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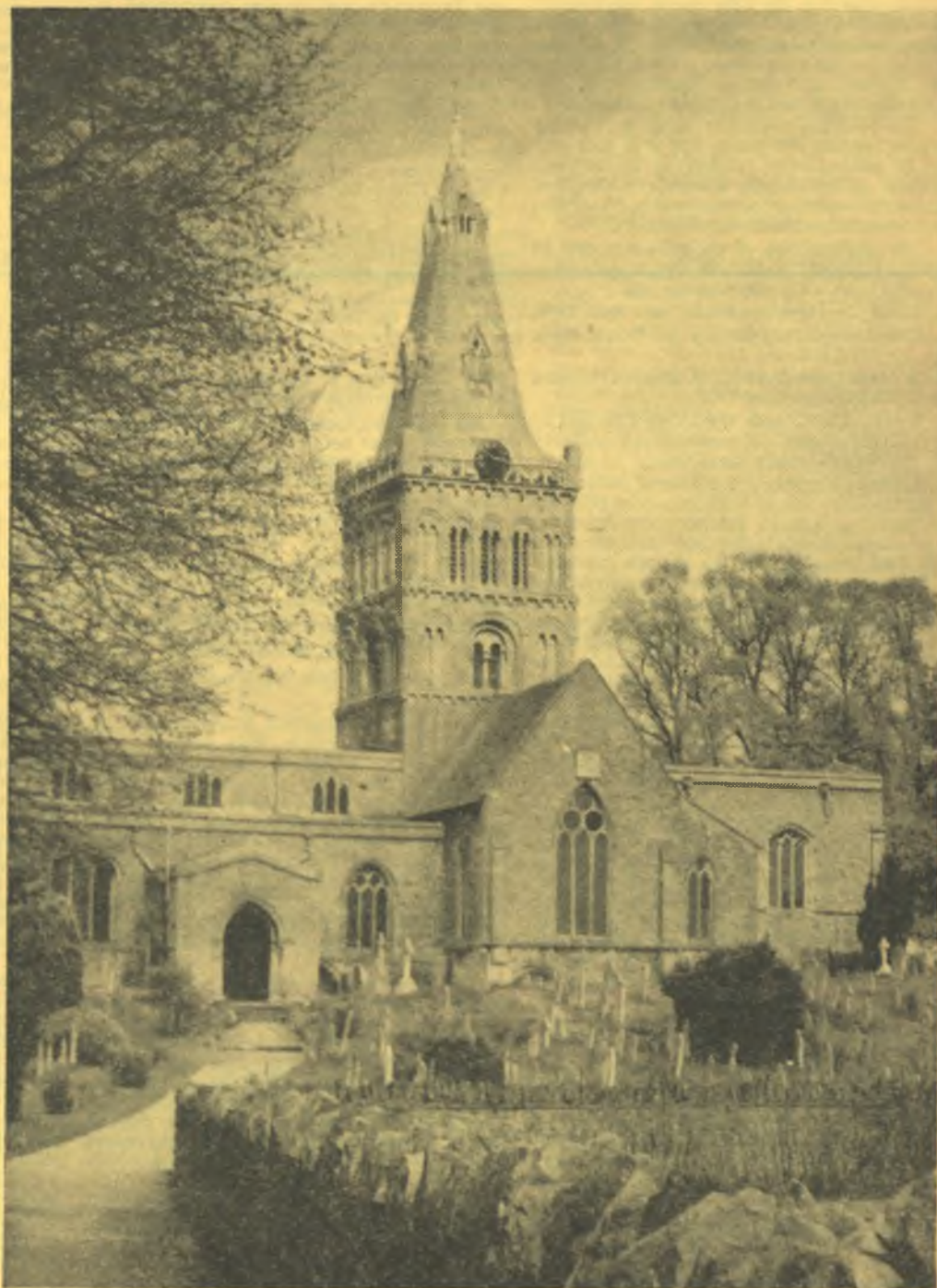
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**St. Kyneburgha  
Castor  
Northants**



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**Cover Picture****St. Kyneburgha, Castor, Northants****History of the Bells and Bellringing**

By J. D. COOPER

THE VILLAGE OF CASTOR lies about five miles to the west of Peterborough, at present amidst rich farmland, although by 1986 it is expected that it will have been swallowed up by Greater Peterborough—a new town of 180,000.

There has been a settlement at Castor for at least 2,000 years, for when the Romans came there was already a pottery industry. In Roman times the area was very industrial with important pottery and iron works, as well as a large camp on the south bank of the River Nene at Duribrivae.

The church is the only one in the country dedicated to St. Kyneburgha, who came about A.D. 650 with her sister, St. Kyneswitha, and built a nunnery. There are traces of Roman and Saxon materials in the church, which was dedicated in 1124.

The Norman tower has stood aloft above the valley for 800 years, and it is reckoned to be second only to that of Tewkesbury Abbey. The ringing chamber is reached through a curious priest chamber and has a fine oak roof with crude carvings.

The present ring of six bells was cast in 1700 by Henery Bagley, of Ecton, near Welldingborough. The inscriptions are:—

1 and 2.—Henricus Bagley nos fecit 1700.  
3 and 4.—Henry Bagley Of Ecton made me 1700.

5.—Cantate Domine, Canticum Novem Henricus fecit 1700.

6.—To the Church the living call and to the grave do summon ali. Henry Bagley made me 1700.

Little is known of the ringing before the beginning of the 19th century. In 1795 the ringers had a lucky escape when the tower was struck by lightning just after they had finished ringing for the King's birthday. During the 19th century the ringers received 18s. a year, for the bells were rung for the monarch's official birthday and also on November 5, after which they were given a "hot" supper at the Royal Oak, which consisted of bread, cheese and onions. This practice continued until 1914. New bell ropes were purchased every year from 1812 to 1825 at the cost of 50s. for six. This stock of ropes appears to have lasted well as no more ropes were bought until 1835 and then 1850.

A bell was tolled at Castor on the night of Princess Leopold's funeral and a "dumb" peal was rung on November 18, 1852, on the occasion of the Duke of Wellington's funeral. A peal of 5,040 Bob Minor variations was rung on the bells on January 18, 1853, conducted by Jonathan Shelton, and by the same band who rang the peal of 10,080 changes at Glinton on January 17, 1852.

The last national event of the 19th century for which the bells rang was the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria in June, 1897. After June, 1898, the bells were only to be chimed for the morning and evening services on Sundays. In 1900 they were rehung in iron frames with steel girders by Taylor's, of Loughborough, and the opportunity was taken to retune and turn the bells.

The rehanging bells were rung in December, 1900, for the death of the Bishop of London, but a much more joyful event was the Coronation of King Edward VII in 1902.

In 1908 the face of the clock was renovated and this was followed by repairs to the tower and spire in 1909. The year 1910 brought a Peterborough Association meeting on Easter Monday and muffled ringing for the King's death, May 20. In 1924 the bells rang for the celebrations of the church's 800th anniversary, but in 1932 were pronounced unringable on account of the state of the spire.

In 1948 a new rector brought a change of heart as regards the bells, and Taylor's were requested to inspect them. The report was favourable and ringing commenced in July, 1948. A new local band was formed and the first peal since 1926 took place in 1952 and included three local ringers. It is hoped to ring a local peal this year.

Since 1948 progress has been continuous, although the present band includes few of the 1948 ringers. The bells have been rung regularly twice on Sundays and also at 6.30 a.m. on Easter Day and 5.30 a.m. on Ascension Day.

Although there have been only six peals rung since 1948, quarter peals have proved very popular on a variety of occasions, including the Coronation in 1953. The first quarter by the local band was in 1956. The year 1961 brought a quarter for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury and a peal to commemorate the century of the village school.

In 1968 the bells were probably rung more than ever before, 13 quarters and one peal being rung. The autumn of 1969 saw the bells being taken down yet again by Taylor's for rehanging, but the advances of the modern world are such that a job which took two months in 1900 now takes six months. It is hoped that 1970 will see great advances in the standard of ringing, the basis of which has already been laid.

**SCOTTISH HOSPITALITY**

Mr. Alan Carveth, of Truro, Cornwall, writes:—

"I was very interested in the article by R. K. R. on Scottish rings of four, and particularly regarding the visit in 1949 to ring the bells of the Church of the Holy Rood, Stirling. I was serving in the R.A.F. at Dunfermline at the time, and was invited to join the band by Mr. Ranald Clouston. I still have his copy of the ten Minimus methods we rang that afternoon, and the event was notable for the many townspeople who visited the tower during the afternoon's ringing, and these included some of the civic dignitaries.

"At that time I enjoyed a great deal of hospitality amongst the Scottish ringers, particularly in Edinburgh and Paisley. This hospitality was repeated ten years later when my wife and I spent our honeymoon in Scotland. A band of ringers from Edinburgh met us on a Wednesday afternoon to enable my wife and myself to ring at Alloa, Dunblane and Fettes College, towers which had 'eluded' me during my previous stay.

"Perhaps some time in the future we shall have the opportunity to come north again and ring at our 'untouched' towers at Inverness, Inveraray, Dundee and the new six at Stirling."

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**STINCHCOMBE STILL SUB JUDICE**

Dear Sir,—In his letter published on Jan. 16 Mr. Robin Collis asked the Gloucester and Bristol Association to comment on his observations. As the matter of Stinchcombe bells is still sub judice—the Chancellor has not yet given his decision—the Association is unable to reply to his criticism. We would point out, however, that the Gloucester and Bristol Association was not alone in opposing the granting of a faculty; the petition was actually filed by the Archdeacon of Gloucester, and the Diocesan Advisory Committee—whose chairman gave evidence—was strongly opposed to the application. Had Mr. Collis a full knowledge of the events leading up to the Consistory Court hearing or had he been present in court his opinion would, no doubt, be rather different.

