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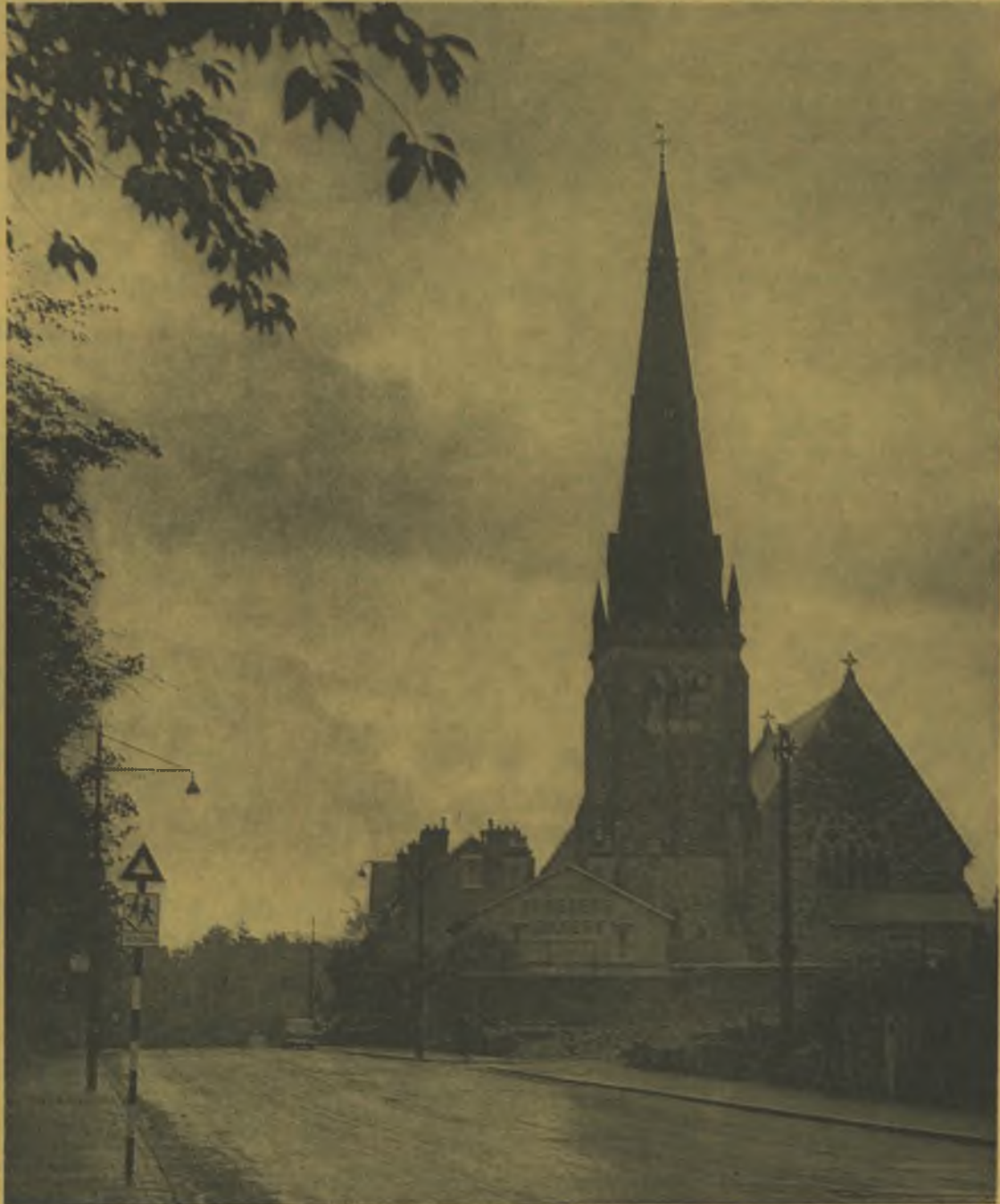
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Church of St. Peter, Royal Tunbridge Wells

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. Peter, Royal Tunbridge Wells

By ERNEST J. LADD

ST. PETER'S CHURCH was built about 1874-75 on land which was at the time known as St. Mary's Hill and Windmill Fields. It is of local sandstone in Early English style and, in the words of a local historian writing at that period, was "built to meet the needs of the populous district known as Calverley Fields." The parish of St. Peter's was formed during the next year, 1876.

The square tower which stands at the north west corner of the church is surmounted by a spire which rises to a height of some 145 feet and is a landmark that can be seen from many parts of the town. At the time of its completion the tower contained a ring of five bells, with a tenor of 11 cwt. 2 qr., cast and hung by John Warner and Son, of London.

It is interesting to note that this was, and in fact still is, the only church in the town with bells hung for change-ringing.

In 1879 a sixth bell was added. At the same time a clock, which was made by Gillett and Bland, steam clock makers, of Croydon, was installed in the tower, which after a period of 90 years is still giving good service to the nearby residents.

In 1886 two treble bells to complete the octave were given by the ladies of the parish. Peal boards in the belfry record the first peal on the bells and the first by the local band, the former being Grandsire Triples rung on August 2nd, 1886, conducted by A. Moorcraft.

March 14th, 1894, saw the first peal by the local band, again of Grandsire Triples, conducted by William Latter, who was a well-known figure in the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association. For 40 years he carried out the duties of hon. secretary for the District in addition to those of captain of the ringers and verger at St. Peter's Church.

From 1886 to 1918 43 peals had been recorded, all except one rung for the Kent County Association, the odd one being a joint peal for Kent and Sussex. One peal only in a Surprise method appears in the

list—Superlative rung in 1911, conducted by T. Groombridge, sen.

The bells were taken down at the end of the Great War in 1918, recast and rehung with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, as a "War Memorial ring" and rung for the first time on Peace Celebration Day, July 19th, 1919. The first peal on the new bells was rung in the following November—Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Groombridge, sen.

Mr. Harry Harrington, who now lives in Hildenborough, Kent, and rang the third on that occasion, is the only surviving member of the band.

Ninety-one peals have been rung on the bells since the restoration, including one by a band of railwaymen and also a "Thomas" peal.

Members of the St. Peter's band of ringers have given loyal support to their county Association over the years. Worthy of mention is the late Frederick White, chairman and trustee; also the late Stafford H. Green, hon. peal secretary for some years, and the late Herbert Markwell, who served as District representative. Mr. Bernard Collison, a member of a well-known ringing family, joined the band in 1921, was also a District representative and is still an active member of the band. The writer also has recently retired from the committee after a period of over 20 years.

On July 19th, 1969, which will be the golden jubilee of the War Memorial ring, the tower will be open during the afternoon and evening, when visitors will be cordially welcomed by the local ringers. Royal Tunbridge Wells is this year celebrating the diamond jubilee of the granting of the Royal Charter to the borough in 1909.

The weights of the bells are as follows:

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
2nd.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
3rd.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
4th.—4 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
5th.—5 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
6th.—6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
7th.—8 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
Tenor.—14 cwt. 3 lb.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District Striking Competition

The annual striking competition of the Canterbury District was held at the lovely village Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Boughton-under-Blean, on June 14th. The competition was organised by Mr. D. L. Cawley and the judge was Mr. Nicholas Davies, of Ashford. He had a hard job in spite of the fact that only three out of about 30 possible towers entered, the results being: third, St. Stephen's, Canterbury; second, All Saints', Whitstable, who were the first team ever to win the trophy; and first, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, who have held it ever since—three times running in all. Accordingly they received the Frank Knight trophy and well-earned praise from others present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Schofield) and the trophy presented by Mrs. Schofield. Fourteen new members were elected from St. Alphege's, Seasalter, Whitstable, where it was noted with pleasure that the new bells would be dedicated by the Bishop of Dover on September 21st at 11.15, and four from Chislet, bringing this grand old six back into union. Funds are being collected to recast the cracked fourth. Mr. B. J. Luck was in the chair.

Next meeting, July 12th, St. Peter's-in-Thamet (8). D. L. C.



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Miss Cross Quitting Oxford Guild Secretaryship

Miss M. R. Cross, the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, announced at the annual meeting held at Oxford on June 28th that this was the last year she would continue in office. "I have served the Guild as an officer since 1937 and I feel it is plenty long enough to hold office. If we do not let some of our younger members hold office we shall lose them."

The festival followed traditional lines. The Master, Canon C. E. Wigg, conducted the service in the Cathedral and the Rev. P. Wilkins, chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch, preached. The lesson was read by the deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe).

The annual meeting followed in the Chapter House with the Master in the chair. Arising from the minutes, Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer) announced that Mr. E. J. Peett, who is now a ringer at St. Margaret's, Westminster, had presented a cup for the Guild's striking competition. Amid the applause of the gathering Mr. Peett presented the cup to Mr. N. J. Diserens, captain of the winning team, St. Mary's, Reading. Accepting it Mr. Diserens said it was the result of teamwork and he hoped the cup would go round the Guild for many years to come.

THE REPORTS

On the proposition of Mr. W. Butler, seconded by Mr. Rance, it was agreed to take the reports as read.

The Master in his report referred to last August when he was a locum tenens on the edge of Dartmoor and the clockwork precision of the prizewinning competitors. He thought rising and falling was often neglected by change-ringers and he wondered how many bands in the Guild regularly practised the rise and fall as a distinct study in its own right. Extra refinements would be provided at striking competitions by falling the bells in queens or tittums positions and then catching in rounds or vice versa.

Canon Wigg concluded with a tribute to "the boundless energy and unselfish service" of all the officers and Branch secretaries.

The deputy Master stated that he had inspected and reported on the condition of the bells in 24 towers in the diocese. Problems varied from simple maintenance of bell gear and sound control to complete schemes for rehanging, augmentations and major structural work to towers and spires.

Miss M. E. Cross based her report on how far the objects of the Guild had been carried out. The first rule considered was "The promotion of interest in the care of all the bells within the diocese". The serious heart attack of Mr. F. Sharpe meant that he had to rest throughout the autumn. The Guild should find people willing to assist Mr. Sharpe and after coaching be able to undertake a preliminary survey.

The bells of St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, had gone to Stanford-in-the-Vale. Warfield now had a ring of ten and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and Checkendon rings of eight. Theale bells had been rehung due to the work of local ringers: Lambourn bells were in the process of being rehung. Bodicote, Thatcham and Old Marston hope to have augmentations in the near future. At the autumn meeting the question of whether there should be money set aside for augmentations was referred to the general committee.

Rule 1(d): The promotion of the Art of Change Ringing. Adderbury and Goring

STATISTICS, 1968

Ringing members	..	..	1,735	(1,762)
Life members	..	..	35	(32)
Honorary members	..	..	64	(59)
Towers with bells	..	..	365	
Towers with members	..	..	223	
Towers regular Sunday ringing	..	..	194	
General Funds	..	..	£2,131	
Restoration Fund	..	..

(included above) £1,877

had rung peals without outside help, and Hughenden were congratulated on their Christmas Day broadcast. The Guild striking competition was held at Wootton and won by St. Mary's, Reading, 2 Thatcham, 3 East Hagbourne.

Rule 1(c): The recruitment and training of new ringers. The Guild and the Branches would give every assistance if asked to rebuild a band, but it was necessary for the congregation concerned to find the leader for the band. The number of Guild certificates issued averaged between 200-300 a year, and if this number was spread throughout the diocese they would have trained in ten years eight ringers per tower. Owing to the movement of population many did not remain in their home town or village. One incumbent with silent bells told her that he had nine ringers living on one new estate but none of them rang anywhere.

The report also referred to the deaths of Capt. A. R. Poyntz, R.I.N. (ret'd.), who was a deputy Master of the Guild 1947-51; A. J. Lynes, Leafeld; J. W. Brooks, Fenny Stratford; W. G. Clarke, Stony Stratford; W. Daniels, Blechley; Rev. W. E. Sawyer, Bicester Deanery; E. T. Sneller, East Ilsley; N. Townsend, Steeple Claydon; E. Whittingham, Wokingham.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

The general funds of the Guild amounted to £2,131, of which £1,877 was in the Restoration Fund. Parochial Church Councils had contributed £42 10s. A deposit of £500 was paid to the Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) for the St. Peter's-in-the-East bells but this had been refunded by Stanford-in-the-Vale. The St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, fund now stood at £240, but this was not included in the General Guild Fund.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: Canon Wigg, Master; Mr. F. Sharpe, vice-chairman; Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. treasurer for the 34th year; Miss Cross, hon. secretary; Rev. Eric B. Wood, librarian; elected members of the committee—Mrs. A. D. Barker, A. Diserens, Miss D. Fletcher, P. Walker, F. A. White and Miss Daphne Pollard (to fill a vacancy).

Although Mr. J. C. Baldwin leaves for America in September the meeting decided to re-elect him as a steward with Mr. H. Oglesby. Endeavours to find another steward were unsuccessful but the vacancies will be considered at the autumn meeting at Witney.

Mr. P. Walker was re-elected editor of the report, with the best thanks of the meeting, and Messrs. E. Francis and Son were re-elected auditors.

The general secretary asked for the confirmation of the election of 186 new members, a slight drop on last year. Miss Cross said there were probably more names to come.

Mr. A. D. Barker then moved the election as life members of six boys from Groton School, two of whom were present, viz.: Christopher Biddle, Evan R. Cowles, John Walker Poor, Jeremiah L. Sullivan II, David F. Walton and Richard G. Woolworth, jun.

GRANTS

The following grants from the Restoration Fund were approved upon the recommendation of the general committee: Tilehurst £50 and Chalfont St. Giles £25. A discussion took place on a grant to St. Mary's, Thatcham, where an augmentation to ten was proposed, one of the new bells being a memorial to Mrs. Butler. Towards this bell the ringers had contributed £350. There was still £200 to be raised out of a total cost of £1,194. An amendment to defer decision to the autumn meeting was carried by 34 votes to nine.

The Master presided at the luncheon held at Christ Church, when the principal guests were the Archdeacon of Oxford and the Rev. P. Wilkins.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Miss M. R. Cross, who gave a special welcome to those from Massachusetts (Groton School and Smith College). They were delighted less than a month ago to have Alice and David Dickenson to stay with them at Radley and, all being well, she hoped to have the joy of revisiting Massachusetts next year.

