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St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon, Middlesex

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon

ST. JOHN - THE - BAPTIST'S, HILLINGDON, the mother church of Uxbridge, is of ancient foundation. In the records of the Abbey of Evesham in the time of Abbot Walter (1077-1086) there is mention of the Church of Hillingdon having one hide (of land). In 1086 Domesday Book records simply "a priest, one hide". Then in the year 1150 Lord of the Manor Brian Fitzcount gave the church itself and an endowment to the Abbey which held the living and appointed priests to the parish until early in the 13th century. In 1248, as a result of a dispute, the Abbey forfeited the living to the Bishops of Worcester, who remained rectors of the parish until 1855, when they sold "the Rectory of Hillingdon with all the lands held therewith".

There is a list of incumbents commencing with Ansgotus, Clericus de Colham, in 1114 down to the present Vicar, Rev. Preb. Frank Cecil Tyler, A.K.C.

The church is in a commanding position at the top of Hillingdon Hill. Its walls are faced with trimmed black flints. The nave and aisles are 14th century, the tower dates from 1629 and the chancel and transepts from 1848. The cupola contains one bell which is no longer in use.

The chancel was rebuilt, the nave lengthened and the north and south transepts and chapels added, to the design of George Gilbert Scott in 1847-8. The chancel arch, which is Early English of about 1260, was taken down and reset at the same level as the transept arches. In 1953 the chancel and monuments were restored and the wagon-roof cleaned and painted to commemorate the Coronation of the present Queen. Bomb blast in the last war destroyed several stained glass windows, but the east windows have been replaced.

WORK ON THE BELLS

A petition in the Court of Requests in 1559 against Laurence Wright, a London bellfounder, concerning a badly-cast tenor bell indicated that in the reign of Queen Elizabeth there were five bells in the tower. In 1731 the six existing bells were made into eight at a cost of £500 by the generosity of two parishioners, William Harrington, yeoman, and Richard Ashley, baker, who had "to indemnify the parish from any public charge in the commission of the work in the sum of £500"—a lot of money in those days.

The bells were recast in 1776 by Pack and Chapman, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The whole ring was subsequently recast at different times—the 2nd and 3rd in 1779, the 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor in 1788 by William and Thomas Mears, the 4th in 1828 by Thomas Mears and the treble in 1864 by George Mears. This old ring was again recast in 1911, two smaller bells added to augment the ring to ten, and they were rehung with completely new fittings and frame by Gillett and Johnston Ltd., of Croydon. The bells were tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle and the tenor of 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. is in the key of E flat.

Once more this was done through the generosity of a parishioner. Mr. John Stilwell, the vicar's warden, whose family came to Hillingdon in 1790 and had always taken great interest in local affairs, defrayed the cost of the entire work. His daughter, Lady Juliet Craig, together with her husband, also

took a great interest in the bells and the ringers, and generously undertook the cost of work done to the bells in 1964. Before Lady Craig died in April of last year she asked that the bells be rung in her memory, and this was done. In thankful memory of the life and work of Sir Gilfrid and Lady Juliet Craig, the bells were quarter turned and rehung on ball bearings in May of this year by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry through the kindness of Mrs. Barbara McLellan, Lady Craig's daughter.

ANCIENT PEALS

A tablet (restored in recent years by local ringers and friends) on the wall of the tower records that "the whole peal of Grandsire Triples of 5040 changes was thrice performed by these persons hereinafter mentioned in ye year 1733". Eleven persons are mentioned as having taken part in one or other of the three peals, including Richard Ashley who was largely responsible for the bells being increased to eight in 1731. The "Penny London Post" of Monday, August 19th, 1733, records "Last week the young ringers of Hillingdon, near Uxbridge, rang the whole peal of Grandsire Trebles, being 5040 changes, in 3 hours and about 8 minutes, to the great satisfaction of all that heard them". The tablet in the tower also records the names of the band who rang 5.120 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 26 minutes on February 6th, 1737.

Mr. Frank Blagrove has extracted details from the Osborne Manuscripts in the British Museum Library of other peals rung at Hillingdon in the 18th century. They are: July 6th, 1737, 5.120 Oxford Treble Bob Major; May 18th, 1741, 6.160 Bob Major (Eastern Scholars); April 9th, 1751, 5.800 Double Bob Major and 5.040 Bob Major (Union Scholars); August 26th, 1751, 5.040 Double Bob Major (ditto); April 15th, 1754, 5.040 Bob Major (ditto); July 28th, 1754, 5.040 Bob Major (Eastern Scholars); May 31st, 1762, 5.120 Oxford Treble Bob Major (junior branch of the split College Youths, 1754-1789). On May 14th, 1826, 5.040 Grandsire Triples was rung by Watford Union Youths and on May 14th, 1838, the St. James' Society also rang 5.040 Grandsire Triples.

The tradition of peal ringing at St. John's, so nobly started by the Hillingdon Youths in 1733, has continued over the years, especially after the ten bells were installed. Since the last war peals have regularly been attempted and in most years two or three have been rung, several by the local band. The 50-mark was passed some years ago. The first peal on the bells since their recent rehanging was one of Cambridge Royal by the St. John's Guild.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD

The present St. John's Guild started at the end of the 1914-18 war, when the bells were largely kept going by several ladies of the parish, including Miss Norah Williams, Miss Hilda Honor (now Mrs. H. W. Impey) and Miss Grace Baker (now Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow and the senior member). Its fortunes have fluctuated, largely due to residential changes of its members, but the long service of members such as Jack Pratt (60 years), Bill Honor (68), Grace and Fred Goodfellow (49 and 44 respectively), Bert Twinn (43) and Bill Coles (40) has pulled the Guild through its bad patches. A policy of regular recruiting maintained over the

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years has also kept up the strength of the band, which now numbers 22 in all and includes seven who were taught to ring in the tower. Methods currently rung include Cambridge Royal and London Major.

The Guild fosters a spirit of Christian fellowship amongst its members and towards visitors. Its annual supper in February and the joint meeting between the Middlesex County Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild in October are old established institutions, the former since about 1948 and the latter since about 1932. The Guild is fortunate to have a ringing library. A number of its books was bequeathed by the late Ernest C. S. Turner, some of which came from his tutor and friend J. Armiger Trollope. The Guild scrapbook preserves much of the past and present activities of its members. May such activities long continue.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A schoolboy, asked to define "a lie", answered: "A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, but a real help in time of trouble."

THE CANBERRA CARILLON

The 53-bell carillon which forms part of the British Government's gift to Canberra to mark the city's golden jubilee rang out at a ceremony held in November at the Loughborough foundry of John Taylor and Co., its makers. Guests included Mr. R. W. Boswell (Acting High Commissioner for Australia in the United Kingdom), the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the chairman of Leicestershire County Council and the Mayor of Loughborough.

After the ceremony the carillon was dismantled and packed for shipment to Canberra so that it can be installed in readiness for April 29th, 1970, the bicentenary of the landing of Captain Cook in Australia. Mr. Peter Cake, draughtsman with John Taylor and Co., is travelling to Canberra to supervise the installation. Mr. Clifford Ball, adviser on the musical and tonal requirements of the carillon to the Ministry of Public Building and Works, is expected to play the carillon in Canberra.

The specification for the carillon was written by Mr. Ronald Read, senior technical officer of the Ministry of Public Building and Works Supplies Division. With Mr. J. H. Leat, assistant controller of the division, Mr. Read visited the Continent to study carillons. They also called on manufacturers and inspected carillons in this country before final decisions were made.

TOWER ON ASPEN ISLAND

The carillon will be housed in a tower being built on Aspen Island in the central basin of Lake Burley Griffin, close to the site for the new Houses of Parliament in Canberra. A Western Australian firm of architects won the competition for the design of the tower, which is also a gift from Britain.

The complete frame of the carillon measures 18 feet by 27 feet. It contains four-and-a-half octaves of 53 bells. The largest, with the tone of F sharp, weighs 123 cwt. and is 7 ft. 2 ins. in diameter. This bell, which will be the largest and deepest-toned in Australia, bears the inscription "Presented by Britain to the City of Canberra in Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Founding of the National Capital of Australia 12th March 1963". It sounds the hour and Westminster quarter-chimes.

AUTOMATIC PLAYING APPARATUS

The carillon is connected to a four-and-a-half octave clavier with a two-octave pedal keyboard. There is also a practice clavier, with hammers striking on tune bars. An automatic playing apparatus to three octaves in the middle range of bells is played either from a music roll or a piano-type keyboard. A tolling hammer is fitted to the largest bell, electrically operated, linked with the chimes and controlled by an automatic playing mechanism. The time control for the chimes tolling hammer is dual-operated by an electric mains clock and linked to a mechanical weight-operated clock.

The bells are cast in bronze; framework and headstocks are of mild steel; transmission wires are of stainless steel; all woodwork is of English oak. The bells have been accurately turned to produce

harmonic tones and bell clappers are operated by stainless steel wires with counterweights.

The automatic playing mechanism and auto-control were designed and manufactured by Ed Korfhage and Sons, Buer, Osnabrück, Germany. The piano keyboard has three octaves; the clavier is 6 ft. 4 ins. in length, 2 ft. 1 in. wide over pedals and 7 ft. 10 ins. high overall, with a bench 6 ft. 7 ins. in length, 2 ft. wide and 3 ft. 6 ins. high.

20 HOURS' PLAY

The auto-play apparatus, to play up to 45 minutes, plus a supply of rolls to give a total length of 20 hours' play, includes the following tunes: (Roll No. 1) God Save the Queen, Hearts of Oak, Land of My Fathers, The Minstrel Boy, Waltzing Matilda, Click Go the Shears, Scotland the Brave; (Roll No. 2) Greensleeves, Cherry Ripe, Men of Harlech, Will Ye No Come Back Again?, Londonderry Air, Killarney.

Mr. Evan Luard, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, represented Her Majesty's Government and was host at the ceremony. Those representing the Ministry of Public Building and Works included Mr. Howell Leadbeater, Controller of Supplies; Mr. J. H. Leat, Assistant Controller; and

Mr. Eric Bedford, Director of Special Architectural Services.

The Acting High Commissioner for Australia was accompanied by Mr. L. Barsdell, Director of the Australian News and Information Bureau in the United Kingdom, and Mr. D. P. Aiers, Head of the South West Pacific Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, accompanied Mr. Luard.

FIVE TIERS

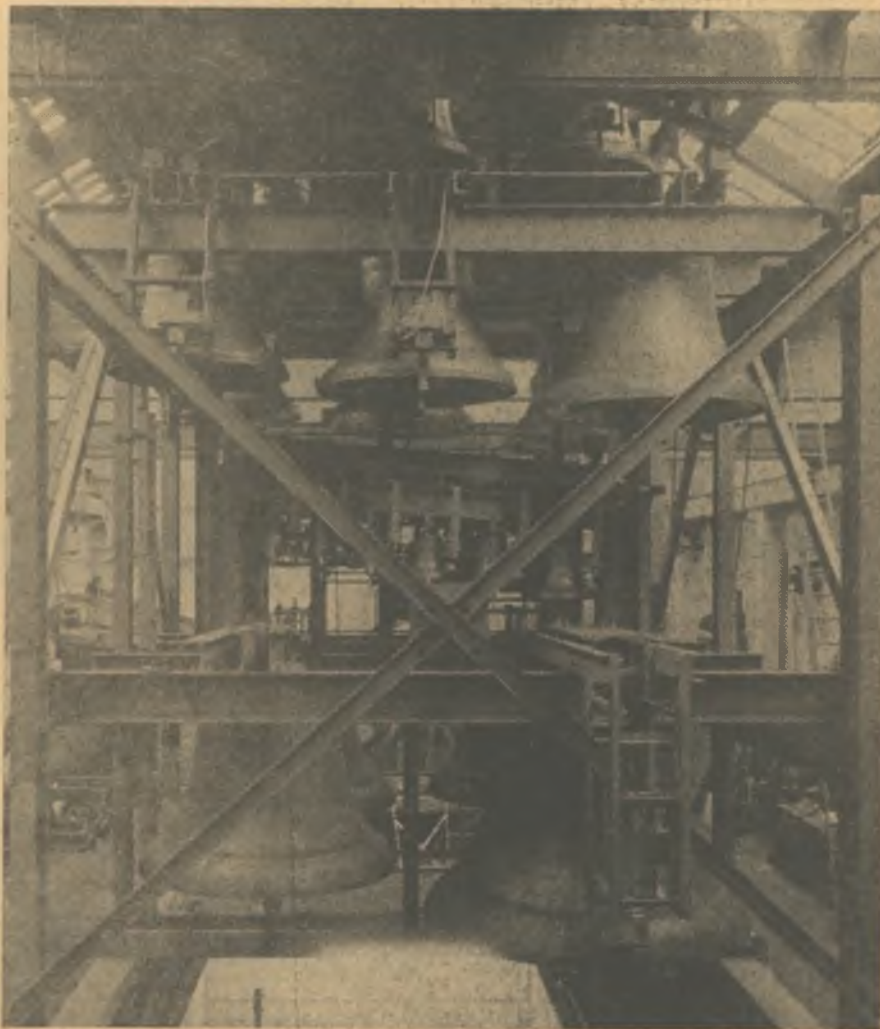
John Taylor and Co. add the following data to the above "Press Release":—

The bells are tuned to "international pitch" and the largest bell is keyed to the bottom "G" key on the clavier.