We are aware that within our Association, as in most Associations, there are towers where the bells, for various reasons, are not rung regularly every Sunday. It is the Association's aim to teach ringers wherever and whenever possible. To this end we organise residential and day courses and pay travelling expenses of instructors. To date no request for instruction has ever been turned down.

Recently a band of ringers was trained ready to ring at Maisemore as soon as the bells were rehung after a silence of some 30 years. At the present time three of the Association officers are engaged in teaching bands of ringers in addition to regular practice and Sunday service ringing at their own towers. Mr. Scudamore has regularly been travelling a round distance of 50 miles to help an inexperienced band. Those who know our ringing master know that there is no one keener to teach and foster the interest of young ringers.

As Mr. Collis so obviously has an interest in the Gloucester and Bristol area we shall look forward with pleasure to receiving his donation to the Special Appeal Fund, which has already received support from a wide area.—Yours faithfully,

E. MARY BLISS, Chairman  
CHARLES ROUSE, Hon. Secretary  
Gloucester and Bristol Association.



# A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

"TO mutilate . . . 720's in order to compress an exceptional number of methods within a 5,040 is a procedure which will never commend itself to the Exercise generally."—A. Percival Heywood ("Bell News," May, 1893).

"Just a word more to dismiss as impracticable the question of producing methods that will interlock without producing false changes. The idea is a pretty one, and it may afford fireside amusement (a pleasant department of our art) for those who have time to go into it, but except as a fancy performance such methods will never be rung, as the better known will necessarily be those chosen for multi-method peals." — William Snowdon ("Bell News," May, 1894).

## PART I: THE BEGINNINGS

On Wednesday, November 10th, 1909, the Rev. H. Law James called a peal of Minor at Surfleet, which, when it was reported in "Bell News" a fortnight later, bore the simple footnote:

"First peal in eight methods on the bells, by all the band and by the above Guild," the Guild referred to being the Lincoln Diocesan. The peal provoked no editorial comment and no correspondence, and has seldom been accorded any special credit. Yet it stands as a milestone in the development of change ringing, for its first 720 was in two methods—Oxford Bob and Double Bob—and was the first "spliced" 720 ever to be included in a peal.

To understand how and why this peal came to be rung it is necessary to go back to the closing years of the last century, to the second meeting of the Central Council. This was in 1892, at Birmingham. The Council there laid down that a peal of Minor should consist of not less than 5,040 changes made up of true 720's. A reasonable stipulation, it seems today, but nevertheless one that was to cause considerable argument at the time and for several years to follow.

## 360's AND THE COUNCIL

In order to increase the number of methods in a peal, some of the best Minor bands had for many years been ringing peals made up of 360's or even 240's. The idea was not, as is sometimes thought, a Yorkshire innovation, the first such peal having in fact been rung in Lancashire, at Prestwich, in April, 1808. The first peal in Yorkshire on this plan was not rung until seven years later, at Darfield, and consisted of 22 240's. Multi-method peals of this type became gradually more frequent, most of them being in the West Riding of Yorkshire, but others as far afield as Braintree (in 1883), Steyning (1889) and Caversham (1890).

The idea even spread to higher numbers. At the opening of Galleywood bells in September, 1873, Squire Proctor's band from Benington had rung a 5,060 made up of touches in ten different methods, from Grandshire Triples to London Surprise Major. And at Rotherham eight years later Charles Hattersley called 6,006 changes of Caters and Royal on the same "plan."

In 1883 a record had been set by George Bolland and the Tong band when, on February 17th of that year they had rung at Tong a 6,000 of Minor consisting of no less than 25 240's in as many different Treble Bob methods.

The Council's insistence on true 720's was consequently seen by the best Minor bands as a retrograde step. The Yorkshire men maintained, with some reason, that their peals in 14 or more methods were better performances than those in seven, and they fought hard and persistently against this ruling.

Attempts to amend it were defeated in each of the following four years, the debate at the 1894 meeting in London being of particular interest, for it was here that the possibility of "spliced" ringing was first publicly mentioned.

The president, Mr. (later Sir) Arthur P. Heywood, who had consistently refused to allow the requirement for complete 720's to be relaxed, said that James Wilde had sent him a true 720 consisting of several methods, while Bankes James pointed out that it was possible to splice 14 plain methods into seven 720's by using singles.

(There can be little doubt that the 720 referred to by Heywood was James Platt's nine-method masterpiece (see "Ringing World," April 18th, 1969, page 300). Its historical and theoretical significance was unfortunately not grasped by Heywood, nor by the normally perceptive Bankes James. Indeed, the latter's reference to splicing by singles shows how far his ideas were behind those of Platt, who by this time had been dead for nearly 40 years.)

While the debates continued, multi-method peals of Minor were still being rung in the old manner. Finally, in 1897, the original resolution, which had been generally ignored, was quietly rescinded. Nothing was put in its place, and Minor ringers were once more legally free to ring what they wished.

And there the matter rested until the peal in eight methods at Surfleet in the autumn of 1909.

## SPLICED IN LINCOLNSHIRE

The Rev. Law James had played little part in the debates of 1892-7, leaving the chief protagonists—the unbending Percival Heywood and the persistent William Snowdon—to argue the pros and cons of the matter. But the possibilities of splicing had clearly stayed in the back of his mind, and the 1909 peal was the first practical expression of his thoughts.

It was followed by a peal in nine methods at Surfleet on March 10th, 1910. This contained two spliced extents, the methods in each—Plain and Double Bob, Single and Double Court—being linked by singles. Two more peals in eight methods followed, the first at Edenham in September and the second a month later at Fleet. In November a second peal in nine methods was rung at Surfleet.

Then, on February 15th, 1911, Law James called a 5,000 in 14 methods at Edenham. The first five pairs of methods—Norfolk and Primrose, Cunecastre and London, Beverley and Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge and Sandal and Oxford T.B.—were spliced in whole courses, and the last two—Single and Double Oxford and Plain and Double Bob—by half-way singles. The band stood as follows:

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Arthur I. Holmes  | .. Treble |
| Rev. H. Law James | .. 2      |
| John W. Lake      | .. 3      |
| James Osborn      | .. 4      |
| Fred Blood        | .. 5      |
| Rupert Richardson | .. Tenor  |

Of these, the ringer of the treble, second and tenor belonged to Surfleet, while the other three came from Bourne.

This peal is sometimes taken to mark the introduction of spliced ringing, although it was in fact, as we have seen, the culmination of a series of peals rung over the preceding 15 months.

## THE COUNCIL'S REACTIONS

Be that as it may, Law James had proved in practical terms the feasibility of splicing methods together within a 720 while yet preserving the truth of the extent. Accordingly, when the Central Council next met, in Leicester in the June of the year, he moved that a peal of Minor should consist of "at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties." The proposal was not met very warmly. Mindful of the arguments that had followed the similar resolution 20 years earlier, the Council could not be persuaded to adopt it as a firm rule. Instead a compromise was reached and, on the proposition of Joseph W. Parker, the resolution was finally passed only as a recommendation.

## Obituary

CANON H. T. MOGRIDGE, M.A.

The first mention of Rev. H. T. Mogridge in ringing circles is in the minutes of the Aldrington band's annual general meeting, when on January 25, 1927, he was elected a member.

He learnt to ring at Aldrington, covering for Doubles, and to hunt the treble. It was a favourite story that he promised to treat the ringers to a dinner when he scored his first 720. This was duly arranged and the rector's success earned his ringers a fine spread! He enjoyed bellringers' outings to the full and was affectionately known as "Moggy."

During his incumbency the six at Aldrington were rehung by Taylor's, being rededicated by the Bishop of Chichester on Oct. 10, 1948.

For his silver jubilee at Aldrington he was made a Canon of Chichester Cathedral.

The first non-conducted quarter peal was rung in the tower on July 18, 1954, to commemorate his 28th anniversary in the living and he was made a vice-president of the Sussex County Association the same year.

At one time, six young lady ringers (average age 17½) of the Aldrington band rang a quarter peal and an "all-male" quarter was then arranged, but this could only be attempted if the rector would be one of the ringers. On Palm Sunday, 1955, he rang the tenor for his first quarter peal at the age of 64 (the average age of the band was never disclosed!).

One peal (Grandsire Doubles) has been rung at Aldrington. A local band, on Oct. 15, 1955, paid tribute to Canon Mogridge's 29 years of devoted service. He moved to Thakeham, where his ringing continued, and a quarter of Plain Bob Minor was a compliment to him by Aldrington and Thakeham ringers. He retired to Steyning, Sussex, in 1962. On December 26 last he suffered a cerebral hæmorrhage and died on December 29 at the age of 78 years.

A man of dignity and devotion, he did much for St. Leonard's and will long be remembered. We are the richer for his example of a life well spent in true service.

S. W. B.

## THE REV. G. BOWMAN

The Vicar of Newhey, Rev. George Bowman, died suddenly on January 3. He had been there for 2½ years; his drive and enthusiasm revitalised the parish, particularly in the belfry, to which he was a regular visitor and for which he was responsible for the installation of the new ring (tenor 4½ cwt.). He also raised funds for restoring the organ and resurfacing the church road. A peal was rung as an "in memoriam" and mention must be made of the excellent ringing of Miss Kathryn Lawson—her first peal inside.