She coupled with the toast the name of Mr. T. W. White and expressed regret that this would be his last Oxford festival as he had attended regularly since his appointment in 1946. She believed he was doing a job that was well worth doing for the Exercise and for the love of it, as his salary was a mere pittance. She wished him a happy retirement.

Mr. White in his reply said they were living in an age of change in almost all departments. The Church had had many changes—smaller dioceses, different times and forms of services and the dropping of Evensong in many churches. This was bound to have repercussions on Sunday service ringing. It was quite possible that their festival and the Guild would be limited. There was a real danger of ringing drifting back into the realm of secularisation.

Next Saturday he was going to Manchester to attend the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. It was felt by some members that women today did not need the fire of suffragette democracy to enjoy bell-ringing on equality with men. Today women occupied key positions in the Exercise: Guild president, Guild chairmen and, in their own Guild, a general secretary with distinction.

As to the editorship, although he had not yet reached the age when Abraham begat Isaac it was felt he should retire. Next month "The Ringing World" Committee would interview a candidate for the position who had been a Guild Master, a member of the Central Council and had a long association with printing and newspapers.

Mr. White then proposed "The Oxford Diocesan Guild", to which the Master replied.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS MEET AT BIRMINGHAM

THE idea of holding a "country meeting" in Birmingham may seem a little strange, but as a centre for good bells and warm hospitality Birmingham could hardly be bettered. So it was with a sense of keen anticipation that members of the Ancient Society of College Youths set out in the bright sunshine of Saturday, June 7th.

Having experienced the doubtful delights of the M1 motorway, the London members duly arrived in Birmingham, and those who were able to find their way round the city's new road system started the ringing for the day at St. Chad's. Members then made their way to the Bull Ring, where the old and the startlingly new have been blended in a most interesting way to form the new city centre.

An excellent lunch was provided at St. Martin's Parish Hall. There were nearly 60 members and friends present, with the Master, Mr. Andrew Stubbs, on the top table, supported by the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Miss Muriel Reay, Mr. and Mrs. George Fearn and the officers of the Society. (By the way, it was a pleasure to see the senior and junior stewards doing some work for a change!)

At the end of lunch the Master briefly addressed the gathering. He spoke of the pleasure and privilege it was to be back in Birmingham and to have brought the Society there. He said that he had done a lot of his early ringing in Birmingham and he had happy memories of ringing and ringers

there. "I learnt to ring in a local tower," he said, "and after several years I plucked up the courage to set foot in St. Martin's tower where, with George telling me to hold off my backstrokes and Henry telling me to keep them in, I eventually found out what striking was about."

The Master thanked the ladies who had worked so hard to prepare such an enjoyable lunch, and expressed the gratitude of the company to George Fearn, who had made the arrangements. He spoke of the pleasure it had been to sit next to the Master of the St. Martin's Guild and mentioned the close ties that had always existed between the Guild and the College Youths.

In reply, the Master of the St. Martin's Guild thanked the College Youths for inviting her to be with them on this occasion, which she looked upon as a great privilege. "When the idea of the Society coming to Birmingham for their meeting was first suggested," she said, "there was a ripple of anticipation among the Birmingham ringers. It was like a second Henry Johnson dinner." She mentioned what a pleasure it was to meet old acquaintances once again and to make new ones. On behalf of the Guild, she extended a hearty welcome to the College Youths.

After a short interval the Society held a business meeting, attended by about 40 members. Perhaps this meeting was unique in the Society's long history in that it was conducted to a background of bells as the

St. Martin's band rang for a wedding in the adjacent church. At this meeting three Birmingham ringers were nominated for membership.

Following the meeting the grand bells of St. Martin's were set going to a number of touches. From St. Martin's the members fought their way through the crowds of Saturday afternoon shoppers to reach the comparative calm of the churchyard of St. Philip's Cathedral. Here more ringing took place, while those who found it too hot to stay in the tower relaxed on the grass outside.

How pleasant it was, on that perfect June evening, to leave the noise and bustle of the centre of Birmingham and exchange it for the dignified calm of Solihull, which has preserved so well its essential village heritage. The members enjoyed their ring on the newly-augmented 12, and it was a pleasant thing to see in the ringing room a large notice saying: "Welcome to Solihull". An even more personal touch was the visit to the ringing room of the Vicar, Canon Hartley, who said a few words of welcome to the company.

When the ringing had finished there was the traditional "social hour" in the well-appointed bar of the Malt Shovel, where members from all over the country enjoyed one another's company until, all too soon, it was time to go home after a "country meeting" which had been as good as any the writer can remember. W. T. C.

JOHN WILLIE MOXON OF SANDAL NOW 90

NONAGENARIANS are not exactly plentiful, and campanological nonagenarians seldom a glut on the market, but really active campanological nonagenarians are almost as rare as bad strikers at a Barnsley and District Society's contest.

Since John Willie Moxon, of Sandal, celebrated his 90th birthday on May 18th this year his activities appear to have increased. Of course we all know that he is a member of this Society or that Guild and expect him to flip off to Filey, scurry off to Scarborough or buzz off to Blackpool on an outing with the Oddfellows or a caper with the Carpenters at periodic intervals, and are never surprised to meet him pedalling his bicycle down Duke of York Avenue or round "Busy Corner" to do an odd bout of shopping.

But we were pleased when he attended the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies at the Selby Festival and delighted when the Archbishop of York made a special point of offering his personal congratulations—"... which fair knocked the stuffing out of me so that all I could say was 'Thank you'").

And when he turned up at the Barnsley and District's shield contest at Cawthorne on June 14th and one of the bands was a ringer short, nobody was the slightest bit surprised when John Willie Moxon filled the vacant place, and we should have been astounded if his striking had been anything less than first-class.

No mere bystander this!

So that it was only fitting that the Barnsley and District Society, of which he was a founder member in 1909, should meet to do him honour. This they did at a dinner held at the Raven Hotel at Wakefield on June 23rd.

In a speech of welcome, Mr. Christopher Moxon, his namesake but no relation, said

how delighted we were to have this opportunity of showing our appreciation of a man who had contributed so much to ringing. He calculated that with a ringing career stretching back into the 1880s and his contacts with older ringers when he was young (both his father and uncle were ringers), a fund of knowledge and information extending to a period before the middle of the last century was stored away in Mr. Moxon's memories.

In his reply Mr. Moxon said that he was always happy to be amongst ringers, and spoke of the "old stalwarts" of the past. He mentioned Albert Nash, Arthur Panther and Arthur Gill, of Wath-on-Dearne, Bob Thickett and Herbert Rowley, of Horbury, C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who did so much for so many ringers and often dipped deep into his own pocket to help them, Andrew Hoyle, of Shelley, Walter Idle, of Earlsheaton, Harry Robinson and William Reynon ("that grand chap"), of his own tower, John Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and many others.

Afterwards, at the informal gathering, he spoke of the early days of the Barnsley and District Society and his long connection with the Yorkshire Association, its meetings and its members. We listened, discussed and swapped stories and exchanged memories. He told us how in a contest at Hoylandswaine one of the Sandal ringers was perched upon a pile of boards and boxes, which collapsed with dire results to the ringer and the band: "We were up the belfry and down again in five minutes."

This brought forth from Charlie Byram the story of how Meltham had followed a team into the belfry in a contest only to find that all the boxes had disappeared and that because one of the bells had a short rope it could not be reached properly at the backstroke. (Yorkshire ends can only

be lengthened at the wheel.) "How's that for belfrymanship?"

We learnt that it was not uncommon in the good old days ("when contests were contests") for a team to shuffle all the boxes around and remove the knots from the ropes so that the team following, knowing the ringers of the previous team, could not glean information with regard to the lengths of the ropes ("... and make no mistake, the old ringers wanted the length of the rope to their own liking within an eighth-of-an-inch").

Mr. Moxon recalled a contest at Crofton when three teams—Sandal, Shelley and Wath-on-Dearne—tied for first place. The "ring-off" was arranged for the following Saturday and Walter Idle, who was the judge, bought six penknives for prizes for the third team, a set of prizes for the winners having already been provided.

"He thought we were sure to get the penknives," said John Willie, "but we surprised him and came in second. Shelley won the contest so we didn't get a prize at all!"

And so it went on, the time running out ere the conversation!

Trevor Tarbatt, always looking ahead, proposed we have a similar gathering for a similar purpose in ten years' time.

"I'll do my best to be here!" said John Willie.

Among those present: that talented family from Meltham; C. W. Byram, Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenwood, Denis and Susan (surely one of the youngest contest winners ever), Philip and Mary Charlsworth, of Silkstone, Trevor Tarbatt, Geoffrey Townend, Bob and Gail Cater and George Hancock, of Wakefield Cathedral, Glyn and Mrs. Scourfield, of Silkstone, Mr. and Mrs. H. Chant, of Felkirk, David and Mrs. Wilkinson, of Kirkburton, and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Moxon, of Penistone. H. C.

RINGING AND CONDUCTING STANDARD METHODS

By ROBERT B. SMITH

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APPENDIX TO PARTS I AND II

When we considered ringing Treble Bob Royal on handbells (Kent or Oxford) I said that it might, for several reasons, be desirable to use compositions with 3-4 and 5-6 coursing. It is particularly useful to have these pairs coursing between the middle and wrong positions, when first attempting to ring Oxford Treble Bob Royal, when the coursing of the fixed bells becomes disturbed. Alan Scholfield has produced two very useful compositions in which 3-4 course between the middle and wrong; one is a regular two-part peal, the other a one-part peal but has the 6th bell 12 course-ends at home.

5,040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

for Handbells

By ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD

23456 M W H

42356		1
43526	1	2
24536	1	
36452	1	2
23564	2	1
24365	2	1

Repeated.

5,040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL

for Handbells

By ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD

23456 M W H

42356		1
53246		2
63425	1	2
35426	1	2
24536	2	2
32465	2	2
35264	2	1
46253	1	1
63254	1	2
64352	2	1
23456	1	1

If a band can become proficient at ringing peals of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells it should not be too great a step to ringing "right place" Surprise methods, as will be seen presently.

[To be continued]

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH STRIKING CONTEST

For their first striking contest on June 7th at St. Mary's, Warmington, the Peterborough Branch provided an interesting challenge. The ring of six (tenor 11½ cwt.) has a "flighty" No. 2, a fine-set No. 3 and an odd-struck No. 5 which is distinctly slow at hand. The judges were Harold Peacock (Ely general secretary) and Dick Webster (Ringing Master, Oundle Branch) and variety was provided by the four teams taking part with call-changes, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Single Oxford.

A short service and tea in the Vicarage garden followed and then came the comments and results. St. John's, Peterborough, were first and one point behind Castor. St. Mary's were third and Wansford fourth. So enjoyable was the meeting that it is hoped to repeat it in future years.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD ON TOUR



Eleven of the 12 students who participated in the first tour of the Exeter Colleges Guild. It lasted five days and crossed Somerset, nights being spent under canvas. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Huish Episcopi.

In the picture (left to right): John A. Longridge, John L. Anderson (Master), Alan Guille, Linda V. Cull, Christopher Longridge, David Thorne, John Colliss, David J. Adams, Malcolm Turner, Marlene Buttons and Christine Abbott.

The picture was taken at North Curry.

"Very Heartening"—Position of Peterborough Guild

The 45th annual report of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is very encouraging. The general secretary, Mr. E. Billings, has this to say:—

"News from the majority of the Branches is very heartening and I am extremely pleased to note continued progress in the previously less active areas. It is pleasing to report that total membership of the Guild has increased over the past three years to approximately 980 members. This is particularly good as some Branches have carried out drastic reviews of their membership."

Peal ringing has again been to the forefront of the Guild's activities. Some 123 peals were rung and 23 members rang their first peal.

Several changes in Guild rules were now operating: ringing members' subscription now 5/- per annum; new office of peal secretary; maximum grant from Bell Restoration Fund not restricted; all members free life members on reaching national retirement age—males 65, females 60.

A Master's badge of office had been provided and the cost largely met by private and Branch donations.

Correspondence had been exchanged with the Dean of Peterborough in an attempt to persuade the Cathedral authorities to consider alternative schemes to enable the bells to be rung once again. "However, the position remains as hopeless as ever unless we can find an extremely generous donor or finance a scheme ourselves."

A Guild newsletter will be published three times in 1969, with Mr. Barry Care

as editor. The names of 11 members appear on the obituary list, including Mr. G. Hancock, chairman of the Daventry Branch for over 20 years, and Mr. T. Tebbutt, who held various Northampton Branch offices for 25 years, including ten years as secretary.

The Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) strongly commends ringing schools. "It was evident from the half-day ringing school held at Thrapston and Islip that a lot of hard work is necessary if we hope to achieve the standard of ringing required for Sunday services.

The bellfounders had not much to do in the diocese this year, the only work completed being augmenting Braunston, Rutland, bells from four into a very useful six and the rehanging of the eight bells at Irthlingborough.

The balance sheet showed £133 10s. 8d. in the general fund and £955 19s. in the bell restoration fund.

OXFORD GUILD—continued

The concluding speech was a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, to the Dean and Chapter and the governing body of Christ Church. Also mentioned were the preacher, Rev. Peter Wilkins, the organist, the voluntary choir, the Master, Miss Cross, and her able assistant, Daphne Pollard.

Afterwards there was general ringing in the city and surrounding towers, and "Big Tom" was again the objective of a conducted tour by Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

Letters to the Editor

EARLY HISTORY OF HYTHE TOWER

Dear Sir.—I read with interest W. T. Cook's article "Counsel and the College Youths". It has certainly solved some of the mystery of the missing trebles at Hythe.

Perhaps I can furnish a few more facts. Hythe tower was rebuilt after collapse in 1750 and the six bells were recast into eight by Thomas Mears, the elder, in 1802. The two new trebles were added in 1861, their inscriptions being—

Treble.—M. A. ROTHSCHILD M P FOR THE BORO

H. B. MACKESON ESQ. } CH WARDENS
E. H. RONALDS }

J. FRIEND CONDUCTOR.

2nd.—THESE TWO TREBLES WERE ADDED AD 1861.