There are five tiers of bells. The largest bell is shown on the bottom right of the photograph. The hour hammer and its structure can also be seen at that position when erected in the tower.

The hand clavier will be situated in the room immediately below the bell chamber.

Mr. Clifford Ball, musical adviser to the Ministry of Public Building and Works, in his report said: "The bells have a superb tone. Each bell is exactly in tune with the other 52 in the four-and-a-half octave range. The touch is the lightest I have experienced."



AN INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE?

Suggestion at Irish Association Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association, held in Drogheda on November 29th, was attended by members from Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (Dublin University, St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, and St. George's) as well as the new body from Blessington.

In the absence of the Branch chairman, Mr. Fred E. Dukes was elected to the chair. There were 56 members present, the largest meeting in the history of the District, and of particular note were the number of teenagers, some of whom took part in the conducting of the ringing—Patricia Meredith (16), Jane Potter (14), Willie Sarsteiner and Derek McEndoo (17), Leslie Taylor (18).

The election of officers for 1970 resulted as follows: Chairman, Dr. C. A. Lewis; secretary, Leslie R. Taylor; treasurer, Michael Owen; ringing master, David Taylor; assistant secretary, P. W. Brown. Representatives on the executive council: G. McGregor (vice-president), Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. C. A. Lewis and L. R. Taylor.

Apologies were received from Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, Dean of Limerick (president), J. T. Dunwoody (ringing master), R. Henly (treasurer) and C. W. Galbraith.

A suggestion was put forward that an instructional course might be arranged during a suitable week-end in the summer of 1970 and it was decided to forward the suggestion to the executive council for consideration.

The Lindoff cup competition was held on the bells of St. Peter's Church and four teams entered. The judges were Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Dr. C. A. Lewis and Mrs. R. McKenzie. They judged apart, for the first time, and it was amazing how close the marking was. The cup was won by St. Mary's, Blessington, who recorded 30 faults, with Dublin University second. The other contestants were Drogheda and consisted entirely of members from the Grammar School, and St. George's, Dublin, the only "stone" team. The cup was presented to Derek McEndoo, for the winners, by Mr. George McGregor, vice-president.

The bells of St. Peter's, Drogheda, were rung from 1.30 p.m. until 8.45 p.m. Many ringers advanced as a result of the encouragement from the ringing masters, David Taylor and Charlie Reede (acting).

Tea was provided by Mrs. Dukes in the Church Hall, but everyone brought their own food and there seemed to be more food left over than was consumed.

Altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the Oxford University Society was held on December 2nd, when the following elections were made:—

Master, Rodney A. Yeates (St. Cross); secretaries, Lawrence J. Haines (St. Catherine's) and Shirley E. Jones (St. Hugh's); treasurer, Colin J. E. Wyld (Hertford); steeplekeepers, Roger H. Abbott (St. Catherine's) and Ian W. Davies (St. Catherine's).

The inter-Varsity striking competition with Cambridge was won by Oxford by default due to the non-arrival of the second of the Cambridge band, caused by the blizzard.

YOUTH PREDOMINANT

The A.G.M. of North Dorset Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Sherborne on December 13th, had many young members well to the fore, and Timothy Bleathman, Christopher Longridge and Martin Corry rang a touch on handbells during the service in the Abbey Lady Chapel. The secretary's report showed that 13 new members elected to the branch in 1969 were under 17 and young members had played a leading part in the year's peals and quarter peals; 14 of the 18 branch members who took part in the recent striking competition heats were also youngsters. In the elections Susan Corry was chosen to act as peals secretary and Timothy Bleathman and Christopher Longridge to serve as ringing masters, together with Mr. W. C. Shute (who has more than 60 years' ringing experience behind him).

Other elections were: chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; vice-chairman, Rev. R. A. Wells; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Godley; assistant hon. secretary, Miss R. M. Julius; committee, Messrs. A. E. Woods and C. J. Corry. The retiring officers were warmly thanked for their services.

One new member—Malcolm Corry, of Durweston—was elected and Dr. P. J. Perry, of Sherborne and Christchurch, N.Z., was elected a non-resident life member. Mr. E. Peck, of Sturminster Newton, was recommended for life membership of the Guild.

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch of Salisbury Guild was held at Lyme Regis on November 29th. Ringing was under the supervision of the deputy ringing masters, and before the Guild service the Vicar (Rev. J. H. A. Charles) dedicated a new peal board recording the peal rung on the day of Canon Carew Cox's funeral. A touch of Stedman Triples was then rung and was followed by the Guild service.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Morris and junior helpers, and at the business meeting the chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell) presided. The hon. secretary gave a report on the past year's work; the accounts were then presented and passed. The membership (125) includes 11 juniors and three honorary. Seven new members were elected. Twenty quarter peals had been rung, mostly by the Braçpole band, and one peal—Mr. F. Knight conducting his first peal on his 60th birthday. The monthly practices are to be discontinued for one year. The officers were re-elected for another year.

MR. JOHN M. BENN'S APPOINTMENT

In a recent issue reference was made to the fact that Mr. John M. Benn, of St. Mark's, Belfast, had been awarded the C.B. in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours List. We now have pleasure in reporting that Mr. Benn has been appointed Commissioner of Complaints for Northern Ireland. The new office is the first of its kind in the United Kingdom. He will deal with complaints against local authorities and certain statutory bodies, including the Housing Trust, the Electricity Board, Health and Hospital Services, and will work in co-operation with Sir Edward Compton, the British and Stormont ombudsman. Mr. Benn now resigns his post as Permanent Secretary to the Minister for Education in Northern Ireland.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), is Chew Branch's most westerly tower, overlooking the Bristol Channel and just a stone's throw from the sea. Its bells rang out merrily for the branch A.G.M. on December 6th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Wedmore) and afterwards tea was served by Mrs. Wedmore, Mrs. James and helpers in the vestry at St. Peter's, a new church at the other end of town.

We faced a long meeting as the draft rules of the Association were considered, but the general secretary (Mr. J. Gilbert) presented the changes crisply and concisely and they were approved with little comment. The serving officers were all re-elected en bloc, and the idea of fixing the 12 meetings for the following year, on the initiative of the secretary, was agreed to.

New members were elected from Weston and Clapton-in-Gordano and Backwell, and Mr. and Mrs. D. James, previously of Ashstead, were welcomed into the branch. Non-resident life membership of Mr. R. G. Robertson, Mr. M. Hilder and Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldwin was confirmed.

The branch secretary's annual report showed a membership of 216 members, including four honorary and two associates, and history was made in that all subscriptions for the year had been paid!

Michael Horseman was thanked for his organisation of the striking competition at Dinder and Compton Martin was voted the 1970 venue.

A late return to the tower curtailed the evening ringing somewhat, but the needs of all present were catered for. J. B.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A fair number of members of the Northern District braved the slushy and cold weather on December 6th to attend the monthly evening meeting held at Stevenage. The eight were kept going to a variety of methods to suit all present, ranging from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise with varying degrees of success. M. M. R.

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OBITUARY

MR. R. F. J. GILLING

The Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Guild has lost one of its oldest members by the sudden death of Mr. Raymond Gilling. Mr. Gilling, who was 64 and a bachelor, was a farmer at the village of Fernham, near Faringdon. He collapsed whilst out horse riding and was taken to Princess Margaret's Hospital, Swindon, but was dead on arrival.

He became a member of the branch in 1930 from the Shellingford tower, and in 1932 was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer, taking over from the late Mr. G. A. Webley. He found it necessary to give up this post in 1951 but circumstances found him being reappointed again in 1954 and he finally gave up the post early in 1966. The White Horse Branch is small and in a rural area with no major ringing centre and has not been easy to run, and it is largely due to Mr. Gilling's steady and unflinching work over the years that it has survived.

He was a J.P. on the Faringdon Bench, was organist at Shellingford Church for over 40 years and treasurer of the parochial church council and was a manager of the Longcot Church of England School. Although no record is available that he rang a peal, his quiet, conscientious and efficient manner did much for the branch over many years. An enormous amount of "behind the scenes" work was necessary to keep it active.

A large gathering attended the funeral at St. Faith's Church, Shellingford, at which many organisations were represented. The interment followed at Fernham, where he was laid to rest in the churchyard which overlooks the farm which he tended for the most part of his life. We thank God for a life of service and devotion to the branch.
C. R. M.

FUNERAL OF MR. C. J. HIBBERT

On December 6th we laid to rest Cyril John Hibbert in the churchyard of the village of East Ilsley, Berks, which village he loved so well.

Many villagers were present and ringers from many towers in the Oxford Guild, including Miss M. Cross, representing the officers, and Michael Chilcott (College Youths).

Following the committal a 336 of Stedman Triples was rung, half-muffled, by W. Hibbert 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, B. R. White 3, J. Napper (cond.) 4, Eileen Wilson 5, F. White 6, J. Wilson 7, R. Wells 8.

So passes another pillar of the art of change-ringing.

Other ringers present were from Thatcham, Newbury, Oxford, East Hagbourne, Harwell, Appleton, Bucklebury, Brightwaltham and Peasmore. On the following Sunday evening a quarter peal was rung, half-muffled, by Patricia Hibbert (daughter) 1, John Hibbert (son; cond.) 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert (wife) 3, John Napper 4, Eileen Wilson 5, Barry Wheeler 6, James Wilson 7, Richard Wells 8.

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Taken in April last for Mr. Farr's 80th birthday peal. L. to R.: A. Elsmore, Rev. P. Barber, J. Couperthwaite, D. Jennings, Meryl Coldman, W. Lamb, R. Bradley, (front) F. Farr, R. Clist, M. Church.

MR. FARR LAID TO REST

The Church of St. Michael, Yorktown, Camberley, stands on a hill beside the busy main London road, but the churchyard behind slopes away down to a thicket where only the noise of birds and the wind in the pine trees are heard: and it was here on December 13th that the mortal remains of Frederick Farr were committed to the ground. For over 80 years he lived in and around Camberley, and as a postman had walked thousands of miles and had known and was known by everyone living in the town.

A bachelor, he lived with his sisters, and the family were regular and generous supporters of the church. As chorister and bellringer for well over 60 years he symbolised the many thousands who regularly and unobtrusively serve God and find a peace of mind so many of us seek and seldom find. His humility and simplicity of life were an example to all and he possessed many qualities which were recognised and admired by many in higher stations in life.

As the coffin was brought into church the evening before the funeral, a half-muffled peal of Yorkshire was rung, the first change commencing at backstroke and all 8-7's being muffled.

The fully choral service and the large congregation witnessed the affection and esteem in which Fred was held, and the ringers' hymn "Unchanging God", Crimond and "For all the Saints" were sung with feeling. The Vicar (Rev. Paul Barber) gave a moving address, speaking of the qualities of his life "as a well-tuned bell, ringing true".

At the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by William J. H. Parker 1-2, Rowan Bradley 3-4, Tom Page 5-6 and Michael Church 7-8; and as giving meaning to the Vicar's words, "Go forth O Christian soul", so the tower bells rang out, with the muffled echo sounding as if the bells of heaven were ringing out on the other side as Fred's spirit entered. R.I.P.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS

The Southern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held its A.G.M. on November 22nd at Saxlingham, where ringers enjoyed the light eight during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. S. Merrifield gave an address at the service and Dr. D. Heighton read the lesson. The organist was Mr. K. Elphick.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Association, was present, and after tea the business meeting brought about some changes in offices. Dr. Jonason, who was 15 years chairman, retired and Mr. C. F. Phillips, who retired as secretary, was elected in his place. The retiring ringing master, Mr. F. C. Arnold, took over as secretary, with Mr. H. B. Fuller assuming the duties of ringing master. Mr. H. Howlett is the new committee member.

Following discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting in February at Alburgh, where the tower has been restored, and the usual vote of thanks to organisers concluded the business. C. F. W. P.

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SPLICED MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—Being by far the oldest member of the Marple band and also with the least ringing ability, I felt I was the one to give a non-technical reply to the unwarranted vitriolic outburst by Mr. Porter.

We are obviously not kidding Mr. Porter by our performances, but it may come as a surprise to him to know that our peal ringing is for our own enjoyment and the furtherance of the art of handbell ringing. Any publicity which arises from these efforts is not sought by us, but is nevertheless gratifying and encouraging. The "R.W.", however, is unbiased, and as far as we are concerned he is welcome to compete for the "lights".

