought changes later the bells came into rounds and were set up. But subsequent discussion revealed that the calling was false and that the effort could not be considered a quarter peal. A last effort was then made for a quarter of Doubles in three methods on the heavy six, but this also went wrong about half-way.

And so, about 6 p.m., a weary and disgruntled lot rang the bells down and retired to the Alumni House for refreshment and a little handbell ringing. We were, of course, saddened by our failure to get a true quarter peal after two days of ringing, but realised that the problem was in large part due to our lack of practice on the bells and agreed that our efforts had been far from fruitless.

Eric and Geoff left about 6.30 for home, and after a fine steak dinner which we prepared in the kitchen of the Alumni House, the balance of the evening was spent playing chess and cards, and having a balloon fight with weapons so thoughtfully provided by Miss Applewhite. We retired about 11.30 p.m. to the rooms arranged for us by Mr. Howard.

SUCCESS AT GROTON

At 6 a.m. we left Kent in a misty rain for Groton, Mass, arriving there shortly before 11 a.m. after a trip marked by an inspired game of "Ghost". There we were met by Russell Young and two of his ringers, Alan McDonald and Peter Chandler, and also Emily Paine, a former member of the Guild who is now living in Lincoln, Mass.

After ringing several touches on eight and ten bells, an excellent quarter of Bob Triples was called by Pete Chandler. Following that, attempts at Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor went awry, but the smoothness of the bells and striking were reward in themselves, and we left Groton at 3 p.m., a tired but happy group.

The trip home was distinguished by getting lost in Boston rush-hour traffic (a fate somewhat worse than death) and a plane which was an hour late. But the flight was smooth and we arrived back in Washington at about 8.15 p.m.

To conclude, we would like to extend our thanks to all those who helped make this trip possible: to Russ Carpenter and the Smith ringers for their warm welcome and friendship; to Mr. and Mrs. Earl for their kindness in taking care of us on Monday evening; to Mr. Howard, Father Beaven and the charming Viennese laundress, Mrs. Maura, who made our visit to Kent a pleasure; to Mr. Young and his boys at Groton for returning early from vacation to welcome us; and most especially to Mr. Curran and Mr. Bayless of the Cathedral, without whose support and encouragement such an adventure could never have come round.
R. S. D.

THE RHODESIAN GUILD A.G.M.

Sixteen members were present at the A.G.M. of the Rhodesian Guild of Ringers held at Salisbury on March 23rd. These included Mr. Jon Chamberlain, from Malawi. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earle and their daughter, Pauline, from Que Que (140 miles away), and Mrs. Val Grossmith, from Unvulves.

The meeting was preceded by a luncheon attended by the Bishop of Mashonaland (joint president) and Mrs. Burroughs. There was some good ringing that day, reports the hon. secretary (Mr. Kenneth S. Cross), with their first try of Bob Triples, under the watchful eye of Jon Chamberlain. Touches of Bob Doubles were also rung. It was a pleasure to hear the ten bells ringing in rounds as it was not often that there were sufficient ringers present.

The Master (Mr. H. D. Earle) presented his report, which stated that 13 members, including seven from Salisbury, were present at the half-yearly meeting on December 1st at Que Que. Some good ringing was achieved in various 4-bell methods other than the usual Bob Minimus.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was successfully rung at Salisbury on March 27th, conducted by Geoff Armitage. On two occasions the Que Que band attempted a quarter peal of six methods which they ring regularly, but on each occasion they failed after about 1,000 changes. Although the Salisbury band has only increased by one permanent member during the year the ringing has improved considerably. Quite a bit of practice has been devoted to ringing Bob Doubles and the progress has been

very pleasing indeed. It was pleasing to see ringers arrive from various parts of the country (even one from Blantyre) for the enthronement of Bishop Burroughs. The vigorous way the bells were rung made the Bishop really welcome. Two of the Salisbury ringers have recently organised a handbell class at Mabelreign.

No recruits have been added to the Que Que band during the year; however, ringing has continued and its quality improved. Practice periods have been utilised in trying new methods, resulting in Plain, Reverse and Double Bob, Plain, Reverse and Double Court methods being rung quite proficiently, also to familiarise the band with the effects of a bob call.

A number of visitors joined in ringing during the year, the notable ones being Geoff Armitage from England, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett from Zambia, Mr. and Mrs. Bumphries from Uganda, Mr. Cousins from Kenya and Mr. Cathrall from Wales.

"My wife and I had a very enjoyable holiday in England last summer, and quite a number of evenings were occupied visiting towers. The hospitality and attention shown to us was really inspiring, and I would recommend any who may be visiting England to make themselves known at the first convenient tower; the remainder of their stay will then, I'm sure, be profitable as well as adding to the enjoyment of their visit. While in England we attended the A.G.M. of the Durham and Newcastle Guild and were honoured with having life membership of the Guild bestowed upon us."
H. O. E.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

AGENDA FOR St. ALBANS MEETING

The first session of the 27th Council (72nd annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 27th, 1969, in the City Hall, St. Albans, at 9.45 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.30 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 1.45 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Application to affiliate to the Council:—
University of Manchester Guild of Change Ringers.

Welcome to new members by the President.

1. To declare the election of the officers for 1969-1972, the following being the only nominees:—

President: Mr. J. Freeman.

Proposed by Mrs. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow.

Vice-President: Mr. E. A. Barnett.

Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mrs. D. J. King.

Honorary Librarian: Mr. F. Sharpe.

Proposed by Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. V. Bottomley.

Proposed by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman.

2. Election of Life Member:—

Mr. E. C. Shepherd.

Proposed by Mr. G. W. Pipe, seconded by Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

3. Election of Honorary Members:—

Mrs. V. Bottomley and Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pistow, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stillwell, P. L. Taylor, F. E. Haynes and J. L. Garner-Hayward retire and are eligible for re-election. There are two vacancies. (There will be three vacancies if Mr. E. C. Shepherd is elected a Life Member.)

4. Election of Honorary Auditors:—

Messrs. H. N. Pistow and D. Hughes retire and are eligible for re-election if they are still members of the Council.

5. Loss of members through death.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting.

7. Report of the Honorary Secretary.

8. Report of the Honorary Librarian.

9. Presentation of 1968 Accounts.

10. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

MOTIONS

11. (a) That the Council consider separately the parts A, B, C, D and E of the Joint Committee's recommendations for the revision of decisions relating to Methods and Calls, and that they be adopted as the new decisions of the Council, in substitution for the corresponding parts of the present decisions.

Proposed by F. T. Blagrove, seconded by D. E. Sibson.

- (b) That the Council consider separately the parts A, B, C, D, E and F of the Joint Committee's recommendations for the revision of decisions relating to Peal Ringing, and that they be adopted as the new decisions of the Council, in substitution for the corresponding parts of the present decisions.

Proposed by F. T. Blagrove, seconded by D. E. Sibson.

- (c) This Council instructs the Standing Committee to examine the constitution of the Council and to make recommendations with a view to ensuring that the business of the Council, particularly at its annual meeting, is completed in a satisfactory manner.

Proposed by D. A. R. May, seconded by W. H. Viggers.

- (d) That a booklet containing a glossary of technical ringing terms be compiled to supersede that previously published, circa 1902. The main purpose of such a glossary to make definite recommendations as to the usage of specific terms as used in the details published of compositions, and that such recommendations be included in the Central Council Handbook to ensure that they be adhered to in all future publications and by private individuals submitting copy to "The Ringing World".

Proposed by C. F. Mew, seconded by G. W. Shanks.

12. (a) To receive, discuss and if thought fit, to adopt the report of the Standing Committee and to pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of that report.

- (b) To receive, discuss and if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following Committees:—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports:

To reappoint the Committees or alter their constitution as may be considered desirable:

In all cases the members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council:

- (i) Peals Collection.

Messrs. W. E. Critchley, R. F. B. Speed and G. E. Feirn.

- (ii) Biographies.

Messrs. T. J. Lock and W. H. Viggers.

- (iii) Literature and Press.

Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.

- (iv) Overseas Ringing.

Messrs. A. V. Sheppard and G. W. Pipe.

- (v) Sunday Service and Education.

Messrs. N. Chaddock, W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe, Miss M. R. Cross, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Mr. C. M. Smith.

- (vi) Peals Analysis.

Mr. W. Ayre, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. H. L. Roper.

- (vii) "The Ringing World".

Mr. R. S. Anderson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. W. G. Wilson, D. A. Bayles and R. F. B. Speed.

- (viii) Records.

Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, J. A. Ainsworth, G. Dodds, J. R. Mayne, D. E. Sibson, C. M. Smith and C. A. Wratten.

- (ix) Towers and Belfries.

Messrs. F. Sharpe, B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost, H. J. Sanger, T. M. Roderick, B. D. Threlfall and Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

- (x) Broadcasting and Television.

Messrs. H. N. Pistow, D. A. Bayles, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, H. J. Sanger, R. S. Wilson, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow and Mrs. D. J. King.

- (xi) Methods.

Messrs. C. K. Lewis, F. T. Blagrove and S. J. Ivin.

- (c) To elect the Standing Committee.

The ex-officio members are the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Librarian, past holders of the offices of President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian and the Honorary Auditors and Conveners of Committees.

The elected members who retire, and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council, are:—

Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. Bray, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, W. F. Moreton, H. J. Sanger, J. F. Smallwood, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson. There is one vacancy.

13. To determine the date of the 1970 meeting at Ilkley ("Headquarters" has been provisionally reserved for May 23rd-26th).

14. To determine the place of the 1971 meeting.

15. Any other business.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Honorary Secretary.

45, Westcroft Lane,
Northwram, Halifax.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Basil E. Potts, of 21, Alvan Street, Mount Lawley, Western Australia, 6050, appeals for English stamps as he is something of a collector. He does not like the Post Office mass franking being substituted for real stamps.

Mr. E. Jenkins has been discharged from hospital and has returned to "The Hovel". Physical limitations are imposed for several months. He wishes to express his deep gratitude for the many extremely kind letters sent to him and hopes to reply.

It is suggested that the Kimpton cup ringing competition should be revived next year and rung in conjunction with the Kimpton May festival. Mr. J. G. Cull would welcome comments. Although there is no ringing competition on May 3rd and 4th (see advertisement), any team burning to "have a go" could enter for the tug-o-war.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION—contd.

1,000-PEALERS CONGRATULATED

Mr. R. E. Hardy extended the congratulations of the Association to the two members who had rung 1,000 peals—Mr. Tom Lock and Mr. John R. Mayne.

Mr. Lock said it was an ambition that one set oneself. He was very proud that he had a three-figure total for the Hertford County Association.

The president added his congratulations and mentioned the brilliant list of peals of John Mayne.

The secretary announced that the committee proposed to bring up to date the booklet "Ringing in Hertfordshire" which was published in 1953, being a series of articles that appeared in "The Ringing World".

Mr. Gerald Penney, Master of St. Albans Abbey, said every three years a diocesan festival was held at the Abbey. There would be ringing on three days, from 2 to 8 p.m.: Tuesday, June 24th; Thursday, 26th; and Thursday, July 3rd. The St. Albans Cathedral Society extended an invitation, and would those coming either individually or as bands let him know.

The votes of thanks from the chair included one to the retiring president. Of Dr. Gullick, Mr. Ayre said: "His cheerful presence has worked wonders. I can assure you that I was very grateful to see him by my bedside when I was very nearly out of work altogether."

CENTRAL COUNCIL

JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON DECISIONS

1. Recommendations for revision of decisions on methods and calls.

A. Definitions and requirements.

1. A method is defined by the places made between successive rows of its plain course, which shall be a true round block divisible into equal parts. At the beginning of each part the hunt bells, if any, shall be in the same positions and the working bells shall be in different positions, so that all the working bells do the same work in the plain course, and the number of parts is the same as the number of working bells. There shall be more working bells than hunt bells.