Rather strangely, the founders' names were omitted from the bells, so this is one mystery that Mr. Cook has solved as they too evidently came from Whitechapel. It appears that the ten were certainly not a success; no peals were believed to have been rung on the full ring, although several were rung on the eight at this period. From investigations I made some years ago among one or two veteran ringers who remembered the ten in c. 1889, the trebles were then disused since they were, apparently, out of tune and almost inaudible in the ringing chamber.

In 1891 the whole ring was taken to Whitechapel for rehangings and their weights at that time were recorded as—

Treble: 3-3-24 6th: 7-2-12

2nd: 4-3-7 7th: 9-0-0

3rd: 6-3-18 8th: 12-0-24

4th: 6-0-26 9th: 13-3-4

5th: 6-2-16 Tenor: 18-2-0 in E flat.

It will be noted that the 3rd was heavier than both 4th and 5th and the two trebles were suspiciously light for the other bells. At this time the unsatisfactory trebles were scrapped: John Friend's "recusant" tenor, being found cracked, was recast with the 7th.

Since that date all the other bells have been recast at Whitechapel—the 6th in 1914, the front five in 1928 (when a new frame was installed) and the 7th again in 1934. They are generally today regarded as a very pleasant ring tonally but require careful ringing as they are a shade odd-struck.

John Friend was one of the great pioneers of change-ringing in East Kent in the last century. He conducted several peals at Ashford in the 1830s including a 10,304 of Bob Major, and I believe he migrated to Hythe in 1840, where his adept band reached their zenith with the peal of 13,440 Bob Major as quoted by Mr. Cook. The inaugural certificate, presented to his band when they won first prize at the opening of St. Stephen's, Canterbury, bells in 1844, is still preserved in Hythe belfry.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

RINGING AT FRANT

Dear Sir.—Reading my "Ringing World" on page 525 I was very interested to note that the Newington ringers had visited Frant and would very much like to know how they obtained permission to ring there. This ring of six used to go like tops, but the music is simply horrible, and until the coming of the present rector were rung regularly by a local band and visitors, with one or two peals each year. Around 1956 the Rev. W. Burns-Wilson became rector and the tower was closed to all visitors. One of our ringers got married and went to live in the village and, quite naturally, tried to join the local band, but he was given such a cold reception that he finally gave up trying to help.

There are dozens of ringers in East Sussex and West Kent who have never had a ring there. At the last meeting ever held at Frant a crowd of ringers arrived at teatime for the rare opportunity of "grabbing" this tower, but before the meal was over the rector sent word to say that he did not want the bells rung any more.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

COUNSEL AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir.—I am indebted to Mr. W. T. Cook for his interesting article on the lawsuit Stockham v. Friend in 1862 concerning the two trebles at Hythe, something which has puzzled me for as long as I can remember.

I first became aware that Hythe was once a ring of ten when I read in the Kent county report for 1892 or 1893 the footnote to peal there, which stated: "This is the first peal on the bells since they were reduced to eight"; and in spite of many enquiries over the years of old ringers in and around Hythe, Folkestone and Canterbury, I was never able to glean any information when and why they were reduced.

In the 1920s, soon after the late Lord Wakefield of Hythe received his peerage, he gave two trebles to complete the octave at St. Olave's, Hart Street, and I remember suggesting to the then secretary of the Canterbury District of the K.C.A. that, if approached, he might also replace the two trebles which had disappeared at Hythe. Evidently nothing happened.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10. Kings Close,
Crayford, Kent.

MR. GEORGE PRESTON

Dear Sir.—I was extremely interested to see the picture of Christchurch Priory in a recent "Ringing World" for I have many happy memories of my association with Mr. George Preston, who conducted my first peal of Grandsire Triples at Lymington in 1906. I often went over to the Priory on practice nights, when there were only ten bells.

It was George Preston and some of his fellow ringers who used to cycle over to Lymington and help us in our early days of change-ringing, and cycling in those days was not an easy matter. Mr. George Preston did some sterling work for the Christchurch District.

I wonder if there are any ringers of that day living? If so, I shall be glad to hear from them.—Yours sincerely,

C. A. HUGHES.

92. Stanley Road,
S. Woodford, E.18.

FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL

Dear Sir.—Regarding the postscript to Mr. Barnett's letter about the St. Michael's Juniors, it was not Benjamin Thackrah but William Woodhead who conducted the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A list of peals in which it is known that William Woodhead rang follows:—

1. Nov. 3rd, 1805: 5.040 Bob Major Triples*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
2. Nov. 11th, 1806: 5.040 Grandsire Triples, at All Saints', Wakefield.
3. Jan. 25th, 1807: 5.280 Union T.B. Major*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
4. Mar. 30th, 1807: 5.280 Oxford T.B. Major*, at Keighley.
5. Sept. 27th, 1807: 5.088 New T.B. Major*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
6. Feb. 22nd, 1808: 5.040 Grandsire Triples*, at All Saints', Wakefield.
7. Aug. 28th, 1808: 5.088 T.B. Major, at All Saints', Wakefield.
8. Jan. 2nd, 1809: 5.152 New T.B. Major, at Sowerby.
9. Jan. 4th, 1809: 5.120 Oxford T.B. Major, at St. John's, Wakefield.
10. Jan. 5th, 1809: 5.040 Grandsire Triples, at All Saints', Wakefield.
11. Aug. 13th, 1809: 5.760 Maidstone Bob Major*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
12. Feb. 1st, 1810: 5.040 Bob Royal, at Leeds, Yorks.
13. April 25th, 1810: 5.280 New T.B. Major*, at Barnsley.
14. June 24th, 1811: 5.184 New T.B. Major at Staveley.
15. Dec. 26th, 1813: 5.040 Grandsire Triples*, at St. John's, Wakefield.
16. Aug. 29th, 1814: 12,320 New T.B. Major, at Otley.
17. April 6th, 1817: 5.000 Oxford New T.B. Royal, at All Saints', Wakefield.
18. July 14th, 1819: 5.076 Grandsire Caters, at Ashton-under-Lyne.
19. Oct. 16th, 1820: 6.030 Grandsire Caters†, at All Saints', Wakefield.
20. Oct. 10th, 1821: 5.079 Stedman Caters†, at All Saints', Wakefield.
21. Oct. 26th, 1822: 5.400 Cambridge S. Royal†, at All Saints', Wakefield.
22. March 27th, 1826: 5.400 Superlative S. Royal, at All Saints', Wakefield.

* Conducted. † Composed and Conducted.

Unfortunately there is little more that I know about him, other than that he died before 1865; but William Woodhead was clearly one of the most talented and advanced ringers of his generation.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Norwich.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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TWO "CHITTERS" COST TWO PLACES

Devon Shield Contest

West Alvington ringers may well be echoing the Duke of Wellington's comment on Waterloo—"It was the damndest close-run thing you ever saw in your life"—after the Devon 6-bell final at Burrington. North Devon came very much on their mettle: after the shield went south to Plymstock last year it was up to West Down, Down St. Mary or Swymbridge to get it back again. In the North Devon 6-bell Swymbridge had taken second place from Mary-Down by one fault with West Down clear ahead with a very fine 17; and in the south, at Charleton, West Alvington had caused a little surprise by beating the champions. But most South Devon ringers did not expect West Alvington to do quite so well in the final, for after all Charleton was almost on their doorstep and they knew the bells as well as any band in the competition, while Burrington was really neutral ground and would allow nobody an advantage. Not that West Alvington can ever be left out of the reckoning: they have for 20 years to my certain knowledge kept up a superbly high standard of ringing in their own tower, with two complete bands taking turns for their service ringing and a wealth of experience and keenness.

But West Alvington proved that their Charleton success was not due to any extra familiarity with the bells. At Burrington they rang a very fine peal indeed on 20½ to beat Plymstock by three-quarters of a fault, and Down St. Mary were nowhere near with 32. It was left to West Down to bring the shield north. They so nearly did it, too. Their ringing was as good as any in the day and their lower really superb: many call-change bands reckon that, as one is more likely to incur faults in the rise and lower, the quicker those operations can be got over the less risk there is of getting marked; but West Down never drag their bells down: at Burrington they let them come down gently, gently, the strike-notes rippling round delightfully, the pull-in to chiming perfectly timed and beautifully executed—and then after the last round they had two "chitters" (a bell speaking after the last round, which costs a full fault), the only "chitters" of the whole day's ringing. They cost West Down two places, for when the results came out the first three places had one-and-a-quarter faults between them: West Alvington 20½, Plymstock 21½, West Down 22.

"Chitters" are unpredictable things: some bells are more inclined to them than others and various ringers have various theories about avoiding them. No doubt by next year the West Down ringers will have done some more research on them and maybe they'll have found the answer. Certainly those two "chitters" at Burrington are going to be talked about for a long, long time: but what deserves more to be remembered is some very fine ringing indeed from Devon's three best 6-bell bands.

J. G. M. S.

VETERANS COMPLETE RING OF TEN FOR STOURBRIDGE



Messrs. F. V. Nicholls and C. W. Cooper.

In addition to the restoration now being carried out to the ring of eight bells two new treble bells, to augment the ring to ten, have been given by two of the ringers.

The two bells are the generous gifts of Mr. F. V. Nicholls and Mr. C. W. Cooper. Mr. Nicholls, who is now 78 years of age, has regularly attended St. Thomas' Church for the past 50 years. Before that he attended Hagley Parish Church for several years. Mr. Nicholls has been a ringer at St. Thomas' Church for 38 years and has been Master of the tower since 1938. Mr. Cooper, who will be 83 in July, first attended St. Thomas' Church in 1894. He has been a ringer since 1900 and was tower secretary for 15 years.

Mr. Cooper has given his bell in memory of his late wife and late sister, and Mr. Nicholls his in memory of his late wife.

The addition of these two bells to the existing ring of eight will make St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, the fifth church in Worcestershire to have a ring of ten bells.

The new bells will be cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who are also rehangng the ring of eight.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The Andover District's summer quarterly meeting was held at Burghclere on June 28th. Ringing during the afternoon varied from rounds to a touch of London Minor. The service, conducted by the curate of Newtown (Rev. F. C. George), was preceded by a touch of Single Oxford. After tea and the business meeting District ringers and visitors were made welcome at the neighbouring 4-bell tower of Newtown, where the local band are justly proud of 50 years of Sunday service ringing. Their captain, Mr. Munday, has not missed ringing in the New Year since he formed the band soon after the First World War.

M. G.

BELLS PROMINENT IN HILLINGDON FESTIVAL

"Colour in Worship" was the theme of this year's flower festival at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Hillingdon, on June 20th, 21st and 22nd. Hundreds of people visited the church, which was decorated with 32 special artistic flower arrangements. Also in the church was an exhibition of stained glass craftsmanship by Messrs. Goddard and Gibbs and another of restoration of stonework by traditional and plastic methods by the New Stone and Restoration Co. Ltd. Various churches loaned vestments for another exhibition. Visual illustrations of bellfounding were supplied by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and this display was augmented by the handbells from the local belfry.

Official events included a peal of Cambridge Royal on the Saturday morning which, fortunately, was rung as the programme had stated it would be! During Saturday evening the local captain, Fred Goodfellow, gave a talk in church on bell-ringing, illustrated by Grandsire Triples on handbells and Bob Minimus rung single-handed by four ringers to demonstrate the basic principles of change-ringing. Robert Fardon, Bert Twinn, Patricia Copas, Ruby Myllys and Mark Stacey took part.

On the Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung for Evensong by R. M. Myllys 1, Ruby Fardon 2, Prudence Pattinson 3, J. Sexton 4, R. A. Fardon 5, M. W. Seymour 6, J. Hill (cond.) 7, C. J. Venn 8. On the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist on June 24th, before the Sung Eucharist, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung, conducted by Michael J. Palmer.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

It was a great pleasure for the St. Albans District to be able to welcome the Association president, Mr. Walter Ayre, to their meeting at North Mymms on June 21st. During the afternoon a course of the special method, Glasgow, was brought round and in the evening a touch of 8-spliced was rung. The service was taken by the Rector (Rev. B. A. Tunstall), followed by tea in the Rectory.

The meeting recorded with regret the death of Mr. W. T. Holmes, and Mr. H. V. Frost spoke to his memory. Unfortunately no one had known of Mr. Holmes' death until after the funeral. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. Rex Agg, thanking him and the committee for all the work they had done to make the Central Council visit such a success. Questionnaires about a proposed ringing course were handed out and District members are asked to return them to Bob Hardy at the July meeting.

Handbell ringing followed the business meeting before moving to Monken Hadley for evening ringing.

Next meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans, July 19th. K. S. H.

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A RAILWAY FAVOURED TOUR

AS the bus threaded along and over the cement works between Dartford and Gravesend, the 13 of us wondered whether this was an ill omen, for it was not mentioned in Michael Horseman's most comprehensive nine-page programme and timetable. However, with engineering works avoided, we rejoined the train and were soon able to show our seven-day Southern Region rail rover tickets to one of many ticket collectors surprised during the coming week. The walk from Birchington Station to the Waterloo tower in Quex Park was most pleasant and the first ringing of the tour augured well. We returned to Birchington in time for a cup of tea before ringing on the pleasant eight for evening service. The hotel at Tonbridge turned out to be a mere three minutes from the station with a useful Chinese restaurant and an essential zebra crossing between them.

At St. Leonards West on Monday morning we had the first of many opportunities to savour SR stations while awaiting a connection. The new "Warboys" lettered station signs had just arrived at this pleasant little station and were proving difficult to erect. At Bexhill we raised the tenor and the font cover; then, able to see one another, ringing proceeded until the treble jammed at handstroke. Access to the bell chamber was not possible so a detailed note was left. Passing the Royal Greenwich Observatory, we arrived at Westham, where we enjoyed the Gillett and Johnston six.