We do not pretend to have yet mastered Spliced Surprise Maximus so as to be able to have all the bells doing all the work of each of the methods; but even this could come with continued practice and perseverance, although I may be on the "Free Transfer" list before that is achieved. I hope this confession will satisfy Mr. Porter, give him hope for the future and indicate that we are striving to live up to his requirements.

As Mr. Woolley so aptly describes it, I bang the big drum, and in spite of its relative simplicity I am sure my limitations tend to slow down the progress of the band and I cannot resist the opportunity of paying a public tribute to Bob Smith's tolerance in coaxing me along.

Finally, by coincidence, Mr. Porter's name appears in the Dec. 12th "R.W." as ringing the tenor to 5-Spliced Surprise Major on tower bells. Not only is he "banging the big drum", but the type of peal is evidently much below his standard. One is surprised that his name is not bracketed against two working bells. I can only conclude that he has reluctantly brought himself down to this level to assist the other very well known ringers in the band.

May I close by saying that if this letter succeeds in goading Mr. Porter on, to improve on our performances, my distaste for writing it will have been well worth while.—Yours faithfully,

GERALD MOORHOUSE.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

OLIVER CROMWELL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the excellent article on St. Andrew's, Stratton, Cornwall, by B. G. D. Vince (page 922), I do not agree with his statement that Cromwell's men fled the field at the battle of Stamford Hill in 1643. True, the losers were Parliamentary troops, but at that time Oliver Cromwell was a comparatively junior officer in East Anglia.

When, however, Cromwell rose to some prominence in the army of Parliament the Ironsides, with Cromwell on the leading horse, never lost a battle, even when outnumbered two to one by the Royalist troops.—Yours faithfully,

J. LAMBARD.

Weston-super-Mare, Som.

LETTERS

BRISTOL MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I am sure there were many, besides myself, who read with interest Bob Smith's reply to David Hilling's comments on the recent peal of Bristol Maximus with fourths place bobs. He is no doubt right to point out that a peal of Bristol is no more meritorious than peals in similar single methods and undoubtedly less demanding than recent performances in the field of Spliced.

The only point I would dispute—and this may just be an indication of my own perversity—is his assessment of the extending lead feature as a virtue. I find this one of the greatest disadvantages of Bristol Major in that it produces a bunching of the music into one portion of the course, something which tends to happen anyway with m and f type lead heads. In Maximus this is exaggerated, with a cluster of leads about the course end which are exceptionally musical, and a long stretch in the middle of the course which is devoid of what is traditionally called "music". Using the method he quotes, Brigstow, as an example, there is a block of 342 changes in the middle of the course in which the tenor strikes only two single blows behind. I would therefore choose to ring Bristol, certainly not because it is more difficult but because it divides the musical leads more evenly throughout the course.

This may be just an indication of my lack of taste, as too may be the fact that I enjoy Cambridge as much as Yorkshire on higher numbers. I am told that Yorkshire is the better method because it keeps the coursing bells together below the treble, whereas I find this precisely the attraction of Cambridge—that the music below the treble (and there is plenty of it) is not the same in every lead.—Yours faithfully,

London, S.W. DAVID E. HOUSE.

35 mm. SLIDES WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am wondering if there are any readers who would be in a position to help me augment a small collection of 35 mm. coloured slides on subjects connected with bells and ringing. These are chiefly required to illustrate talks on ringing to be given to attract recruits, educate non-ringers, etc., and will be used in conjunction with suitable tape-recordings. I already have a fair selection of exterior shots of various towers, which are the easiest to obtain, but would particularly like interior shots taken in any bell foundry.

If anyone can help, I should like to have copies made, at my expense, and then return the slides. To save any unnecessary posting of slides in the first instance I would be glad if anyone interested would kindly advise me direct by letter.—Yours faithfully,

29, Dimbles Hill, CLIVE M. SMITH.
Lichfield, Staffs.

MINSTEAD BELLS, HAMPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the reported quarter peal on the three bells in Minstead Church ("R.W.", page 948 and Belfry Gossip, page 949). There has, in fact, been two quarter peals previous to the one reported. I conducted both in 1961, the other members of the bands being local ringers. The quarters were not reported in "The Ringing World" as, at the time, I classed them as a performance, having only been rung on three bells. I was responsible for forming and teaching a band of ten local ringers in 1960-61 who were able to ring rounds and call-changes generally up to eight bells, and some of them up to Grandsire Doubles. To my knowledge, the band "broke up" through marriage and employment taking them away from the village.

The bells were in fairly good condition, being the middle three of five, hanging in a 5-bell frame, which had some movement in the tower. There was at the time, with the rector, discussions on augmentation which did not progress very far owing to probable cost at a time when other renovations were necessary to the building.

It would be interesting to know whether the memorial to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is still lying on the floor under the bells. In 1961 no one locally appeared to know of its existence.—Yours faithfully,

LEWIS F. COBB.

Swindon.

SPECIAL REASON

Dear Sir,—I was disturbed to read your report headed "No Peal" ("R.W.", page 970), in which you stated that a local band at Sawston, Cambs, had rung seven 720s of Bob Minor with a cover bell to commemorate a peal rung 21 years previously. The report went on to state that such a performance could not be recognised as a peal as it did not conform to the C.C. Rules and Decisions.

May I point out that it was with precisely such local performances in mind that the Council added the second paragraph of Section E (Recognition) to their revised Decisions last year. This states: "In the case of peals not strictly complying with parts A to C above, the Council will decide whether or not to include such peals in the Analysis, regard being had to the merit of the performance. In considering the merit, regard shall be had to local circumstances and/or the technical implications of the performance."

It would seem to me that the local circumstances here of a commemorative peal including five "firsts" are far more important reasons for recognising this as a peal than the fact of a cover bell is for barring it.

I would most certainly urge the Council to include such a meritorious performance in the 1969 Analysis.—Yours faithfully,

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Frenchwood, Preston.

(This does seem an appropriate case for recognition.—Ed.)

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

PUT THE BRAKES ON

Dear Sir,—How much I agree with Mr. Marsh on the subject of peals: but to be brief, on three main points:

(1) Wasted man-hours. Just imagine the benefit of (say) 12 men \times 4 hours, redirected in concentrated instruction at a "country six".

(2) Again take 12 men and 4 hours, ringing musically-unintelligible Maximus, which bears out Mr. Marsh's reference to the insouciance of the participants who, obviously, are ringing for self-indulgent mental exercise only. If it must be 12, make it Cinques, and slow up.

(3) Advertising and "for" an Association. Peals are not "for" anybody unless announced beforehand: as I said a couple of years ago, give lesser mortals a chance of listening to good ringing, especially on the more noble rings of bells. Guilds should cease to record (recognise) peals and get on with some real work.

I am not against every peal rung, by any means; but if it is not time to call a halt it is certainly time to put the brakes on—hard.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD CRIBLEY.

France Lynch, Glos.

Dear Sir,—I am sure that this letter will be one of many protesting at the ridiculous and mostly untrue statements in the letter by Edward Marsh ("R.W.", page 966). I think that perhaps the title given to Jonathan Porter's letter on the same page could equally apply to that of Mr. Marsh.

I shall not attempt to put the case for peal ringing because this has been done many times before. In my tower alone there are at least four ringers who take the "R.W." just for the peal news. These could well be cancelled for a single tower copy if Mr. Marsh's suggestions were to be implemented.

This year I have rung more peals than ever before (or likely to again) in a single year. These have ranged from Maximus to Doubles. My abilities have increased as a result of Spliced Surprise Major and peals of Royal, but during the year I have had great pleasure ringing elementary methods with ringers, some not so advanced as myself. I do not consider time wasted by ringing these.

Does Mr. Marsh suppose that someone who rings 50 peals in a year has a higher success rate than he who rings only one? I assure him this is not so. In general, those who ring more merely attempt more and certainly do not drag through anything to score.

I was worthy of the old saying "He can't strike a match let alone a bell" before I took up peal ringing. I am proud of my peals, not just the total but of the effort that has gone into achieving them.—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM W. ELMES.

Wareham, Dorset.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

(Continued from last issue)

Representatives of the Southwell Diocesan Guild asked the Council to consider a motion which was not on the agenda urging consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches to vary policy on the recasting of bells. The motion was accepted but no vote was taken as it was resolved after some discussion to proceed to the next business.

Committee Reports and Elections:

The Standing Committee report was presented orally by the secretary, and was accepted.

The following reports were adopted and committees elected:—

Peals Collection ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 459): W. E. Critchley, G. E. Feirn, R. F. B. Speed.

Biographies ("R.W.", June 6th, 1969, page 441): T. J. Lock, W. H. Viggers, D. A. R. May.

Literature and Press ("R.W.", June 6th, 1969, page 442): E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.

Overseas Ringing ("R.W.", June 6th, 1969, page 443): F. C. Price, G. W. Pipe, P. M. J. Gray

Sunday Service and Education ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 462): N. Chaddock, W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe, J. Staniforth, C. M. Smith. Arising from this report it was resolved that an ad-hoc committee, comprising the President, R. G. Bell, W. F. Moreton and the Secretary, should investigate the possibility of producing a general interest film and that this committee be given full authority to arrange production at a cost within the resources of the Clement Glenn Fund.

Peals Analysis ("R.W.", June 13th, 20th and 27th, pages 460, 481 and 501): W. Ayre, K. W. H. Felstead, H. L. Roper, F. B. Lufkin.

"The Ringing World" ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 461): W. G. Wilson, R. S. Anderson, D. A. Bayles, R. F. B. Speed, J. Staniforth.

Records ("R.W.", June 27th, 1969, page 501): F. T. Blagrove, G. Dodds, J. R. Mayne, D. E. Sibson, C. M. Smith, C. A. Wratten.

Towers and Belfries ("R.W.", June 20th, 1969, page 481): F. Sharpe, B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost, H. J. Sanger, T. M. Roderick, J. G. M. Scott, B. D. Threlfall.

Broadcasting and Television ("R.W.", June 13th, 1969, page 463): H. N. Pitslow, D. A. Bayles, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, J. S. King, H. J. Sanger, A. G. G. Thurlow, R. S. Wilson.

The Methods Committee had no report. The committee: C. K. Lewis, F. T. Blagrove, S. J. Ivin, R. F. B. Speed.

It was resolved that the following be elected members of the Standing Committee: O. D. Barnett, D. Beresford, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, F. E. Dukes, P. M. J. Gray, W. F. Moreton, H. J. Sanger, J. G. M. Scott, R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, B. D. Threlfall.

POLICE GUILD ACTIVITIES

On a November afternoon members of the South Western District of the National Police Guild met at Bristol for the autumn ringing meeting. Representatives from both the regular and special constabularies of Bristol City, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Somerset and Wiltshire were present.

Ringling in the early afternoon took place in the Cathedral and the Lord Mayor's Chapel. The party then moved out into South Gloucestershire to the village of Warmley, and after ringing tea was provided by a member's wife. This was followed by a short business meeting and new members were elected from Wiltshire, Somerset and Gloucestershire. In the evening ringing was at Bitton and Abson.

Future activities of this branch include an annual meeting at Taunton in April, 1970, and a summer ringing festival in the Exeter area, together with peal attempts in Somerset. Any present or past members of either the regular or special constabularies interested in the Guild should communicate with either the district ringing master, Sgt. Wm. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Coalpit Heath, Bristol, BS17 2SZ, or the district secretary, P.C. G. Davis, County Police Station, Cannington, near Bridgwater, Som. The area covered by the district branch includes the whole of the South West, the South West Midlands and South Wales.

Future Meetings:

It was resolved that the 1970 meeting at Ilkley be held on Tuesday, May 26th, and that the invitation to the Coventry Diocese in 1971 be accepted.

Vote of Thanks:

Thanks were expressed to the Mayor and Bishop of St. Albans for their greeting, to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Abbey for the service of Holy Communion, to the President and all the officers and members of the Hertford County Association for their hospitality and to the clergy who had made their bells available.

Members of the Council were the guests of the Mayor and Corporation at tea after the meeting.

Summary of Attendance:

	Societies		Members	
		Present	Absent	
Wholly represented	47	123	—	
Partly represented	10	25	11	
Not represented	7	—	10	
	64	148	21	
Life members		8	1	
Honorary members		14	5	
		170	27	

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wendy Wallace 1, A. Hobbs 2, I. Wiltshire 3, A. H. Long 4, Louisa Powell (first as cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Livingston 1, Janet Livingston 2, D. Wilcox (first on two tower bells) 3-4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, P. Corderoy 6, M. S. Holbrook 7, M. Till 8.