Methods with no hunt bells are also known as principles and their parts may be referred to as divisions; otherwise the parts are called leads.

In the plain course no bell shall make more than four consecutive blows in the same position, this requirement not applying to Minimus methods.

2. A call is not part of a method, but is a means of passing from one course to another. It is effected by altering the places made between two consecutive rows, without altering the length of a lead or division. For methods with hunt bells at least one of the hunts shall be unaffected by all calls in a given composition.

A bob is formed by moving places or by the addition or removal of non-adjacent places.

A single is formed by the addition of pairs of adjacent places to the places of the plain lead or the bobbed lead.

3. In any composition no more than two types of call may be used.

For principles, calls made at different places within the division are said to be the same type if their formation is the same.

For methods with hunt bells, a call made relative to the leads of the hunts and a call made relative to the whole pulls behind of the hunts are said to be the same type if the formation of one is the reverse back to front of the formation of the other.

For methods with only one hunt bell calls may be made only at the lead and whole pull behind of the hunt, and if two types of call are used one shall be a bob and the other a single.

For compositions containing more than one class of method e.g., principles, single-hunt and/or multi-hunt, each class of method can employ its own two types of call.

These requirements may be relaxed for peals of Triples composed before 1850, and for Doubles methods and variations.

4. In the case of Doubles only, a variation is defined as the use in a plain method of calls other than the standard calls for that method. A lead containing a call must not constitute a plain lead of another method. Each variation must by itself be capable of producing a true six-score, and shall be given its own name.

B. Regular methods.

A method is regular if:—

- (a) No bell makes more than two consecutive blows in the same position, except

that for Doubles methods with one or two hunts; no bell makes more than four such blows.

- (b) The method is divisible into leads or divisions which are symmetrical about the half-lead.

- (c) Except for Doubles methods, if there is more than one hunt, the hunts have the same path and course each other throughout the lead.

- (d) Except for Doubles methods, if there is one or more hunts, there are Natural lead-ends and lead-heads throughout the plain course.

Additionally, all Minimus methods which can produce a true 24 are regular.

C. Classification of methods with one hunt bell.

1. There are five types of single hunt method: Plain, Treble Dodging, Treble Place, Alliance and Hybrid. With the treble as hunt bell they are classified as in paragraphs 2 to 6, and may be further classified as Little if the path of the treble is restricted to fewer places than the number of bells.

2. In Plain methods the path of the treble is a plain hunt. They are classified as:—

- (a) Bob methods—in which seconds place is made at treble's lead or the penultimate place is made at treble's whole pull behind, or both places are made.
- (b) Imperial methods—in which two working bells make adjacent places wrong within a half-lead.

- (c) College methods—in which pairs of working bells work together in a block below the treble for the whole time the treble is above the block.

- (d) Court methods—these have internal places adjoining the path of the treble, other than Bob places, Imperial places, and places causing College work.

- (e) Court Bob methods—these have Court places which cause one or more complete dodges.

- (f) Little methods are classified as Little Bob if they have seconds place at treble's lead, and as Little Court otherwise.

- (g) Plain Doubles methods are classified as Place if the path of a working bell consists only of hunting and place making, and as Bob otherwise.

3. In Treble Dodging methods the treble dodges consecutively in 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc., the number of dodges in each position being the same. They are classified as:—

- (a) Treble Bob methods which have no internal places made as the treble passes from one dodging position to another.

- (b) Surprise methods which have at least one internal place made every time the treble passes from one dodging position to another.

- (c) Delight methods, which are all other Treble Dodging methods.

4. In Treble Place methods the path of the treble includes the making of at least one place within the half-lead, the path being symmetrical about the half-lead and the treble having the same total number of blows in each position of the path within the lead.

5. In Alliance methods the treble is not the same total number of blows in each position of the path within the lead, but the path is symmetrical about the half-lead.

6. In Hybrid methods the path of the treble is not symmetrical about the half-lead.

D. Classification of methods with two or more hunt bells.

These methods are in three groups. With the treble as principal hunt, being unaffected by calls, these are:—

- (a) Those methods in which all the secondary hunts have the same path as the treble. These are classified as for single hunt methods but with reference to all the hunts.

Plain methods with an internal place immediately above or below the crossing of the treble with a secondary hunt, or immediately above the crossing of two secondary hunts at treble's lead, or immediately below the crossing of two secondary hunts at treble's whole pull behind are classified as Bob.

- (b) Those methods in which one, or more, secondary hunts pivots at the same time as the treble. These are classified as for single hunt methods with reference to the treble.

Plain methods in which the seconds place bell is one of these secondary hunts are classified as Slow Course.

- (c) Other methods in which the paths of the secondary hunts are not related to that of the treble as in (a) and (b). These are classified as for single hunt methods with reference to the treble or with reference to treble and all secondary hunts having the same path as the treble.

E. Nomenclature and Extensions.

1. The stage names for different numbers of changing bells are:— 4 Minimus, 6 Minor, 8 Major, 10 Royal, 12 Maximus, 14 Fourteen, etc.; 5 Doubles, 7 Triples, 9 Caters, 11 Cinques, 13 Sextuples, etc.

2. The title of a principle shall consist of "Name and Stage".

3. The title of other methods shall consist of "Name, Class(es) and Stage", with the exception of Grandsire, Union and their related methods.

4. (a) Methods at different stages in the same class shall only have the same name if they are related as in the Report on Extension or subsequent amendments.

(b) Methods at different stages in the same class which are uniquely related as in the Report on Extension or subsequent amendments shall have the same name, and where not uniquely related one relationship shall have the same name; any relationship covering most stages shall take preference over any others.

5. The band which first rings a peal of a new method, or an extent in the case of Doubles or Minor, or includes it in a multi-method peal, shall name the method, subject to E.4 above.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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2. Recommendations for revision of decisions on peal ringing.

A. Conditions required for all peals.

1. A peal shall start and end with rounds and shall be rung without interval.
2. No row shall be struck more than once before the next change is made.
3. Every bell must sound at every row throughout the peal.
4. Each bell must be rung continuously by the same person or persons.
5. For handbells the bells shall be retained in hand.
6. For tower bells the bells shall be audible outside the building in which they are contained.
7. No assistance of any kind shall be given to any ringer by any person not ringing in the peal.
8. The use of physical aids to memory in conducting and ringing is not permitted.
9. No error in calling shall be corrected later than during the change at which the call or change of method would properly take effect.
10. Any shift or error in ringing shall be corrected immediately.
11. No person other than those ringing in the peal shall take part in the calling or in correcting any shift or error.
12. The methods and calls used in all peals shall conform to the Definitions and Requirements given in part A of the Decisions on Methods and Calls.
13. Any objection which may be taken to a peal, other than one with respect to the truth of the composition, shall be raised in writing to the conductor and Society concerned at the earliest date, and in any case within one month after publication in "The Ringing World".

B. Particular conditions required for peals on different numbers of bells.

1. Peals of Minimus shall be rung on tower bells only, at towers with only four ringable bells, and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in true and complete 24s, each starting from rounds.
2. Peals of Doubles shall be rung on five bells or on six bells with the tenor as cover, and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of the following, each starting from rounds:—
 - (a) True and complete 120s.
 - (b) Round blocks of 240 changes in which each row occurs twice, and containing no round block of plain leads in one method
 - (c) Round blocks of two or more 120s in which each of the 120s comprising the block is true and complete.
3. Peals of Minor shall be rung on six bells and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of the following, each starting from rounds:—
 - (a) True and complete 720s.
 - (b) Round blocks of two or more 720s in which each of the 720s comprising the block is true and complete.
4. Peals of Triples shall be rung on eight bells with the tenor as cover and shall consist of one or more true and complete 5,040s, each starting from rounds.

5. Peals of Caters, Cinques, Sextuples, etc., shall be rung on ten, 12, 14, etc., bells respectively with the tenor as cover and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

6. Peals of Major, Royal, Maximus, Fourteen, etc., shall be rung on eight, ten, 12, 14, etc., bells respectively and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

7. Peals of "Doubles and Minor" shall be rung on six bells with the tenor as cover when ringing Doubles and shall consist of at least 5,040 changes rung in any combination of extents and round blocks as permitted in 2 and 3 above

8. Peals of "Triples and Major", "Caters and Royal", etc., shall be rung on eight, ten, etc., bells respectively, with the tenor as cover when ringing Triples, Caters, etc., and shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes.

C. Peals in more than one method.

1. Peals in more than one method shall be called Spliced if the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the lead-head or half-lead but not both in the same composition.

Additionally, the changes of method may occur at both lead-head and half-lead in the same composition, provided that all the methods in the composition are symmetrical, and that there is at least one complete lead, from lead-head to lead-head and/or from half-lead to half-lead, between each change of method, or provided that all the methods in the composition are symmetrical, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead or at the lead-end, and that there is at least one complete lead, from lead-head to lead-head and/or from half-lead to half-lead, of each method in the peal.

2. Peals on six bells or less and of Triples shall be called Spliced only if each extent or round block is Spliced.

3. Doubles variations may be included in an extent or round block, provided that either all the variations and methods have the same call or calls and there is at least one plain lead of each, or all the variations and methods have the same plain course, with no call common to any two or more, and all the distinctive calls are made for each variation and method.

4. Peal reports shall state the number and names of all methods and all variations separately. For peals of Spliced the number of changes of method at lead-head and at half-lead shall be stated separately, and for peals of Triples and above the number of changes rung in each method shall be stated.

D. Record Length Peals.

The Record Length Peal in a method or group of methods on a given number of bells shall be the longest length recognised as a peal by the Council. Tower bell and handbell records shall be kept separately.

Any attempt for a peal of 10,000 or more changes which would surpass in length an existing record or which would be the first peal in that method on that number of bells, must comply with the additional conditions below. Any such performance not rung in full compliance with these conditions shall not be recognised as a peal and shall not be published in "The Ringing World".

- (a) Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given in "The Ringing World", stating the place, date and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and stating the

method, number of bells and number of changes proposed to be rung.

- (b) The ringing to be heard and the figures of the composition to be checked throughout the peal by a competent umpire or umpires.
- (c) If a record length is rung the peal report and the figures of the composition, if not previously published, shall be sent immediately to "The Ringing World".
- (d) For handbell peals, every ringer shall ring at least two bells. Additionally, arrangements shall be made for interested persons to be able to hear the attempt.

E. Recognition.

The Council shall recognise all peals rung in complete conformity with parts A to D above, and only such peals shall be included in the analysis

F. The Technical Committees.

The Peals Analysis Committee shall prepare an annual report and analysis of all peals. Peal reports should indicate all "first peals" and "first peals as conductor" for inclusion in the analysis. The Committee shall not be held responsible for the non-inclusion in the analysis of any peal not published in "The Ringing World" before the end of February in the following year

The Records Committee shall maintain a record of the first peal in each method on each number of bells, for both tower bells and handbells, and subsequent record length peals, together with the compositions used. Also a record of new methods included in multi-method peals, and a record of the progressive number of methods rung in peals of different groups of methods.

The Peals Collection Committee shall maintain a comprehensive collection of compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards, and shall prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct.

The Methods Committee shall consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the Committee shall be published in "The Ringing World".

Any correspondence can be addressed to "The Ringing World" or to F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor, Berkshire.

It would assist the Secretary of the Council if any amendment could be formulated and sent to him before the meeting.

CORRECTIONS

In the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on February 17th, David G. Massey rang the 4th and David F. Moore the 5th, not the other way round as submitted.

The peal for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rung at Newton St. Cyres on March 1st (page 267) was rung half-muffled in memory of George S. Luxton, a ringer at this church for 53 years. The peal was not for the Exeter College Guild Branch.

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HALF PEAL

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On April 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone (longest as cond.) 6. Longest length 2, 3, 5. For Easter Sunday Evensong.