Three hundred and sixties continued as a result to be rung in peals of Minor for several years to come. True, they were not as frequent as in the past, but it was another 13 years before the last such peal was to be recorded. This was rung at Hanley Swan, Worcestershire, on May 18th, 1924, conducted by the late Charles Camm, and consisted of 14 360's in as many methods.

[To be continued]



**A QUIET YEAR**

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Swanage on January 3. Ringing on the eight bells of the parish church took place before the service and after the meeting, and methods attempted were not very complex, about 50 per cent being devoted to rounds and Doubles methods. The guild office was conducted by the newly-inducted rector (Rev. D. Bailey), who was duly elected a member at the meeting which followed. Tea, prepared by the Swanage ringers' wives, was greatly enjoyed.

Officers elected for 1970 were: Chairman, Dr. C. T. Brown (Wareham); vice-chairman, Mr. H. I. Pitman; ringing master, Mr. H. Mitchell (St. John's, Bournemouth); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson (Wareham); committee members: Mr. C. Bishop (Wimborne), Mr. I. Davis (Poole) and Mrs. M. Howitt (Swanage).

Six new members were elected and the secretary reported a quiet year, with slightly increased membership. An excellent dinner had been held at Wareham, following a quarterly meeting and an enjoyable skittles evening had taken place in February. It was hoped to repeat both these events in 1970. Twenty-six quarter peals had been rung and several younger members had rung their first peal. The winners of the branch's heat for the Blandford ringing festival were also the competition winners, viz., the "Wareham A" band. It was also hoped to arrange a coach outing to the guild A.G.M. at Bridport.

**ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWS MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Biggleswade District of Bedfordshire Association was held at Maulden on January 10, with the usual ringing during the afternoon, followed by service, conducted by the rector, Rev. P. G. Oakley. Mr. M. J. Lockey was the organist.

At the business meeting in the church hall an apology was given for the president, Mr. A. E. Rushton, who was ill. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. S. H. Ashton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. H. Smith; ringing masters, Messrs. C. D. Mann and R. Webb; committee: Messrs. K. Fleming, M. Major, R. Sharp, A. S. Smith; belfry fund treasurer, Miss S. Percival; organists, Messrs. M. J. Lockey and P. Rogers; press secretary, Mrs. Mary Mann.

The arrangements for the annual district outing were again left to Mr. P. Rogers, and Mr. M. Major the striking contest. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. K. H. Fleming for his work as secretary.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m., under Mr. C. D. Mann. An excellent buffet supper had been prepared by Mrs. Linda Fleming and helpers, and the social which followed was a new venture. Keith Fleming was M.C. and the entertainment included Chris Hardy (folk songs) and Grandsire Caters on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ivin, Miss Julia Fellows, Mr. M. Major and Mr. A. H. Smith. St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, ringers gave a sketch. M. L. M.

**SILENT TOWERS**

Ringing took place at Great Wymondley prior to the annual general meeting of the Northern District of Hertfordshire County Association held at Hitchin on January 3. The Vicar, Rev. R. E. Meredith, conducted the service, which was held in conjunction with a service terminating the North Herts children's choirs course.

After a buffet tea, Geoffrey Dodds was elected to chair the meeting. The district reports were given and the financial position stated. This led to a discussion on how best the money in the voluntary bell fund could be invested yet readily accessible, and it was left to the secretary to make enquiries and report at the next quarterly meeting.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Boyd and Stephen Bedford (Hitchin), Trevor Broom (Stotfold) and Trevor Freer (Baldock). Mrs. Marion Searle (Stevenage) was re-elected, having moved back into the district, and John Leeming was transferred to non-resident membership.

Mrs. Anne Agg resigned her position as district secretary and thanks were accorded her for her efficient two years in office. Geoffrey Horritt (Stevenage) was elected in her place. The district expressed regret at losing its ringing master, John Leeming, whose enthusiasm had helped establish the Surprise practices. Ian Pantton was elected ringing master, with Rex Agg as assistant. Other officers were re-elected, with Peter Cranfield elected to fill a vacancy on the committee.

Suggested venues for future meetings were given and it was decided that monthly Surprise practices should be continued. Ringing information for each tower was corrected for the annual report, and in view of the number of silent towers in the district the secretary was asked to compile a list so that occasional Sunday service ringing could be organised at every tower.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, to the Vicars of Hitchin and Great Wymondley, and to the ladies for preparing a very enjoyable tea concluded the business.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing. M. M. R.

**FIRST PRACTICE IN THE 70s**

Saturday, January 3, saw the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association hold their first 1970 practice meeting at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Hardington Mandeville.

Over 30 ringers attended, despite the cold weather and illness. Ringing on the pleasant light six (tenor 8 cwt.) was supervised by the ringing master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, and assistant, Mr. Jim Taylor. The branch is grateful to Canon L. Sharland, rector, and Mr. Gilbert Rendell, tower master, for their kindness in making the tower and bells available.

Forthcoming events.—February: Practice, East Coker (8, 13 cwt.); social evening, Fleur-de-Lys, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. May: Branch striking competition, Long Sutton (6, 17 cwt.). Further details from branch hon. secretary or ringing master.

M. M. L.

**NEW RINGING MASTER**

The pleasant village of Writtle, near Chelmsford, will always have a special significance in the history of the Essex Association as it was here that the Association was founded in 1879. Members present on that occasion would no doubt have been surprised had they seen the large number of young people who converged on Writtle and its eight bells for the annual general meeting of the South Eastern District of the Essex Association on January 3. Ringing preceded the service, conducted by the curate (Rev. W. Cummings), who in an amusing address gave his views on certain parts of the human anatomy. The Rev. A. Abbey, of Sandon, was at the organ and carols were sung in place of the traditional ringers' hymns. Tea was served in the hall by Mr. Herbert Edwards and helpers and was again generously provided by Mrs. M. French, of Writtle. At the business meeting which followed, the master (Mr. Andrew Hudson) welcomed Mrs. French and Mr. Frank Lufkin, master of the Association.

The secretary reported that 1969 had been an encouraging year, with good progress being made in many towers. The retiring master did not seek re-election and Mr. Philip Rothera was elected master for 1970. Richard Harrison was elected secretary and Jim Towler and Bob Leavett committee representatives. Philip Mark and Robert Palmer, of Terling, were elected ringing members. Mr. Lufkin spoke in appreciation of the warm welcome he had received at Writtle and expressed his pleasure at the large number of young people present. A vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success was proposed by Andrew Hudson, who also thanked members for their support during his term as master. This concluded the business of the meeting, and further ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

**SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

The A.G.M. of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Oakham on January 10. Good use was made of the fine eight bells, over 30 members and visitors taking part. We were pleased to welcome Mr. J. H. Bluff (guild master), who took charge of the ringing.

The tea and meeting were held at the Singing Kettle Café. The existing officers and guild committee members were re-elected and it was decided to create new positions so that branch committee members have specific responsibilities. The belfry officer is responsible for improving the standard of belfry maintenance in the branch. The press officer will report on branch activities to *The Ringing World* and guild newsletter.

Officers elected were: President and ringing master, Charles Hudson; vice-president and belfry officer, Lionel Atton; secretary and treasurer, Arthur Scholes; press officer, Cynthia Barnett; guild committee: Lionel Atton and Christopher Groome. Branch committee members: Alan Ellis, Ray Richardson and William Taylor.

New members elected were Richard Chantler, Diane Spencer and Diane Stainsby. C. E. B.

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Back row, left to right: Janet Farr (treasurer), Lewis Parry, Sheila Parry (captain), Raymond Vaughan, Norman Farr, Harry Jones (people's warden), Brig. Innes (rector's warden). Front row: Sharon Parry (4 and keen to learn!), Ian Parry (aged 7 and

rings alone), Tom Bailey, Rev. A. W. McAdam, William Meyers.

Taken at Easter, for the dedication of the "Tower Cross," Mr. Bill Meyers (holding the cross), Mr. Bill Meyers (holding the cross) made the new bell frame and also hand-carved the beautiful processional

cross which was made partly from the old bell frame timbers and partly from the new timber: hence the name "Tower Cross."

The small boy (Ian Parry) handles a bell extremely well and is now learning to ring rounds.

## RULES DISCUSSED

The Bridgwater Branch of Bath and Wells Association held its A.G.M. on January 4 at its home tower and its only ring of eight — St. Mary's, Bridgwater. The bells rang out soon after 2.30, there being some 30 members and visitors present, and the service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. C. Andrews.

Tea was taken in a nearby café, and at the business meeting the members received with regret the resignation of the hon. secretary, John Aldridge. The meeting extended its appreciation to him for the work he had done over the past five years. The following officers were elected: Mr. C. Herniman (chairman), Mrs. S. Beck (vice-chairman), Mr. M. J. Stone (secretary); Mr. K. Lane was re-elected ringing master and the silent towers committee was re-elected en bloc.

Seven new members were elected, following which the general secretary explained to the meeting amendments to the rules drawn up by the standing committee. On this there was some discussion, together with the arrangements for the A.G.M.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

## NEW SECRETARY ELECTED

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association was held at St. Peter's Church, Coggeshall, on Jan. 3. The service was conducted by the vicar and tea was provided by the parishioners in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. C. Gillingham, of Braintree, was elected secretary in place of Mr. R. Threadgold, of Wethersfield, who for business reasons was unable to continue. Mr. Threadgold was thanked for his services over the past three years and promised to continue his activities among the younger ringers in the district.

The master, Mr. Roper, of Finchingfield, gave an encouraging report, but reminded members of the need to revitalise a number of towers in the district where the sound of bells is no longer heard.