ALLOA, CLACKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. M. Peterson (cond.) 1, Miss L. Robson 2, Miss J. Cleeve 3, H. S. Glover 4, M. J. Pink 5, A. Wilson 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Wilson 1, H. S. Glover 2, Miss J. Cleeve (cond.) 3, R. G. Aitchison 4, M. J. Pink 5, A. Wilson 6.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Mitchell 1, S. H. Ashton (100th quarter) 2, P. A. Keene 3, J. W. Yates (first Minor "inside") 4, P. C. Wright (cond.) 5, R. R. Churchill 6. For Patronal Festival.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, K. Furdon 2, Valerie Stephens 3, J. L. Read 4, S. Pierce (first of Stedman Triples) 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Wayman 8. 50th quarter for 1 and 7.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 7, 8 covering): L. Cooksey 1, J. M. Swift 2, Susan Harrison (first Grandsire as cond.) 3, N. Dyer (first quarter) 4, Daphne Verdon 5, Audrey Eldridge 6, C. Verdon 7, J. Edwards (first quarter) 8. First quarter by a local band for four years. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): L. Cooksey 1, Daphne Verdon 2, Susan Harrison (cond.) 3, Audrey Eldridge 4, C. Verdon 5, A. Cluer (first quarter) 6, J. M. Swift ("circled the tower") 8. For the Advent carol service.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Gill 1, Rev. C. J. Batter 2, G. Cane 3, M. Cass (cond.) 4, A. Gill 5, D. Cooper 6. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Confirmation.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARCS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Karen Ralph (first attempt) 1, Janet Blake 2, P. Pope 3, J. Turney 4, R. Bradley (cond.) 5. Rung by members of St. Peter's College, Saltilly.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Miss J. Armstrong 1, Mrs. C. Bagworth 2, R. J. Cooles 3, A. S. Bishop 4, N. Thomson 5, P. J. Munday (cond.) 6, A. E. Bagworth cover.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. L. W. Tomlinson (first quarter) 1, Jennifer A. Curtis (first "inside") 2, D. J. Tysoe 3, P. F. Curtis 4, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. Wright 2, A. Gibbons 3, D. Cobb 4, C. Andrews (first as cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. For Advent Sunday.

CORSE, GLOS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Minor (Kent, St. Clement's): M. P. Taylor 1, B. H. Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Treble Bob 1, 2, 3 and 5. First St. Clement's for all.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. V. Johnson (cond.) 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, R. Birch 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read 6, M. S. Loveday 7, D. R. Cox 8.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,250 Pudsey Surprise Major: J. Pladdys 1, J. Patterson 2, C. Martin 3, J. Andrews 4, K. Pool 5, D. Town 6, A. Patterson (cond.) 7, C. Rowson 8.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Page 1, H. Rumens 2, N. O. Skelton 3, J. Baverstock 4, T. Collins 5, J. Russell 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8. A compliment to Mr. H. Rumens on his 65th year as a ringer.

DUNKERTON, SOM.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Gooding 1, S. C. Davis 2, T. H. W. Barrett 3, V. J. Bowring 4, Thelma J. Kidley (first as cond.) 5, A. F. Butt 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sutton 1, B. E. Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, Pauline Sutton 5, J. H. French 6, H. W. Evans 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For the annual service of rededication.

ENFIELD, MIDDX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: N. Holtam (first T.B.) 1, D. J. Dugan 2, Margaret Pask (first Kent T.B. "inside") 3, R. Wood 4, H. Howson 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. C. Freeman 1, F. G. Nurdin 2, H. C. Spencer 3, S. T. Holt 4, R. H. Hunt 5, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 6, A. C. Berry 7, C. Hemming 8. Rung in honour of a visit to Evesham by Princess Alexandra, and a golden wedding compliment to Colr. and Mrs. Tom Smith.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Spliced Triples (Stedman, Grandsire): C. P. Turner 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, P. J. Heritage 3, M. J. Turner 4, M. Journeaux 5, W. F. Judge (cond.) 6, P. H. Tootock 7, N. I. Allnatt 8.

GLASTONBURY, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: V. Holman 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, T. W. Prince 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, L. A. England 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3. For the christening of Julian David and Rebecca Louise, twin son and daughter of the 5th ringers.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,272 Bamborough Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, Valerie Willard 3, B. Spiers 4, M. Hawkes 5, R. Sadowski 6.

HOLMER, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Geraldine Mitchell 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 2, L. Walters 3, L. Meadows 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, C. Biggs 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

HOVE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: Ann Smith 1, I. V. J. Smith (100th quarter as cond.) 2, Christine Baldock 3, T. M. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock 5. First in method for all. Rung to mark the restoration of the bells by local effort after a silence of five years.

HUISH EPISCOPAL, SOM.—On Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Callow 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Miss G. M. Beckett 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, G. H. Baldam 5, J. Kingsnorth 6, L. A. England 7, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 8. First Major for 1, 2 and 6.

KETERING, NORTHANTS.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Robinson 1, Miss E. Tingle 2, Mrs. C. Bowen 3, L. Toseland 4, S. Robinson 5, J. Mitchell 6, J. G. Mitchell 7, B. Austin (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. J. Whitear 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. For Holy Communion. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. J. Whitear 1, J. P. Hull 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8. For Advent carol service.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 1, Susan M. Faul (first Major) 2, J. Parkin 3, M. 1. Minns 4, P. A. Sharp 5, G. R. Parker 6, M. H. Sinden 7, D. Phillipson 8.

LANGYNNWYD, GLAM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. L. Jones 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, D. W. Davies 5, C. Phillips 6. For morning service and the visit of the Archbishop of Wales.

MADELEY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Mills 1, Janet Lawson 2, Leona Roper 3, I. Cox 4, M. Worthington 5, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 6.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First St. Clement's 3, 4, 5. For St. Andrew's Day.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hurworth (first Grandsire) 1, F. Harper 2, J. Whitnall 3, M. Kemp 4, J. Gipsom 5, J. Sanderson 6, B. J. Couzens (first Triples as cond.) 7, J. H. Negus 8. To congratulate the Vicar of Saffron Walden on his installation as a Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral; also a birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 4.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Joan M. Cheney 1, P. M. Edgson 2, J. G. Edgson 3, C. M. Povey 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. Rung for Advent and special Songs of Praise service.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. H. Johnston 1, Shirley E. Jones 2, R. A. Yeates 3, C. J. E. Wyld 4, J. R. Pratt 5. Conducted by all in turn. For Advent Sunday.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Nempnett Bob Triples: Penny Jackson (first Triples) 1, B. J. Fry 2, Edna Jones 3, Jean Berriman 4, Jennifer Quaife 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, W. Willans (100th quarter, arr. and cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. First quarter in the method, on the bells and by all the band.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): M. J. Herbert (first quarter) 1, Mary Lewis 2, C. R. Harris 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, C. F. Mew 5, J. H. J. Mudd 6, R. F. Penfold (first quarter) 7. For Advent Sunday.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: A. House 1, P. Giles 2, S. Halliwell 3, Penny Halliwell 4, J. Warboys 5, R. Tomlin 6, T. Sharp 7, D. Sloman (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Baskerville (first quarter) 1, Helen Dodds 2, G. Penney 3, Mrs. C. Carter 4, A. Carter 5, G. Dodds 6, R. Hardy (cond.) 7, R. Ewer 8. Rung to mark the conferring this day of the Freedom of the City on the Bishop of St. Albans. Also at the Cathedral, on November 27th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Maximus (Ealing, Wembley, Cambridge, Yorkshire): R. K. Williams 1, Helen Dodds 2, G. Penney (cond.) 3, D. Redfearn 4, K. J. Darvill 5, F. W. Ellis 6, R. F. Ewer 7, G. Dodds 8, A. R. Carter 9, H. V. Frost 10, M. D. Frost 11, R. E. Hardy 12. To mark the conferring of the Freedom of the City on the Rt. Rev. Michael Gresford Jones, Bishop of St. Albans.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Westwood 1, E. Willitt (first Minor) 2, C. Moore (first Minor) 3, S. Brooks 4, K. Westwood 5, R. Walker (first as cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Mary's, Walkley, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Pl. Bob): Miss S. Cryer (first quarter) 1, J. D. Cooper 2, R. Fletcher 3, R. Padbury 4, M. King (cond.) 5, J. D. Staley 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Josephine Illingworth, a member of St. Mary's Church for 80 years.

SHILTON, WARCS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, J. G. Edgson 2, M. D. Fiander 3, P. M. Edgson 4, C. M. Povey 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First Grandsire Minor for all.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Pallister 1, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 2, D. Featherstone 4, A. Stout 4, R. M. Harker 5, P. Norman 6, M. Hillary 7, J. A. Smith 8.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mary Piper 1, S. G. Peck 2, C. Martin (first "inside") 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (first as cond.) 5.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. L. Huley 1, H. W. Wats 2, M. Kemp 3, J. Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 5, D. J. Cheeseman 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

STOKE LACEY, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Wendy Meadows 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, D. Price 3, L. Meadows 4, C. Biggs (cond.) 5, L. Walters 6. Rung following the wedding of Miss Helen Maund and Mr. Dudley Williams.

SUNBURY, MIDDX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Cranham 1, D. Brock 2, Elizabeth Bingham 3, M. Bingham (cond.) 4, C. Rogers 5, R. Bettley-Cooke 6.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Halling 1, Nadine Price 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, R. Liddell 4, D. E. Deakins 5, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Deakins and birthday greetings to S. B. Schofield.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Jackson 1, D. A. Chapman 2, Jennifer E. Bell 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, S. K. Williamson 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. C. Excell 8. For Advent Sunday.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, St. Clement's): A. D. Rooke 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, J. T. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, D. H. Rooke 6. Birthday compliments to the ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

The report this week of a Masonic Peal rung for the Earl of Scarborough is of particular note to Freemasons. It is 60 years ago that the first peal was rung by Freemasons and was recorded as under.

Nisi Dominus frustra.

London:

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

On Thursday December 4, 1919, Ten Members of the above rang on the

FAMOUS BELLS OF ST. CLEMENT DANES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

In Three Hours and Thirty Two Minutes. TENOR 24 cwt.

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Bro. W. H. Hollier (London), M.M. Vitruvian Lodge No. 87 ... 2
Bro. G. R. Fardon (London), M.M. Warrant Officers' Lodge No. 2346 ... 3
W. Bro. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham), P.M. Windrush Lodge No. 1703, P.P.G. Chap. Oxon. ... 4
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W. Bro. J. H. Shepherd, P.M. Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation No. 355, P.P.G. Std. B. Wilts, P.Z. ... 8
Bro. J. H. B. Hesse (Major) (Haslemere) M.M. Carma Lodge No. 2105 ... 9
W. Bro. W. H. Judd (Southend), Trinity Lodge No. 1734, P.M., P.P.G. Std. B., Essex, P.Z. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by

Bro. G. R. Fardon, M.M.

Bro. Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., M.M. Chap. St. Clement Danes Lodge No. 1351 ... Rector

This is the first peal ever rung by Freemasons. It was rung as a Peace peal to celebrate the conclusion of the Great War.

CORRECTIONS

"Ringing World", page 969, end paragraph, line 2: for "Administrative success-staff" read "administrative successor-staff". (A. Y-B.)

"R.W.", page 887: Coventry Guild Dinner, attended by 180 (not 80).

The peal of D.N.C.B. Major by J. Topp on page 960: the 17th course end is 43256 not 42356; the 18th course end is 52346 not 53246.

The Editorial Note added to the Belfry Gossip about the peal rung some years ago by a band comprising ringers who had completed 1,000 peals gave the church as North Stoneham. It was, in fact, at St. Olive's, Hart Street.

Perhaps contributors, as well as ourselves, may be forgiven for getting the Rothera family names mixed a little. We learn that Susan Rothera is married to Philip J. Rothera and Susan J. Rothera is married to David E. Rothera. It was the former, Susan, and not Susan J. who rang the 3rd at All Hallows', Tottenham ("R.W.", page 952).

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers have issued their "Guild News—No. 3", dated December, 1969. It is an interesting collection of items, reports, touches, poems and quotations, and its editor is Mr. B. R. Care, of Moulton, Northants. He is to be congratulated on his presentation of such a readable circular.

The first for 31 years by Mr. G. A. Taylor and the first ever at first attempt for Mr. K. A. Garrod (aged 54), when a peal of Minor was completed at Ditchingham, Norfolk, to welcome the new rector on October 20th. The new band at Ditchingham is making good progress, we learn.

Two members of the Brinklow, Warks, band have gained their Girl Guides' bell-ringers badges. They are Patsy Howes, who is just 12 and has been ringing for about four years, and Philippa Garrard (14), who rang her first quarter on November 5th.

Enclosing a personal gift to the Tom White Testimonial, a ringer adds: "He has done a grand job, on many occasions in difficult circumstances. He has well earned a retiring gift." (We quite agree and urge you to send your donation now.—Ed.)

In 1925 Mr. Jack Bray conducted the first peal at Kirton-in-Lindsey, Lincs, and he conducted another peal on December 6th, 1969. This is only the third peal on the bells of Kirton.