DATE TOUCH

COMPTON DANDO, SOM.—On March 10th, 1,969 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Perry 1, A. Swatton 2, P. Blacker 3, P. J. Devrell 4, A. J. Coombs (comp. and cond.) 5, H. J. Coombs 6. A birthday compliment to Alan and Susan Coombs.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 16th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Hobbs 1, Penny H. Cocks 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, N. Bennett 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the wedding of Maureen Lewis and Christopher Macve. Also on March 30th, 1,320 Annable's London and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Carol Rodgers 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Judith Ann, daughter of Margaret and Eric Godfrey, born March 22nd. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dianne Head 1, A. J. Hobbs (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Penny Cocks 4, I. Wiltshire 5, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On March 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Olive Tester 1, S. Taylor 2, S. Gardner 3, M. Pring 4, P. King 5, J. Parker 6, C. Tester (cond.) 7, W. Linksead 8. Rung to welcome baby Hilary Pring, born March 20th 1969.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, W. Simmonds 3, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 4, R. J. Edden 5, W. Wayman 6, G. J. Roberts 7, J. C. Gent 8. For Confirmation service. Also on April 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Shipp 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, G. J. Roberts 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Simmonds 8. First of Major for 1. For Easter Evensong.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On March 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. J. Robinson 1, R. T. Falder 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, M. M. Roden 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, B. J. Woodruffe 6, G. Horritt 7, J. Leeming 8. First Treble Bob 1, 2, 5. For Evensong.

BICKINGTON, DEVON.—On March 29th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. D. Mack 1, J. L. Anderson 2, P. Bill 3, J. C. Michelmore 4, J. N. Longridge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann M. Calton 1, D. B. Brown 2, Vande J. Crabb (first as cond.) 3, Heather J. Hinton 4, S. R. Smith 5, Jennifer Howell 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. H. Gillingham 1, Josephine Quilter 2, A. R. Syder 3, Jennifer Syder 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, J. Warner 6, P. G. Brown 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8. In thankfulness for the life of Dwight David Eisenhower, interred this day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carolyn McInnes (first Triples) 1, B. Bladon 2, R. I. Vaughan 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, B. J. Read (cond.) 5, T. G. Williams 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, A. W. Bond 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ware 1, W. J. Ransom 2, C. Barnes 3, R. Trickey 4, H. Ransom 5, F. S. Down 6.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, A. C. Scholes (first "inside") 2, L. Atton 3, R. N. Scholes 4, C. J. Groom 5 (cond.) 5. For Easter Day, also a birthday compliment to Cynthia Barnett.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On March 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Stephens (first Major) 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, G. W. Taysom 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, W. R. Curtis 6, J. J. George (first Major "inside") 7, F. M. Bowers (first Major as cond.) 8. Also on March 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. H. Baldam 1, Marion L. Lidgley 2, H. Miles 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson 5, F. M. Bowers 6, T. J. Bell 7, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Canon A. S. Roberts' grand-daughter, and as a farewell to Clive Bryant.

QUARTER PEALS

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On March 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. J. Snack 1, Margaret Warford 2, Jane P. Lawrence 3, C. N. Grandidge 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Snack (cond.) 1, L. E. T. Clark 2, G. S. Miller 3, Jane P. Lawrence 4, Suzanne J. Withers 5, C. N. Grandidge 6 For Evensong.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On March 16th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: D. Hird (first attempt) 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, Nora Carlisle 3, T. Wylie 4, D. R. Carlisle 5, P. Rose 6, J. Arkwell 7, M. P. Phipps (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 2, 6, 7. For Mothers' Day, and as a belated wedding compliment to the conductor and Marjorie Yarnold.

CHURCHAM, GLOS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 2, L. C. Meadows 3, R. A. Brewer 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Long 6. For Mothering Sunday.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On March 30th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. J. Cooles 1, Miss J. Armstrong 2, P. J. Munday 3, N. Thomson 4, G. W. Shanks 5, R. J. Talbot 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 8. First "inside" in method 2, 3 and 5.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Margaret Nock (first quarter) 1, S. Twichett 2, P. Mayle 3, O. Ballard 4, J. Mayle 5, I. Ellingham (first "inside") 6, E. Gilbert 7, W. Perry 8. First in method for all the local band.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. J. Becken 1, M. A. Legg 3, R. H. Candy 4, B. N. Butler 5, R. Weeks 6, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 7, A. W. Webb 8. For Easter, and to congratulate the 8th ringer on his engagement.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John's Church, on April 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. M. Foster 1, Mrs. O. Collins 2, N. Steere (cond.) 3, P. E. Mitchell 4, F. Fisher 5, N. Brown 6, A. Brown 7, C. M. Foster 8, F. E. Collins 9, K. Taber 10. For Evensong, also a welcome to Richard Martin Peirce, born last month, son of Rev. Martin Peirce, curate at St. John's Church.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Pearce 1, Dr. Sybil Aldridge (first "inside") 2, A. M. Stacey 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6. For morning service, also in memory of Alan D. Pearce, aged 23, died March 18th.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. J. Garlick 1, G. W. Bishop 2, H. Bishop 3, C. J. Garlick 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For the first Communion of Easter.

EBRINGTON, GLOS.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Newing 1, Rev. P. Newing 2, L. C. Dowdeswell 3, J. Nicholls 4, C. Povey (cond.) 5, P. Clifford 6.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janis Hogg (first quarter) 1, C. Gates 2, R. Wetenhall 3, D. Keeley (first quarter) 4, H. Byrom 5, B. Street (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Williams (first quarter) 1, M. Elliot (first Grandsire) 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, J. Helder 4, S. Mortimore 5, J. C. Davidge 6, Jill Oakshott (cond.) 7, J. Aronson 8. Rung by the local band as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. W. Crookes.

FILTON, GLOS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Rachael Morse 1, Mary Haslum 2, A. Howard (cond.) 3, A. Blount 4, D. C. Haslum 5, Valerie Butt (first quarter) 6. For Easter.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, W. YORKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): H. Walker 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, J. Whalley 3, R. H. Boverton 4, K. R. Price (cond. part) 5, W. S. Walker (cond. part) 6, D. Steele cover. Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, of this church, a ringer for 65 years.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): Miss J. Green (first Minor) 1, Miss E. Hall 2, Miss V. Hall 3, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 4, D. J. Atley 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First extent of Cambridge for all except conductor. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday for the children's service.

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincs.—On March 26th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Major: G. Parker 1, Mrs. H. Kennington 2, Miss M. Pashley 3, J. Plant (first quarter) 4, F. Kennington 5, J. Willows 6, J. Parker 7, A. Pashley (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Confirmation service.

GREENWICH, LONDON, S.E.—On March 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Cuthbert 1, J. Dafters 2, H. G. Weedon 3, A. J. Corby 4, R. G. Brown 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6, N. J. Pollock 7, R. A. Hunt 8. For Evensong.

GROTON, MASS, U.S.A.—At Groton School, on April 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Emily Paine 1, A. McDonald 2, Martha Windrem 3, Judy Andrews 4, Janis Hensley 5, P. Chandler (cond.) 6, R. S. Dirksen 7, Marjorie Batchelor 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Rung by members of the Groton and Whitechapel Guild bands.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On March 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley J. Smith (first on eight) 1, Jill M. May 2, J. A. Collier 3, W. Savill 4, C. A. Hopper 5, S. G. Ponting 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, E. R. Warner 8. For morning service.

HATTON, WARKS.—On March 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. D. Rushton 1, N. C. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, V. H. Nash 4, D. H. Walters 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain): Mrs. G. Shellard 1, W. J. Chester 2, Miss J. Terrey (first quarter) 3, A. Wills 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, J. G. Shellard 6. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Gillian and Anthony Wills.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 6th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: R. J. Foster 1, Rosamund Brown 2, S. Hare 3, W. R. Hare 4, D. C. Brown 5, R. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, G. R. Shedden 8. For the Easter Festival.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESSE, E. YORKS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Danby 1, Linda Sherwood 2, C. Temperton 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, Maris C. Stephenson (cond.) 5, C. R. Robinson 6. For Confirmation service.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Davies (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Way 2, Ann McFenton 3, Jane Moore (first quarter) 4, Gillian B. Armstrong 5, Marilyn E. Evans 6, J. T. Williams (cond.) 7, J. P. Thomas 8. Rung for evening service, with 4, 6, 8 covering.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cheeseman 1, P. Warboys 2, D. Hutley 3, T. Camp 4, K. Westwood (first as cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6. For Evensong.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss W. Burkey 1, Miss S. Cameron 2, Mrs. C. Clarke 3, W. Burkey 4, W. Pearce 5, K. Begrie 6, R. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. Begrie 8. For Palm Sunday, the 34th wedding anniversary of the conductor and the birthday of K. Begrie.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On March 30th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Jennifer Brighton (first T.B.) 1, L. Brighton 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, D. F. E. Hall 4, R. Brighton 5, J. M. Roffe 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Jennifer Brighton, leaving shortly for Vancouver, Canada, and a farewell to D. F. E. Hall, leaving for Manchester.

Letters

THREE SUGGESTIONS

Dear Sir,—It would be interesting to know if readers would subscribe to the following views:—

- (a) That the unpalatable phrase "tower grabbing" be discontinued in favour of "tower visits".
- (b) That reports received by the Editor after January 31st for peals rung the previous year be not published in "The Ringing World".
- (c) That the present series of bell recordings broadcast on Sundays at 7.50 a.m. be replaced by material with a higher standard of striking.

Possibly subjects for discussion at a future Central Council meeting rather than time-consuming chat on the intricacies of Doubles Variations, of apparent interest to so few.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN MALLETT.

Plymouth.

THE OLD SIX BELLS AT HAYES

Dear Sir,—As one who was privileged to take part in the last ringing (for Evensong on March 23rd) on the old six bells at Hayes, Middlesex, I enjoyed reading Mr. Russ's article, but would like to correct his details of the bells, which should be as follows:—

Treble and 2nd recast (not added) by Warner in 1890 (not 1901).

3rd, 4th and tenor cast by T. Mears I in 1798 and 5th in 1793 (not all in 1795).

The bells did indeed go remarkably well, but this is not so surprising considering that the frame dated only from 1890 and that the gudgeons, bearings, etc., were renewed as recently as 1912. It is good to know that some of the fittings are to be reused elsewhere but a little sad, to my mind, to think that these bells are to be replaced by yet another high-pitched ring of eight, rather than by a ring of six of similar weight, for which the tower would, in fact, have ample room and strength. However, I say this without wishing to detract in any way from all the good work being carried out in the tower by the Venn family and helpers.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Reigate.

MORE DOUBLES POINTS

Dear Sir,—In the Appendix to C.C. Doubles Collection on page 260 "Stithians" and "Earl's Court" are misspelt. The latter error is perpetrated from page 171, where the peal which first included these variations was published.

I should like to point out that it is not possible for a Baron's Court single to leave the observation bell unaffected in Grand-sire, Antelope, Newark or Woolaton. Hence all variations of these methods using this call are false, except for Baron's Court itself. And, incidentally, in Stithians, Gwendroc, Earl's Court and Denmark Hill the singles may affect the observation bell.

Also, concerning the variation Denmark Hill, if the single is made in a lead which also has a bob at the end of it, the resulting lead is one of Uffington.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY P. SMITH.

Lelant, Cornwall.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN WILLIAM ROBSON

Although Bill Robson would not be widely known as a ringer, he had been a regular member of the band at Chester-le-Street for over 20 years. He had learnt to ring call-changes in Durham before the war but, living in Chester-le-Street when the ban on ringing was lifted, he was persuaded to join the local band. Although almost 40 he took up change-ringing and progressed as far as Stedman and rang nine peals.

He had not been ringing for the last year or two but it was hoped that when his commitments were reduced on his retirement he would resume active membership. Unfortunately this was not to be, for he died suddenly on April 8th at the age of 64, within a month of retirement from his position as the local inspector for the Durham County Water Board.