The retiring secretary reported an increase in numbers, and after the meeting had been reminded of the present qualifications expected of members, new members and probationers were sponsored and elected from Black Notley, Coggeshall and Wethersfield. A variety of ringing continued during the evening.

C.G.

## PLACE NOTATIONS

Stuart I. Bamforth writes:—

"May I ask through your columns if anybody possesses the place notation for the method Oxford Surprise Major? It was rung at Brighton on Dec. 31, 1897, composed by G. Williams, and the method by J. W. Washbrook. I suspect that it is irregular.

"I would also like to point out that the method rung as Sheppey in a peal of spliced in 1963 had, in fact, been rung previously. It was rung at Burton-on-Trent as Superlative Surprise Major, Burton variation, as early as April 29, 1886, composed by A. P. Heywood. I would like to see this method renamed Burton or New Superlative, the name Sheppey now being inappropriate."

## Letters acknowledged

The Editor has received communications from the following, whose letters are under consideration: C. Michael Orme, Geoffrey Dodd, Marcus C. W. Sherwood, Peter J. Wycherley, Anthony J. Cox, S. Ivan, F. L. Coventry, G. E. Thoday.

# BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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## Letters

### CHEERS!

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate you on your new Ringing World cover. It is quite obvious, however, that this is a West Country sales drive as the colour scheme has particular significance for the Cornish. For the last three years we have had the colours of the Cornwall rugby team (the R.W. came in very handy for waving at the county championship final last year) and now, as any regular visitor to the Duchy will know, we have superimposed the colour scheme used for many years by the Devenish Rudruth Brewery.—Yours cheerfully,

ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON.

Truro, Cornwall.

### NOT DIRTY WORDS

Dear Sir,—Since Mr. Marsh's condemnation of peal ringers a few weeks ago two people have written to you supporting him. It seems most significant that both of these people are residents of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—firstly, Mr. Cribley, of Stroud, then Mr. Taylor, of Cheltenham.

For several years I would make a point of loyally attending the Association's annual general meeting, but one of the reasons I now do not attend is because the Association seems to be plagued with anti-pealites. One tires of hearing the expression "peal ringer" being used as if they were dirty words.

For Mr. Taylor's education I can inform him that peal ringers are the backbone of Bristol ringing. Without them the bells of St. Ambrose's Cathedral, St. Stephen's (when ringable) and Christ Church would be silent each Sunday. It is mainly the peal ringers who attend the fortnightly practice at St. John's to ring Grandsire Doubles and call-changes on a rota basis with the less-experienced.

I can only put their attitude down to jealousy of the opportunity or ability to participate in peal ringing.—Yours faithfully,

Bristol.

D. JOHN HUNT.

### FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir.—On checking the figures for Easingwold Surprise Major rung at Easingwold on July 26, 1969, I find the composition used is false and would accordingly like to withdraw it.

I would like to apologise to the band for not checking the falseness thoroughly enough and to the Methods and Analysis Committees for this late withdrawal.

It would appear that there is no composition for the falseness b. d. g: perhaps one of our leading composers could confirm this.—Yours faithfully,

Leeds, Yorks.

C. B. DOVE.

### STINCHCOMBE'S BELLS

Dear Sir.—While Mr. Collis (R.W., page 30) has a very valid point regarding lack of ringers in the Stinchcombe area, the fact still remains that if Stinchcombe bells are not rehung for ringing the possibility of getting ringers there is lost forever.

It is high time that all Associations, both territorial and non-territorial, realised that there is, due to lack of ringers, a great number of bells not being rung regularly, and it is their prime duty both to the Exercise and the Church to take immediate steps to remedy this situation.—Yours faithfully,

Rochford, Essex. PETER SLOMAN.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Dear Sir,—I refer to Mr. Camp's eloquent letter on page 19. I would agree with him that representation on the Council is, or should be, of societies and not of individuals. However, there is a proportional aspect of representation that should be considered, otherwise all societies should be equal with one representative and the smallest will have equal influence with the largest.

Mr. Camp, however, having buried the false "one man one vote" promise in a manner befitting a representative of the Oxford University Society fighting to keep his place on the C.C., goes on to put forward two other equally false premises.

Firstly, that the "individual and distinct contributions" that non-territorial societies make to the Exercise are made at C.C. meetings. Secondly, that C.C. membership has effect on the work and effectiveness of a society.

For the smaller societies C.C. membership means recognition and "official status," especially in the peal ringing field. It would appear, therefore, that if non-territorial societies could affiliate to the C.C. by paying an annual fee so that they become "recognised" for peal purposes, this would go a long way to satisfy their requirements. Arrangements could be made for such affiliated societies to present motions to the Council either through a "territorial" representative or through the president.

Another point concerning representation is that although there is a laid down number of society members to a representative, many societies have differing rules for membership. Most territorial societies have resident and non-resident members, the residents only being counted for representation. Perhaps the Council could consider some method of imposing uniformity and also checking that societies are observing the rules. The University Societies, for example, do have the equivalent of resident and non-residents though I doubt that they will admit it. The London County Association as a territorial society also has only one level of membership and four representatives on the strength of it!

Whatever the arrangements made for territorial and non-territorial societies, it would be a step in the right direction if all the C.C. representatives were there on the same basis!—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpden, Herts.

Dear Sir,—John Camp's letter (page 19, Jan. 9) displays splendid emotion and a vested interest. I prefer to look at university representation in the wider context of the argument that the Council would function more efficiently if it were smaller.

My suggestions for achieving a reduction have been extensively, if not always accurately, reported. They include a reduction in honorary membership and all classes of elected representatives. As Mr. Camp has isolated non-territorial societies I will restrict my present remarks to them.

All non-territorial societies perform some function, or they would not exist. One would like them all to have a voice on the Council, but if one accepts, as many apparently do, that the Council is too large, they inevitably receive early attention because all their members are able to be resident members of a territorial society. The university societies are heavily represented—there are eight members from the six societies affiliated—and many other members

of these societies represent territorial societies, e.g., London University has about a dozen. Surely it would be sufficient for the universities to be jointly represented, perhaps through the U.A.? The other societies with restricted membership, such as those for doctors and railwaymen, merit no representation in my view because their activities are merely social; which leaves the C.Y. societies. These two provide the "further education" which most territorial societies cannot provide. They are national organisations open to all who reach an acceptable entry standard; it would be a pity if room could not be found for their representatives.

I see nothing illogical in differentiating between the university societies and the College Youths and Cumberlands. And why should the university societies be singled out as having raised standards? Most of the societies affiliated to the Council have played their part at all levels, not just with the more proficient.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

West Horsley, Surrey.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether Mr. Exton has written to you rather than to me because he thinks you are responsible for writing the Minutes, or because he thinks you may have tampered with my copy?

Those who care to follow up Mr. Exton's point could perhaps refer to a good dictionary. The "considerable difference" between "vary" and "revise and bring up to date" is that the former is rather more succinct.—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

45 Westercroft Lane,  
Northowram, Halifax.

### SIXTEEN IN HAND

Dear Sir.—Probably the first mention of changes on 16 bells in hand was from the records of the famous Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal. After the 7,200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on April 17, 1820, he informs us: "At the same meeting several courses of Treble Bob Maximus were rung on the handbells, and one course of 16, in the Grandsire method." The ringer named Powell, mentioned by E. Barnett, would no doubt be Thomas Powell. He was not one of the band that rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques in hand on February 10, 1854. We find he rang 3-4 to what would have been (?) the first of Stedman Triples, December 19, 1853. John Cox conducted from 1-2. William Cooter, a noted ringer of his day, was among those that heard the ringing, and afterwards asserted that Cox "changed hands" for nearly a course and put them right just before the part end. Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was rung in hand.

"June 22, 1854. Thomas Powell ringing 5-6." An interesting item which may refer to the same person. On Dec. 12, 1848, at St. Martin's, Birmingham, a Thomas Powell rang the 2nd to 7,392 Stedman Cinques. Composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, it was the longest length of Stedman Cinques to that date.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. NASH.

London, N.

### WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5,079 Stedman Caters rung at Wrington, Somerset, on November 1, 1969, owing to falseness found in the composition. My sincere apologies to all those who took part.—Yours faithfully,

Bath, Som.

E. NAYLOR.



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### A BIG PROGRAMME

The attendance at the first meeting of 1970 of the Maidstone District, K.C.A., held at Staplehurst on January 10, was exceptionally good, there being many new faces amidst the collection of ringers, and over 50 consumed the excellent tea provided by the local ringers.

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the visitor (yes, there was only one!), and seven new members and four life members were elected. Mr. Tester, the secretary, briefly detailed the programme for 1970, in which there are 29 meetings or practices. Programme cards were made available. Matters discussed at the November committee meeting were then outlined by Mr. Garner and mention was made of the four recently-rehung bells at Addington, rededicated during evensong on Jan. 18.

Ringing, under the guidance of Mr. Muchlinski continued until 8.45 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. The evening was suitably rounded off in the nearest alehouse (not inappropriately called The Bell). S. F. T.

### TEN WAYS

in which you can stop the ringing  
in your tower:

1. Come on Sunday, but never for more than five minutes before ringing stops.
2. Don't ring when it is (a) too hot, (b) too cold, (c) too wet, (d) too windy.
3. Only turn up for practice nights for the last 15 minutes' ringing, and—
4. Keep away on practice night for the slightest excuse.
5. Moan that the learners are not ringing properly, but do nothing to help.
6. Offer to stand by a beginner and say nothing, then complain to the others for speaking when the beginner goes wrong.
7. Always be critical and complain at the first blow out of place; never give the ringer a chance to correct himself on his own.
8. Talk too much and say nothing that helps ringing.
9. Never attend special practice meetings for learners.
10. Always take the attitude: "I can ring and you can't." A. R. BRIDGES.