"Consider the Lilies".—A well-known Guildford Guild ringer about to take part in Sung Eucharist one Sunday recently opened his red-bound hymnal and found it was holding his Gardener's Encyclopædia! He put the blame on his wife!

This week's new methods include Moor-gate, at Barnes; Delight Major, Chalfont Surprise Major, at Harrow Weald; Higham Ferrers S. Major, at Higham Ferrers; Wembley S. Maximus, at Birmingham; Moorhouse, Lound, Langford and Budby T.B. Minor, at Orston; Bedwardine S. Major, at Bedwardine; Clifton Surprise Maximus and Fulham S. Maximus (on handbells), at Watford.

100 years old.—Mrs. Mary Hibbert, of Steeple Ashton, Wilts, had a quarter rung in honour of this very special occasion.

Because he is leaving Shropshire to live in London, Mr. Bryan D. A. Woolley had a peal of London S. Major rung as a farewell on December 6th.

Brethren from 12 Masonic Lodges—one very old (No. 355), one very new (No. 7458)—rang an "in memoriam" peal of Grandsire Cinques on November 8th for the Earl of Scarborough, who died earlier this year.

"En route for U.K." reads an air letter to the Editor, and goes on: "Tony, Heather, Patrick and Alison Mann, from Perth, W. Australia, should arrive on January 2nd." Ringing friends in England will give them a hearty welcome and look forward to renewed acquaintanceship. Tony was for some time at the R.A.E., Farnborough, Hants.

En route for Australia.—Ann Carpenter, who rang in the peal arranged as a farewell at Choley in October, and Mrs. Anderson (Miss Jean Scrutton, formerly of Ealing), whose many West London friends wish her and her family every happiness in their new life. They left on December 5th.

Two new peal conductors are D. J. Orledge (at Knowle) and T. E. Spight (at Quidenham) and we wish them further success as such.

First peal congratulations to Carol J. Arscott (previously mentioned), Frances M. Templeman (also for her 21st birthday), Judy Brough, Edward J. Peett (at his 52nd attempt!), Michael J. Buckby; Miss M. Christopher, Jack Harris and Reginald Wooldridge (all three together), Anthony C. Freeman, Rev. G. C. Smith; Janet Price and Christine Manns (together).

"I regret I must discontinue the 'R.W.' from the end of the year! I am 75 and no longer take part in ringing activities," writes a correspondent. He goes on to tell of difficulties in recruiting young people. We suggest the officers of branches where this sort of thing is happening should do something to assist the older ringer but realise at the same time that such attempts are often rebuffed and considered as interference.

The first quarter peal on the new 12 at Solihull, Warks, was rung for evening service on December 7th (1,253 Grandsire Cinques). The ringing was good throughout and was the culmination of perseverance during recent months. Special mention is made that the ringer of the treble, William H. Leeson, was 84 last September. A truly remarkable achievement for a man to ring his first quarter peal of Cinques at that age.

Nearly 80 years have elapsed since St. Peter's Society at St. Albans have rung a handbell peal, and we trust it will not be many weeks before another is reported. Kenneth J. Darvill conducted Plain Bob Major.

Fifty to go to reach his 1,000, Mr. A. R. Pink rang his 950th peal at Hurst, Berks, on December 6th.

Variety, we are told, is the spice of life, and 26 varieties of Surprise Major methods—one for each letter of the alphabet—has been attained by yet another ringer, Mr. R. K. Russ.

There was considerable activity in the Derby diocese, particularly in the belfries, when the new Bishop was enthroned on November 22nd. Several quarter peals were rung and a peal of D. Norwich is recorded this week at Clowne and another (Yorkshire) at Dore for the Yorkshire Association.

The elderly and the very young were included in a peal at Wallasey in November, when birthday congratulations were expressed to 87-year-old Mr. Lester Gray and to the newborn son of Jeffrey and Janice Fox. In between was an engagement compliment too!

What should have been a Maximus peal attempt on November 29th eventually was rung as Bristol Major. Casualties were caused by snow—and British Rail.

Andover District ringers have added another first to their laurels—London Delight Minor, at Woolton Hill on December 9th, by the Highclere Sunday service band. London Surprise is next on the list for 1970, followed by a Seven Surprise Minor peal. It is hoped that the present enthusiasm will continue for a long time.

Of especial interest is the peal at Evesham, Worcs, on Sunday, November 16th, for the Rev. Albert Webb rang the 4th for the first peal by his curate (Rev. G. C. Smith). We trust there are other clergy in the parish for parochial matters so that these two clerical ringers may "get around" together and score many more.

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The last issue (December 19th) of "The Ringing World" was produced under handicap because of influenza. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas were victims and Mr. White was also indisposed for two days.

The result was that a duplicate batch of wrappers went into the post and about 200 readers will have received a second copy, whilst some may not have had theirs. We would be grateful if any spare copies received are returned to us at Seven Corners Press, Guildford.

RINGING AT MIRFIELD

The peal at Mirfield, Yorks, on December 6th, was made possible by the work of members of the Ossett band, especially Eric Robinson and David Lockwood. Permission had originally been granted for an attempt in October, but an inspection revealed fractured gudgeon pins on the sixth. With the Vicar's permission, Eric and David replaced the damaged parts and rehung the bell, which functioned perfectly throughout the peal.

It was generally agreed that the "go" of the bells was much better than we had expected and a very steady and satisfying peal was scored. A peal at Mirfield is a rare event, the last having been rung exactly eight years previously. David Lockwood and Pat North were also ringing on that occasion. R. B.

COLLEGE YOUTHS OFFICERS

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on December 2nd Mr. A. R. Kench was elected master. The other officers elected were: secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12; treasurer, Air Commodore J. S. Mason, C.B.E.; senior steward, Mr. D. E. Rothera; junior steward, Mr. A. R. Patterson; trustees, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams; librarian, Mr. W. T. Cook.

YET ANOTHER THEFT!

"The difficulty is that St. Mary's, Wherstead, stands about a quarter-of-a-mile from the nearest house and is very vulnerable. Thieves can operate without anyone hearing them.

"I think other churches may have to consider similar action to that which I am proposing. They will have to offer their bells to museums and similar institutions to keep them safe from thieves."

This statement was made to the Press by the Rev. R. Godfrey, Vicar of Stoke and of Wherstead, Ipswich, recently, following the theft of one of the three bells in the belfry of St. Mary's Church. He added: "It is tragic that for three centuries or more these bells have been calling folk to worship and the church has remained open day and night. Now we keep the church locked up, yet still one of our bells is taken. I am seriously concerned for the safety of the two remaining bells."

The thieves first entered the church by forcing the main door on Friday night. They removed the bell from its mounting and left it in the belfry. The discovery was made on Saturday and the police were informed—but on Sunday night the gang returned and this time took the bell, together with a lawn mower worth £35.

"We have done all we can to safeguard the church, which has now been broken into three times in six months. On police advice we had special locks fitted to the doors," said the Vicar.

Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixstowe, who sent this information, informs us:

"The three bells are presumably the same as the three referred to in Raven's 'Church Bells of Suffolk, 1890. Apparently the treble has been stolen—it is inscribed 'John Darbie made me 1675, Richard Goodinge C.W.' The other two, in process of being removed elsewhere for safety, are a Milnes Graye, 1622, and (the tenor) pre-Reformation."

"WREXHAMSHIRE" TOURED

In spite of snow and a freezing night, 21 people attended this, the first U.C.W. Society function of the "year".

The first tower was at Llangollen. The main party, from Aberystwyth, arrived ten minutes late after having to defrost the Land Rover. This novel means of conveyance was a great success and afforded the opportunity of handbell ringing and "lapping" en route.

We rang at Ruabon, Overton, Holt and Gresford (a lovely eight) and we were given tea by ladies of the parish afterwards. Hope also provided a nice six to finish the day, after which we visited Mold for refreshment before making our way home.

The only disappointment was that we had to circumvent Wrexham itself as we were not permitted to ring there.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, ringers who rang Stedman Cinques for Christmas Day bells broadcast (and which were recorded beforehand) were: B. D. A. Woolley 1, M. Reay 2, M. F. Edwards 3, S. O'C. Holloway 4, J. A. Anderson 5, T. R. Hampton 6, R. W. Pipe 7, N. J. Goodman 8, E. T. Lloyd 9, H. H. Fearn 10, G. E. Fearn 11, W. T. Froggatt 12.

CORRECTING SOME FAULTS

"I refer to the article on page 944 under the heading 'Badge of Office for Master'," writes G. A. Bacon, of Southend.

"Firstly the Guild is the Southend and District Guild of Church Bellringers and not the Southend-on-Sea Guild; secondly the badge was made by Peter Sloman not Peter Solman as printed; thirdly the badge was dedicated by Rev. S. T. Erskin not Rev. S. T. Enskine; and lastly the handbell band was the Octavius Wigram Handbell Band from Prittlewell, under the leadership of Philip Bedford, not the Octavius Wigram Choir from Brentwood area, under the leadership of Peter Bedford."



LANE END WEDDING

A happy wedding picture taken in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Lane End, Bucks, following the wedding in October of Miss Pauline M. Edwards and Mr. Colin H. Hagger (tower captain). The bellringers also acted as choir for the service. In the photo are: (Back row) C. Meakes, Tim Wright, T. Wright, L. Wright, W. Avery, A. Bailey, R. Hazell; (front row) Mrs. G. Hazell, D. Gutteridge, S. Smith, C. Meakes, Mr. and Mrs. Hagger, S. Smith.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HACKNEY, London, E.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	George E. Bonham 5
David C. Brown 2	Graham W. Elmes 6
Rodney H. Yates 3	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 7
Anthony R. Carter 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey Bridges.

332nd Dinner Day Anniversary.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5152 MOORGATE DELIGHT MAJOR

Humphrey's 24-course block reduced. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Frank Reed Treble	Ronald K. Russ 5
John R. Ketteringham 2	Geoffrey Bridges 6
James E. Andrews 3	Nigel Thomson 7
William Birmingham 4	Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

First peal in the method. First of Delight by all the band except Geoffrey Bridges.

MOORGATE DELIGHT

—38—18—56—16—12—58—56—18. c, b.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORLOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Dubricius.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, Grandsire, St. Clement's, Childwall, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Carol J. Arscott Treble	Leslie H. Arscott 4
Adrian F. Arscott 2	Mervyn A. Arscott 5
John Cornelius 3	Raymond F. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* First peal, first attempt.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter with St. James.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Jenny Field (Newnham) .. Treble	R. L. Underwood (P'house) 7
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) .. 2	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 8
D. Barton (Selwyn) 3	V. Nutton (Selwyn) 9
A. T. Winter (Christ's) .. 4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 10
A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn) 5	W. T. Perrins (Selwyn) .. 11
B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus) 6	M. J. Pickup (Churchill) .. Tenor

Arranged by J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity).

Conducted by Richard Inglis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Liscard.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Gillian M. Morrison .. Treble	*John L. Birdsall 5
Donald Peers 2	Geoffrey C. Sparling .. 6
Charles F. Pocock 3	Robert Peers 7
F. Leslie Coventry 4	Eric J. Gilbert Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert Peers.

* First peal of Major. First as conductor on tower bells.
 Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Lester L. Gray, an engagement compliment to Charles F. Pocock and Donata De Reus, and as a compliment to Jeffrey and Janice Fox on the birth of a son.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLOWNE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Nov. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

John Arkwell Treble	Timothy Wylie 4
Susan E. Banton 2	*Christopher J. Groome 5
Andrew R. Queen 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Derby in Derby Cathedral on November 22nd, 1969.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Donald F. Murfet Treble	Brian B. Hullah 4
*Georgina C. M. Carter .. 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 5
Alan M. Barber 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal of seven-Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 93 lb. in B.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

I. W. Harris Treble	P. J. Rigby 5
J. Brain 2	A. F. Howard 6
A. F. Lee 3	B. G. North 7
Susan A. Moore 4	D. J. Orledge Tenor

Composed by C Middleton.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled for the Feltham Memorial.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., Nov. 23, 1969, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb in D.

A. Patrick Cannon .. Treble	*†Alan D. Flood 7
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Norman Summerhayes .. 8
Joyce A. Parsons 3	§Peter J. Munday 9
*Rowan S. Bradley 4	‡§W. John Couperthwaite 10
†Roy D. Mills 5	*Michael J. Church .. 11
†Alan D. Elsmore 6	David E. Parsons Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Michael J. Church.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First of Maximus. ‡ Has now completed the Cambridge "family." § First on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor. First of Maximus rung for the Guild and the first 12-bell peal to be rung by a resident band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of Great St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 12 lb in D.

Gillian R. Brearley .. Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 5
Keith W. Walpole 2	Frederick W. Ellis 6
*Frances Dods 3	James A. D. Woolford .. 7
Kenneth R. Newman .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."