Bill will be remembered for his cheerful disposition and his ready sense of humour. His fellow-ringers remembered him as they rang the bells half-muffled while he made the short journey just along the street to Chester-le-Street Parish Church for the last time for his funeral on April 11th. The service was conducted by the Rev. M. J. Bennett and preceded cremation at Birtley.

Bill leaves a widow and two daughters, and our deepest sympathy is expressed to them in their sudden loss. D. A. B.

MR. S. O. KINGCOTT

The sympathy of ringers from a very wide circle will be extended to Mr. W. H. Kingcott and his wife and family by the passing of his father, Mr. Sidney Oliver Kingcott, of Wrington, on Easter Day. While not a practising ringer, Mr. Kingcott took a deep interest in the Exercise and had hosts of friends.

On the day of his funeral (April 10th) 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells of All Saints' Church, Wrington, half-muffled to his memory. The band was

Doreen Board 1, P. Anne Kingcott (grand-daughter) 2, H. H. Yeates 3, M. Collins 4, W. H. Kingcott (son) 5, Ruth R. Ball 6, H. F. Brown 7, W. M. Ball 8, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 9, M. Board 10.

MR. ALBERT J. MILLS

An Appreciation

Albert Mills commenced his ringing career at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, prior to 1896, for records show that he was elected a member of the belfry on November 17th, 1896. He rang his first peal, Holt's Original Grandsire Triples, in 1903 and conducted his first peal in 1909. Of the 22 peals that he rang in his home tower he conducted ten. These included Grandsire, Union and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

He was elected captain of the belfry in 1907, a position he held until 1967, when ill-health forced him to give up ringing. He retained a lively interest in the activities of the belfry and was an avid reader of "The Ringing World" up to the time of his death. He had a keen interest in composing touches and quarter peals, thus bringing stimulus into the belfry. He encouraged learners assiduously but met with many disappointments, as is often the way in belfries.

Albert died on March 21st in his 90th year and was buried quite near to the tower that he loved so much. A number of ringers representing various towers in the district were present at the funeral service. The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was represented by the hon. secretary, Mr. Clive Smith. The bells were rung open, at Albert's express wish, immediately following the service.

On the following Sunday a quarter peal, comprising 1,264 Plain Bob Major, was rung in his memory by S. Yates 1, Christine Turner 2, H. Howell 3, J. R. Cotterill 4, E. J. Dolman 5, D. Bates 6, L. Monk 7, M. Turner (cond.) 8. J. R. C.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Isleham, Cambs, bells have been rehung with the addition of a new treble bell which will be dedicated at Matins on May 11th at 11 a.m. Ringing after the service.

Two of our leading lady peal ringers have had their first child—Susan Rothera on April 13th and Maryl Fielden on April 14th. Our best wishes.

The band that rang the peal of Brentford Bob Minor at Hemington, Somerset, on March 22nd, wish to thank the Rev. A. and Mrs. Durston for their kindness after the peal.

The Sussex County Association dinner will be held at the King Alfred, Kingsway, Hove, on October 18th. The dinner will be followed by speeches, handbell ringing and possibly a film show.

A ton of bird droppings has been removed from South Hanningfield, Essex, Church. According to a press report the bell "sounds a lot better and can ring merrily away". Presumably before it gave off a muffled ugh!

The death of Mr. Isaac Wain Smith, of Fairfield, Buxton, in Warwick Hospital on March 23rd, in his 80th year, is regretted by many friends. He completed 50 years' service at St. Peter's, Fairfield, retiring on account of ill-health.

The South Wales Branch of the Ladies' Guild, which has a paid-up membership of 65, has elected Mrs. Beryl Porter, of Mitcheldean, as vice-president.

Mr. M. C. Faulkes, writing from Kingston, Ontario, asks regarding leading peal ringers whether publication should not be limited to those who have rung 50 or more peals during the year.

Two new members—Mr. W. Hewitt (Kirkby) and Mr. S. Bestwick (Greasley)—were elected at the meeting of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Greasley on March 22nd. The District round of the Crawford cup will be held at Selston on May 17th.

Sixty ringers attended the spring festival of Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild at Paul on April 12th. The Vicar of Newlyn (Rev. H. E. Hosking) conducted the service; the ladies are thanked for their very fine tea, and ringing also took place at Madron and Sennen.

Mr. "Bill" Jackson and his family were welcomed to Toronto by a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major on April 9th. The weekly handbell practices here now cover several different major and triple methods and two quarters of Kent T.B. Major have been rung recently.

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HAMPSHIRE'S UNIQUE TOWER

Situated in the middle of the Duke of Wellington's estate is the domed church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Stratfieldsaye, and in the dome there an interesting ring of five bells.

In 1958 these bells attracted an élite band from the London area to ring the first peal there, and the following year an Oxford Guild band scored a peal. Despite the modernisation of the wooden catwalk and electrical installation, the moving of the beams in the belfry is such that ringers can feel the floor moving beneath them whilst ringing.

It was this added interest at Stratfieldsaye that induced five enthusiasts to repeat the performance of the band from London 11 years later and rang peals on two fives, the other being at Silchester, famous for its Roman ruins. Silchester bells were easy going but Stratfieldsaye's are men's bells; nevertheless a good peal was rung.

G. K. D.

COUPLE WAIT 25 YEARS TO HEAR BELLS

Because of wartime regulations, no bells were rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ross. Their patience was rewarded when two quarter peals were rung at St. Andrew's Church, Old Headington, Oxford, in their honour on Easter Day. Their son, Ian, took part in both quarters. Mr. and Mrs. Ross celebrated their anniversary by going on a Mediterranean cruise in November of last year.

Details of the quarters:— 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Overbury 1, L. Porter 2, Linda Cozier 3, T. Smith 4, I. Ross 5, J. Sear 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Overbury 1, B. Morton 2, Christine Birks 3, Linda Cozier 4, I. Ross 5, T. Smith 6. Extents conducted alternately by 3, 4 and 5.

CROSSWORD No. 13

The first correct solution to Crossword No. 13 opened was submitted by Mrs. Celia D'Aeth, of 1, Grosvenor Place, Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, who is awarded the prize of 10/- . The solution is:—

Across.— 1 Westminster, 10 Amend, 11 Rain-gauge, 12 Responses, 13 Local, 14 Course, 16 Wet sheet, 18 Codicils, 20 Parsee, 23 Nurse, 24 Announced, 26 Overheads, 27 Tarry, 28 Omit one call.

Down.— 2 Evens, 3 Tedious, 4 Intrush, 5 Spinster, 6 Engulfs, 7 Patrick Cannon, 8 Butchers, 9 Red letter days, 15 Underfed, 17 Pleasant, 19 Chesham, 21 Aquatic, 22 Unison, 25 Coral.

CHURCH TO SELL ANCIENT BELLS

Swillington, near Leeds, has three bells—two cast in 1656 and the other in 1732. They are being offered for sale because they cannot be rung there in safety.

According to the Vicar (Rev. John Langdon) the bells have not been rung for 15 years. Money raised from their sale would be used to restore the church.

NEW SECRETARY OF KENT C.A.



MR. ALAN P. S. BERRY

Elected to succeed Mr. P. A. Corby as general secretary of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday was Mr. Alan P. S. Berry, of Folkestone, who is 32 years of age. He is the first Ashford District member to hold this important office since the first general secretary, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugesson, of Mersham, who served from 1880-1889.

Folkestone is his home tower. Here he learned to ring and became a member of the K.C.A. on October 6th, 1955. Since 1963 he has been captain. Alan was early in office for the Ashford District. First he was a District representative from October, 1957, to October, 1964; then Ringing Master from 1963-1965, and in 1966 he became District secretary. His experience gained in this District, the largest in the county, with 261 resident members and 37 towers in union, will be invaluable to him in his new office.

So far Alan has only rung about seven peals. He was made a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on October 14th, 1961.

GAS CONVERSIONS

Commenting on the Gas Council's leaflet on "Church Heating by Gas", the "Sunday Times" states: "Obviously installation calls for imagination and special skill. A gas flue up the pulpit would be highly disagreeable. But you might find it hidden down the centre of a spiral staircase."

Comments a correspondent: "Ringers should watch how they handle any new handrail that appears on their spiral staircase. They might develop blisters even before they start to ring!"

PHILIP JEWELL'S TOUR

It was a misty but bright day when our coachload of East Beds ringers set out on March 8th for a "grab" in East Anglia. The first tower visited was St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, where a variety of methods was rung. At St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, the 12 bells were rung expertly, under the capable direction of Mr. Philip Mehw. Plain Bob Royal being rung on the back ten.

Winterton offered a lofty, airy tower with an airy six, which went well to methods ranging from rounds to Spliced Plain Bob. Catfield bells were so quiet inside that many of us went outside to see if we had come to a tower with bells. We had, and Winchendon Place was among the many methods rung.

The heavy five at Ludham offered a challenge to those brave enough to step on to the swaying tenor box. Coltishall was next and tea was taken at Wroxham. The day reached its climax when the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were set in motion, and again Plain Bob Royal and rounds were much appreciated. Our thanks go to tower captains and incumbents of the churches visited, and especially to Mr. Philip Jewell who worked so hard to arrange the tour.

T. G.

JOINT BAND FOR AUSTRALIAN WEDDING

A wedding at St. Mark's Church, Darling Point, Sydney, N.S.W., between Mark Sutherland Harris, whose family lives at Shere, Surrey, and Miss Janis Hence, of Kingswood, was commemorated by a quarter peal being rung at Shere Parish Church at the same local time. The band was composed of four ringers from Shere and four from Kingswood. Relatives of both families were at Shere to hear the bells and afterwards the ringers were entertained to a glass of champagne in celebration.

MARLBOROUGH NOW EIGHT BELLS

On April 10th two new trebles were dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Marlborough, providing a ring of eight, the ceremony being performed by the Rector, the Rev. Jeremy Walsh. Metal from the eight bells removed from SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Marlborough, has been used to cast the new trebles and the tenor has been retuned, the work being carried out at the White-chapel Foundry. The new bells have been named Peter and Paul after the church from where the metal came, thus perpetuating the link now that the two parishes have been combined.

A joint meeting with the Calne Branch took place at Marlborough on April 19th and on the following day the Rev. Roger Keeley returned to preach at the family Communion. It was due to Roger's initiative that the augmentation has been successfully accomplished.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

NUNBURNHOLME, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of London S., Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge S.,
Beverley S., Beverley and Surfleet S., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.
Elizabeth Ewan .. Treble Richard D. Gibson .. 4
Delphine E. L. Sherriff .. 2 Michael Maughan .. 5
Peter Church .. 3 Robert W. Sherriff .. Tenor
Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONK'S KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 736 Superlative, 704 each London and
Rutland, 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol
and 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of
each method for every bell.
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.
Clare F. Dolphin .. Treble Geoffrey Pratt .. 5
L. Michael Callow .. 2 Ian D. Thompson .. 6
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 3 Ernest J. Gower .. 7
Peter C. Randall .. 4 Peter Border .. Tenor
Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Peter Border.

LAPWORTH, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Graham D. Rushton .. Treble Richard G. Morris .. 4
Pamela M. Turner .. 2 Derek H. Walters .. 5
Victor H. Nash .. 3 Roger E. Tallis .. Tenor
Conducted by Roger E. Tallis.

* First peal.

Rung to welcome Nicola Jane, born January 21st, 1969, daughter
of Christine and Roger Tallis. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and
All Angels.