### URANGWOT—9

The Stalcentre ringers enjoyed their outing this year, ending with a quarter peal at Strike-well, where the bells are perfect in every way. (For the purpose of this problem this means a normal rope circle, regular weight increases from the treble to tenor, only one conductor, and no funny business in the definitions.)

After the bells were rung down, the following statements were made.

Alan: Carol conducted it. Harry rang the fourth.

Ann: I rang next to Richard. Carol rang a lighter bell than Duncan.

Carol: I rang the fifth. Alan rang a lighter bell than Richard.

Duncan: I conducted it. Alan rang the second.

Harry: I rang the third. Duncan rang the fifth.

Richard: Duncan rang the fourth. I rang the treble.

The ringing was better than their truthfulness, for each ringer made only one true statement.

Latest date for entries, addressed to the Editor, February 6. A prize of 10s. will be awarded to the first correct solution opened.

### WORK IN HAND

John Taylor and Co. inform us of the following:—

(1) Two trebles ordered to make Edinburgh (St. Cuthbert's) ring into 10.

(2) Work is in progress and nearly completed at Twywell, Northants. Entails new G and B and addition of a treble, plus a general overhaul. The bells already in a Taylor H frame.

(3) January 20 work starts in the next parish, Woodford, Northants, returning the fittings after repair. This is a grand Taylor six. New G and Bs, rebushed clappers, etc. The Taylor two-tier cast iron frame has provision for two trebles to make eight and a service bell, but these have never been added.

(4) Work is in progress and nearly completed on a general overhaul of the fittings at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh. The local ringers are carrying out the work, John Taylor and Co. supplying and repairing the parts.

(5) Work is to start shortly on a general overhaul of the fittings of St. George's, Dublin. Mr. Peter Brown, ringing master of St. George's, is superintending works at the Irish end.

### ANDOVER DISTRICT'S KEENNESS

"A Happy New Year" was the theme of the address of Canon K. W. H. Felstead at the A.G.M. of the Andover District held at Highclere on Jan. 10. Happiness, he pointed out, came from a sense of service to others. The Rev. T. H. Lewis conducted the service, which was attended by the guild master (Mr. R. E. Savory) and many visitors.

Following tea, provided by Highclere Ladies, Mr. Murdock, branch chairman, presided at the business meeting and gave a special word of welcome to Mr. C. Kippin.

Mr. M. Goss (hon. secretary) in his report stated that service ringing was well supported. There had been an increase in peals and quarter peals rung during the year and the district was now tackling peals of Surprise Minor. The treasurer's report was not quite so hopeful. The number of full members had dropped and there had been a decrease in the balance in hand, mainly due to the purchase of the 40th anniversary peal book. Nine new junior members were elected.

A combined striking competition and quarterly meeting is to be held at Longparish and Barton Stacey on October 3, and the A.G.M. will be at Andover on January 9, 1971. A donation of £2 was voted to the T. W. White testimonial fund, the ringing master (Mr. G. N. Dodd) calling attention to the then Editor's assistance at the time of the district's 40th anniversary.

After the votes of thanks ringing took place at Highclere and Burghclere.

### ONE RADICAL CHANGE

The Society of Sherwood Youths held their A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, December 27. Ringing on the fine ten commenced at 3 p.m. and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon D. R. Feaver. Mrs. J. Dawson and Misses S. Anthony, D. Hol'and and S. O'Neil kindly prepared tea in St. Mary's Church Hall. At the meeting the secretary reported a fairly successful year and the treasurer's report showed a balance of over £60. The main item on the agenda was the new constitution and this was agreed to. The only radical change is that subscriptions now consist of a life membership fee of five shillings with sixpence steeples at all meetings and practices. The officers were re-elected.

### HENRY BAGLEY, OF CHACOMBE

Jane Brown, a pupil of Chacombe C. of E. School, contributed this article which was published in the Peterborough Newsletter, 1969.

The Bagley family are amongst the oldest of Northamptonshire's bellfounders. Between 1600 and 1785, when Matthew Bagley died, hundreds of bells were cast at Chacombe, and they are to be found in church towers all over Northamptonshire and neighbouring counties.

We were especially interested in one of the several "Henry Bagleys" because his restored tombstone is in Chacombe churchyard, within a few yards of the tower which contains some of the bells his family cast. The headstone is inscribed:—

Here lyeth the body of Henery Bagley  
who departed this life the 1 day of  
january 1684

To perpetuate ye memory of an ingenious  
bell-founder this stone was restored  
A.D. 1794.

The restoration of the stone was paid for by Briant, of Hertford, after he recast the fifth bell at Chacombe in 1790. No doubt he was impressed by the Bagley workmanship.

All six of Chacombe's bells were originally cast by the Bagleys though two have since been recast.

The first three are inscribed: William Bagley made mee 1694. The fourth is inscribed: Canticum Novum Cantate Domine 1694 (this was a favourite Bagley inscription).

"Our" Henry had three sons—Henry, Matthew and William—and three daughters—Esther, Mary and Sarah. We have a copy of his will in which he left half his message and land to his wife, a house in Chacombe and 20 acres of land to his son Henry, and half of his message and land to Matthew. He gave William £200 at 21 in 1679 and in the same year Esther (then married) was given £5 and her sisters, Mary and Sarah, £100 each. Henry must have been a man of substance. A detailed inventory of his estate totalled £1,123 8s. 2d.

The fact that Chacombe's fifth bell was recast in 1790 by Briant indicates clearly that with the death of Matthew Bagley in 1785 the bell foundry came to an end. It is thought that Matthew died tragically from burns sustained in a bell casting accident.

There are no Bagleys in Chacombe now. A good deal of information is available about other members of the Bagley family. Another Henry Bagley, of Ecton (perhaps "our" Henry's son?), recast the ten bells of Lichfield Cathedral in 1687. Among local churches most of the bells of Banbury Parish Church and those at Middleton Cheney are Bagley-cast.

### POLITENESS COSTS NOTHING

"Last year a certain party was to visit our 'fishing village,' and as I had plenty of time to 'stand and stare' I volunteered to meet the visitors," writes "Plain Bob." "I was at the tower at the appointed time, but one hour and 20 minutes later I decided to call it a day. Knowing what the district is like in the summer months for traffic jams, etc., anything could happen, but our Vicar wrote to those concerned, wondering what had gone wrong, but up to now has received no reply." He asks tower secretaries and others arranging outings to endeavour to keep to a timetable, and if anything goes wrong to cause cancellation or delay to let those concerned know immediately.



## Quarter Peals

## LONG LENGTH

**HARSTON, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 29, 2,880 Pl. Bob Minor: Nancy R. Threlfall 1, M. Kison 2, Frances A. Threlfall 3, J. G. Gipson 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6.

**ADVENT, CORNWALL.**—On Jan. 1, 1,320 Doubles (11 var.): T. N. Hitchens 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. R. Hart 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell 5. Peal attempt curtailed.

**ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.**—On Dec. 22, 1,260 Doubles (18 meth./var.): Cynthia Humphreys 1, Rosemary White 2, J. P. Burton 3, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 4, R. Riley 5, J. Keddle 6. Most meth./var. by all. Also on Dec. 31, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, R. Riley 2, E. Hough 3, M. J. Mulvey 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. First Oxford by local band. For watchnight service.

**ALDWICK, SUSSEX.**—On Sat., Sept. 20, 1,272 Minimus (five methods): C. Renyard 1, Ruth E. Halford 2, P. M. Wills 3, P. Stevens 4. For dedication of Daughter Church of St. Michael. (c)

**ASH PRIORS, SOM.**—On Dec. 18, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 6. (c)

**ATCHAM, SALOP.**—On Jan. 2, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Vivienne B. Bennett 1, A. E. G. Owen 2, L. Roberts 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. (c)

**BABWORTH, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Judith Knights 1, P. Rogers 2, S. Knights 3, K. Hilton 4, Linda Wilkinson 5, G. Pick (cond.) 6. For midnight Communion.

**BANWELL, SOM.**—On Jan. 2, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: Susan Stott 1, R. W. Rice 2, B. Mills 3, M. Dodson 4, W. S. Rice 5, S. G. Smith 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, C. Field 8. First in method by all. Also on Jan. 3, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. C. Barrett (first quarter) 1, P. J. England 2, M. Dodson 3, M. T. Hebdon 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. Hebdon 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, S. G. Smith 8. (c)

**BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. McLean 2, R. R. Kennard 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For baptism of Michael David McLean, son of 2 and 5, and first grandchild of treble.

**BARWELL, LEICS.**—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Colver 1, A. H. Hough 2, R. Lord 3, G. Kelham 4, C. J. Lucas 5, A. A. Lucas 6, T. K. Deacon (cond.) 7, F. Bouterill 8. Also on Jan. 1, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Colver 1, R. Lord 2, Mrs. A. A. Lucas 3, C. J. Lucas (cond.) 4, G. Kelham 5, A. A. Lucas 6, A. H. Hough 7, F. Bouterill 8. To start celebrations for 750th anniversary of the Parish Church. (c)

**BENDIGO, AUSTRALIA.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 30, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wiseman (first quarter) 1, J. W. Robertson 2, T. Wilson 3, J. Martin 4, R. Bampton (cond.) 5, C. Rayner 6.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**—On Nov. 22, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Fuller (first in method) 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, P. Dodd 3, R. Threadgold 4, G. Saunders 5, H. Moore 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, C. Barker 8. In honour of Christ the King. Also on Dec. 4, 1,320 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): G. Dodd 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, P. Dodd 3, H. Moore 4, G. Saunders 5, R. Fuller 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, Mr. Dodd 8. For Confirmation. Also on Dec. 11, 1,320 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): J. Porter 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, G. Dodd 3, H. Moore 4, G. Saunders 5, P. Dodd 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, R. Fuller 8. For carol service by High School. Also on Dec. 27, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Saunders (first in method) 1, C. Barker 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, R. Threadgold 5, A. Little 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, R. Fuller 8. For Christmas. (c)

**BRADING, I.O.W.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Duff 1, A. Russell 2, K. Squibb 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb 5, E. Duff 6. For midnight Eucharist.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Susan Baker (first in method) 2, Lucy Smith 3, E. J. Whiting 4, P. S. Abbott 5, J. W. Allen 6. For Christmas.

**BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.**—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): L. Atton 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Peggy E. Jennings 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, R. J. Chantler 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 2 and 3.

**BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.**—On Dec. 23, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Pearson 1, Doreen Young 2, Kathleen Horn 3, D. Fowles 4, T. Mitchell 5, D. Young 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, J. E. Norworthy 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Allan Rolls, son of George and Gladys Rolls.

**BROCKENHURST, HANTS.**—On Dec. 13, 1,369 Grandsire Doubles: Ivy Lewis (first Doubles) 1, B. J. Fry 2, S. Baybut 3, J. Hull (cond.) 4, B. F. Peachey (first inside) 5, E. Senior (first quarter) 6. For induction as vicar of Rev. Canon Roy Chamberlain, M.A. (Cantab.), and to wish him every happiness in the parish. Also on Dec. 15, 1,272 Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury Pl. Bob Minimus: Flora M. Stocker 1, Janet C. Blackburne 2, Faith Riley 3, B. J. Fry (cond.) 4, First Minimus 2 and 3. (c)

**CALVERTON, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 14, 1,272 Minimus (51 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. (c)

**CHARMINSTER, DORSET.**—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Mears 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, P. F. Romney 3, P. R. Board 4, E. H. Amey 5, C. W. Tidwell 6, P. H. Toccock (cond.) 7, R. H. Duke 8. To welcome Rev. Langdon as Vicar of Charminster.

**CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Leclerc 1, Anne M. Stevens 2, Ruth E. Halford 3, Susan M. Wills 4, K. Knight 5, P. M. Wills 6, P. Stevens (cond.) 7, C. Renyard 8. For Epiphany. (c)

**CHIGWELL, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Marion A. Cass 1, G. H. Walker 2, Leslie C. Tibbitts 3, P. W. Dickinson 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 6. For Midnight Mass. (c)

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On Dec. 31, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Minham (first attempt) 1, L. Haywood (first inside) 2, J. W. Cotton 3, N. W. Cotton 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. Half-muffled for New Year's Eve. (c)

**CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.**—On Jan. 3, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: E. Venn (cond.) 1, Miss P. E. Powell 2, B. Wilsdon 3, A. Hicks 4, N. Bridges 5, P. Holden 6. Wedding compliment to Angela Green.

**CONGRESBURY, SOM.**—On Dec. 26, 1,280 Bristol S. Major: S. Brown 1, G. Hebdon 2, T. Chapman (cond.) 3, Margaret Chapman 4, R. W. Rice 5, J. Brain 6, P. J. England 7, J. H. Gilbert 8. (c)

**CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 31, 2,220 Doubles (Grandsire, 12 var.): R. J. Perry 1, R. P. Pearce 2, E. Lesley Evans 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell (106th quarter) 5, Kathrynne R. Pearce 6. Peal attempt called round. Variations rung for first time.

**COULSDON, SURREY.**—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Aileen Freeman 1, A. Brock 2, J. Saycell 3, D. Little 4, D. Atkins (cond.) 5. For carol service. (c)

**EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.**—On Dec. 18, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Newbury 1, R. G. Morris 2, P. Jopp (cond.) 3, A. A. Jopp 4, J. Clements 5, A. Jopp 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Charles Hayling.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On Jan. 6, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Lesley M. French 1, R. P. Sherlock 2, Pauline Sutton 3, H. W. Evans 4, P. R. Everest 5, J. H. French 6, R. J. Everest 7, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 8. For the Epiphany.

**ELLAND, YORKS.**—On Dec. 23, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: F. Linfoot 1, Jean Pollard 2, Anne Barnsley 3, Mary Pollard 4, A. Rodgers 5, A. Naylor (first as cond.) 6. A compliment to F. Linfoot, 40 years a ringer.

**EPFING, ESSEX.**—On Dec. 27, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Duffell 1, Mrs. B. Mitchell (first of Major) 2, Miss J. Flight 3, E. Elliott 4, C. Moore 5, W. Aley (cond.) 6, E. Rochester 7, R. Walker 8. For Christmas and a birthday compliment to 5. (c)

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—On Nov. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ann Williams (first Royal) 1, M. Mulvey 2, J. Aronson (first Royal) 3, J. B. Helder 4, Jill P. Oakshott 5, P. J. Munday (cond.) 6, Frances Mulvey 7, S. N. Mortimore 8, K. G. Game 9, J. C. Davidge 10. Also on Dec. 26, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ann Williams 1, Elizabeth Gibbs (first Royal) 2, G. W. Stevens 3, Jill P. Oakshott 4, J. Aronson 5, S. N. Mortimore 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, W. J. Munton 8, J. C. Davidge 9, T. Skilton 10. (c)

**EVERCRECH, SOM.**—On Dec. 27, 1,440 Cambridge S. Royal: P. Bridle 1, G. H. Pullin 2, Diana Bridle 3, P. J. England (150th quarter) 4, P. H. Jones 5, D. Mackay 6, R. E. Beck 7, D. W. Jack 8, J. Brain 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10. (c)

**EXHALL, WARKS.**—On Dec. 25, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Taylor 1, G. Hall 2, G. Hammond (cond.) 3, H. Curtis 4, I. Unsworth 5, D. Norman 6. First Plain Bob 1, 2. For Christmas. (c)

**FAWLEY, HANTS.**—On Dec. 25, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda D. Chamberlain 1, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 2, R. Allison 3, R. H. Roberts (cond.) 4, S. J. Chamberlain 5, L. V. Smith 6. (c)

**GLINTON, HUNTS.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: K. Oliver 1, M. Spencer 2, B. Branston 3, Margaret Hill 4, G. Oliver 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. A compliment to Gwen Cave and Graham Oliver on their engagement. (c)

**GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.**—On Dec. 30, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Elizabeth A. Banks 1, J. C. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, R. H. Roberts 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. S. Hopwood 6. (c)

**GORING, OXON.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, Carol Tull 2, S. Franklin 3, Mary Trent 4, D. Haines 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Midnight Communion. Also on Dec. 28, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Tull 1, Mary Trent 2, M. Tull 3, I. Judd 4, S. Franklin 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, W. Judd 8. For carol service. (c)

**GOTHAM, NOTTS.**—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. C. Selby 1, D. Osborne 2, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 3, S. Adams 4, A. Newell 5. (c)

**GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Jan. 4, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Constant 1, Miss G. Crane 2, T. V. Barnard 3, S. Sandford 4, Miss J. E. Jarvis 5, R. J. Thompson 6, R. M. Thompson 7, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 2, 3, 5, 6, 7. (c)

**GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.**—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Moore 1, H. Moore 2, W. Chapman 3, R. Suckling (cond.) 4, A. Little 5, F. Taylor 6. A farewell to Rev. Grey-Newton on his retirement. (c)

**GREAT KIMBLE, OXON.**—On Nov. 7, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 2, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 3, E. Harmsworth 4, F. Keen 5, C. Wilkinson 6. (c)

**HADDENHAM, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 27, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: R. Steel 1, G. Markwell 2, W. Murrells 3, A. Yarrow 4, G. Walker 5, R. Grant (first Surprise as cond.) 6. For Christmas. (c)

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Milford (first quarter) 1, P. M. Wilkinson 2, D. S. M. Jones 3, H. W. Milford 4, M. Marshall (cond.) 5, P. J. Milford (first quarter) 6. (c)

**HESSLE, E. YORKS.**—On Jan. 4, 1,376 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. H. Sharp 1, G. P. Horton 2, A. Hessey 3, G. F. Gardiner 4, K. Gatman 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. First Surprise by all. (c)

**HURLEY, HANTS.**—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. L. Northway 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, H. J. Page 3, R. S. Parrott 4, K. J. Jacobs 5, D. R. Fallick (first G.T. as cond.) 6, D. J. Forder 7, M. K. Waldron 8. For Advent. (c)

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDY.**—On Dec. 21, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Diane Pickett 1, Patricia Rogers 2, Kathleen Parr 3, Olive Rogers 4, H. Rogers 5, P. Felton 6, D. Pickett 7, C. Rogers 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10. For first service in the new church (Festival of Carols).