BILINGUAL STATION NOTICES

Lunch, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal at Lewes were followed by a ride down the branch line to Seaford, past the bilingual station notices at Newhaven that had us talking about paquebots for the rest of the week. Grandsire, Double Norwich and much-bobbed Stedman Triples were rung before our return northwards. A course of Bob Royal and then trouble with the first day of the new summer timetable distinguished our visit to Reigate. So five of the party had a swift march from Croydon East instead of a gentle stroll from Croydon South, to get to St. Peter's practice night. A memorable course of Bristol on the back eight highlighted the characteristic Gillett and Johnston growl of the tenor.

On Tuesday morning, much to our relief, we heard that the threatened rail strike had been called off. After witnessing the southern practice of splitting a train in two before our very eyes we were careful to ensure that we sat in the "slow" back six coaches to set out for a day in the East. Halts for ringing were made at the wooden-topped tower at Marden and at Headcorn, where the new greased ropes did not prevent Spliced Triples coming round. We arrived a couple of weeks too soon to take part in the ancient Whitsun custom of dancing on top of the tower at Charing, but made do with the taking-of-ale part of the custom and some good ringing. The eastern limit of the tour was marked by Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Lawrence-in-Thamet. The evening was to be spent at Canterbury Cathedral, but not before Reverse Canterbury had been rung at Minster and production of the outstanding parish magazine had been interrupted in Chatham belfry. Several local ringers helped us at the Cathedral and we were

pleased that one young lady was able to ring rounds on 12 for the first time.

GUILDFORD AND ISLE OF WIGHT

The diesel train on Wednesday morning arrived at Guildford after 13 stops. The fine-sounding bells at St. Nicolas' were kept going to Little Bob, Cambridge Royal and Plain Bob Caters. The final touch of Grandsire concluded with a completely successful set at backstroke. St. Mary's has a pleasant-sounding anti-clockwise six, but after ringing some were feeling somewhat anti-clockcase.

Both the rail trip to and the ringing at Godalming were not what they should have been. The train was 20 minutes late and the ringing suffered from the rush. Haslemere's light ten were thoroughly enjoyed and even coveted! A fast "griddle" took us swiftly to Portsmouth Harbour, where in pouring rain we boarded S.S. "Shanklin" for Ryde. Those not intent on making full use of the ship's below-deck facilities were able to review four N.A.T.O. frigates as they entered harbour. One of the 38-year-old ex-Underground trains that now make their way gingerly out on to Ryde Pier helped us on our way to the very good eight for Stedman, Ealing, Yorkshire and call-changes for the young local ringers. The weather improved greatly for the return trip.

Unfortunately the tenor clapper at All Saints', Maidstone, was still separated from the bell by many miles on Thursday morning. The ringing on the front nine did not really settle until Mr. Louis Head called us some Stedman Caters. As it happened this unusual music was a preparation for St. Michael's bells, tuned as 2 to 7 of an eight. Like the tower visited by the Clerical Guild, the unusual black and yellow sallies reflect the local football club colours. Then we found that East Malling bells went like tops, which was just as well in view of Stuart Brown's singularly long touch of Bob Minor.

WALKING, TOO

By this time of the week the "half mile" to the church given in the programme seemed to be lengthening, and after several triples at West Malling the keen-eyed were pleased to catch a bus back to the station. However, two of the party added a good mile by walking from East Malling, having misread the timetable and stayed for half-a-shute too many. It was an equally long walk from Borough Green Station to Ighiteham and our spirits were somewhat dashed when the "door to the left of the organ" was found locked. Then someone pushed the front of the organ and through we trooped to ring Hull, Winchendon and Stedman quickly. A visit to Eynsford Church, where 5-Spliced Surprise Major succeeded, a cup of tea opposite and a ring at St. Mary Cray completed the day's programme.

At Appledore next morning we were shepherded on to a rail-replacement bus to Brookland by a pre-warned East Kent inspector. Any query as to why Michael had forsaken the railway to ring at a five was soon answered when the three-tiered 15th century wooden campanile came into sight. As the only passengers on another East Kent bus we crossed the sheep-covered marshes and wound our way into Rye. Some ambiguity about visitors walking up to the top of the tower and about the clock

chimes delayed ringing, which included noon being tolled in New Year's Eve fashion.

ALL BELLS UP AT HASTINGS

Our visit to Hastings was accompanied by heavy rain, but the three Taylor eights made up for this, especially as all 24 bells were up. Not all of the party found Christ Church, but those who did were very impressed by the well-engineered and truly-struck model bell. A buffet car and red brick pavements distinguished the journey to St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, where Wembley and Superlative Major were successfully rung. The day ended with Tonbridge practice night. The excellent bells and good management led to much good ringing, including 8-Spliced Surprise Major.

On Saturday morning we were encumbered with luggage until Strood Station left luggage office. "Horseman" proved too difficult for the clerk, but he settled for "Rice" and Roy was issued with 13 receipts. A very wet uphill walk to the eight by Bowell, of Ipswich, at Frindsbury was followed by a bus ride to Rochester Cathedral. There we picked our way through TV staff and equipment and had to ring later with TV staff picking their way through the belfry. Before leaving a presentation was made by John Brain on behalf of the party to Michael, in recognition of the tremendous amount of detailed work that he put into the organisation of the week. Double Norwich at Chatham completed the ringing.

"Chatham dep. 15.30, Waterloo arr. 16.39" said the programme, but a derailment and skilful fathoming from the "bible" turned this into "Chatham dep. 15.40, Victoria arr. 16.37". This completely disrupted our carefully laid plans for regaining the luggage. However, the previously-despatched porters arrived with all the luggage in two taxis from Strood just in time. With this unexpected hurdle successfully cleared I was able to set off for home by Eastern Region, leaving the rest to go via Southern and Western to North Somerset and the Bridgwater district.

G. H. P.

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CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS

155 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Despite every effort to check the above peal before publication, two items escaped. (1) Place notation for the method Alverton, as published in the "R.W.", was incorrect and should read

—56—1456—12—36,12—12,36.

(2) It has been kindly pointed out by Mr. D. Sibson that the name Clifton is already in use for a Surprise Royal method and this could lead to confusion in future years. In view of this we wish to change the name to Flawborough.

With regard to Mr. Dodd's letter ("R.W." 3032, page 423), I am at a loss to see where we enter into the King Edward controversy; we have always called it that. As regards Steeple/Blidworth we decided at the start to use all Nottinghamshire names for any new methods used, providing there was no evidence of them having been rung before to 720s. If anyone has knowledge of this method being rung to the name Steeple in a 720 we would be quite willing to accept the name; until such time we shall use Blidworth. In any case the band find the name quite inspiring.

I think also Geoff is wrong with his Queen Victoria: it should be Sprotborough; and I notice his place notation for King Charles is wrong, but this could be a misprint.

R. B. MILLS.

Quarter peal at Bridgerule, Devon, page 524: The ringer of the third should read E. J. Ladd and not R. G. Pearce.

A HIGHCLERE MEMORIAL

In the presence of a large number of visitors and a full complement of the local band a memorial plaque to the late Kenneth Rutherford was dedicated in Highclere heltry by the Rector (Rev. T. H. Lewis) shortly before flying to America on a two months' exchange visit. A course of Plain Bob Triples, the method rung for the memorial peal to Mr. Rutherford, was followed by courses of Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. The company then adjourned to the Rectory for a social evening and to wish the Rector and his family bon voyage to Bernardville, New Jersey, where he takes charge of the parish.

On the day of the arrival of the Rev. J. Johnson from New Jersey a peal of welcome—of 8-spliced—was rung, and on the Sunday when the customary service ringing took place he expressed appreciation of the ringers' welcome. A full demonstration of the bells and ringing was provided for him and his family the next week, which he assured the local band was a memory he would take back with him when he returned to Bernardville at the end of August.

MIDLAND BANK BELLRINGERS

Coinciding with their first day closure, the Midland Bank bellringers met at Daventry for a day's ringing on July 5th. They also visited Staverton and Southam in the morning. Following lunch at Warwick, ringing took place at St. Nicholas', Warwick, Stratford, Wellesbourne Hastings, Butler's Marston and Harbury. The day ended with an enjoyable meal being taken at Harbury.

Mr. A. (Bert) Wiffen, who is now the oldest active member of St. Michael's, Braintree, conducted a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major for his 72nd birthday on July 6th.

MR. H. S. HUMPHERY

New Romney Parish Church and the Kent County Association suffered the loss of one of their most faithful ringers by the death of Mr. H. S. Humphery on July 1st. He was 88 and probably the second oldest ringer in the Association.

Mr. Humphery was born in New Romney in 1881 and—with the exception of few years—spent his entire life in that town. He became a choirboy and at the same time learnt to ring. In 1899, during the Boer War, he worked on munitions at Woolwich Arsenal and was a member of the local tower. One peal he rang there was of Kent Treble Bob, which he called; this was of no mean achievement in those days. After this war he rejoined the New Romney band and due to his change-ringing skill became secretary in 1907 and later captain. He held the captaincy until his death. His ringing was always of a high order and he allowed no slackness. Pupils taught by him were good bell handlers with none of the all-too-usual basic faults. Even when over 80 he invariably rang three times weekly and attended Sunday Evensong.

Whenever the need was there he would cheerfully deputise for the church verger. Since 1909 New Romney bells have had no major repairs and this speaks volumes for the maintenance given to them. He was not a prolific peal ringer, having some 60 to his credit. It would have been hard to find any Kent tower in which he was not well known and always welcome. Church life in general and the Exercise in particular owe a great deal to such men as Mr. Humphery and Christian life would be all the better for more such people.

On April 15th, 1965, Mr. Humphery received the Royal Maundy from Her Majesty the Queen in Canterbury Cathedral. This was one of his most cherished moments. His wife predeceased him by many years and he leaves descendants of three generations.

The funeral was at New Romney on July 4th and was immediately followed by half-muffled ringing by ringers drawn from his own band and those in the Ashford District who had known him for many years.

A. S. P.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. HOLMES

On April 22nd, in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, one of Hertfordshire's oldest ringers, in the person of Mr. W. J. Holmes, president of the Herts Association in 1956, died.

A native of Cumberland and a ringer and chorister from his boyhood days, he came to Welwyn Garden City in the '30s and joined the choir and tower of St. Etheldreda's, Bishop's Hatfield.

In his term of office as president he visited the towers, mostly on his bicycle, also towers not affiliated to the Association. Most of his many peals were rung in the North of England. He lived in later years in the Hyde Valley Home at Welwyn Garden City.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's, Hatfield Hyde. The Vicar paid a tribute to him and spoke of his ability as a singer and ringer. Interment was in the churchyard. The young Tewin band rang a quarter to his memory. Also on May 21st a Herts County band rang a quarter of Stedman Triples at St. Etheldreda's to his memory, viz.: M. D. Frost 1, G. H. Austin 2, E. Edmondson 3, R. A. Cochrane (first Stedman) 4, A. R. Carter 5, B. J. W. Foley 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, S. Huckle 8.

MR. B. J. HOWCHIN

The funeral took place at Norwich Cemetery on July 3rd of Mr. B. J. Howchin, who was for a number of years Master of St. Peter Mancroft Guild of Ringers. He was held in high esteem by his fellow ringers, but unfortunately his ringing activities had to cease about eight years ago through heart trouble.

Handbells were rung at the graveside at the funeral by Messrs. H. W. Barrett, A. G. Bason, B. Gogle and F. C. Goodman. On the following Sunday a memorial quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at Mancroft on the minor eight by E. G. Shorting 1, H. Tooke 2, S. A. Brothers 3, H. W. Barrett 4, T. E. Spight 5, C. Bird 6, G. Sayer (cond.) 7, C. Curson 8.

MISS SARAH PIGOTT

Miss Sarah Pigott, one of a famous family of ringers, died in March this year. She was a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and their second president. She was about 90 years of age.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. Ann Jones' triumph at Wimbledon was commemorated by a peal in her honour the same day at St. Ethelbert's Church, Tannington, Suffolk.

Preston, Dorset, is losing a useful member in Mr. P. Adams, who leaves shortly for New Zealand. He took part in a farewell quarter on July 3rd.

Comment from a non-ringing mother: Margaret has gone to a surprise practice again but I don't know why they call it surprise—she always seems to know where she's going.

The North Wales Association held a quarter peal week in honour of the Investiture. Of five attempts four were successful. There was a first quarter peal scored in each attempt.

It is hoped to increase the bells of Easton, Hants, from three to six by the end of the year. A band for the bells is being trained by Mr. J. Huggins at Old Alresford.

The Biggleswade District at its meeting at Willington (6) and Cople (6) on June 14th asked two members of the District's committee to attend the Association's general committee to discuss the problem of redundant bells and fittings.

A peal of "Mr. Rusty" Surprise Major was rung at Norton, Worcs, on June 24th. The conductor was Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew, of Tewkesbury.

A peal of 11,520 Eardisland Delight Major was rung at Aspenden, Herts, on July 5th, conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe. It is claimed to be the longest peal of Delight Major and the extent in the method with the tenors together.

Ten recruits are being taught at Ludham, Norfolk, by members of the Great Yarmouth Grammar School Society. Would visitors to the Broads who would like to ring on this heavy five on a Monday evening please notify Mr. K. Brown at Great Yarmouth Grammar School (Gt. Yar. 2061).

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INVESTITURE PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS

We hope to include in our next issue ringing for the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales. The number of peals was not so large as anticipated but Wales made a gallant show with peals at Llandaff, Chepstow, Cardiff, Swansea Radyr, Llan-frechfa and Bridgend.

The bells of London honoured the occasion with peals at St. Paul's, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and All Saints', Fulham.

The quarter peals are spread over 24 English counties and four in Wales, but this is not the complete record as they arrive with every post.

PEAL FOR BIRTH AND COMING-OF-AGE

Twenty-one years ago, on June 10th, 1948, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Bishop's Cleeve, Glos. as a compliment to the Rev. K. C. Edmunds, Rector of Bishop's Cleeve, and Mrs. Edmunds on the birth of a daughter. Talking to the Rector afterwards, someone lightly said: "We'll have to ring another peal for your daughter when she has her 21st birthday!"