On Tues., Feb. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 16 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose, (2) Beverley, Ber-
wick, Surfleet and Hexham, (3) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (4)
Alnwick and Newcastle, (5) York and Durham, (6) London and Wells,
(7) Norwich.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.
Jennifer Brackenbury .. Treble John Moore .. 4
Norah Carlisle .. 2 John V. Chadwick .. 5
Joyce Chadwick .. 3 Denis R. Carlisle .. Tenor
Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle and John V. Chadwick.
Most methods by all the band.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham,
(5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet.
Tenor 9 cwt.
David W. Camm .. Treble *Robert J. Tanner .. 4
*George Futers .. 2 Denis R. Carlisle .. 5
Norah Carlisle .. 3 John V. Chadwick .. Tenor
Conducted by John V. Chadwick.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 768 each of London and Watford, 576
each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, 448 of Bristol, 384 each of Glasgow,
Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Superlative and 192 each of Ashted and
Belfast, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Ivor Goulter .. Treble Peter Bridle .. 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2 Richard J. Danby .. 6
Diane W. Bridle .. 3 Anthony R. Peake .. 7
Maurice A. New .. 4 Lewis F. Cobb .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

50th peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

RUARDEAN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's five-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.
*Valerie Willard .. Treble *Peter J. Rowe .. 5
*Margery A. Wratten .. 2 *Leonard C. Edwards .. 6
*Peter Clarkson .. 3 *Patrick H. Allen .. 7
Cyril A. Wratten .. 4 *Peter C. Gould .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Triples in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Beard, a life member of
the Gloucester and Bristol Association and aringer at Ruardean for
over 60 years, who died on March 20th, 1969, aged 85.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Anne E. Anthony .. Treble †Jeffrey P. Ladd .. 5
†Catherine A. Elliott .. 2 Alan D. Flood .. 6
†Jeffery J. Bailey .. 3 John F. M. Maybrey .. 7
David E. Parsons .. 4 Christopher D. J. Webb .. Tenor
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Christopher D. J. Webb.
* First peal of Major. † First of Double Norwich. First in the
method as conductor.

WONERSH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640
of Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Super-
lative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Donald N. Jennings .. Treble Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Beryl R. Simpson .. 2 †W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
*Alan D. Elsmore .. 3 Michael J. Church .. 7
*Rowan S. Bradley .. 4 Tom Page .. Tenor
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of spliced. † First of 8-spliced. First of spliced as
conductor. First of spliced on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LANGLEY, Herts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 1, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5184 SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*Brian M. Barker .. Treble *Robert J. Picton .. 5
*Elizabeth M. Emmett .. 2 *Peter W. Harper .. 6
Augustin V. Good .. 3 *Keith D. Waples .. 7
*D. Joseph Goodman .. 4 *Francis M. Byrne .. Tenor
Conducted by Brian M. Barker.
* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*Susan Farnes .. Treble *Anthony R. Carter .. 5
Kenneth J. Darvill .. 2 *Brian J. Woodruffe .. 6
*Roger D. R. Brown .. 3 Peter T. Dale .. 7
Eric Edmondson .. 4 Thomas J. Lock .. Tenor
Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal in the method.

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Chester, (2) Munden, (3) London and Wells, (4)
York and Durham, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Cambridge, (7)
Norwich, with 31 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.
Anthony R. Carter .. Treble Robert E. Hardy .. 4
*Katharine S. Hardy .. 2 Gerald Penney .. 5
Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 3 Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in ten methods.

Rung for the induction, on March 27th, 1969, of the Rev. T. D.
Lewis Lloyd as Vicar of this parish.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Fri., March 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Alan F. Scholfield .. Treble Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 7
Richard Hayes .. 2 Michael J. Uphill .. 8
Judith M. Corby .. 3 James L. Towler .. 9
Richard A. Hunt .. 4 Philip J. Rothera .. 10
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5 Trevor N. J. Bailey .. 11
David E. Rothera .. 6 Andrew J. Corby .. Tenor
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

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

On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Lucile M. Corby .. Treble Judith M. Corby .. 5
Andrew J. Corby .. 2 Doris E. Colgate .. 6
Richard V. Fuller .. 3 Richard Hayes .. 7
*Nicholas C. V. Pollock .. 4 Philip A. Corby .. Tenor
Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Mr. Alfred Collins.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
 On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' four-part reversed. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.
 Herbert E. Audsley .. Treble Ernest J. Ladd 5
 Maxwell F. Oakshett .. 2 Robert T. Lambert 6
 Reginald E. Lambert .. 3 John W. Smith 7
 Philip J. Simmonds .. 4 Michael H. O'Callaghan .. Tenor
 Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John W. Smith.
 First peal of Stedman on the bells.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. C. Apps.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.
 *Christopher Munday .. Treble Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
 Harold Evans 2 Richard Hayes 5
 Peter D. J. Beal 3 Tony Lewis Tenor
 Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
 On Fri., Jan. 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.
 Edward Jenkins Treble Christine Andrew 5
 *Andrew Riley 2 Geoffrey Gardner 6
 †Neil T. E. Burnett 3 Michael D. Fishwick 7
 Michael J. Platt 4 J. Barry Pickup Tenor
 Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Christine Andrew.
 * First peal of Surprise. † 25th for the Association.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
 On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Thomas W. Smith Treble David Bennett 5
 Roy Jolley 2 David Makin-Taylor 6
 James Cunliffe 3 James E. Andrews 7
 Abert Greenhalgh 4 A. John Illingworth .. Tenor
 Composed by N. J. Pitow. Conducted by A. John Illingworth.
 First peal as conductor.

Rung as a belated welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Haworth, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. Booth, son of the present curate, to Miss M. Hadcroft, who were married at this church the previous day. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, being 576 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Superlative, 448 Bristol, 384 Ashted, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.
 John Illingworth Treble Bernard Moss 5
 John P. Partington 2 Brian A. Tomlinson 6
 James E. Andrews 3 Roger Barnes 7
 Geoffrey Fothergill 4 Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor
 Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

OLDHAM, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Moorside.

On Sun., March 30, 1969, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.
 David W. Howarth .. Treble *R. Gavin Haigh 5
 Michael H. Tompsett .. 2 Wyn Pugh 6
 Keith P. Tompsett .. 3 Michael J. Platt 7
 John P. Partington .. 4 Richard S. Starkie Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Platt.
 * First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Jean and Gavin Haigh to mark the birth of their first child, Richard Adam.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5234 EALING SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.
 B. Stedman Payne Treble Martin Green 7
 J. Edward Cawser 2 Philip A. Mason 8
 Monica M. Jelley 3 David F. Moore 9
 John Bramley 4 John E. Cook 10
 Rupert A. Clarke 5 Roland H. Cook 11
 W. Ernest Rawson 6 John M. Jelley Tenor
 Conducted by John M. Jelley.

First peal of Maximus in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Malcolm E. Wade and Janet P. Williams, whose wedding took place at this church earlier in the day.

EALING SURPRISE MAXIMUS

—5T—14—56—36—14—5T—14—5T—14—5T—14—5T, 1h. 12.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Martin.
 On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.
 Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. Treble Jack P. Kesterton 7
 Herrick B. Bowley 2 Murray A. Coleman 8
 John Harrold 3 Rupert A. Clarke 9
 Alfred Ballard 4 E. Edward Harrold 10
 J. Edward Cawser 5 E. Alan Jacques 11
 David F. Moore 6 B. Stedman Payne Tenor
 Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
 Rung half-muffled as a tribute for the life and work of J. Frederick Milner, who died suddenly on March 11th, 1969.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 Ronald H. Cook Treble Martin Green 6
 W. Ernest Rawson 2 R. Brian Mills 7
 Christine L. J. Mills 3 K. Paul Gilliver 8
 Robin A. Gilliver 4 G. Ronald Edwards 9
 David F. Moore 5 R. Kingsley Mason Tenor
 Composed by R. W. Pipe. (87's.) Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.
 David F. Moore Treble Robin A. Gilliver 5
 Brian L. Burrows 2 Christopher M. Sturgess 6
 Martin Green 3 K. Paul Gilliver 7
 Tony Natt 4 Roland H. Cook Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

SWITHLAND, Leics.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Thurs., March 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 Richard A. Cobley Treble *Richard J. Welch 4
 John E. Harrold 2 N. Roderick Ellway 5
 Maurice R. A. Kirk 3 Rupert A. Clarke Tenor
 Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

* First peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band for the wedding of the ringer of the 5th and Miss Rosemary Muddiner on March 29th at Countesthorpe.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew and April Day and 14 each of Plain Bob and Grandshire. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.
 Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. Treble Thomas A. Relf 3
 Bryan Ward 2 Brian Buttery 4
 James H. Musson Tenor
 Conducted by James H. Musson.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A.
 Tudor P. Edwards Treble *Paul A. Williams 5
 Donald G. Clift 2 *Nicholas W. H. Simon 6
 *Michael R. Meadows .. 3 *David S. Bishop 7
 Alexander E. Marsh .. 4 Peter S. Bennett Tenor
 Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
 * First peal of London Surprise Major. † 200th peal. First of London Major by a band resident in South Wales.

MARSHFIELD, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in A.
 Donald G. Clift Treble *Christopher Ricketts 5
 *Michael R. Meadows .. 2 *James Clatworthy 6
 Tudor P. Edwards 3 *Paul A. Williams 7
 †Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 4 *David J. Llewellyn .. Tenor
 Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
 * First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major. † 75th peal together.

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

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
 Edmund J. Morris Treble *Alwyn R. Lewis 4
 Susan Harber 2 †Gwyn I. Lewis 5
 Laurence C. Hanney .. 3 Ellis N. Thomas Tenor
 Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* 25th peal for the Association. † 100th peal as conductor for the Association.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

NASH, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 26 methods: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (2) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B., (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (4) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Bob, (6) Plain, Double and Single Oxford Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 7 cwt. in A.
M. Jack Pryor Treble | Christopher Ricketts .. 4
Michael R. Meadows .. 2 | Paul A. Williams .. 5
Stephen Fenwick 3 | Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

The greatest number of Minor methods rung in a peal on the bells, in the county, by the Association and by all the band except the conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.
*Christopher R. Harris .. Treble | Rev. Michael Hart .. 5
Robert Bunker 2 | Laurence C. Way .. 6
Robin J. Collis 3 | Alan E. Bagworth .. 7
Richard L. Jones .. 4 | Michael J. Uphill Tenor
Composed by C. Middleton.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

HARMONDSWORTH, Middx.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents.
Geoffrey D. Armitage .. Treble | Richard L. Jones .. 4
Robin J. Collis 2 | Laurence C. Way .. 5
Malcolm S. Loveday .. 3 | Michael J. Uphill Tenor
Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, eight extents of St. Martin and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
Ann Corney Treble | Thomas J. Brock .. 3
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2 | J. Barry Pickup .. 4
Michael J. Parker Tenor
Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Duncan William, to Joan and Gilbert Larter, of Happisburgh.

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

On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.
Frederick C. Gunton .. Treble | J. Barry Pickup .. 4
Michael J. Howes 2 | Michael J. Parker .. 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3 | H. William Barrett Tenor
Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., March 9, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

360-course block reduced.
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.
Laura M. Grindrod .. Treble | Frank C. Lewis .. 5
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 2 | Robert H. Newton .. 6
Ron E. Stillwell 3 | James M. Hills .. 7
John S. Hopwood 4 | Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor
Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.
Roland Biggs Treble | Percy Newton .. 5
A. Reginald Blaby .. 2 | David A. Cornwall .. 6
Arthur Newton 3 | Robert H. Newton .. 7
*Edward H. Langley .. 4 | *Arthur W. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Robert H. Newton.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. 375th peal on the bells.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-More.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
Andrew R. D. Cope .. Treble | James P. Blond .. 5
Frank E. Godden 2 | Jack O. Berry .. 6
Angela M. Ayres 3 | Robert A. Partridge .. 7
P. Gerald McIlhone .. 4 | Paul J. Dye Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

Jack Berry, tower captain, has now "circled the tower" to peals and is the first person to do so.

Rung on the eve of the patronal festival and as a farewell to the Rev. C. G. Hester.