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 8, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela Barratt (first quarter) 1, Jane A. Smith 2, Helen Dzuba 3, L. G. Smith 4, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 5. For Dr. Kathleen Durance, who opened the bazaar. Also on Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Angela Barratt 1, Jane A. Smith 2, J. K. Walton 3, L. G. Smith (cond.) 4, E. J. Sollis 5. For Christmas. (c)

**KNEBWORTH, HERTS.**—On Dec. 28, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Harris (cond.) 1, R. Spicer 2, J. Drew 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, A. E. Jones 6. For Service of Nine Lessons. (c)

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On Nov. 24, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: B. H. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, H. Read 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Cambridge for all except 5. Also on Jan. 9, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Herbert 1, B. H. Taylor 2, A. C. Newman 3, Clare Taylor 4, Helen Taylor 5, Hilda Taylor 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Edric Tasker, organist. (c)

**LILleshall, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Dec. 26, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Taylor (first quarter) 1, W. Reynolds (cond.) 2, B. Cotton 3, E. Lane 4, P. Talbot 5, D. Cartwright 6. For Christmas. (c)

**LONG ASHTON, SOM.**—On Dec. 31, 1,280 London S. Major: J. H. Gilbert 1, Margaret James (first in method) 2, Diana Bridle 3, G. H. Pullin 4, E. T. Lee 5, A. E. Cox 6, P. J. England 7, P. Bridle (cond.) 8. (c)



**LINCOLN.**—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Dec. 9, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): A. W. Froggatt 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan A. Faulk 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Half-muffled in memoriam Joan Parkin, aunt of 4. Also on Dec. 20, 1,272 Minimus (nine methods): A. W. Froggatt 1, V. West 2, S. A. Faulk 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. First in nine methods for all. Half-muffled for Blafra appeal. Also on Dec. 24, 1,296 Minimus (five methods): I. M. Minna 1, V. West 2, S. A. Faulk 3, A. W. Froggatt (cond.) 4. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 31, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): D. Simpson 1, V. West 2, R. Smalley 3, A. W. Froggatt (cond.) 4. Half-muffled for New Year's Eve. (c)

**MALMESBURY, WILTS.**—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Crick 1, G. Edwards 2, H. Blanchard 3, P. Holroyd 4, L. Gray (cond.) 5, P. Watts 6. First quarter 1 and 6. (c)

**MANCHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Eccles (cond.) 1, Miss I. E. Margaret Manby 2, D. G. Manby 3, P. Boucher 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. Ward 6. To welcome the new year. (c)

**MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.**—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. King 1, P. Salvidge 2, G. Wareham 3, M. Winterbourne 4, P. Wareham (cond.) 5, D. Burry 6. First quarter 1 and 4, and to celebrate their engagement. (c)

**MILTON REGIS, KENT.**—On Dec. 31, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Kenward 1, Mrs. Valerie Burgess 2, K. Burgess 3, J. E. Clark 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. Half-muffled. First quarter by 2 and 3 as husband and wife. (c)

**MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.**—On Nov. 9, 1,260 Doubles (seven m/v): Jane Witham (first quarter) 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Susan Goodwin 6. Also on Dec. 20, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Jane Witham 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Susan Goodwin (first in two methods) 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Jill Singleton 6. For Blafra appeal. Also on Jan. 3, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Jane Bryant 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. A wedding compliment to Rev. I. Lovell (vicar designate) and Miss J. Sturges. (a)

**MONMOUTH.**—On Jan. 5, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Griffiths 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, Anne Butcher 3, Mrs. J. S. King 4, J. J. James 5, I. Donald 6, C. Phillips 7, D. Griffiths 8. First quarter 1, 6, 8. In memoriam Mr. Samuel Goodwin, a ringer at Monmouth for over 40 years. (c)

**MOULTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Nov. 16, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss E. Eady 1, M. E. Care 2, S. Elliot 3, W. Care 4, B. R. Care 5, H. de la Haye-Davies 6. Also on Nov. 23, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Eady 1, R. Eady 2, B. R. Care 3, W. Care 4, T. Deacon 5. (c)

**NEWARK, NOTTS.**—On Oct. 5, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Chilton 1, P. G. Hooper 2, H. Mabbott 3, Mrs. M. E. Snyder 4, H. Stevenson 5, J. W. Rathby 6, P. Rathby (cond.) 7, J. A. Rathby 8. Also on Oct. 12, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: H. Mabbott 1, Miss E. Tutty 2, Mrs. M. E. Snyder 3, P. Rathby 4, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, J. W. Rathby 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, A. E. Chilton 8, H. Stevenson 9, J. A. Rathby 10. Also on Oct. 19, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Tutty 1, Mrs. M. E. Snyder 2, P. Rathby 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, A. E. Chilton 5, J. W. Rathby 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, J. A. Rathby 8. Also on Oct. 26, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rathby 1, J. W. Rathby 2, H. Mabbott 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, A. E. Chilton 6, H. Stevenson 7, J. A. Rathby 8. Also on Dec. 24, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Mabbott 1, Miss A. Vessey 2, Miss E. Tutty 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, P. Rathby 5, Mrs. M. E. Snyder 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, H. Stevenson 8, J. W. Rathby 9, J. A. Rathby 10. (c)

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARCS.**—On Dec. 31, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan M. Cheney 1, Linda M. Allen 2, W. C. Budd 3, M. D. Flander 4, P. M. Edmonson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Collins, whose family helped to re-start ringing here after the war. Also on Jan. 4, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints): K. Rieby 1, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, Annette Randle (first quarter) 6. Also on Jan. 7, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, C. M. Povey 2, A. G. Eveleigh 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, J. G. Edgson (first Minor as cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. C. Garland, grandfather of the conductor and father-in-law of 5. (c)

**NETTLEHAM, Lincs.**—On Dec. 14, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. S. Sliden 1, A. J. Sliden (first in method) 2, W. Booth (first inside in method) 3, Mrs. M. Parker 4, M. Sliden 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 28, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: A. Sliden 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, C. Sharp (first in method) 3, J. Millhouse 4, M. Sliden (first in method) 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6. For Service of Nine Lessons. (c)

**NORTHALERTON, YORKS.**—On Jan. 2, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: N. Mudge 1, M. Calvert 2, M. Humphrey 3, Jennifer Dunning 4, D. Town 5, P. Town 6, C. Rowson 7, J. Pladdys (cond.) 8. First T.B. 1, 2 and 3. (c)

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.**—On Dec. 31, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. Gurden (first quarter) 1, Linda Cozler 2, G. Scarsbrook (first in two methods inside) 3, T. Smith 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, P. Lucas 6. Half-muffled for Old Year's Night. (c)

**OLD WARDEN, BEDS.**—On Jan. 6, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norwich, Cambridge): M. J. Down 1, A. H. Smith 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, D. A. Hope 4, M. Major 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. (c)

**PEMBROKE.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): N. C. Rogers 1, Prudence Pattison 2, A. Lingard 3, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 4, P. C. Rogers 5, C. Pattison 6. Also on Jan. 5, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Pattison 1, N. C. Rogers 2, Prudence Pattison 3, Nesta M. Rosen 4, A. Lingard 5, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 6, D. Cooper (cover). Wedding compliment to Susan Stevens and Pilot Officer Kenneth Devoson, B.Sc., by past and present pupils of Pembroke Grammar School, to a former head boy and girl. (c)

**PETERSFIELD, HANTS.**—On Jan. 1, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hughes (first in method) 4, K. Tipper 5, M. Harbord (first in method) 6, D. Hatherly (cond.) 7, F. Hagenbuch (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 3, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Mary White 2, Sally Stacey 3, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 4, R. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Sansom 7, K. Tipper 8. Wedding compliment to Valerie Rushforth and Stanley Gunn, married this day. (a)

**QUORN, LEICS.**—On Jan. 4, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Palling 1, Maureen Clulow 2, Janet Lord 3, Frances Pegg 4, D. L. Alderton (first as cond.) 5, N. E. Green 6. First quarter on the recast bells by the Sunday service band. (c)

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. M. Hibbert (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Knowles 2, Miss M. Sears 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, D. M. Hibbert (cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Millet, donor of the treble; also in memoriam Mrs. E. M. B. Vellam, mother of the treble ringer. (c)

**RIPPLE, WORCS.**—On Dec. 16, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Spiers 1, C. Hallings 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Mead 4, P. Bennett 5, W. Galfrey 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. A. Woodward, secretary of the P.C.C. (c)

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On Dec. 13, at the Abbey, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Gladys D. Northway 1, Barbara Mitchell (first in method) 2, M. L. Northway 3, D. R. Fallick 4, R. S. Parratt 5, H. J. Page 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. Also on Dec. 20, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. K. Waldron (first Triples on treble) 1, J. P. Colliss 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, J. S. Hopwood 4, R. S. Parratt 5, D. R. Fallick (cond.) 6, I. H. Trueman 7, P. S. Gale 8. Both for Advent. (c)

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On Dec. 27, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Marianne Baker 1, Marie Hawsell 2, C. Newton 3, R. Harper 4, A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. (c)

**SALISBURY, WILTS.**—At St. Thomas Church, on Dec. 31, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jane M. Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, Rev. R. Keeley 4, L. A. Page 5, N. O. Skelton 6, R. T. Jones 7, B. J. Woodruff (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to Canon A. J. G. Chard, vicar, on his retirement day. (c)

**SANDY, BEDS.**—On Jan. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Mander 1, Susan L. King 2, M. J. Mander 3, D. G. Carr 4, A. S. Smith 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. (c)

**SHELFORD, NOTTS.**—On Nov. 9, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. Mills 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Dec. 7, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. Froggatt 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, R. Mills 3, D. Lazzarini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Dec. 14, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: Same band. (c)

**SOUTH WILFRID, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 27, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Adey 1, J. Dawson 2, J. R. Anthony 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5. (c)

**SOLIHULL, WARCS.**—On Jan. 4, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, G. E. Fearn 2, Muriel Reay 3, C. D. Baugh (first Caters) 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, T. R. Hampton 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. (c)

**SUTTON, CAMBS.**—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Markwell 1, D. Murfet 2, G. Walker 3, W. Murrells 4, A. Yarrow 5, R. Grant (cond.) 6. For Family Communion. (c)