This promise was remembered and on June 28th a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Bishop's Cleeve—the bells having been augmented to eight in the intervening years—as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Edmunds. The band would like to express their gratitude to the Rector for his hospitality after the successful conclusion of the ringing.

A QUARTER BOLSOVER WILL REMEMBER

The appearance of Mr. Walter Moulst, a former ringer from Canada, in the Bolsover belfry on July 6th was rightly regarded as an occasion for a quarter peal, especially as the tower desired to do honour to Linda Shaw who arrived bashfully wearing a beautiful ring, signifying her engagement to the tower captain, Robert Chambers. The quarter was successful, but not without a certain amount of trepidation as the tenor ringer lost his trousers when half a course from home! Although this was somewhat embarrassing it was definitely much cooler. Taking part was Mrs. Bessie Holmes, who was ringing her first quarter since illness almost stopped her ringing nearly seven years ago.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY LADIES

What is believed to be the first ladies' quarter in the Stafford Archdeaconry was rung at Codsall on June 24th. It was Bob Major and two of the band had never rung Major before. The first two courses tended to be choppy and then ringing settled into a good rhythm which was maintained until the end. It was the fastest quarter of Major on the bells.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY



Mr. Philip Mehew

The new general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association is Mr. Philip Mehew, of 37 Vaughan Road, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts.

As part of the village war memorial the three bells at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Stotfold, were augmented to six in May, 1948, after years of hard work by the parishioners and the Vicar, Rev. A. E. Grain. It was he that took three young choirboys to a neighbouring practice in the autumn of 1947, where they were placed in the capable hands of Mr. Lewis H. Bywaters, of Henlow. For the next six months or so the three lads cycled to Henlow every Tuesday in all weathers, and the help and guidance they received there enabled them to ring for the dedication of the new ring at their home tower and to form a nucleus of the new band.

A change of vicar just preceded Philip's National Service in the R.A.F., during which time he was unable to do much ringing, and this situation worsened further after his return when the Vicar ordered the cessation of all ringing at Stotfold. However, this ban enabled Philip to gain experience and offer assistance in nearby towers, to travel widely at week-ends and to ring some 400 peals, and he is grateful to all ringing friends for their help in so many ways during this period.

Stotfold bells rang again for Christmas, 1961, after another change of incumbent, and with the invaluable help of Michael (and Margaret) Staniforth a new band was trained. During the last decade an ever-growing number of ringers have left home to continue their studies at universities and colleges—providing a challenging opportunity to spread and develop our art—and this pattern has obtained at Stotfold, for

A HANDBELL CENTENARY

Although peals to commemorate the centenary of the dedication of a ring of tower bells are not uncommon, those to mark the centenary of a set of handbells are far rarer. On June 29th, 1869, the bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Elland, were presented with a set of 15 handbells, cast by Shaw's, which have remained in the belfry. The tenor (size 19 in F) bears the following inscription in a beautiful copperplate hand: "This peal of 15 Bells was purchased by public subscription and are for ever to remain the property of the society of change ringers of St. Mary's Church, Elland. June 29, 1869."

On Sunday, June 29th, a band assembled at the house of two of the local company and rang a peal of 5.077 Stedman Caters, conducted by Bob Smith, of Marple. For the local tower captain, Arthur Rogers, this represented a personal achievement, for he rang his first peal on ten handbells and also his first of Stedman "in hand". The other members of the band were Bernard Groves, Gerald Moorhouse and Vivian Nutton; a former member of the Elland company.

A SILENT HANTS TOWER BACK IN THE FOLD

There is encouraging news from Dummer, Hants, where after many years of silence the bells are now being rung regularly for service and practice. The keen band of 17, mainly young people, is under the leadership of Mrs. A. Ellis. Mr. J. Huggins, from Old Alresford, is the instructor, with assistance from Mr. A. Hoar, of Preston Candover.

three bands have almost completely spanned the last seven years.

Philip works for the Ministry of Technology at the Warren Spring Laboratory in Stevenage—a mile from the "sister" laboratory where works his "brother" secretary, Rex Agg! He is a member of most Guilds and Associations, including the Cumberlands, which he joined in 1957, and has now rung nearly 750 peals, of which he has conducted about a tenth.

His other interests are many and varied, ranging from archery and choral singing, mountain climbing and photography, motoring and rallying, to the study of comparative religion, hypnosis and both ancient and modern occultism. Philip is chairman of the Stotfold Christian Service Committee, secretary of the Youth Club Management Committee, a member of numerous other societies and has only one real complaint in life—there is never enough time to do all that he wants to!

He considers that campanology is the most comprehensively embracing hobby of all that he has pursued, and has much enjoyed the tours arranged by Pat Cannon, Tom Lock and Wilf Williams, to mention but a few.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth S. B. Croft .. Treble	David Wilson 5
*William S. Croft 2	Ronald N. Marlow 6
William T. Perrins 3	Timothy F. Collins 7
Graham W. Elmes 4	Frederick E. Collins .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 500th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Jill Rixon Treble	Phillip Popplestone .. 4
Arthur H. Reed 2	*Rev. Michael Odum .. 5
†Christopher Rixon .. 3	Raymond F. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, the Rev. Michael Odum, who is now chairman of the Taunton Deanery Branch.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Treble	*Roland W. Morant 5
†Roy Worrall 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
Norman Sherratt 3	*John Hall 7
*Christopher Morey 4	*Frank R. Morton .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

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

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

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Paul J. Atkins Treble	Raymond J. Ballard 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Harold Dowler 6
*Christopher Morey 3	David J. Midgley 7
Gerald Parsons 4	Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*William F. Allman .. Treble	Walter Allman 5
Oswald Claybrook 2	William E. Allman 6
Mrs. Betty Lowe 3	Douglas Lowe 7
John R. Bibby 4	Keith Walpole Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Walter Allman.

* First peal on a changing bell.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB

Being 3,072 of Plain Bob and 2,112 of Little Bob with 95 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*Frank R. Morton .. Treble	George H. Randles .. 5
Norah M. Randles 2	*†John R. Scott 6
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 3	*†Christopher J. Jones .. 7
†Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4	Harry W. Howard .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* 200th peal together. † First of Plain and Little spliced. ‡ 100th for the Chester Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Peter C. Randall Treble	Maurice A. New 6
Anthony P. Foster 2	Ian C. Maycock 7
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 3	Peter S. Bennett 8
Stephen F. Royal 4	Brian Bladon 9
Peter H. Mackie 5	David P. Hilling .. Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

Rung with best wishes to Stephen Royal, of Kenilworth, on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Peter Border Treble	L. Michael Callow 5
Joan P. Hutchinson 2	Ian D. Thompson 6
Clare F. Dolphin 3	Ernest J. Gower 7
Frank W. Perrens 4	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung to welcome the Rev. J. B. Hampton, whose induction as priest-in-charge took place the previous evening.

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

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Beverley Surprise, Oxford T.B., Surfleet Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

David R. Randall Treble	Edward C. Garrett 4
David P. Crawley 2	John K. Foot 5
Brian R. Danby 3	Peter C. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to David P. Crawley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, comprising 448 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 224 each of Ashted, Cornwall and Superlative, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Alan F. Scholfield .. Treble	Brian D. Threlfall 5
*Donald F. Murfet 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Hilary Muirhead 3	*John G. Gipson 7
*Geoffrey Pearson 4	*Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of 13 Spiced Surprise Major. Most Surprise methods to a peal for the Association.



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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

Frank B. Lufkin Treble	Keith W. Brown 7
Josephine A. Quilter 2	Robert J. Chapman 8
Robert E. J. Dennis 3	Dennis A. S. Symonds 9
Joe E. G. Roast 4	Peter G. Brown 10
John Armstrong 5	James L. Towler 11
Patrick W. Saltmarsh 6	John E. Murfitt Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung as part of the Saffron Walden "Great Ringing Day" Festivities.

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

On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.

*Alan H. Jiggins Treble	Josephine A. Quilter 4
†Charlotte A. Sterck 2	Philip J. Rothera 5
Keith W. Brown 3	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

* First peal (aged 12). † First "inside."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Martyn Hawkes Treble	Leonard C. Edwards 5
Frances Fairbank 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
*Roman E. Sadowski 3	William A. Farmer 7
†Arthur R. Lawrence 4	Peter Baker Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Edmunds, daughter of the Rector of Bishop's Cleeve.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Pitman's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Peter W. Bartlett Treble	Hugh Falkner 4
Eileen M. Godwin 2	William A. Godwin 5
Patrick A. Bartlett 3	Raymond G. Pearson Tenor

Conducted by William A. Godwin.

Rung to mark the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church, which took place on June 9th, 1269, by the Bishop of Worcester.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

A. Patrick Cannon Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 6
Beryl R. Simpson 2	David W. James 7
Rowan S. Bradley 3	Michael J. Church 8
William S. Deason 4	Tom Page 9
W. John Couperthwaite 5	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

Rung to welcome Julia Scott James (born on June 9th, 1969), and as a first birthday compliment to Charlotte Jayne Hendry.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., June 3, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative, and 608 each of London, Cambridge and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

W. John Couperthwaite .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Douglas A. R. May 6
David J. Tubbs 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Michael J. Church 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Noel J. Diserens. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

Arranged to mark the 200th anniversary of the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Kenneth J. Darvill Treble	*Terence C. Holland 6
Roger King 2	Harold V. Frost 7
Frederick W. Ellis 3	Christopher W. Woolley .. 8
A. Rowland Tysoe 4	Thomas W. Southam 9
John E. Ewer 5	George W. Debenham .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George W. Debenham.

* First peal on 10 bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E.

Alan D. Flood Treble	Ruth M. Foreman 5
*Christine M. Leslie 2	William Birmingham 6
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3	Anthony R. Carter 7
John R. Ketteringham .. 4	Geoffrey Bridges Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Geoffrey Bridges.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a compliment to Jacki M. Quickfall and John Harrison on their recent engagement.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Malcolm J. Hitchcock .. Treble	†Timothy D. Wickens 5
*Trevor A. Cross 2	John A. Howard 6
*Martin L. Howe 3	Simon A. B. Wigg 7
Peter M. Wilkinson 4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

* 200th peal together. † First of Lincolnshire.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Dorothy M. Groves, of Maidstone.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

*Richard A. Birch Treble	*Philip R. Staples 5
*Brian C. Johnson 2	Crawford T. Hillis 6
*Pamela Court 3	Mark S. Lancefield 7
†Peter Richardson 4	§Colin J. E. Wyld Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Major. § First of Major in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Alan Berry, hon. general secretary of this Association, and Miss Anne Barber, on the occasion of their engagement.

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

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 576 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Robert W. Hinde Treble	*Colin A. Tester 5
Thomas Cullingworth 2	*Colin J. E. Wyld 6
*Alexander Waddington .. 3	*Simon A. B. Wigg 7
Martin L. Howe 4	*Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

* First peal of 9-spliced.

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

On Thurs., July 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Christopher S. Sims .. Treble	Peter R. Butler 4
Margaret E. Oram 2	Ian H. Oram 5
†Christopher J. Mundy .. 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harriett Richards, mother of Arthur S. Richards, local tower captain.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Fri., June 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Frank Reynolds Treble	Geoffrey Fothergill 5
Joseph Thornley 2	David C. Makin-Taylor .. 6
Arnold Critchley 3	Dennis H. McCormick 7
Albert Greenhalgh 4	James E. Andrews Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by James E. Andrews.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Roy Jolley Treble	R. Keith Lister 5
James E. Andrews 2	David C. Makin-Taylor .. 6
Roger Barnes 3	Neil T. E. Burnett 7
David J. Bennett 4	A. John Illingworth Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Neil T. E. Burnett.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the tenor has now "circled the tower."

Rung as an expression of goodwill to Canon Ridley and his wife in their new post, and as a 21st birthday compliment to David J. Bennett.

(Bolton Branch.)
ECCLESTON, near Chorley, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Wed., June 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents (five callings), Tenor 11 cwt. 7 lb. in A.
 Albert Greenhalgh Treble | Geoffrey Fothergill 4
 James E. Andrews 2 | †A. John Illingworth 5
 *Kathleen Higginson 3 | David C. Makin-Taylor Tenor
 Conducted by James E. Andrews.
 * First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First of Plain Bob Minor as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
 On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
 Ann M. Smith Treble | Martin Green 6
 Christine L. J. Mills 2 | R. Brian Mills 7
 Monica M. Jelley 3 | Rupert A. Clarke 8
 W. Ernest Rawson 4 | Richard A. G. Inglis 9
 John M. Jelley 5 | *R. Kingsley Mason Tenor
 Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
 * 450th peal. First of Rutland Surprise Royal by all the band.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann M. Smith.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Thurs., June 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 Monica M. Jelley Treble | Martin Green 5
 John M. Jelley 2 | R. Brian Mills 6
 Christine L. J. Mills 3 | G. Ronald Edwards 7
 W. Ernest Rawson 4 | R. Kingsley Mason Tenor
 Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
 In 15 methods, comprising: (1) London and Wells. (2) York and Durham. (3) Hull and Cranford. (4) Bourne and Caithness. (5) Primrose. Berwick and Hexham. (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. (7) Norwich.
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble | John E. Cook 4
 Christine L. J. Mills .. 2 | R. Brian Mills 5
 *Martin Green 3 | R. Kingsley Mason Tenor
 Conducted by R. Brian Mills
 * Most methods to a peal

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt 2 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.
 Jack Bray Treble | Christopher J. Sharp 5
 Peter A. Sharp 2 | Jack L. Millhouse 6
 Ronald Chafer 3 | Geoffrey R. Parker 7
 Philip H. Reynolds 4 | David Phillipson Tenor
 Composed by C. I. Rowson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANFEIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
 On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.
 Donald G. Clift Treble | James Clatworthy 5
 Christopher J. Hughes .. 2 | Paul A. Williams 6
 J. Michael Lakin 3 | Michael R. Meadows 7
 Stephen Fenwick 4 | David J. Llewellyn Tenor
 Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.
 Christopher J. Venn .. Treble | John Hill 6
 *Patricia A. Copas 2 | Albert R. G. Twinn 7
 G. William Critchley .. 3 | Ronald K. Russ 8
 *Ruby M. Myllys 4 | Frederick W. Goodfellow .. 9
 Claudia A. Critchley .. 5 | Michael J. Palmer Tenor
 Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by John Hill.
 * First peal of Cambridge Royal. First on the bells after rehanging as a memorial to Sir Gilfrid and Lady Craig. Rung during the Flower Festival.