CHURCH HARBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 15½ cwt.
*Stewart J. M. Abbott .. Treble | Edward D. Patching .. 4
Susan M. Holden 2 | Richard J. Tibbetts .. 5
T. Geoffrey Holden .. 3 | Peter G. Holden Tenor
Conducted by Peter G. Holden.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Hilary Osborne, ringer at this church, on her departure to Canada to be married.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berks.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.
*Susan E. Rance .. Treble | Frank C. Price .. 4
Joan A. Rance 2 | Arthur J. N. Rance .. 5
*Graham N. Scott .. 3 | Stanley G. Scott Tenor
Conducted by Stanley G. Scott.

* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. Dorothy Tanner, tower treasurer.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods and seven variations, being 240 Plain Bob, 240 Kennington, 960 Grandsire and 600 each of St. Quintin, Daffodil, Ladbroke, St. Valentine, Ray and Jacobstowe.
Tenor 5 cwt. in C.
*Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble | Roy H. Jones .. 3
Alec Gammon 2 | †C. Richard Miles .. 4
Leonard R. Porter Tenor
Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

* First peal on five bells. † Greatest number "inside."

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Paul N. Rimmer on becoming Rural Dean of Cowley.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

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

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 THORVERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.
Walter G. Knight .. Treble | William Birmingham .. 5
Christopher C. Clarke .. 2 | Ronald K. Russ .. 6
Alan R. Pink 3 | Barry J. Davies .. 7
Michael Hatchett 4 | George W. Holland .. Tenor
Composed by C. Middleton.
Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all, and on the bells.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

Mollie E. Care Treble	Raymond Henman 4
*Mary R. Coleman 2	Barry R. Care 5
David J. Morgan 3	Murray A. Coleman Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon G. S. J. Downes, formerly Rector of Isham.

WINSFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., March 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In the following seven extents: Beverley S., Surfleet S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Alfred Waller Treble	Stephen B. Bell 4
Raymond H. Daw 2	Roy W. Spencer 5
Barry R. Care 3	J. Malcolm Tyler Tenor

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Ven. Norman E. Millard, Archdeacon Emeritus of the Diocese, who died on March 7th, 1969.

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

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

On Thurs., March 13, 1969, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon Treble	David J. Purnell 7
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Terry R. Hampton 8
John R. Inley 3	*James W. Belshaw 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	George E. Fearn 10
Maurice F. Edwards 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
James Inley 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter Border.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

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

On Thurs., March 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon Treble	Terry R. Hampton 6
James W. Belshaw 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Maurice F. Edwards 3	George E. Fearn 8
J. Alan Ainsworth 4	Richard A. G. Inglis 9
Clifford A. Barron 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Peter Border.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

MALVERN LINK, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Matthias.

On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

James W. Belshaw Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
Maurice F. Edwards 2	George E. Fearn 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Terry R. Hampton 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

William T. Perrins Treble	†David Wilson 5
*Jean Dale 2	†Ross G. W. Robertson 6
Mary E. Elmes 3	Timothy F. Collins 7
Katharine J. Maundrell 4	Graham W. Elmes Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Surprise. ‡ First of Major in the method. First of Major in the method as conductor.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Katharine J. Maundrell .. Treble	David Wilson 4
Mary E. Elmes 2	Ross G. W. Robertson .. 5
Graham W. Elmes 3	*Timothy F. Collins Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* 25th peal of Surprise and 25th peal as conductor. First in the method by all the band. First of Minor on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., March 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*John R. Rigby Treble	†Peter J. Kingscote 4
Susanna Poppleston 2	George A. Dawson 5
Elizabeth J. Foster 3	Simon Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal on a working bell. † First of Minor.

Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk T.B., (2) Capel and Oxford T.B., (3) Kingston T.B., (4) Sandal T.B., (5) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Christine M. Wright .. Treble	John A. Coates 4
*Philip Rogers 2	*Paul N. Mounsey 5
†Harry Poyner 3	*David W. Jack Tenor

Conducted by Paul N. Mounsey.

* Most methods to a peal. † 400th peal.

LEADENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Frederick G. Hooper .. Treble	Philip C. Pitchford 4
Frederick Derry 2	Derek J. Tysoe 5
Derick E. Kirtan 3	Colin W. Jack Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

Rung as a tribute to J. F. Milner, who conducted the treble ringer's first peal in 1930.

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

On Wed., April 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Harold Archer Treble	Paul N. Mounsey 4
Harold Denman 2	Stephen W. Knights 5
Bryan Birkett 3	Philip Rogers Tenor

Conducted by Philip Rogers.

Rung as a tribute to Dwight D. Eisenhower, laid to rest this day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEDNESBURY, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL

Wakefield version.

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

E. Alan Jacques Treble	*J. Edward Cawser 6
Beryl E. Cawser 2	Alan A. Paul 7
W. Eric Critchley 3	Graham C. Paul 8
David F. Moore 4	Russell S. Morris 9
Barry E. Saunders 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* 100th peal on ten bells.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., March 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*John Paxton Treble	John H. Allen 4
†Anita E. Foden 2	Richard G. Paxton 5
P. George Golder 3	Michael W. Fairey Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise.

Rung as an affectionate farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Follis, leaving for St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, after an incumbency at Little Aston of over 17 years.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Walter W. Miller Treble	*Vernon B. Bedford 5
*Dorothy M. Durrant 2	*Cecil W. Pipe 6
*Muriel R. Page 3	*Stephen J. Bedford 7
*Alan G. Feaver 4	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as birthday compliments to Vernon Bedford (21) and Sylvia R. E. Pipe.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Norman P. J. Cossey .. Treble	Thomas J. Brock 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Michael J. Parker 5
*Katharine M. Thorley .. 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 25th peal for the Guild. The conductor has now called a peal in seven or more methods from each bell in this tower.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CLAPHAM PARK, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Stephen, Weir Road.

On Fri., March 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Alan D. Flood 5
Timothy G. Pett 2	Geoffrey D. Armitage .. 6
Dorothea Robotham 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
Phillip A. Butler 4	John Pladdys Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of this church, shortly to be demolished. Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LODSWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

* On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B.
*Ruth E. Halford Treble Geoffrey C. Rix 4
†Bronwen J. Davies 2 Patrick M. Wills 5
E. Winifred Keys 3 Philip Stevens Tenor

Conducted by Philip Stevens.

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

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

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BURSLEM DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
Robert J. Fuller Treble Janet M. Percy 4
Betty Percy 2 Thomas M. Barlow 5
*Christine M. Baldock .. 3 Alan R. Baldock Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* 25th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PHILLACK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Felicitas, Matron and Martyr.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter J. Brown Treble	*Martin Powell 5
M. Irene Brown 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Morley P. Tobin 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E.
Peter J. Brown Treble Martin Powell 5
Morley P. Tobin 2 Gerald C. Hemming 6
M. Irene Brown 3 Arthur C. Berry 7
Clifford Skidmore 4 Michael J. Fellows Tenor

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

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 133 combination roll-ups with no —82's.
24-course block extended. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.
Christopher I. Rowson .. Treble Robert M. Chambers .. 5
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 2 John S. Hopwood 6
Anne M. Carpenter 3 Peter G. Holden 7
Jennifer M. Dunning 4 Rupert A. Clarke Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.
Rupert A. Clarke Treble John S. Hopwood 4
Jennifer A. Dunning 2 Robert H. Chambers .. 5
Peter G. Holden 3 Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 29, 1969, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.
*Susan E. M. Davis Treble *Jeremy D. Cheesman .. 6
Thomas H. Francis 2 David J. Forder 7
A. Ronald Ling 3 John Hartless 8
Richard H. Youdale 4 Ronald N. Marlow 9
Michael J. Thomas 5 Edward W. Colley Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal in the method.

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt in G sharp.
Graham W. Elmes Treble David Wilson 5
*Katharine J. Maundrell .. 2 Ross G. W. Robertson .. 6
†Mary E. Elmes 3 William T. Perrins 7
‡Michael J. Young 4 †Timothy F. Collins Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Surprise. First in the method by all the band.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael J. Young.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.
*Barbara E. Douglass .. Treble Reginald W. Rowe 5
Thomas W. Lewis 2 Robert W. Cole 6
R. George Morris 3 John Clements 7
David G. Franklin 4 Cecil Deakin Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal. Western Branch quarterly peal.

BADSEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., March 25, 1969, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.
Vivien Barnes Treble Ralph Harris 5
Herbert C. Spencer 2 *Arthur C. Berry 6
Joseph D. Johnson 3 Joseph E. Newman 7
Mrs. J. Thomas 4 Leonard Mills Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. T. Knight, formerly organist at this church and the sister church at Wickhamford.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James, Apostle.

On Mon., March 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 each of Pudsey, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Cambridge, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.
Christopher J. Easton .. Treble †Robert A. Beresford .. 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 2 †John J. Durham 6
*David Featherstone 3 †Ronald R. Warford 7
†Robert H. Jordan 4 †C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First of 8-Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb in A flat.
Philip M. Cuckson .. Treble Robert H. Jordan 5
*A. Pattie Clapham 2 John J. Durham 6
*Christopher J. Easton .. 3 C. Barrie Dove 7
David Featherstone 4 Robert A. Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major "inside."

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

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 7 lb. in F sharp.
Philip M. Cuckson Treble David Featherstone 5
Linda D. Shaw 2 Robert A. Beresford .. 6
Christopher J. Easton .. 3 *John J. Durham 7
Robert H. Jordan 4 C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band on the bells.

NOTICES

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

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BIRTHS

BURNHAM.—On April 11th, 1969, to Robin and Pauline, of 60, Above Town, Dartmouth, a son, brother for Sara. 6998

FIELDEN.—On April 14th, 1969, to Maryl (née Crossthwaite) and John, at the Barratt Maternity Home, Northampton, a daughter, Emma Jane. 7005

ROTHERA.—To Susan (née Funnell) and Philip, at St Peter's Hospital, Maldon, on Sunday, April 13th, 1969, a son, Brian John. 7005

IN MEMORIAM

HALL.—Treasured memories of our dear son, Patrick John, who died April 23rd, 1967. Much loved. 7014

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COURT.—As from April 28th the address of Pamela Court (secretary of the towers of Cheriton and Newington-next-Hythe, Kent) is 9, Station Road, Hythe. Tel.: Hythe 66298. 7023

TELEPHONE NUMBER

FINCH.—Ray and Jeanette Finch, 14, Beavers Close, Alton, Hants, are now on the telephone—Northanger 4349. 6994

PERSONAL

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works."—Titus iii, 8.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.—Holiday bungalow to let; 2 double bedrooms, sleep 6; TV lounge, kitchen, bathroom, toilet; linen provided; car space. Vacant June 14th–28th, July 12th–19th and August 23rd onwards—Walters, Statten, Combe Martin 6996

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JUBILEE ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE

Another package of Jubilee Issues of "The Ringing World" (March 24th, 1961) has been found. This number, which gives an historical survey of the journal, is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., from "The Ringing World" Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Striking competition, Saturday, April 26th, Ash Priors, 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. 6943

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (ASHFORD DISTRICT)

Preliminary Notice

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S. Newchurch Rededication of the five rehung bells and the John Willis Memorial Bell by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Sunday, May 4th, 6.30 p.m. 6608

MASONIC RINGERS' GATHERING at Evesham, May 3rd. Details available from Herbert W. Spencer, 3, Washington Road, Wickhamford, Evesham. 6807

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Preliminary Notice

TRIENNIAL DINNER

On October 25th, 1969

At the Green Man, Kingsbury. 6988

SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Woolpit, Saturday, May 3rd.

Will teams please be present by 1.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. Evensong 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield.

Entries and names for tea to H. W. Egglestone 58, York Crescent, Claydon, Ipswich. 7022

SPALDING FESTIVAL, 1969

Opening Service

Parish Church, Tuesday, April 29th, 7.30 p.m.

Choral concert, Parish Church, on Thursday, May 1st, 7.15 p.m. Choir of Boston Parish Church.

Saturday, 3rd: Parade of decorated floats. Tower open for ringing from 11 a.m.

Sunday, 4th: Special services. Bells available for ringing from 12 noon. Handbell recital at 3 p.m. by Spalding Parish Church handbell ringers.