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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

*John A. Hemsley Treble	*Pamela Court 5
*Peter Richardson 2	*Brian C. Johnson 6
*Philip R. Staples 3	Mark S. Lancefield 7
*Richard A. Birch 4	Crawford T. Hillis Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

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

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Jane Reynolds Treble	Martin L. Howe 5
D. Paul Smith 2	Thomas Cullingworth 6
Alexander Waddington 3	Simon A. B. Wigg 7
Christopher T. Osenton 4	Peter S. Muchlinski Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

First peal of spliced by all except the ringer of the 6th.

Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Derek C. F. Chatfield .. Treble	Leonard A. Huckstep 4
*Frances M. Templeman 2	Cyril W. J. Beeching 5
John W. Drage 3	David L. Cawley Tenor

Conducted by Cyril W. J. Beeching.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell peal for the ringer of the third, and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second (also her first peal).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral and Ancient Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Celia D'Aeth Treble	Martin E. Snape 6
Frank Reynolds 2	Geoffrey O. Sanders 7
*Peter Dyson 3	*Stuart I. Bamforth 8
I. E. Margaret Manby 4	Alan Ward 9
†Denis R. Jones 5	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by Alan Ward.

* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal for the Association.

Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Frank Reynolds.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Michael D. Fishwick .. Treble	B. Michael Boardman 5
Christine Broadley 2	Peter J. Malloch 6
Margaret Wright 3	Michael H. Tompsett 7
Margaret P. Booth 4	David W. Howarth Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Michael Fishwick.

HAMER, Rochdale, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 14½ cwt

B. Michael Boardman .. Treble	Michael H. Tompsett 4
Michael D. Fishwick 2	Richard S. Starkie 5
F. John Nelson 3	David W. Howarth Tenor

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

Rung to mark the centenary of the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. Treble	A. James Poynor 7
*Alec R. Jones 2	Alfred Ballard 8
Ernest W. Rawson 3	John Bramley 9
David F. Moore 4	G. Stedman Morris 10
Rupert A. Clarke 5	Peter J. Staniforth 11
†Derek J. Tranter 6	Russell S. Morris Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal on 12 bells. † 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards Treble	Roland H. Cook 5
John M. Jelley 2	R. Brian Mills 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	John E. Cook 7
Christine L. J. Mills 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden.

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5376 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Monica M. Jelley Treble	Martin Green 5
Roland H. Cook 2	R. Brian Mills 6
Christine L. J. Mills 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
W. Ernest Rawson 4	John M. Jelley Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Beryl N. Reed Treble	Phillip C. Pitchford 6
Susan E. Smith 2	†John H. Parker 7
John Freeman 3	†Arthur Pashley 8
*Phillip H. Reynolds 4	Jack L. Millhouse 9
Walter Tomlinson 5	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by John Freeman.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, Manchester.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*Hamish M. McNaughton Treble	†William M. Taylor 5
Peter G. Bellamy-Knights .. 2	Paul Reading 6
*Margaret L. Ellwood 3	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 7
*Lynda M. Deebank 4	Christopher L. J. Munday Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Conducted by Christopher L. D. Munday.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 CHALFONT SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.
Joan Hooton Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Alick Cutler 6
G. William Critchley 3	Frank Reed 7
Claudia A. Critchley 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method.

CHALFONT SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—14—58—38—34—38.14—34.78. I.e. 3527486. Corrigan No. 60.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

John Dowe Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders 5
Anthony H. Roberts 2	Henry Tooke 6
*Ian Lowther 3	Thomas E. Spight 7
*Adrial Walton 4	†Frank C. Arnold Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Thomas E. Spight.

* First peal on eight bells

† 300th peal for the Association.

First as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 BANBURY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

David P. Hilling Treble	Alan A. Paul 6
David C. Brown 2	Christopher H. Rogers 7
Andrew N. Stubbs 3	Graham C. Paul 8
Patrick I. Chapman 4	Michael P. Moreton 9
Barry E. Saunders 5	John R. Mayne Tenor

Arranged by J. R. Mayne.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal of Banbury Surprise Royal for the Guild.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Berks Branch.)

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.				Tenor 10 cwt.
*Judy Brough	Treble	Paul Dye	5	
†John Hodgson	2	Anthony Beaumont	6	
†Ken Johnson	3	Bill Irvine	7	
Ann Carpenter	4	Harold Eccott	Tenor	

Conducted by Anthony Beaumont.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

Rung as a farewell to Ann Carpenter on her departure (October 20th) for Australia.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

				Tenor 4 cwt.
*Harold W. Badger	Treble	*Peter Pearce	5	
Alan R. Pink	2	*G. John Collett	6	
*Terence J. Hester	3	*D. Kay Adkins	7	
Charles Coles	4	*Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor	

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE POGES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., Nov. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Gladys E. Barker	Treble	Ernest E. Gosling	5	
*Jean Kelly	2	William Birmingham, sen. 6		
Arthur D. Barker	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7	
†Leonard Stilwell	4	†Edward J. Peett	Tenor	

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.

* First peal of Stedman. † 200th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. ‡ First peal and 52nd attempt.

WEST WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Richard E. Dean	5	
Sydney M. Bailey	2	Walter Lee	6	
Roy Woodruff	3	John Young	7	
Paul R. Dean	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor	

Composed by G. Williams.

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung as a compliment to John and Bridget Young on the birth of a daughter, Lyn.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHAM FERRERS Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 HIGHAM FERRERS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Antony D. Sansom	Treble	John G. Mitchell	5	
J. Malcolm Tyler	2	Edward C. Buckley	6	
Murray A. Coleman	3	Richard J. Cowley	7	
Barry R. Care	4	Raymond H. Daw	Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

First peal in the method.

HIGHAM FERRERS SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—36—14—38.14.36.14.78. Group B. f.c.h. b.d.

WHILTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: One extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Harold Haynes	Treble	John S. W. Townley	4	
Iris R. D. Webb	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5	
Harry Wooding	3	John K. Foot	Tenor	

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Millie Elizabeth Townley, grandmother of the ringer of the 4th.

CORBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Tues., Nov. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

*Michael J. Buckby	Treble	Barry R. Care	4	
Raymond Henman	2	Richard J. Cowley	5	
Murray A. Coleman	3	J. Malcolm Tyler	Tenor	

Conducted by J. Malcolm Tyler.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung to welcome the Rev. E. Orland, president of the Peterborough Guild, as Vicar of the Parish of SS. Peter and Andrew, Corby.

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

ASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Robert E. Hardy	7	
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Stephen W. Barton	8	
*Katherine S. Hardy	3	Maurice F. Edwards	9	
Neil Donovan	4	James W. Belshaw	10	
Bryan D. A. Woolley	5	Clifford A. Barron	11	
*David Nichols	6	John McDonald	Tenor	

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by John McDonald.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

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

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

First peal in the method.

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Margaret A. Thow	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5	
Muriel Reay	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6	
Elizabeth Stevens	3	George E. Fearn	7	
Terry R. Hampton	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	5	
Roderick W. Pipe	2	George E. Fearn	6	
James Insley	3	James W. Belshaw	7	
Maurice F. Edwards	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.				Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.
Charles F. Andrews	Treble	Phillip Gaisford	5	
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Laurence E. Hitchens	6	
Eric J. Hitchens	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7	
Norman G. N. Kneec	4	Robert J. Purnell	Tenor	

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

Rung in memoriam William C. West, president of the Guild.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, Dorset.—At the Parish Church.

On Tues., Nov. 18, 1969, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of London and two extents each of Surfeit, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Michael J. Dew	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4	
Mary E. Elmes	2	Timothy F. Collins	5	
David Wilson	3	Graham W. Elmes	Tenor	

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Surprise and most methods to a peal.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
Grace Burehnall Treble A. Harry Hawcroft 4
Katharine Burchnell 2 F. William Midwinter 5
Margaret E. Snyder 3 Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

Rung in memoriam Mrs E. Copp, wife of Mr. C. J. Copp, churchwarden and tower captain at this church, who died on October 6th, 1969.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.
Elaine M. Rolfe Treble *Frederick Derry 4
Derick E. Kirton 2 Philip C. Pitchford 5
J. Edward Brown 3 Frederick G. Hooper .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* 25th peal on the bells.

Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 VICTORY MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) New Mill Victory Delight, (2) Ringers Victory Delight, (3) Nelson's Victory T.B., (4) Rodney's Victory T.B., (5) Walsh's Victory Delight, (6) Woodcock's Victory T.B., (7) London Victory Delight. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
Christine L. J. Mills Treble R. Brian Mills 4
William L. Exton 2 Denis A. Frith 5
Peter A. Slight 3 Simon Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

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

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising 210 methods in seven extents. All extents as peal at Holme Pierrepont, Notts. on October 24th, 1969, with the following exceptions: Extent 1, substitute Moorhouse for Fledborough. Extent 2, substitute Lound for Woodborough. Extent 3, substitute Langford for Winkburn. Extent 4, substitute Budby for Littleborough. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

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.

Moorhouse: —56—14.56—12.36.12—34'.56. l.h. 16. 64523.
Lound: 36—36.14.56—12.36.12—34.56. l.h. 12. 56342.
Langford: 34—36.14.56—12.36.12—34.56. l.h. 16. 34625.
Budby: —36—14.56—12.36.12—34.56 l.h. 16. 46532.

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

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.
Ruth Blackshaw Treble Maurice W. Harrison 4
Katharine Burchnell 2 F. William Midwinter 5
Grace Burchnell 3 *Harold Denman Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* 375th peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

CODSALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.
S. Illidge Treble Miss G. B. Smith 5
Miss A. C. Simkins 2 D. Head 6
A. D. Collins 3 P. Johnson 7
P. Bryan 4 H. E. Green Tenor

Conducted by A. D. Collins.

The band would like to associate the name of Mr. A. G. Richards, captain of the Codsall ringers (in hospital), with the above peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

UFFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.
Walter W. Miller Treble Ernest G. Pearce 5
Katherine M. Thorley 2 Alan G. Feaver 6
Dorothy M. Durrant 3 J. Martin Thorley 7
*Muriel R. Page 4 *Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No 26.) Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* 100th peal together. First in the method by all and for the Guild.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BURNABY DELIGHT MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.
Alan M. Barber Treble Jennifer M. Whittell 4
Georgina C. M. Carter 2 Brian B. Hullah 5
Neville F. Whittell 3 Donald F. Murfet Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

GULVAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Gulval.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
Geoffrey Taysom Treble *Jack Harris 4
*Miss M. Christopher 2 *Reginald Wooldridge 5
Victor G. Wood 3 John Williams Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Taysom.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate Gulval Feast.

PAUL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Pol de Leon.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four methods—Newark Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire and 60 variations. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.
Alan Carveth Treble F. Malcolm Bowers 4
Robert Peel Pearce 2 Timothy J. Bell 5
Anthony J. Davidson 3 W. Reginald Curtis Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON, S.W.—At the Church of Christ, Mitcham.

On Wed. Nov. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 10 methods: Queen Mary, King Edward, Primrose, Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Julian C. West Treble James E. Andrews 4
Jennifer A. Dunning 2 Peter G. Holden 5
*Graham G. Firman 3 A. Keith P. Poole Tenor

Conducted by A. Keith P. Poole.

* First peal of Surprise

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

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

A PEAL OF 5075 ERIN CATERS

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
Thomas H. Francis Treble *Robert E. J. Dennis 6
*Derek C. Jackson 2 *John S. Croft 7
Katharine J. Maundrell 3 Charles H. Kippin 8
*David J. Forder 4 *R. Roger Savory 9
*George E. Evenden 5 *Michael J. Thomas Tenor

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Erin. First of Erin Caters by the Guild.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5200 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
*Philippa M. Tubbs .. Treble †Melvyn J. Hiller 6
†Ross G. W. Robertson .. 2 †Timothy F. Collins 7
†Katharine J. Maundrell .. 3 †Graham W. Elmes 8
†Mary E. Elmes 4 Frederick E. Collins 9
†David Wilson 5 Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal of Royal and of Kent T.B. † First of Royal in the method. ‡ Has now completed the Kent T.B. "family" from Minor to Maximus. Has now completed the Kent T.B. "family" as conductor.

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

On Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.
Betty J. Daysh Treble Richard Green 5
Edward W. Colley 2 Patrick Page 6
George E. Evenden 3 John H. Hunt 7
Thomas H. Francis 4 David J. Forder Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David J. Forder.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.
*Graham W. Elmes .. Treble Ross G. W. Robertson 5
†Melvyn J. Hiller 2 Timothy F. Collins 6
Mary E. Elmes 3 David Wilson 7
Katharine J. Maundrell .. 4 Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* Completes the circle to peals. † First peal of Major in the method.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents Grandsire and 21 extents Plain Bob, with six changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt.

Jack C. Wimler Treble	Robert G. Crocker 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	David Goss 5
*Christopher Kendal 3	† Frank R. Tonge Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal away from the tenor. † Has now "circled the tower" three times.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. T. Llewellyn.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

*John J. Stanier Treble	Geoffrey R. Drew 7
Arthur D. Cook 2	Thomas W. Lewis 8
Robert Edwards 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
† Paul Cattermole 4	Arthur C. Berry 10
† David G. Franklin 5	David Beacham 11
† Martin Powell 6	John C. Slater Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* 50th peal for the Association. † First on 12 and in the method.