EALING, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., May 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 C. Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.
 Michael J. Palmer .. Treble | Norman Summerhayes .. 5
 Michael Sprackling 2 | Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
 Peter N. Felton 3 | Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
 Patricia A. Copas 4 | Frank T. Blagrove Tenor
 Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
 Rung for the 95th anniversary of the formation of The West Middlesex Association and the 75th anniversary of its re-formation as The South West Middlesex Association.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.
 *Christopher J. Venn .. Treble | H. George Hart 5
 Elsie K. Hart 2 | *Ronald K. Russ 6
 Alan R. Pink 3 | Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
 Peter J. Heritage 4 | Frank Reed Tenor
 Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 * First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LONDON, N.W.—At the Church of St. Mary, Willesden.
 On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.
 C. Edward Lankester .. Treble | Frank Reed 5
 Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2 | Geoffrey Bridges 6
 William Birmingham .. 3 | Timothy G. Pett 7
 John R. Ketteringham .. 4 | Christopher P. Starbuck .. Tenor
 Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Tues., June 17, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5248 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 Mary Bridges Treble | Frank Chambers 5
 Richard J. Clifton 2 | Arthur E. Rowley 6
 B. Stedman Payne 3 | G. Ronald Edwards 7
 Joseph W. Cotton 4 | Roland Beniston Tenor
 Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DRAYCOTT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
 On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.
 Charles S. Ryles .. Treble | J. Michael Jack 5
 *Rosemary A. Bennett .. 2 | C. William Bunn 6
 †Jean H. Millins 3 | William Perkins 7
 William H. Pickett 4 | Alban J. Jack Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles S. Ryles.
 * First peal. † First of Major.
 Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Perkins, daughter of the ringers of the 7th.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Fri., June 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.
 William H. Watkin .. Treble | Roland W. Morant 4
 Frank Beech 2 | Edward R. Fairbrother .. 5
 A. Doreen Edwards 3 | Frank R. Morton Tenor
 Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
 Rung to welcome the new curate, the Rev. Brian Swinnerton.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel
 On Sat., May 31, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
 Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.
 *Alan H. Long Treble | David P. Hilling 6
 *Susanne Sargeant 2 | William H. Coles 7
 Frank C. Price 3 | William S. Deason 8
 William A. Theobald .. 4 | *A. John N. Rance 9
 Canon K. W. H. Felstead 5 | *Stanley G. Scott Tenor
 Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
 * First peal on 10 bells. First on the recently augmented ring.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., June 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Beddington version.		Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.	
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	6	
Graham C. Paul 2	G. William Critchley ..	7	
Barry E. Saunders 3	Alan A. Paul	8	
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Barrie Hendry	9	
Patrick I. Chapman 5	Richard F. B. Speed ..	Tenor	

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

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

On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Mollie E. Care .. Treble	†Alan J. Marks	5	
Murray A. Coleman .. 2	Brian R. Danby	6	
J. Malcolm Tyler 3	Richard J. Cowley ..	7	
David J. Morgan 4	Barry R. Care	Tenor	

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." First of Major as conductor.

Rung for the coming Gift Day and Patronal Festival.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants.—At the Church of

St. Laurence.

On Thurs. June 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford,

Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*William Care .. Treble	†David Robinson ..	4	
Raymond Henman .. 2	Barry R. Care	5	
David J. Morgan 3	Murray A. Coleman ..	Tenor	

Conducted by Barry R. Care.

* First peal on a working bell. † First in seven methods "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Valerie Williams and Paul Clewitt married on June 21st, 1969, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton

BOZEAT, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in D.

*Paul Haggart .. Treble	†Norman Line	3	
Rex Line 2	George F. Roome	4	
	†Edward C. Buckby ..	Tenor	

Conducted by George F. Roome.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. C. Knight, Vicar 1949–1969, president of the Wellingborough Branch 1952–1969.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, comprising 1,360 Yorkshires, 1,280 Rochester and 1,240 each of Cambridge and London No. 3, with 54 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Susan E. M. Davis .. Treble	*Peter M. Wilkinson ..	6	
*Jane Foster 2	†John S. Barnes	7	
†Adrienne Gibson .. 3	†Derek E. Sibson	8	
*Beryl R. Simpson .. 4	*Thomas H. Francis ..	9	
*David J. Forder .. 5	†Dennis Beresford ..	Tenor	

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. † First of Spliced Surprise.
† First of 4-Spliced Surprise Royal.

SHOREDITCH, London, E.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Audrey R. Alexander .. Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	5	
*Jennifer Brown .. 2	James M. Hills	6	
*Adrienne Gibson .. 3	Derek E. Sibson	7	
Gillian M. Brearley .. 4	John R. Pratchett ..	Tenor	

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

Thurstans' four-part.			
Gordon W. Land .. Treble	Michael J. Hobbs ..	5	
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	*Philip S. Gaisford ..	6	
Robert J. Purnell 3	Robert C. Kippin ..	7	
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 4	Bernard G. North ..	Tenor	

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.

* First in the principle away from tenor. First of Stedman as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

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

On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising 179 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Bilsthorpe, Halloughton, Bleasby, Calverton, Epperstone, Habbleshorpe, Smithfield, Gonalston, Hoveringham, Cromwell, Kneeton, Flintham, Lambley, Darlton, Weston, Littleborough, Edingley, Halam, Wakefield, Monsal and Stanwell Surprise, Staythorpe, Upton, Oxtan, Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Danbury and Hatherop Delight (30 methods), (2) Holloway, Pentonville, Wandsworth, Soho, Thurgaton, Brixton, Waterloo, Hatfield, Redcar, Appleby, Beighton, Pattiswick and Terling Surprise, Gunthorpe, Kirton, Egmontan, Boughton, Ollerton, Ompton, Kneesall, Kersall, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Stisted, Pebmash, Whetton-in-the-Vale, Staines and Orston Delight (30 methods), (3) Owthorpe, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Plumtree, Keyworth, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Bevercotes, Carburton, West Drayton, West Markham, Edwinstowe, Cuckney, Cotgrave, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Mansfield-Woodhouse, Ravenshead, Misson, Sturton-le-Steeple, Stapleford, Shireoaks, Selston, Kilvington, North Wheatley, Nuthall, Alverton and Ossington Surprise, Cropwell Butler, Tithby and Tollerton Delight (30 methods), (4) Thorne, Ripley, Rhyl, Luton, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bunney, Barton-in-Fabis, Babworth, Averbham, Clayworth, Flawborough, Bathley, Brough, Bothamsall, Screveton, Car Colston and Burton Joyce Surprise, Holbeck, Clipston, Newstead, Blidworth, Linby, Brinsley, London Delight, Hadfield and Holme Pierrepont Delight (30 methods), (5) Staveley, Selby, March, Boston, East Bridgford, North Muskham, Wath, Carisbrooke, Hitcham, Papplewick, Thoroton, Scrooby, Bole, Wellow, Thorpe, Walsby, Ashkam and East Leake Delight, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Gedling and Granby Surprise (21 methods), (6) Spalding, Retford, Minehead, Drontfield, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Barnby-in-the-Willows, Vale Royal, Crowland, St. Werburgh and Combermere Delight (20 methods), (7) College Exercise, London Scholars, Kingston, Norbury, Capel, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, South Kirkby, Barnsley and Snowdrop Treble Bob, Pilsey, Blythe, Staverton, Nostel, Neath, Finchampstead and Warsaw Delight (18 methods), with 210 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Peter A. Slight .. Treble	William L. Exton ..	4	
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Denis A. Frith	5	
Simon Humphrey .. 3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor	

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

Greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal. All extents by Simon Humphrey.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sun., June 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

George P. Adams .. Treble	*Martin Cubitt	5	
*Janet House 2	Kevin S. Hohl	6	
*Carole A. H. Patey .. 3	*Geoffrey H. Pullin ..	7	
David G. Adams .. 4	David E. House	Tenor	

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal of Pudsey. First on the bells since rehanging.

(The Mancroft Guild.)

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

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 26½ lb. in E.

Peter Adcock .. Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin ..	5	
Carole A. H. Patey .. 2	Martin Cubitt	6	
Hilary Adcock 3	Martin L. Howe	7	
Janet House 4	David E. House	Tenor	

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David E. House.

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

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Kent T.B. and 3,600 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Amanda M. Richmond .. Treble	Harry D. Clarke ..	4	
†Brian E. Whiting .. 2	Arthur F. Ballam ..	5	
Dorothy M. Durrant .. 3	Alan G. Feaver	Tenor	

Conducted by Alan G. Feaver.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. G. Bumstead, of Horringer.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Michael V. Chilcott .. Treble	Alan E. Bagworth ..	7	
David E. Parsons .. 2	Raymond J. Talbot ..	8	
*Alan D. Flood 3	Norman Summerhayes ..	9	
Jeremy R. Pratt 4	Kenneth J. Rider	10	
Nigel Thomson 5	Alan R. Patterson ..	11	
Roy D. Mills 6	Michael J. Uphill ..	Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by David E. Parsons, (No. 6.)

* First peal on 12 bells.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor: 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*Barbara Minnion Treble	Christopher F. Mew .. 5
†Felicity S. Hamilton .. 2	*Christopher D. Collin .. 6
*Bernard Hawkins 3	Rev. Michael Hart .. 7
Tony Skilton 4	Colin H. Cook Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.).	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.
Robert W. R. Percy Treble	David R. Reed 5
Frederick J. Lambert .. 2	Thomas M. Barlow .. 6
J. Michael Swift 3	*Alan R. Baldock 7
Clive Brettell 4	Andrew G. Bassett Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* 50th tower for a peal.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

John R. Norris Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
David D. Smith 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Tom Page 4	George Francis Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

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

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

On Wed., June 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.).	Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.
Alan R. Baldock Treble	*Thomas M. Barlow .. 5
Christine M. Baldock .. 2	David R. Reed 6
Ann Harris 3	Ian V. J. Smith 7
Frederick J. Lambert .. 4	Ivor S. Holland Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* 50th peal. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick J. Lambert.

WEST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. George.

On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's in 13 methods, viz.: (1) College Bob and Wavertree, (2) Oxford T.B. (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G sharp.

Geoffrey C. Rix Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 4
Patrick M. Wills 2	Philip Stevens 5
E. Winifred Keys 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

Rung for the dedication of a stained glass window in memory of the Hornung family by the Bishop of Horsham.

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

On Sun., June 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
*David J. Woodward .. Treble	Betty Percy 4
†Gillian R. Eldridge .. 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
Christine M. Baldock .. 3	Robin A. Funnell Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal away from cover. † First peal

Rung for the Parish Flower Festival Evensong.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., June 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 736 Superlative, 704 each of London and Rutland, 608 each of 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 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

Anita D. O'Brien Treble	†Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Albert Diserens 2	Noel J. Diserens 6
David P. Hilling 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
*Angela M. Ayres 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of 8-spliced.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. James Johnson, who is on a two-month exchange visit to this parish from St. John's, Bernardville, New Jersey, U.S.A.

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

On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*John C. Hallett Treble	*Roy Le Marechal 4
†Phillipa E. Manniss .. 2	*John P. Colliss 5
Linda V. Cull 3	Edward W. Colley Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Colley.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

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

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 3 Hours and half a Minute,

A PEAL OF 5520 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.
J. Jeffery Hill Treble	Michael S. Holbrook .. 4
Lynette M. Holbrook .. 2	Howard E. J. Smith .. 5
R. Christine Hassell .. 3	Jack Weaver Tenor

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.

Longest length on the bells and by all the band. Longest length of Doubles for the Guild

Rung for the Odiham Music Festival.

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

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being two extents of St. Simon's Bob, 12 each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*David M. Hadley Treble	Charles E. Bassett 3
Ramon A. Stone 2	David G. Hatherly 4
Basil E. Pink Tenor	

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* First peal.

Rung for the Flower and Music Festival at this church.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Tues., June 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 MR. RUSTY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Arthur C. Berry Treble	John Clements 5
Frances Fairbank 2	Peter Robertson 6
Valerie Willard 3	Hugh Evans 7
Shirley M. Drew 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

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

MR. RUSTY SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58.12.36—12—38—16.34.78. 1.h. 12. 15738264.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Wores.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 107 changes of method. All the bells did all the work of each method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Reginald Newton Treble	David Becham 5
Morley P. Tobin 2	Gerald C. Hemming .. 6
Michael J. Fellows 3	Martin D. Fellows .. 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

LEIGH, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Edburga.

On Sat., March 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Thomas W. Lewis Treble	*Reginald W. Rowe 4
*Christina M. Bouldin .. 2	*John Clements 5
Reginald Woodyatt 3	*Cecil Deakin Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal in the method

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Christopher Paget Norbury on his appointment as High Sheriff of Worcestershire for 1969-70.

SHALSEY BEAUCHAMP, Wores.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
James Ranford Treble	*Stanley W. Abley 4
Thomas W. Lewis 2	John Clements 5
Leslie F. Smith 3	Reginald W. Rowe Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal of Minor. Western Branch quarterly peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Philip N. Tubbs Treble	John Hartless 7
Heather Kippin 2	Brian D. Threlfall .. 8
Jean F. Woolford 3	Richard H. Youdale .. 9
Vivian Nutton 4	Edward J. Chivers .. 10
Michael J. Best 5	Robert C. Kippin .. 11
Frank L. Harris 6	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Philip N. Tubbs.

SHEFFIELD, Yorks.—At the Church of St. John Evang.. Ranmoor.

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

David Nichols Treble	Ian North 6
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Neil Donovan 7
Patricia Lockwood 3	Ian G. Campbell 8
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 4	Stuart Armeson 9
Elizabeth Timmins 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Ronald Crabtree Treble	Christopher J. Easton .. 5
*Arnold Cole 2	John J. Durham 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	David Featherstone 7
Robert H. Jordan 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck. (R.C.)