Catering in Church Hall throughout the week.

For further details contact Mr. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding 6999

Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th

KIMPTON (Herts)

MAY FESTIVAL

The Lord Mayor of London will crown the May Queen on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Procession - Floral Display Exhibition - Maypole Dancing - Teas Full programme of free entertainment. Open ringing 6.30–7.30 p.m.

Evening Barn Dance and Old Time Music Hall. 7020

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS

Prices. — Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d for each additional card. — "The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The new general secretary is Rev. Frederick Ross, Marlpool Vicarage, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE7 7BP. Tel.: Langleys Mill 2097. 7027

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—Surprise Major practice will be held on first and third Wednesday of each month, starting at 8 p.m. All Surprise ringers and learners welcome. 6986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Conductors wishing to credit peals to the Association are advised of the following rule as amended on April 12th. The peal secretary is Mr. G. Penney, 5, Mentmore Road, St. Albans.

"That all peals rung for this Association shall be printed in the Annual Report. The particulars of each peal, the composition (unless such is apparent from the published report), notice of the belfry election of new members and a fee of sixpence per member taking part shall be sent to the peal secretary by the conductor within one month of the peal being rung. The conductor shall also be responsible for the payment of the subscriptions of any persons elected in the tower upon the occasion, otherwise the peal will not be recognised."

—A. R. AGG, Gen. Sec.

7024

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Congresbury, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 6976

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Trister, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Cucklington after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horthorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6959

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, April 26th. Tea arranged at Ideal Restaurant, Church Street, Rugby, 5 p.m. Business meeting follows at Church House.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 7026

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting St. Andrew's, Rugby, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing arrangements as follows: Bilton and Newbold-on-Avon, 2–4 p.m.; Rugby (5), 3–4.30 p.m.; Rugby (8), after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in local café. Business meeting in ringing chamber of St. Andrew's. Names for tea (very important) to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick 6885

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Seventh annual striking contest at Old Brampton, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Brimington Road, Chesterfield. Tel.: Chest. 78778.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6980

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will take place at Ockham on Saturday, April 26th, beginning at 10.30 a.m. Service 4.30 p.m.: tea following for those who notify D. Lodge, 1, Ash Grove, Guildford. 6981

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M. at Marlow, April 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Muller, 14, Southwood Road, Cookham, Berks. 6971

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, April 26th, Mendlesham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Forster, Old School House, Mendlesham, Stowmarket. 6972

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Shedfield, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Reading Room, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9 at St. Peter's, Curdridge. Names for tea to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton, please. 6941

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, April 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. 6997

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter's, Titchfield, Friday, May 2nd, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob Minor. 6984

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, May 3rd, 7-9 p.m., All Saints', Kingsdon (6, 234 cwt.).—M. M. L. 6770

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 3rd. Tea and business meeting at Biggleswade Memorial Hall 4.45 p.m. Towers available: Maulden, 9-10; Gravenhurst, 10-10.45; Shillington, 10.45-11.30; Meppershall, 11.30-12.15; Camp-ton, 12.15-1; Henlow, 1.30-2.30; Clifton, 2-3; Southill, 2.30-3.30; Old Warden, 3-4; Northill, 3.30-4.30; Biggleswade, 7.15-9. 7017

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Mottram, May 3rd (instead of Cheadle). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please inform Miss S. Brocklehurst, 226, Newshaw Lane, Hadfield, via Hyde, SK14 8BD, by Tuesday, April 29th. Please note changed date and place. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7009

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Ilmington, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by cups of tea: please bring your own food. More ringing in evening. Also Alderminster (6). 2.30-3.30 p.m.—H. A. M. 7029

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Weston Branch.—Monthly meeting, Egremont, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Frizington, by April 29th. No names no tea. 7025

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual striking competition, Saturday, May 3rd, Fordham. Assemble for prompt start at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. 7004

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.—Annual meeting, May 3rd, Asfordby (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. D. V. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby, by April 30th. 7003

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 3rd. Halifax Parish Church bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to David Smith, 97, Haley Hill, Halifax, not later than Wednesday, April 30th. 7032

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baldock (8), Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. C. A. Agg. Dis. Sec. 7021

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Elstree, on May 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7012

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster—Preston joint Branch meeting, Scorton, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 4/6, approx.). Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston. 6995

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Wigan, Bolton and Liverpool Branches at Emmanuel, Southport, Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing until 7.30 p.m. Special method. Pudsey. Names for hotpot tea, please, to M. Snape, 417, Guildford Road, Southport.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec., Wigan Branch. 7019

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at St. Michael's (8) 3-5 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. Chad's School. Names to Mr. A. Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds, 6, by previous Thursday. St. Chad's bells available in the evening. 7010

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Arnesby (5), May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names to Mr. E. R. Page, St. Peter's Road, Arnesby, Leicester, LE8 3WJ (phone: Peatling Magna 403), by Wednesday, April 30th, please. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 6936

The Whitechapel Bellfoundry's

EXPO BELFRY COMES NORTH

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swineshead, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by April 29th. 6970

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Norwich, Saturday, May 3rd.
Meeting in the Chantry Hall at 2 p.m. The president requests members to make a special effort to attend in view of an important item on the agenda.

Service at Church of St. Peter Mancroft 4.15 p.m.

Tea at Chantry Hall following service. Names for tea to Mrs. J. House, 59, Caernarvon Road, Norwich, by Wednesday, April 30th.

Bells of St. Peter Mancroft available during evening. Other Norwich towers by request. Towers available en route include Scarning, Honingham, Scole 10.15, Dickleburgh 11, Long Stratton 11.45 and Saxlingham 12.30. Also Reepham and Salle 11 a.m., Drayton 12 noon, and Norwich St. Miles and St. George Colegate from 1 p.m. 6993

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice at Cogenhoe, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 7.30-9 p.m.—Anne Henman. 6987

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Handsworth, May 3rd. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. Tea in Parish Centre. After tea, ringing at Treeton (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield, S13 8PQ, by May 1st.—R. Fletcher. 7030

SURREY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

Southwark Cathedral (12)

On SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rt. Rev. John Boys. Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting in the Chapter House. Ringing also at St. George's, Southwark (8), 2.30-4 p.m.

Names for tea to Miss Julie Armstrong, 38, Upper Mall, London, W.6 (Tel.: 01-748 5012), by Wednesday, April 30th, please.—C. H. Cook, Gen. Sec. 6963

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 3rd, Crawley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea, followed by further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley Tel.: Crawley 23596.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 7007

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Spring festival, Truro Cathedral, on May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 6965

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting in the Cleveland area on Saturday, May 3rd. Guisborough (6). Marske (6) and Saltburn (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at Marske 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 7006

AT SALTBURN, NORTH YORKS

JULY 20-27 inclusive

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1969

The Annual Festival will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Lymm, on Saturday, May 10th.

Meeting at 2.30 p.m. will be held in the Church Hall, Crouchley Lane, Lymm.

Service, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector of Lymm, Rev. S. C. Casson, and the address will be by the Rector of Rostherne, Rev. T. Fish, M.A.

Tea, 5.30 p.m., in the Church Hall. Cost of tickets 5/- each, juniors 3/- each. Application for tickets must be made to Mrs. E. G. Moore, 19, Greenwood Road, Lymm, before May 1st. No tickets no tea. Tea or coffee will be served in Church Hall from 12.30-2 p.m.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

Route A

Runcorn (8), Frodsham (8), 10.15-11.15 a.m.

Daresburv (8), Warburton (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Lymm (8), 12.45-1.45 p.m.

Route B

Knutsford (6), Rostherne (6), Bowdon (8), 10.15-11.15 a.m.

Evening Ringing

Lymm, 6.45-7.45 p.m.; Grappenhall, 7-9 p.m.; Warburton, 7-8 p.m.; Stretton (6), 7-9 p.m. Other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6947

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Dunmow (8), Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Dr. L. Castleden, Clock House Cottage, Dunmow. 7015

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Louth (8), May 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to T. Avery, 33, Broadbank, Louth, by May 6th. 7033

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Nash, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon, by May 5th if possible. 7016

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at PENZANCE

Saturday, May 10th

PROGRAMME

as per leaflet.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec.,

6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach,

Swansea, Glam.

7028

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition, May 17th, Littleton, Draw 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea and results. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, on or before 14th.—J. S. 6927

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting in Birmingham area on Saturday, June 7th. Lunch will be arranged. Full details later.—J. G. A. Prior. 7018

SPLICED PLAIN MINOR

By THE PROFESSOR

(Continued from page 301)

No. 4 (7 methods)

23456 No. 60
42563 St. James
35642 No. 60
63425 No. 62
46253 " "
24536 " "
52364 St. James
43652 No. 60
64523 " "
56342 St. James

— 34256

Twice repeated with "Single" for Bob at the end brings up:—

32456 Windermere
25364 Frodsham
56243 Heatherslade
63524 St. Nicholas
34652 Frodsham
45326 "
52463 "
26534 St. Nicholas
64253 "
43625 Windermere
— 43256

Twice repeated with "Single" for Bob at the end.

No. 60. 36.14—16—5. 2nds. 42563.
No. 62. 36.14—16.34.5. 2nds. 42563.

No. 5 (4 methods)

23456 Brentford
— 23564 Ynystawe
* 46325 Brentford
62453 "
25634 "
— 25346 "
— 25463 "
56234 No. 61
64523 Brentford
42635 "

— 42356

Twice repeated.

Bala Bob is inserted in the first part only by calling a Single at * which brings up:—

43625 Bala Bob
— 32564 " "
64253 " "
— 45326 " "
26534 " "
34652 " "
— 45263 " "
63524 " "
24356 " "
56432 " "

32645

Twice repeated with a "Single" at the end returns to:—

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URANGWOT—8

When I read a recent letter which said that originality was difficult to find for competition articles, I thought: "One of my crack-brained ringing friends is going to see this as a challenge."

When I looked in on a 10-bell tower recently my suspicions were aroused by seeing a whole lot of ringers standing about in the churchyard and no bells to be heard. "Originality is one thing but this is ridiculous—a ringing competition without ringing," I mused, for it had been advertised that there would be a competition. The tower is a tall one and access is from the outside; and then, as my gaze wandered over to the tower entrance, I saw that there were ten ringers, each with one of the ten letters A to J pinned to his shirt, and their entrance to the tower was barred by a man holding a stopwatch in his hand. I walked over in that direction and then the arm dropped and the ten labelled ringers rushed madly in.

Recognising the doorman I asked him what was happening, and he explained that he was the timekeeper and would record the time taken until the last ringer emerged from the tower again. I thought it was just a race up and down the tower until the timekeeper went on to explain that in the ringing chamber the ringers would receive a sealed envelope with instructions for placing the band. They would then have to ring a touch on the ten bells, preceded by a dozen rounds. The touch had to be in a recognised method and had to include at least one bob and not more than one covering bell was permitted. There was a judge in the ringing chamber to note the placing of the band and another judge in a nearby building to assess the standard of the ringing. Each team received the same sealed instructions but the waiting teams were kept apart from those who had already rung until the contest was over.

When the last team emerged from the tower it was time for tea, and there we heard the result. The time taken by each team was given and additions were made

for faults in the ringing, failure to set bells at the finish, and so on. One team had a time of 10 mins 25 secs, but they were disqualified as they had not placed the band correctly. It was a pity for their Grandsire Caters was easily the best striking. First place went to the last team to ring, and they had clocked 15 mins 4 secs with their penalties.

As I sat in the hall after tea Jim came up triumphantly. "Who says all competitions are the same?", he burst out. "I thought that fellow was asking to be contradicted," I replied. "Well, there you are." Jim went on, "I wrote an extra set of instructions for you to pass on to 'The Ringing World'." "How very kind of you," I remarked, "but why don't you send them up yourself?" "Well, you know what the Editor has been saying lately about the need for good presentation of copy to keep costs down, and you know how bad a writer I am and how neat you are!", smiled Jim. Who says flattery gets you nowhere!