† First of Stedman Cinques.

* Rung to mark the centenary year of the founding of the original ring of 12 (recast 1928).

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

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1969, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 BEDWARDINE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Thomas W. Lewis Treble	Arthur C. Berry 5
John Clements 2	Peter S. Robertson 6
Shirley M. Drew 3	David Beacham 7
Valerie Willard 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

First peal in the method.

BEDWARDINE SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—12—1238—14—38—1256—7. 1.h. 12 B.

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

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Valerie Willard Treble	John Clements 5
Shirley M. Drew 2	Christopher Hims 6
Roger H. Hunt 3	Hugh Evans 7
Roman Sadowski 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by W. Eversfield.

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, Glos.—At the Church of St. Barbara.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1969, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) S. Oxford, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) D. Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, (4) Cambridge S., (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A.

Elizabeth Pouncey Treble	Shirley M. Drew 4
*Christopher Hims 2	Geoffrey R. Drew 5
Valerie Willard 3	Arthur C. Berry Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First peal in more than one method.

SUCKLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

M. Frederick Stallard .. Treble	Jack Cale 4
James Ranford 2	Leslie F. Smith 5
Raymond C. Sayers 3	John Clements Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

EASTHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5400 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 225 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*Anthony C. Freeman .. Treble	Roger H. Hunt 3
Christopher J. Pickford .. 2	Christopher Hims Tenor

* First peal. First of Minimus for the ringers of 2, 3 and 4. First peal on the bells.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.

On Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

*Rev. Geoffrey C. Smith Treble	Rev. Albert Webb 4
Geoffrey J. Hemming 2	Geoffrey R. Drew 5
Shirley M. Drew 3	Roger H. Hunt Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First peal.

Rung for Evensong and to enable the Rev. Albert Webb and his curate, the Rev. Geoffrey C. Smith, to ring a peal together in their own tower.

WELLAND, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Plain Bob, six of April Day, three each of Hudibras and Seighford, two of Old, five each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Bluebell, Daffodil and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

Frank Lawrence Treble	*Christine Manns 4
*Janet Price 2	Bernard Spiers 5
Martyn Hawkes 3	Leslie Dovey Tenor

Conducted by Martyn Hawkes

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Canon C. J. Kay, following his installation as an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

*R. Anne Johnson Treble	*Rev. Nicholas Webb 7
*Gail Cater 2	Ian G. Campbell 8
Wilfrid F. Moreton 3	Ronald Ducker 9
Patricia North 4	Stuart Armeson 10
Ian North 5	Trevor Tarbatt 11
*Robert Cater 6	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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

On Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	Robert H. Jordan 6
A. Pattie Clapham 2	Peter H. Gardner 7
Rosamund M. Brown 3	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 8
John J. Durham 4	Robert A. Beresford 9
Michael G. Dodson 5	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal by all.

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

On Sat., Nov. 1, 1969, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F

Robert A. Beresford .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 5
*A. Pattie Clapham 2	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 6
*Rosamund M. Brown 3	John J. Durham 7
*A. John Macefield 4	David Featherstone Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

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

On Mon., Nov. 3, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Robert H. Jordan Treble	Peter H. Gardner 5
Rosamund M. Brown 2	Robert A. Beresford 6
Christopher J. Easton 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
John J. Durham 4	Ronald R. Warford Tenor

Composed by D. Knox.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in the method by all.

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

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F

Gail Cater Treble	*Michael Johnson 5
Patricia North 2	David S. Lockwood 6
Robert Cater 3	*Guy Cox 7
*Margaret White 4	Ian North Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal of Double Norwich

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DEATH

HEATH.—In Chippenham Hospital, on December 11th, 1969, Edith Emily, dearly-loved wife of Harry, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 8352

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GALLEY.—From January 1st Giles will be pleased to see or hear from you at St. Michael's Vicarage, Orchard Park Road, Hull, Yorkshire. Tel.: 0482 853252. 8375

PETT.—Tim and Gillian have moved to 3, West Drive, Aldfield Estate, A.E.R.E., Harwell, Didcot, Berks. Tim's work number is Abingdon 1900, Ext. 533. 8361

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

Best wishes for 1970 to all my friends.—E. T. Paul Field, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset. 8364

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

BUSHEY. St. James'—Restoration work due to start December 29th. No ringing from this date until further notice. (Estimated time three months.)—C W. Woolley. 8369

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1970, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX).—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Bell Hill, Danbury, Chelmsford. 8355

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—Ringing week-end, March 21st and 22nd, 1970, in Ringwood area. An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to participate but priority will be given to Ladies' Guild members. All enquiries to me, please, by January 31st, latest. Please enclose s.a.c.—Mrs. J. Hooton, 14, Ranmoor Gardens, Harrow, Middlesex. 8374

New Style Peal Forms are now available from "R.W." office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4"×9").

NEWHEY Lancashire.—January—March, service ringing, 9-9.30 a.m. and 3-3.30 p.m. Practice as usual, Tuesdays, 7.30-9 p.m. Even-song ringing reverts to 6-6.30 p.m. in April. All visitors most welcome.—Mike Fishwick, Tower Captain

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on Dec. 30th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Dec. 30th, St. Paul's Cathedral; Jan. 6th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Jan. 13th, St. Lawrence Jewry; Jan. 20th, St. Giles' Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8351

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Chippenham, St. Andrew's (8), Wednesday, Jan. 7th, from 7.30.—M. E. Stracey, Dis. Sec. 8353

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Guildford Cathedral Monday, Jan. 5th.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8385

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields' (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Jan. 5th, at 7 p.m. 8372

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Visit to Hampton on Thursday, Jan. 8th. Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, Jan. 12th. District annual meeting will be on Jan. 24th. Committee meeting on Jan. 16th.—M. J. Palmer. 8389

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Evening meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, at Woodstock.—E. Venn, Branch Sec. 8380

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting on Jan. 3rd, St. Michael with St. Paul's (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which a new branch secretary will be elected. Abbey bells after meeting. Names for tea, please, to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan Lee. 8300

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hensingham, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 8386

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting, ELY, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8347

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Coggeshall, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Starlingleeze Cottage, Coggeshall. 8340

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Writtle, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 8334

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, on Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 8338

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Next meeting at Sowerby, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only; please bring own food. 8387

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting, Lyonshall, Jan. 3rd. Ringing 3-4.30, followed by service, tea, meeting and ringing. Names for tea to J. Wilce, Bullocks Mill, Kington. 8314

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Hertford District.—A.D.M., Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Ringing, Great Wymondley (6), 3-4.15. Service at Hitchin, 4.30. Bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea, please.—Mrs C. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel.: 3612. 8381

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 3rd. Sevenoaks (8). Bells available for general ringing from 3.45 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8313

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Morecambe, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30-5.30 p.m. only. 8365

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Rainford (8), on Saturday Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. T. Singleton, 84, Church Road, Rainford, St. Helens, by Tuesday, Dec. 30th. Special method, Rutland. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8367

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Wigston Magna on Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Harrold, 38, Central Avenue, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by Wednesday, Dec. 31st.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8383

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle, on Jan. 3rd. Names for tea to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough, by Dec. 31st. 8354

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—A.G.M. to be held on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, in the Parish Hall of St. Martin at 4.30 p.m. Cathedral bells available 3.30-4.20 p.m., and also St. Martin's after meeting.—R. J. T. 8390

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A.G.M., Swanage, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Howitt, Swanston, Russell Avenue, Swanage, by Wednesday, Dec. 31st. 8312

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, at Holy Trinity (8), Bradford-on-Avon. Ringing commences at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. B. Davis, 18, King Alfred Way, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, not later than Jan. 1st. 8231

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Church Hall, Barker Gate, for those who notify Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139, Surveys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Dec. 31st. Business meeting after tea.—S. Adams. 8332

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8368

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting will be held at Maulden (8) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Arrangements: Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and biscuits in the Church Hall, prior to the business meeting. Further ringing available afterwards. A buffet social (complete with bar) at 8 o'clock in the Hall. Tickets (5/- each) are obtainable before the day from chairman, secretary or ringing masters. Anyone of any age made welcome. 8357

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (nearby cafés). Short meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. 8373

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual District meeting at Cambridge, Jan. 10th. St. Bene't's also Great St. Andrew's 3-4.15 p.m. Service, St. Michael's Hall, Trinity Street, 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great St. Mary's, 7-8 p.m.—J. S. 8371

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, Bromyard, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 8th. 8370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Staplehurst, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, Lime Trees, Staplehurst. District advanced practices first Tuesday in each month: Jan. 6th, Aylesford; Feb. 3rd, Leeds; March 3rd, Linton. 8356

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Flookburgh. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8366

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas Church, Pierhead, Saturday, Jan. 10th, Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. E. White, Mildmay, Blackburne Place, Liverpool. L8 7PQ, by Wednesday, Jan. 7th. No name, no tea. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8326

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, Heywood. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea (6/6 each, approx.) to Miss C. Broadley, 6, Marcliffe Drive, Rochdale, by Wednesday, 7th. No name, no tea.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 8326

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—The District A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Whitwick. Ringing: Hugglescote (8), 3-4 p.m.; Whitwick (8), 3.45-4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting in the Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Beniston, 171, Hall Lane, Whitwick, Leicestershire, by Wednesday, January 7th.—H. S. W. W., Dis. Sec. 8376

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The District annual meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Rickaby, 1044 Melton Road, Syston (Tel.: Syston 2819), by Jan. 7th. 8376

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Lyng (5). Saturday, Jan. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. and ringing at Salle (8). Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Reepham, NOR 69X (Tel.: Reepham 220). 8282

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual general meeting at Daventry (10), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Daventry, by Wednesday previous. 8377

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A.G.M., St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. H. Duke, 2, River View, St. George's Close, Fordington, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 8327

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15, Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk. 8377

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—A.G.M., Highclere, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. K. Dodd, 7, White City, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks. 8315

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A.G.M. Orsett (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, 103, High Road, Orsett, Essex. All welcome 8360

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shorne, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14, Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—D. P. Leworthy 8388

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding Parish Church, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12, Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel.: 4462), by Wednesday, Jan. 14th. 8343

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, St. Martin-in-the-Fields'. Ringing details later.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, which are essential to avoid disappointment, to me by 14th.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8325

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

—Saturday, Jan. 10th, ANNUAL NOMINATION MEETING. Afternoon ringing, St. Mary's, Barnes, 2.30-3.45 p.m. Tea and business at Fulham Parish Hall, Fulham High Street, 4. Evening ringing, All Saints', Fulham, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Nominations for election to office in the Association to be received at this meeting. Advanced notice: A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 14th. Annual dinner. Feb. 28th. 8339

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING at WAKEFIELD

On Saturday, January 17th, 1970.

Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m.

Tea in the Youth Centre, Zetland Street, at 4.30.

The General Meeting will follow tea and be on the same premises.

Voting will take place on the important propositions on the alterations to the Rules.

Names (not just numbers) for tea to W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield, by Tuesday, January 13th.

Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e.

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Wragby (6), 12-1

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

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

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Christopher Newton .. Treble	*Malcolm S. Turner .. 5
*Margaret White .. 2	Philip Charlesworth .. 6
Patricia North .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. 7
Alec Beaumont .. 4	Ian North .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Fred Hodgson .. Treble	*Stephen R. Munday .. 5
Enid Lawson .. 2	*David Farrar .. 6
Thomas Cooke .. 3	*Stephen L. Green .. 7
Tom M. Cox .. 4	Frederick A. Munday .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Jean M. Bower .. Treble	M. Alec Beaumont .. 5
Patricia North .. 2	David Nichols .. 6
Ian North .. 3	Trevor Tarbutt .. 7
Richard Farnsworth .. 4	J. Henry Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

Rung to mark the enthronement of the Bishop of Derby.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.
Anne E. C. Whittaker .. Treble	Peter Carbutt .. 4
Gail Cater .. 2	R. Gordon Corby .. 5
Robert Cater .. 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton (cond.) Tenor

THE ANTIEN FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Knight's.	Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.
Bro. Herbert C. Spencer, No. 2659—Northcote Lodge .. Treble	
Bro. William A. Theobald, No. 1604—Wanderers Lodge .. 2	
Bro. E. Trevor Newbury, No. 6949—Mythe Lodge .. 3	
Bro. W. Bertram Kynaston, No. 355—Royal Sussex Lodge .. 4	
W. Bro. Richard C. Ingram, No. 4993—Orion Lodge .. 5	
W. Bro. Rev. Albert Webb, No. 7458—St. John in Bedwardine .. 6	
Bro. Fred Price, No. 3180—Rowena Lodge .. 7	
W. Bro. William H. Coles, No. 3174—Hillingdon Lodge .. 8	
Bro. D. Kay Adkins, No. 7240—Buttercross Lodge .. 9	
W. Bro. Peter J. Staniforth, No. 4835—Highcross Lodge .. 10	
Bro. Frank C. Price, No. 5634—Hanworth Park Lodge .. 11	
Bro. Thomas J. Setter, No. 5007—Progressive Science Lodge .. Tenor	

Conducted by Bro. Frank C. Price.