On Sat., June 7, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Ronald Crabtree Treble	Graham Jones 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Robert H. Jordan 6
C. Barrie Dove 3	David Featherstone 7
Christopher J. Easton 4	John J. Durham Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

275th peal as conductor for the Association. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

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

On Thurs., June 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 576 Ashted, Bristol and Lincolnshire, 384 Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 132 changes of method.

Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	Robert A. Beresford .. 5
Robert H. Jordan 2	John J. Durham 6
Michael G. Dodson 3	Ronald R. Warford 7
David Featherstone 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal of 12-spliced by all the band and on the bells.

HORBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard.

On Sat., June 14, 1969, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Michael G. Dodson .. Treble	Robert A. Beresford .. 5
*Linda D. Shaw 2	John J. Durham 6
*David Whitehead 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
Robert H. Jordan 4	David Featherstone Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside."

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

On Thurs., June 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 Bristol, Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Graham Jones Treble	Robert A. Beresford .. 5
Christopher M. Movley .. 2	John J. Durham 6
Michael G. Dodson 3	Ronald R. Warford 7
David Featherstone 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal of nine-spliced by all the band.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Ronald Crabtree Treble	John J. Durham 5
A. Pattie Clapham 2	David Featherstone 6
*Michael G. Dodson 3	Robert A. Beresford .. 7
*Robert M. Chambers .. 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck. (R.C.)

On Wed., June 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 17 methods, comprising 384 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, and 256 of Bristol and 192 each of Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 131 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

A. Pattie Clapham .. Treble	Robert A. Beresford .. 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 2	John J. Durham 6
Michael G. Dodson 3	Ronald R. Warford 7
David Featherstone 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First of 17-spliced by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

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

On Sat., June 28, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

C. Barrie Dove Treble	John J. Durham 5
A. Pattie Clapham 2	David Featherstone 6
Graham G. Jones 3	Robert A. Beresford .. 7
*Michael J. Dodson 4	Christopher M. Movley .. Tenor

Composed by S. A. B. Wigg.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sun., June 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

42 extents, four callings. Tenor 7 cwt. in C.

*Anne E. C. Whitaker .. Treble	† Janet E. Hunt 4
† Helen Williams 2	R. Anne Johnson 5
Gail Cater 3	*Daisy Whitaker Tenor

Conducted by R. Anne Johnson.

* First peal. † First "inside." First on the six.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Tues., June 10, 1969, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	David Featherstone 4
Robert H. Jordan 2	John J. Durham 5
C. Barrie Dove 3	Robert A. Beresford .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Easton.

First peal as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

MORECAMBE, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Paul J. Bagshaw Treble	*Roger M. Day 5
Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 2	Paul Coddington 6
*J. Martin Rice 3	Peter N. Mackley 7
† Hugh J. Baker 4	Brian L. Burrows Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major.

Rung by seven members of Nottingham University and one of Lancaster University during a joint ringing week-end.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Mon., June 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 2,016 changes each of Plain Bob and Little Bob and 1,008 St. Clement's, with 377 changes of method.

Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank 1-2	† Hugh N. Evans 5-6
*Valerie Willard 3-4	Cyril A. Wratten 7-8

Arranged by G. E. Feirn.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* 150th peal. † 100th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.

On Sun., May 25, 1969, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5144 SPLICED MAXIMUS

In three methods: 320 Burford Little, 216 Gainsborough Little and 4,608 Plain Bob, with 76 changes of method. Tenor size 20 in F.

*Kenneth J. Darvill 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe 7-8
Julia A. Fellows 3-4	*Roger D. R. Brown .. 9-10
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	*Peter T. Dale 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on 12 handbells. First in three Maximus methods by all.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.

On Fri., May 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5,264 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill 1-2	*J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	*Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major on handbells.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At 55, Wick Avenue.

On Mon., May 26, 1969, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

Kenneth J. Darvill 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe 5-6
Stephen P. Darvill 3-4	J. Arthur Hoare 7-8
Peter T. Dale 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Little Bob Royal on handbells by all.

NOTICES

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES

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BIRTH

TREBLE.—To Paul and Wendy (née Bird), of Bristol, on July 1st, 1969, a daughter, Fiona, a sister for Elizabeth. 7597

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

STICKLAND—HAVARD.—The wedding of Rev. Geoffrey Stickland and Miss Ruth Havard will take place at Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1969, at 11 a.m. Ringing will take place before and after the service. 7617

DEATHS

DOBBIE.—On June 30th, 1969, in the Medway Hospital, Maud Alice Dobbie, aged 61, the dear wife of L. Dobbie, of 30, New Bridge Avenue, Milton Regis, Kent. 7618

HEAZEL.—Robert Charles passed away very suddenly on July 5th, 1969, called to higher service. 7602

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ASHMORE.—The Ashmores' latest move is 100 yards to 140, Crawley Drive, Grove Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Visitors always welcome. We hope, this time, to have settled for a while! 7594

CRADDOCK.—The home address of Andrew G. Craddock is now 254, Donvale Road, Donwell Village, Washington, Co. Durham. 7592

SMART.—The address of Peter and Angele is now Rathlin, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot (150 yards further from the Swan), Telephone number unchanged: Aldershot 25710. 7593

UNDERWOOD. John A. has now moved from Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, to 88, Hardwick Road, Wellingborough, Northants. No telephone at present. 7607

PERSONAL

"And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom: and to depart from evil is understanding."—Job xxviii, 28.

Will Miss Jenny Lees, of St. Andrew's College, Kohimarama, Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands Protectorate, kindly communicate with this office.

Will Miss Linda D. Shaw, of 48, Harehills Lane, Leeds, please contact this office, as her copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned marked "Not at this address".

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DORSET.—Near Milton Abbey, B. and B., 20/- Evening meal, 7/6. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. 7610

FOLKESTONE.—Mrs. H. Savage, Kelvin Guest House, 15, Connaught Road, Folkestone, Kent, B. and B., 22/6. Full board, 9 gns. Separate tables; comfortable lounge; personal service. 'Phone: 52967. 7435

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE.—Bound volumes of "The Ringing World", 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929, 25/- each. Two 40 ft. bell ropes, good condition, 30/- each.—Apply Box 7600, "The Ringing World" Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 7600

Will those members of the Central Council who did not obtain a copy of the Ilkley Guide and details of the headquarters hotel for the 1970 Council meeting please write to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield. 7604

ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS', DROXFORD

Rededication of new treble by the Bishop of Portsmouth at Evensong, 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, July 20th. Ringing and refreshments after service. 7591

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX ST. MARY'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

All ringers welcome.
July 18th, 19th and 21st, 7-9 p.m.
Sunday, July 20th, 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
No Saturday practice on July 26th. 7596

ESSEX ASSOCIATION N.E. DISTRICT RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 19th
Gt. Bentley (8) 10.30-11.30 Ardleigh (8)
Thorrington (6) 11.45-12.45 Mistley (6)
St. Osyth (6) 2-2.45 Tendring (6)
Gt. Holland (8) 3-3.30 Thorpe (6)
Kirby-le-Soken (8) 3.30

Service 4.30, followed by meeting.
Tea, names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken.

Sunday, July 20th

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN RINGERS' SUNDAY

Ringling at 7 and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
for services at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion), 11 a.m. (Matins) and 6.30 p.m. (Evensong) respectively.

Preachers:

11 a.m., Rev. B. Redger.
6.30 p.m., the Bishop of Colchester.
Also open: Great Bentley (8), 2-2.45; Tendring (6), 2.45-3.15; Great Holland (8) 5.15 p.m.

Tea (at F. Lufkin's house) and breakfast free to those who notify Frank B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea.

Come and join us.
Make a week-end of it. 7564

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS

FLOWER FESTIVAL Saturday, July 26th

Ringling:
Saturday: 10-11.15, 3.30-4.30, 6.15-7.30
Sunday: 8.45-9.45, 5.30-6.30
All visitors welcome. 7587

CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS

(Ten bells, tenor 22 cwt 9 lb. in E flat)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

September 12th, 13th and 14th

Applications would be welcome from complete, competent bands to attempt quarter peals (8 and 10 bells only) on Saturday, September 13th, commencing promptly at the following times:—

10.30 a.m.	4.15 p.m.
2.30 p.m.	6.0 p.m.
7.45 p.m.	

On application please state choice of three times in order of preference, number of bells and method proposed to ring. Each band will be allowed up to 1½ hours to ring the quarter peal.
Closing date for application August 2nd. Application to Miss W. E. Marriott, 51, Corby Avenue, Swindon, Wilts. 7542

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, The New Hackwood Hotel, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, September 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 27/- from District secretaries up to Sept. 13th.—A. P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent. 7075

PRACTICE MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Practice at Terling, Thursday, July 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 7560

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, Thursday, July 24th, 7.45 p.m.: Ealing, Rutland, Lincolnshire.—F. W. Housden. 7612

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Barkway, Tuesday, July 22nd, 7.30-9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 7582

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Happisburgh, Saturday, July 19th, Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C., Sec. 7163

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Rushall, near Walsall, Saturday, July 19th, Bells (6) available 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Gen. Sec. 7611

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice meeting, Monday, July 21st, at Holy Trinity (8), Cuckfield, evening, 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors are most welcome.—Ann Evans, Hon. Sec., Southern Division. 7400

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Mayfield, July 26th, Bells 3-4.30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—Christine Baldock, Div. Sec. 7598

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Houghton, Saturday, July 19th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All very welcome. Special methods: Annable's London and Grandsire Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7606

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, July 19th, St. Michael's, St. Albans, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea and meeting follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Kirk, 7, Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead (Tel 3090).—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 7519

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Great Horstead (6), Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Tea at the Windmill, Standon, 5.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ringing at Standon (6) in the evening, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford. 7583

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Queenborough, Saturday, July 19th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to S. Rayfield, 48, Main Road, Queenborough, Sheppey.—T. Barton. 7579

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Newchurch, Saturday, July 19th, Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify W. J. Beeching, Hills Farm, Ruckinge, Ashford ('phone: Ham Street 524).—A. P. S. B. 7549

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, "Golden Jubilee of the Bells", Saturday, July 19th, Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. 7559

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at St. Matthew's (8), Stretford, Saturday, July 19th, Ringing 3-5 p.m. and after meeting. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Birchall, 243, Barton Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 9RB (Tel. 061-865 1027). No names no tea.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 7595

NOTICES

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at Lord Leicester Hotel, Warwick.
Price: Adults 25/-. Juniors 18/-.
Further details and tickets from Miss
J. Riley, Wayside, Langley, Stratford-
on-Avon, Warwicks. 7629

MISCELLANEOUS

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—There
will be no practice on Thursday, July 24th.
7628

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—
Chew and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at
Winford (6). Saturday, July 19th. Bells avail-
able 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by
tea. Chew Magna (8) available during evening,
—E. J. Chivers and D. G. Yeo, Branch Secs.
7634

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—
Combined Mid- and South West Branches
meeting at Berry Pomeroy on Saturday, July
19th. Bells (8) 2-4 p.m. Service 4.15, followed
by tea. Evening ringing, Totnes (8), 6.30-8.30
p.m. Names for tea to Brian Tuckett, Orley
Road, Ipplepen, Newton Abbot. Phone:
Ipplepen 688. 7627

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton
Branch.—Meeting, Holy Trinity, Horwich, on
July 19th. Bells (8) 2.45-8.30 p.m. Cups of
tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. K. Lister,
Branch Sec. 7637

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern
Branch.—Evening meeting, Heydour, near
Grantham, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing com-
mencing at 6 p.m. Special method: Yorkshire.
All welcome.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7571

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Pinner, Satur-
day, July 19th. Ringing from 4-5 p.m., fol-
lowed by tea. Service 6. Also evening ring-
ing. Ruislip bells available 2.30-3.30 p.m.—E. H.
Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7553

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE
RINGERS.—South Western District.—Annual
meeting, July 19th. Arrangements: West Coker
(8), 2-2.45 p.m.; East Coker (8), 3-4 p.m.;
Hardington Mandeville, 4.15-5 p.m. Tea and
meeting in Village Hall, Yeovil (10), 6.15-
7.30 p.m.; Sherbourne (8), 7.45 p.m. Names
for tea to G. Davis, Police Station, Cannings-
ton, Bridgwater. Tel.: Combeich 402. 7614

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern
Branch.—Monthly practice, July 19th, Stoke
Mandeville, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J.
White. 7633

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne
Branch.—Joint meeting of Calne/Marlborough
Branches, Broad Hinton, July 19th. Ringing
3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Gray, 162,
Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 7599

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—New-
ark District.—Meeting, Ossington, Saturday,
July 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—
D. J. T. 7616

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South-
ern Division) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint
meeting, Saturday, July 19th. Bells: Twine-
ham (5) 3 p.m. Tea, Henfield, 5, followed by
Ladies' Guild business meeting, Evensong 6.30.
Ringing, Henfield (8), till 8.30 p.m. Names
for tea, please, to Miss Ann Evans (Div. Sec.),
17, Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, BN1
7GE. 7198

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farn-
ham District.—Advanced practice, Guildford
Cathedral, Monday, July 21st, 7.30-9 p.m.—
S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 7566

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSO-
CIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting,
Charlton Mackrell, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service
4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie,
Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne,
Dorset. 7609

EXPO BELFRY

RINGING DAILY, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Sunday, noon to 7.30 p.m.

Other Towers, Monday to Friday.

Guisborough (6), 1.30-2.30.

Marske (6), 2.45-3.45.

Saltburn (8), 4.0-5.0.

Skelton (8), 6.30-7.30

Saturday, 26th:

Skelton, 10.30-11.30.

Marske, 10.30-11.30.

3.15-4.15.

Saltburn, 2.0-3.0.