Anyway, see what you make of his instructions for placing the band and see what you can suggest for the shortest touch on ten to go with it. The prizewinner will be drawn from those with correct solutions and the shortest touch. The closing date for receipt of entries by the Editor is May 9th.

Instructions for placing the band. A to ring the treble and B to ring the 4th. The rest are to be placed so that when the number of each man's bell is substituted for his letter the following equations will be satisfied:—

$$\begin{aligned} G+A &= J+C \\ G+E &= D+B \\ G+E &= I+H \\ J+H &= C+E \\ F+D &= B+I \end{aligned}$$

T. SURR.

Submitted by D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, to whom the entries should be sent in due course for judging and a report on the puzzle.

DENIS A. BAYLES.

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A feature of the festival week at Saltburn from July 20th–27th will be the presence of the Expo Belfry close to the attractive Italian gardens. Both Saltburn and Marske towers will be available at reasonable times during the week and both Skelton-in-Cleveland and Guisborough are within ten minutes' ride.

Peal attempts will be restricted to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., and these should be booked immediately. A fee of £2 will be charged for peal attempts as the expenses of the venture are very heavy. Even if the bells were kept running almost continuously every day, the organisers—Saltburn and Marske ringers—still stand to make a considerable loss.

Although it has been indicated in the advertisement that ringing may be limited to 30 minutes, this is only to be expected at peak periods, at week-ends and during evenings; normally the bells will be available until a further band arrives. It has been suggested that towers may wish to transfer their practice night to the Expo Tower. Local ringers will be available if such a group meets short.

QUARTER PEALS

HENDON, MIDD.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Warren 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley (first "inside") 3, Wendy Ferguson (first in method) 4, Dorothea M. Robotham 5, Ruth M. Foreman 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, B. Livings 8. For Evensong

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Webb 1, Hazel Pady (first Minor "inside") 2, Dawn Colcombe 3, C. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joyce M. Marsh 1, Edwina A. Dixon 2, Janet Crossland 3, Pamela J. Clifton (cond.) 4, W. G. Marsh 5.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Potter 1, Miss T. Orriss 2, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 3, T. Jones (first "inside") 4, C. Nunn 5, F. Potter 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Anne Brumwell 1, C. E. Hill 2, R. G. Jones (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, J. J. Walllett 5. Half-muffled in memory of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. J. Davidson 3, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, A. Locke 5, C. J. Dunstan 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob Minor: P. Brentnall 1, B. M. Barker (cond.) 2, D. J. Goodman 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper 5, R. J. Picton 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday, with congratulations to K. D. Waples and Miss P. Dobbs on their engagement; also to B. M. Barker on being appointed churchwarden.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. Sayer (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Sherriff 2, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 3, F. G. Reed 4, D. V. Suptic 5, Miss B. Fletcher 6. Rung on the middle six.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. H. L. Macadam 1, Gillian S. M. L. Macadam 2, P. J. Franklin (first in four methods) 3, D. R. McLean (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On March 21st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Marion L. Lidgely 1, H. Miles 2, A. P. Smith 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. First Oxford T.B. Minor by all the band.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: Catherine Reed 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Jennie Brown 3, R. A. Grant 4, J. Ellams 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, S. Darvil 7, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 8. Also on March 9th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Beverly, Surflet): Jennie Brown 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, G. A. Duke 3, D. G. H. Hollis 4, D. Gebbett 5, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 6. Also on March 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire): Catherine Reed 1, Jennie Brown 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, G. A. Duke 5, C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 6, D. Gebbett 7, D. G. H. Hollis 8. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pladdys 1, Jennie Brown 2, Pam Gough 3, J. Machell 4, J. Ellams 5, G. A. Duke (first in method) 6, D. G. H. Hollis 7, D. Gebbett 8. All for Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on March 16th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford T.B. Major: Miss J. Radley 1, Miss G. Radley 2, Miss K. Fox 3, G. Paul 4, M. I. Minns 5, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 6, C. J. Sharp 7, P. Philipson 8. For Evensong.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Sylvia Trotter 1, Mrs. Hilda Oatway 2, B. Porter 3, C. A. Hughes 4, A. M. Stacey 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, R. Cademy 7, P. N. Felton (cond.) 8, M. Sprackling 9, N. F. Felton 10. For morning service.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, N. Warr 2, H. Warr 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, R. J. Hunt 6.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen Clulow (first quarter) 1, Hilary Watson-Moore 2, Frances Pegg 3, D. L. Alderton 4, C. J. Walker 5, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 6.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): H. J. Coombs 1, P. Blacker 2, R. Perry (cond.) 3, P. J. Devrell 4, A. J. Coombs 5, N. J. Osmond 6. In memory of Mrs. D. Perry.

MEANWOOD, YORKS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): G. S. Miller 1, C. N. Grandidge 2, Suzanne J. Withers 3, D. Whitehead 4, R. J. Snack (cond.) 5.

MINSTER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. S. Philpott 1, Miss D. V. Petts 2, L. G. Huckstep 3, P. M. Hills (cond.) 4, J. B. Keeler 5.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: J. Platten 1, Harriet Platten 2, Susan Thompson 3, M. Soper 4, Valerie Maynard 5, C. Ward 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. First in method by all the band, and in tower. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to General Eisenhower.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Peel 1, H. G. Smith 2, S. Newton 3, D. Allman 4, J. E. Brough (cond.) 5, E. J. Boffey 6, F. Ollier 7, W. Smith 8. For Evensong, and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dilys Eastmead 1, A. Binstead 2, J. Thorn (first Minor "inside") 3, Pamela Court 4, A. C. Eastmead 5, K. Butler (cond.) 6. For family service.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, Dallington, on March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire): Judith M. Ramsbotham 1, P. J. Verity 2, J. P. Sale 3, E. J. Winkworth 4, J. C. Parker (cond.) 5. Rung by a representative band from Northampton Trinity High School in honour of Speech Day.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. W. Forder 1, M. J. Parker (cond.) 2, T. J. Brock 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, E. Long 5. Rung for the united Anglican/Methodist service and Mothering Sunday.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dawn Green (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Bellaby 2, Sheila Anthony 3, Hilary Pardoe 4, R. Anthony 5, H. Dale 6, D. Stainys 7, R. Inglis (cond.) 8. A farewell to Miss D. Green, leaving to teach in Dar-es-Salaam.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Overbury (first quarter) 1, T. Smith 2, Christine Birks 3, P. Lucas 4, L. Porter 5, G. Scarsbrook 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Mothering Sunday.

OTTERSLOW, SURREY.—On March 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. V. W. Feast (cond.) 1, S. Holmes (first "inside") 2, J. P. Ladd 3, R. L. Pasley 4, J. M. Warinton 5, A. Tanner 6. Also on March 30th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles and Pl. Bob Doubles: J. P. Ladd 1, P. V. W. Feast (first in method as cond.) 2, J. M. Warinton (first St. Simon's) 3, I. F. Taylor 4, R. L. Pasley 5, A. Tanner 6. Ringers 1, 2, 3 and 5 have "circled the tower" to quarter peals.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on March 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. Cooper 1, M. Journeaux 2, C. Woodward 3, V. Fox 4, B. Gray 5, C. Holloway (cond.) 6, C. Coles 8.

PACKWOOD, WARKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carol McKee (first quarter) 1, D. Main 2, D. H. Walters 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. G. Morris 5, R. E. Tallis 6, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 7, M. C. Hughes 8. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Susie J. Titchener (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, D. H. Walters 3, V. H. Nash 4, R. E. Tallis, jun. 5, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to David Rothera and Susan Jenkins.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: N. Barry 1, R. Hazel 2, I. Goulter 3, Mrs. M. Wratten 4, B. Bell 5, Miss V. Willard 6, C. Wratten 7, P. Gould 8, N. Edwards 9, W. Farmer (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On March 28th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, R. Mears (first "inside") 2, R. Mears, sen. 3, C. W. Tidwell 4, E. Amey (cond.) 5, P. Baillie (first quarter) 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 6th, 1,264 Plain and Little Bob Major: A. Neal 1, Marie Haiswell 2, R. Harper 3, A. Beaumont 4, J. Coad 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

SHERE, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire; 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Minnion 1, Miss M. Nursey 2, B. Hawkins 3, J. Newman 4, T. Norton (cond.) 5, D. Meador 6, A. G. Clark 7, J. Askew 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Janis Hence and Mark Sutherland-Harris following their marriage at St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, Australia, at the same local times.

SOUTHGATE, MIDD.—At Christ Church, on March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Fox (first Triples) 1, Miss J. Gordon 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 5, D. F. Willcocks 6, P. M. Cuckson 7, C. M. Martin 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for ex-President Eisenhower.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and St. Clement's): W. Munson 2, W. Brown 3, W. Lawrence 4, D. Taplin 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, S. Gullick 7, R. Kirkpatrick (covering) 8. For the Easter Festival.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Taylor 1, Alison Brown 2, Margaret Powell 3, Susan Riley 4, J. Riley 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Roger Algate and Janthia Vincent on March 29th at the local church—both former Stoke Bishop ringers.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Phyllis Dixon (first quarter) 1, Anne Donaldson 2, Anne Anthony 3, C. Collin 4, J. Bailey (first as cond.) 5, R. Caporn 6. Rung for Confirmation of John Dingle and Catherine Watts, both ringers at this church.

THURCASTON, LEICS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three meth., four var.): Anne Paling 1, Cherrill Everard 2, D. L. Alderton 3, C. Cook 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, Janet Lord 6. First in more than one method by 1, 3 and 6.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Baxter (first quarter) 1, E. Emmerson 2, M. Paul 3, V. Bowen 4, G. Rich 5, R. Harrop (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled at the request of the Vicar.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On March 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, L. D. Duguid 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 4, 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Stephenson 1, June Sinfeld 2, W. F. Scar 3, R. Stripp 4, R. J. Rowley 5, J. G. Newman 6, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. To welcome Christopher Michael Aslett, born March 25th, 1969.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On March 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hawkins (first Minor) 1, Kay Whittaker 2, Erica Pankhurst (first Minor "inside") 3, A. F. Lee 4, D. A. Burt 5, R. L. Coles (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ware 1, H. Ransom 2, W. J. Ransom 3, C. Barnes (first as cond.) 4, R. Trickey 5, F. S. Down 6.

USK, MON.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Jones 1, G. Knight 2, D. Hughes 3, F. Hobbs 4, C. Richards (first quarter) 5, D. Taylor 6, R. Clench (cond.) 7, S. Kear 8. For morning service.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Glendenning (first quarter) 1, Janis Hensley 2, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 3, A. Applewhite 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, F. Barkley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Masur, father of Corinne Masur, a member of the White-chapel Guild. Also on March 13th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Janis Hensley (first "in hand") 1-2, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 3-4, Marjorie Batchelor (first "in hand") 5-6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles (6, 8 covering): Yvonne B. Lewin 1, Lesley J. Smith (first "inside") 2, D. A. R. May (cond.) 3, Heather Burbidge (first in method) 4, F. Lewin 5, Jill P. J. Edwards 6, J. M. C. Edwards 8. Also on March 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Jill P. J. Edwards 1, Lesley J. Smith 2, Yvonne B. Lewin (first in method "inside") 3, Heather Burbidge 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6, J. M. C. Edwards 8. Both rung as a farewell to Heather Burbidge, who is leaving to take a teaching appointment at Alverstoke, Hants.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Jolley 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, J. Cunliffe 3, T. W. Smith 4, A. J. Illingworth 5, R. K. Lister 6, G. Fothergill 7, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Brockhurst (first quarter) 1, G. Francis 2, Mrs. I. Marshall 3, T. D. W. Banner 4, R. A. Banner 5, R. J. Marshall 6. Rung for Mr. W. Puttick on his retirement as captain of the tower.

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