Rung in memoriam M.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Scarbrough, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At 35, Croft Avenue.

On Fri., Nov. 21, 1969, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Charles F. Pocock .. 1-2	*Eric J. Gilbert .. 5-6
Robert Peers .. 3-4	F. Leslie Coventry .. 7-8

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Eric J. Gilbert.

* 200th peal and first as conductor in Major.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Herts.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Mon., Nov. 24, 1969, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In ten methods, comprising 960 of Newgate, 720 of Yorkshire, 480 each of Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, Londinium and York, and 240 each of Leicestershire and Wigston; 104 changes of method.	
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7-8
John R. Mayne .. 3-4	Julia A. Fellows .. 9-10
Roger Baldwin .. 5-6	Frank C. Price .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in ten methods by all the band and for the Association. Tenor size 15 in C.

CLIFTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

mx.56-14-78-36.14-9t.14.58.9t.14.9t.70-56-9t-78-1t.

FULHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

mx.56-56.14-5t-36.14-14.5t-14-3t-34-3t-34-1t

(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans)

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—In St. Peter's Church belfry.

Sun., Oct. 19, 1969, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Kenneth J. Darvill .. 1-2	Harold V. Frost .. 5-6
*Frances Dodds .. 3-4	Elizabeth Forster .. 7-8

Arranged by B. J. Woodruffe.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal on eight handbells.

First handbell peal by the St. Peter's Society since 1890.

Tenor size 16 in B.

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At 23, Culver Road.

On Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

*Katherine S. Hardy .. 1-2	Julia A. Fellows .. 5-6
Gerald Penney .. 3-4	Keith J. Walpole .. 7-8

*Robert E. Hardy .. 9-10

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At 13, Tudor Road.

On Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Kenneth J. Darvill .. 1-2	*Roger D. R. Brown .. 5-6
Keith J. Walpole .. 3-4	†Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 7-8

Composed by W. Hudson.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal in the method. † First of Treble Bob.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At 12 Hever House, Cypress Court.

On Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 10 in A.

Trevor A. Cross .. 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Frank J. Matthews .. 3-4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. 7-8

Stuart Sandford .. 9-10

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 18 methods in the following extents: (1) Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob, (2) Cumberland and Horsmonden, (3) Single Oxford, Single Court and Original, (4) Ennerdale and Killarney, (5) Reverse, St. Clement's College, College, Double and Plain, (6) Hereward and Double Oxford, (7) Double Court and London	Tenor size 14 in D.
Joseph Whalley .. 1-2	Mary W. Whalley .. 3-4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal in 18 methods by all.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Wed., Oct. 29, 1969, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 1-2	Alfred Ballard .. 7-8
*Julia A. Fellows .. 3-4	David F. Moore .. 9-10
Peter J. Staniforth .. 5-6	*Rupert A. Clarke .. 11-12

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand."

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

On Wed., Nov. 5, 1969, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
Margaret L. Ellwood .. 1-2	Hamish M. McNaughton .. 3-4

*M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5-6

* 100th peal. First on handbells by all.

MANCHESTER, Lancs.—In Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

On Wed., Nov. 19, 1969, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
Margaret L. Ellwood .. 1-2	Hamish M. McNaughton .. 3-4

M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5-6

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

MANCHESTER, Lancs.—In Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

On Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven different extents in two methods, being two extents of Double Bob and five of Plain Bob.	Tenor size 15 in C.
Margaret L. Ellwood .. 1-2	Hamish M. McNaughton .. 3-4

M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5-6

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

First peal in two methods on handbells for all.

QUARTER PEALS

WEMBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,607 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Pearce 1, S. Peirce 2, J. Steer (first in method) 3, A. Frost 4, G. Mudge 5, N. Mallett (cond.) 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): T. Cairns 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Rung by the local band for Advent.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Goode (first Minor) 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, D. A. Smith 3, G. R. Hills 4, A. M. Horn 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: K. Gamm 1, W. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, S. H. Gay 6. First Grandsire Minor for all.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. C. Budd 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Caroline Bagworth 3, F. Seabright (first Surprise) 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, A. E. Bagworth 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Janice Hawes (first quarter) 1, Stephanie M. A. Green 2, D. F. Willcocks 3, W. C. G. Walnwright 4, A. G. Spreadbury (cond.) 5, N. J. Peters 6. A 25th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

WORLE, SOM.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. Lovell 1, H. Hooper 2, G. Prescott 3, J. Coombs (cond.) 4, S. Lewis 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. C. Norman (churchwarden) and Mrs. Norman.

ADLESTROP, GLOS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: R. Philpott 1, R. Williams (cond.) 2, R. Huddleston 3, J. Long 4, D. Huddleston 5.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Clist (13, first quarter) 1, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell 2, W. Viggers 3, R. Clist 4, Edna Siggery 5, D. P. Elsmore 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, L. Moody 8. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Moody 1, W. Viggers (cond.) 2, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell 3, Miss E. Stewart 4, Edna Siggery 5, R. Clist 6, T. Page 7, W. Siggery 8. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moody 1, Miss E. Stewart 2, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell 3, Miss A. Freeman (first Triples) 4, W. Viggers 5, T. Page 6, D. P. Elsmore (cond.) 7, L. Moody 8. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Stewart 1, Edna Siggery 2, Miss J. Edmunds 3, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell 4, D. P. Elsmore 5, R. Clist 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, W. Siggery 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. H. Leslie 1, B. R. White (cond.) 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, V. J. White 4, J. R. Mitty 5, F. White 6, D. A. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10. Half-muffled in memoriam Cyril J. Hibbert.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, M. Herbert (first "inside") 3, Margaret A. Robinson 4, J. Rea 5, Sandra C. Thexton 6, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 7, D. R. Tripler 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Major: W. Atkinson 1, D. Garner 2, G. Try 3, J. Atkinson 4, P. Church 5, A. Shingles 6, J. Chaddock (cond.) 7, J. Brook 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,120 P.B. Major: C. Rose 1, A. Treble 2, W. Atkinson 3, H. Goode 4, G. Try 5, J. Atkinson 6, J. Brook 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Welcome to the Archbishop of York.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 P. Bob Doubles (on middle five): Janet Anstey (first quarter) 1, Anna Tobias 2, Pip Menniss 3, I. M. McCallion 4, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6, R. Le Marechal 7. For St. Andrew's Day and Pip Menniss's parents' silver wedding.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Mrs. F. J. Marshall 1, D. Grimwood 2, Kathleen E. Fletcher 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, E. Booth 5, R. Pike 6, C. Conway 7, J. Keeler (first Stedman) 8.

BRACKLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Andrews 1, Wendy Meadows 2, R. Philpott (cond.) 3, R. Brewer 4, J. Long 5, L. Meadows 6.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Jones 1, L. Battison 2, S. Griffiths 3, Anne Henman 4, P. Jones 5, D. J. Morgan (first as cond.) 6. To welcome Rev. John Gwinnett.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Dec. 6th, 1,500 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Plain Bob): H. J. F. Hynes 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, J. Shields 4, R. Corson 5, A. R. MacKenzie 6.

BRINKLOW, WARCS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patsy Howes (first quarter) 1, B. Elliott 2, Betsy Mountford (first "inside") 3, G. Pluckrose 4, D. Mountford 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. A compliment to ringer of 1 and Philippa Garrard on gaining their Guides' bellringing badges.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Nicoll 1, N. P. Hancock 2, Miss J. Murrell 3, J. Price 4, W. Adams 5, S. Badman 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, T. Bradley 8. First quarter 1, 8. For the engagement of Norman Peter Hancock to Sheila Ann Tudor.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v/s): Clare Jarvis 1, I. Newell 2, J. Drage 3, R. H. Youdale 4, S. Royal (cond.) 5. Also at 24, The Mall, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. C. Randall (cond.) 1-2, M. J. Platt 3-4, P. J. Kingscote 5-6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Prince 1, B. W. Hall (cond.) 2, R. Grange (first Triples) 3, M. Collett 4, J. Collett 5, T. Hester 6, T. Timms 7, W. Dixon 8. For Confirmation.

CARDIFF.—On Nov. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. G. Evans 1, M. Pilgrim 2, Mrs. A. Pilgrim 3, P. Thomas 4, P. Williams 5, W. Harford 6, F. Cornley 7, J. Clatworthy 8, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 9, T. T. Yeomans 10. For Confirmation, also an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Witchell, church caretaker for 26 years.

CASTLE CARY, SOM.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. L. Andrews 1, W. A. Osborn 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, W. J. Tiley 4, K. L. Laver (first as cond.) 5, W. Sherrell 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. F. Crowson 1, Leslie C. Tibbits 2, Marion A. Casa (first as cond.) 3, Maureen J. Carruthers 4, J. E. Murfit 5, P. D. Austin 6.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,320 St. Andrew's Doubles: Gwen Hooper 1, S. Lewis 2, Susan Stott 3, C. Fields 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, B. Dodda 6. First quarter of this method to be rung for Axbridge Branch. For St. Andrew's Day.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, P. Mossop (first "inside") 2, Rosemary Guy 3, L. Allen 4, Mrs. P. Mossop (first as cond.) 5, Susan Bell (first quarter) 6. For the 100th birthday celebration of John Warren, of Port Navas, Constantine.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles (on middle six): Jane Potter 1, W. D. Saarsteiner 2, D. A. McEndoo (cond.) 3, C. J. Reede 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, P. J. Pardoe (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. Tom White on his retirement and Mr. Johnny Walker for his work on the bells.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,272 Allendale Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Miss V. Willard 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Secure with a coup de main? (8)
- 5 Peter sounds like a lodger (6)
- 9 It's difficult to understand what is this (3, 5)
- 10 People sit in these strangely enough (6)
- 12 Sometimes provided for the tenor man's toes (5)
- 13 Ten came with the New Testament to make law (9)
- 14 Wise precaution for an old man's side pain (6, 2, 4)
- 18 Learners (12)
- 21 Tense with faults (9)
- 23 Home for most ringers means this (5)
- 24 Went with Pipe's Pilgrims perhaps (6)
- 25 Takes the tenor away? (8)
- 26 Bob can make the hunter into this (6)
- 27 Stated to be a lock returned to Edward (8)

DOWN

- 1 Free from fraud (6)
- 2 The essence of the thing (6)
- 3 She left her needle on the Embankment (9)
- 4 Sometimes these are noted in peal footnotes (7, 5)
- 6 In the tower a major band makes one (5)
- 7 Refrain from sin (2, 2, 4)
- 8 They result from selective employment tax in an upset shop (8)
- 11 They may be the bell variety for certain belles (7, 5)
- 15 One can only head South from here (5, 4)
- 16 It's printed without it being necessary here (8)
- 17 This interest is not simple (8)
- 19 Least adulterated (6)
- 20 Annoyed but sedate to begin with (6)
- 22 Singular version of an old composer (5)

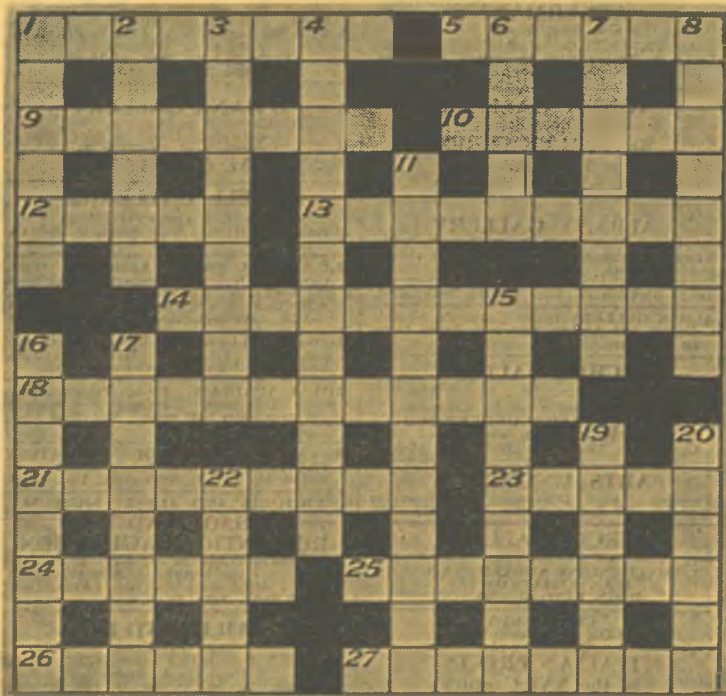
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