Guisborough, 3.0-4.0.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—
Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting on July
26th, Locking (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.,
followed by tea and business.—M. Legg. 7632

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton
District.—Quarterly meeting at Totternhoe, on
Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea
and business 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names to
Mr. J. Scott, Old Farm Inn, Totternhoe, Beds.
7608

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe
Branch.—Acton, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.
Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential by
July 23rd.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road,
Crewe. 7620

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—
N. and N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at
Bridgerule, July 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Ser-
vice 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.
Visitors welcome. Names for tea to R. Pearce,
Buttsheer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by
Monday, July 21st. 7621

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
—Meeting, Thrybergh (6). Saturday, July 26th.
Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea
to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channing, Doncaster
Road, Thrybergh, by 23rd. 7619

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wis-
bech Branch.—Meeting at March, July 26th.
Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.
Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 7569

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—
Meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday,
July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea
5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and
further ringing. Surprise practice in the even-
ing if possible.—G. Blake, Hamlet House,
Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7584

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild-
ford District.—Quarterly meeting, Chidding-
fold, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30,
followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea,
please, to J. H. Payton, 26, Turner's Mead,
Chiddingfold, by Tuesday, 22nd. 7568

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Here-
ford District.—Quarterly meeting, Clodock (6),
July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Crown,
Longtown, 5.15. Ringing at Ewyas Harold (6)
6.30 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd. please.—
Mrs. Pannell, 12, The Cloisters, Hereford.
7622

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-
ham District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday,
July 26th, Eynsford. Ringing 3 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R.
Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wed-
nesday, 23rd. 7631

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next
meeting on Saturday, July 26th. Bells at Leath-
ley (4) available 2.45-3.45 p.m. and Otley (8)
3.30 p.m. onwards. Cups of tea provided at
Otley at 5 p.m.—please bring your own food.
—R. Cater, Hon. Sec. 7601

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—
Southern Branch.—Meeting, Brooke, Saturday,
July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15.
Tea 5 p.m., only for those who send names to
C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bun-
well, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, July
23rd. 7625

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East
Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at
Wooburn, July 26th. Bells 3.30 Tea 5. Names
for tea, please, by 23rd.—J. Muller, 14, South-
wood Road, Cookham, Berks. 7624

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Mansfield District.—Meeting, Hucknall, July
26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5
p.m. Names to Mr. Bramley, No. 1, Church
Drive, Hucknall, by Friday, July 25th. 7623

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—
Quarterly meeting, Wilby (8), Saturday, July
26th. Bells 3-9 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30
p.m. Picnic tea. 7615

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—
Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Titchfield, July
26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15
p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by the busi-
ness meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Names
for tea to Mr. W. Cope, 78, Kiln Road, Fare-
ham, by previous Wednesday, please. 7586

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston
District.—Evening meeting, Queniborough, on
Monday, July 28th. Ringing from 6.30 to 9
p.m. with a business meeting at 8 p.m. All
ringers welcome. 7561

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—
District practice, All Saints', Catherington, on
Friday, August 1st, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods:
Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. 7635

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury
Branch.—A.G.M., August 2nd. Ringing, Ban-
bury (10), 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30
p.m. Names for tea to C. F. Herbert, 2,
Beesley Road, Banbury, by July 30th. 7603

OBITUARY

CHARLES EDWIN STINTON, J.P.

The death occurred on June 26th, at age
70, of Mr. Charles Edwin Stinton, J.P., of
Wollaston, Stourbridge. He had been a
ringer at St. James' Church, Wollaston, for
many years and was also tower secretary.

The funeral was at Wollaston on June
30th and the bells were rung half-muffled
before and after the service. A course of
Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave
by C. Brown 1-2, F. Handley 3-4, J. C.
Skidmore 5-6 and B. C. Ashford 7-8.

The service was conducted by the Vicar.
Rev. F. B. Honey, assisted by the Rev. R.
Veale, and tribute was paid regarding the
great amount of public work in which Mr.
Stinton had been engaged.

The Stourbridge Bench, the Justices'
Clerk, the Police and many other bodies
were represented in the church.

DATE TOUCH

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOS.—On June 22nd, 1,969 Grandsire Doubles: Alice Pearson 1, Eileen Godwin 2, R. G. Pearson 3, P. A. Bartlett 4, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 5, H. Falkner 6. For the service commemorating the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor: D. Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, M. S. Holbrook 3, J. J. Hill 4, D. Wilcox 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First of spliced for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rowena Morris (first quarter) 1, Jean Pike 2, Wendy Henderson 3, P. Morris 4, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 5, D. Hood (first behind) 6. For the coming-of-age of the ringer of the third.

ALTON, HANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Sims 1, Catherine M. Law (first Triples as cond.) 2, R. Reed (first Triples "inside") 3, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 4, Ann Biddlecombe 5, R. J. Corke 6, C. Chennell-White 7, A. Bone 8. Rung for Rogation Sunday Evensong

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Philippa Tubbs 1, Lynette M. Holbrook 2, R. Willeott 3, J. A. Dodd 4, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Holgate 1, A. W. Beard 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, C. Tarry 8. A compliment to Norma Anne Holgate and Robert Clarke, both members of the St. Margaret's Society of Barking, on the occasion of their wedding (June 14th).

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Marlow 1, W. Hibbert 2, J. J. Hill 3, Lynette M. Holbrook 4, J. Weaver 5, R. Crocker 6, H. E. J. Smith (first Stedman as cond.) 7, D. Hidden 8. First Stedman 1, 4 and 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. Dakin 1, M. H. Whitell 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, B. R. C. Crouch 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,296 Pl. Bob Minor: J. L. Anderson 1, G. H. Baldam 2, D. J. Atkins 3, K. A. Hughes 4, M. S. Turner 5, J. N. Longridge (comp. and cond.) 6. Also on same day, 1,308 Grandsire Minor: J. N. Longridge 1, Linda V. Cull 2, M. S. Turner 3, D. J. Atkins 4, K. A. Hughes 5, G. H. Baldwin 6. By Exeter Colleges Guild.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. I. Bamforth 1, S. Hammond 2, Sylvia Smith 3, B. S. B. Kear 4, R. F. Andrew 5, M. Foulds (first as cond.) 6.

BROMSBORROW, GLOS.—On June 19th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Barbara Luckes 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, B. Spiers 3, E. D. Wilson 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, K. Tyler 6. First Kent for 1, 2, 4, 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Sniers.

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, A. Kersey 2, Catherine M. Law (cond.) 3, R. Reed 4, C. Chennell-White 5, M. Larkham (first quarter) 6.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Thorpe 1, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 2, J. Baker 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, W. Ledward 5, D. Thorpe 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Richard Kennard.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Frost (first on eight) 1, Miss F. Benford (first "inside") 2, I. Carey 3, A. J. Cox 4, D. Carey 5, R. A. Wright 6, M. E. Stracey (first of Triples as cond.) 7, Rev. P. Wooster 8. Rung in connection with the Chippenham "At Home" Week.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Eilbeck 1, Miss V. Bell 2, F. Richardson 3, W. Seward 4, G. Temby (cond.) 5. A midsummer quarter peal.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Skerritt (first quarter) 1, Janice Spiller 2, W. H. Spiller 3, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 4, R. Harrop (first Doubles) 5. For the christening of the son of the 3rd, brother of the 2nd and godson of the 1st. Also on June 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. H. Spiller 1, Janice Spiller 2, Michael Paul (first Doubles) 3, R. Harrop 4, W. H. Spiller (cond.) 5. For the Marshland Deanery Service.

QUARTER PEALS

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Buckman (first attempt) 1, L. Barlow 2, Marjorie Phipps 3, M. Phipps (cond.) 4, P. Rose 5, D. Hird 6. A birthday compliment to 3rd ringer.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fisher 1, D. Hacker 2, Pamela Osborne (cond.) 3, B. Osborne 4, G. Heaven 5, P. Barrett 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. Derrick Bailey and Miss Janet Pink, both ringers at this church.

DINTING VALE, DERBYS.—On June 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Smith 1, J. Broadbent (first quarter) 2, Susan Brocklehurst (first Minor) 3, M. Foulds 4, R. F. Andrew 5, S. I. Bamforth (first as cond.) 6.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. D. Weaver (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. M. Hicks 2, Mrs. V. Howard 3, F. H. Hicks 4, M. P. Howard 5, L. Smith 6, R. Osbon (cond.) 7, J. A. Howard 8. For Evensong.

ELFORD, STAFFS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. A. Parsons 1, Sheila Parsons 2, R. G. Howell 3, K. G. Parker 4, A. Howell 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6. For flower festival, and a birthday compliment to A. E. Cooper.

FONTELL MAGNA, DORSET.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Mears 1, Miss E. Gill 2, E. C. Chant 3, R. H. J. Mears 4, A. E. Woods (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6. A wedding compliment to June Rose Woolridge and Terrence John Twine.

GORTON, LANCs.—On June 24th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: R. M. Edwards 1, Sylvia Smith 2, Susan Brocklehurst (first "inside") 3, P. Broadbent 4, S. I. Bamforth 5, R. F. Andrew 6, B. S. B. Kear (first Major as cond.) 7, M. Foulds 8.

GREAT GIDDING, HANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Smith 1, J. Cooper 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Yeomans 4, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles: Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss J. Pillinger (first as cond.) 3, R. J. Page 4, M. N. Amphlett 5, P. Screen 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mary J. Smith (first attempt) 1, Martyn J. Marriott 2, Charlotte M. Harris 3, R. L. Piron 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, G. G. Smith 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Stephenson (cond.) 3, G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, Dr. C. Wright 6, P. Sippitt (first Stedman) 7, F. Gant 8. For Matins, and with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Newman on the occasion of their 48th wedding anniversary. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Bob Triples: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, G. Richardson 3, R. Newman 4, J. Fowler 5, C. Pain 6, F. Gant (cond.) 7, J. Stephenson 8. For Confirmation.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Kirkcaldy 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, H. W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown 4, J. Kirkcaldy 5, P. D. Hepburn (first cond. Triples) 6, J. R. Norris 7, R. Kirkcaldy 8. First Triples 1, 2, 8. For Evensong.

LANGPORT, SOM.—On June 24th, 1,320 Bluebell Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs L. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5, Mrs. D. Crocker 6. A birthday compliment to R. F. Arcsott.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On June 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Ashcroft 1, Anne Cooke 2, Felicity Cooke 3, F. Corney 4, S. Fenwick (cond.) 5, J. Jones 6. For Evensong. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, F. Corney 4, D. G. Clift 5, S. Fenwick (cond.) 6. For the National Festival.

LYDD, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss M. Vantom 1, Mrs. V. Ring 2, R. C. Offen 3, E. J. Clifton 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. J. Coombs 1, P. Blacker 2, R. Perry 3, S. Bateman (50th quarter) 4, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 5, N. J. Osmond 6. Rung for St. John-the-Baptist's Day. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susan Willis 1, P. Blacker 2, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 3, S. Bateman 4, R. Perry 5, N. J. Osmond 6. For Patronal Festival, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. M. Coombs.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Jones 1, L. R. Porter 2, H. Page 3, M. Bolton (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung as a welcome to the Manchester Unity Friendly Society, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Pengelly.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On June 15th, 1,272 T.B. Minor (Oxford, Kent): Janet Bloomfield 1, W. K. Brett 2, R. W. Bloomfield 3, S. W. Knights 4, P. Rogers (cond.) 5, J. W. Hurst 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Sir Stuart C. Goodwin, vice-president of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

ORTON, WESTMORLAND.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Tembey 1, A. Capstick 2, R. Wetenhall 3, R. Grisdale 4, H. Byrom 5, K. Price 6, T. Lock (cond.) 7, B. Street 8. A compliment to H. Byrom on the birth of his grand-daughter, and to B. Street on the birth of his daughter.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (eight meth./var.): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, A. Betsworth 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bishop Robin, Assistant Bishop of Portsmouth. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hughes 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, A. Betsworth 8. For Confirmation service.

PULHAM ST. MARV, NORFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Harrison 1, T. G. Boast 2, C. Catchpole 4, D. G. Boast 5, A. H. Roberts 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, A. C. W. Roope 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Ursula Joan Huggins, wife of the Rector, whose funeral took place this day.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor: M. Simpson 1, Miss J. Pillinger 2, P. Screen 3, J. Taylor (first Minor) 4, D. Tomlins 5, M. N. Amphlett (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival and christening of Stedman Charles Nicholas.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 29th, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Marie Hatswell 1, Patricia Lockwood 2, I. North (cond.) 3, R. Harper 4, A. Clifton 5, S. Armeson 6, D. Nichols 7, N. Donovan 8.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hodgekin 1, S. Hodgekins 2, B. Dixon 3, G. Muncey 4, R. Whitworth 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Hall and David Mason drumming. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Father W. C. Knight, Rector of Bozeat and president of the Wellingborough Branch of Bellringers for 17 years, 1952-1969.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Sims (first Minor) 1, Carol Rogers 2, Jane Reynolds 3, M. Hansford 4, P. Butler 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. With best wishes of the band to Barry Maloney and Margaret Esler (Sidcup ringers) on their engagement.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Taylor 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, T. J. Brock 3, J. B. Pickup 4, M. J. Parker 5, W. S. Girling (cond.) 6.

STANBRIDGE, BEDS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. Sear 1, June Sinfield 2, Marion Addy 3, P. Aslett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5. For the flower festival.

TAUNTON, SOM.—At St. George's, Wilton, on June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marian J. Beale 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, Brenda M. Bindon 3, A. F. Arcsott 4, R. F. Arcsott 5, A. H. Reed 6, W. Perrins (cond.) 7, M. R. Arcsott 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On June 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Dowden 1, Heather Alford 2, Ann Dowden (first Surprise) 3, Catherine Bew 4, R. Isgrove 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6. Rung by Essex University Society.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Linda West (first on ten) 1, Susan F. Thomas 2, June Whitcher 3, D. E. Cobb 4, G. H. Walker 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. C. Austin 8, J. E. Murfitt 9, M. Cook 10. For Matins.

WEST HAM, E.—On June 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. J. Adams 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Gwendoline G. Meyer 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, R. L. Jones 6, K. J. Rider 7, L. C. Way 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, A. J. Taylor 10. For evening Eucharist.

WINGERWORTH, DERBYS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Hird 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, A. Queen 3, P. Rose 4, M. Phipps (cond.) 5. Rung for annual open day, and a birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

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