**SUTTERTON, Lincs.**—On Jan. 3, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. Fensom 1, W. B. Dawson 2, G. Flatters 3, H. Barsley 4, M. J. Belcher 5, A. E. Flatters 6, R. Bains 7, R. Stephenson (cond.) 8. First quarter 3, 7. (c)

**TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.**—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Christine Smith 1, F. J. Cook 2, R. J. Scott 3, P. Alett 4, J. W. Sinfeld (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. (c)

**TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 30, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. S. K. Salisbury 1, T. R. Hart 2, R. P. Pearce 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. P. Smith (cond.) 5, Canon A. S. Roberts 6. (c)

**TWYNING, GLOS.**—On Jan. 2, 1,296 Lightfoot Surprise Minor: M. Hawkes 1, B. Spiers 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, J. Clements 4, R. Sadowski 5, P. Robertson 6. (c)

**VERYAN, CORNWALL.**—On Dec. 31, 2,160 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Janet S. Evans 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell 5, A. Carveth (cond.) 6. Peal attempt curtailed. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. (c)

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Jan. 4, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: S. J. Laud 1, B. R. M. Johnson 2, W. J. Arnold 3, R. G. Smith 4, R. D. Bell 5, D. Laud 6, M. Eastman 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman 10. All service ringers. First Cambridge Royal by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. (c)

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.**—On Dec. 26, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. K. M. Drabble (first quarter) 1, C. J. Smith 2, C. G. Chiplin 3, D. Robinson 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Smith 1, P. W. West 2, C. G. Chiplin 3, D. Robinson (cond.) 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. (c)

**WEST WICKHAM, KENT.**—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Cornish (first quarter) 1, S. H. Gay 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. A. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, W. A. Hughes 6. (c)

**WHISTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. J. Smith 1, P. W. West 2, D. Robinson (cond.) 3, P. J. Verity 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. Also on Jan. 5, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. J. Smith 1, P. J. Lankester 2, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 3, D. Robinson 4, C. G. Chiplin 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Edwin Howell. (c)

**WINDSOR, BERKS.**—At St. John's Church, in 1969: 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for Confirmation; 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for Evensong; 1,260 Stedman Triples, for birthday of Queen Mother; 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for Evensong; 1,260 Stedman Triples, for Feast of the Nativity. (c)

**WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.**—On Dec. 7, 1,440 Minimus (63 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, D. W. Flower 2, H. G. Wells 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. A birthday compliment to Lynne Hoskins. Also on Dec. 12, 1,296 Minimus (eight m/v): Jennifer R. Lush 1, D. W. Flower (cond.) 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. In memoriam Capt. S. R. Wilkinson. Also on Dec. 14, 1,440 Minimus (63 m/v): H. G. Wells 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, G. P. Butler 4. Also on Dec. 20, 1,272 Minimus (53 m/v): Jennifer R. Lush (most m/v) 1, D. W. Flower 2, H. G. Wells 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Half-muffled for Blafra appeal. Also on Christmas Day, 1,272 Minimus (four m/v): Jennifer R. Lush 1, D. W. Flower 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also on Dec. 28, 1,440 Minimus (20 m/v): H. G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. (c)

**WOOLPIT, SUFFOLK.**—On Nov. 19, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: D. Rose 1, D. Durrant 2, L. Nice 3, B. Coley 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, A. Feather 6. (c)

**WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.**—On Jan. 3, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. J. Wickens (first attempt) 1, L. P. Wickens 2, Christine Baker (cond.) 3, M. K. Wickens 4, R. T. Corker 5, E. F. Pott 6. (c)

**YATTON, SOM.**—On Dec. 22, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence 1, Mrs. C. Porter 2, P. J. England (cond.) 3, D. James 4, G. H. Pullin 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Marchant 7, S. Brown 8. In memoriam Mr. C. Stuckey. Also on Dec. 26, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, P. J. England 2, Mrs. C. Porter 3, J. Alsop 4, H. Hawkins 5, G. H. Pullin 6, S. G. Smith (cond.) 7, L. Lawrence 8. (c)



## Peals

### BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. Mary, Seavington, Somerset.  
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 22mins. (6 cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (5 methods, Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Barts, 2 spliced compositions).  
1—John Cornelius (Cond.)  
2—Mervyn R. Arscott  
3—John Medway  
4—Adrian F. Arscott  
5—Mervyn A. Arscott\*  
6—John Shepherd†

\*75th peal, all for Association. †First peal. (c)

### BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

St. Mary, Beverley, Yorkshire.  
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 32mins. (34½ cwt.).  
**5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by A. Craven.  
1—Maris C. Stephenson  
2—Iris Piper  
3—Peter Church  
4—Robert Sherriff  
5—John Brook  
6—Ronald Ducker  
7—John N. D. Chaddock (Cond.)  
8—Michael Maughan

### COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

St. John the Divine, Leicester.  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 23mins. (21 cwt.).  
**5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**  
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.  
1—Paul Reading  
2—Clare F. Dolphin  
3—Hazel A. Mackenzie  
4—Peter C. Randall  
5—Peter H. Mackie  
6—Ian C. Maycock  
7—Anthony J. Cox  
8—Geoffrey W. Randall  
9—Ernest J. Gower  
10—Peter Border (Cond.)

St. Peter, Church Lawford, Warwickshire.  
Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents, 13 methods, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise; Single Oxford Bob; Plain Bob; Kent, Oxford T.B.; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton Bob; Cambridge Surprise; Plain Bob).  
1—Peter C. Randall (Cond.)  
2—Hugh J. Baker  
3—Raymon A. Sheasby  
4—Charles P. Quartley  
5—Peter H. Mackie  
6—Anthony J. Cox\*

\*Has circled tower. To congratulate Marian and Peter Bennett on the birth of a daughter, Suzanne Christine.

St. Mary & Holy Cross, Alderminster, Warks.  
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (12 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents, 9 methods, Kent T.B.; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise; Oxford T.B.; Single Oxford Bob; Pinehurst, Buxton Bob; Cambridge Surprise; Plain Bob).  
1—Anthony J. Cox  
2—Raymon A. Sheasby  
3—Paul Reading  
4—John F. Thorne  
5—Charles P. Quartley  
6—Peter C. Randall (Cond.)

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Holy Trinity, Meldreth, Cambridgeshire.  
Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (11 cwt.).  
**5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
17 methods, composed by Norman Smith.  
1—Frank E. Haynes  
2—Donald F. Murfet  
3—James M. Hills  
4—Geoffrey Pearson  
5—Richard L. Underwood  
6—Derek E. Sibson (Cond.)  
7—John G. Gipson  
8—Kenneth J. Hesketh  
First of 17-Spiced Major by all (except the conductor) and for Association. For 21st birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Parish Church, Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside.  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 13mins. (21 cwt.).  
**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
Composed by Albert M. Tyler.  
1—Christine H. Lister  
2—Kenneth Lawson  
3—Ann Lawson\*  
4—Jennifer A. Dunning†  
5—Richard J. W. Tibbetts  
6—Enid Lawson\*  
7—James W. Belshaw (Cond.)‡  
8—David A. Town†  
9—Michael Maughan\*  
10—James Burton

\*First of Grandsire. †First of Grandsire Caters. ‡First of Caters. First of Grandsire as conductor.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Giles, Ashted, Surrey.  
Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (12½ cwt.).  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. Middleton.  
1—Gillian M. Laver  
2—Keith G. Game  
3—Nigel Thomson  
4—Felicity Hamilton  
5—Jeremy D. Cheesman  
6—John A. Laver\*  
7—Peter J. Munday  
8—Roy D. Mills (Cond.)  
\*First of Surprise.

SS. Peter and Paul, Hawley, Hampshire.  
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (7½ cwt.).  
**5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.  
1—Edward W. Colley  
2—Beryl R. Simpson  
3—Ronald E. Stillwell  
4—Alan D. Flood  
5—Norman Summerhayes  
6—Frank W. Lewis  
7—Richard H. Youdale  
8—Michael J. Church (Cond.)

St. Peter, Soberton, Hampshire.  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins (13½ cwt.).  
**5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
9 methods, composed by Norman Smith.  
1—Reginald W. Rex  
2—Beryl R. Simpson  
3—Geoffrey K. Dodd  
4—Richard H. Youdale  
5—Richard Green  
6—Alan D. Flood\*  
7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)  
8—Peter J. Munday†  
\*First of spliced. †50th peal.

St. Nicolas, North Stoneham, Hampshire.  
Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 3mins. (3½ cwt.).  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
(7 extents.)

1—Philippa M. Tubbs\*  
2—Beryl R. Simpson  
3—Richard H. Youdale  
4—Norman Summerhayes†  
5—Alan D. Flood  
6—Michael J. Church (Cond.)†  
\*First of Minor. †First of Surprise Minor and completed Cambridge family to peals. The conductor has called peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Peter, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Composed by A. Knights and J. R. Pritchard.  
1—Thomas H. Norris  
2—Carol M. E. Johnson  
3—Jill A. Laud\*  
4—John R. Southey  
5—Steven Land  
6—Clive W. Simpson  
7—Leonard J. North  
8—Roger Baldwin (Cond.)  
\*First inside. To mark the retirement of the Bishop of St. Albans.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SS. Peter and Paul, Stoke Lacy, Herefordshire.  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (8½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (10 Grandsire, 9 Plain Bob 8 Rev. Canterbury, 3 Rev. Barts, April Day, Kennington, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps).  
1—James Ranford  
2—Leonard J. Walters (Cond.)  
3—C. William Nutt  
4—James Ward  
5—E. Charles Biggs  
6—George Gwynne (c)

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Mary the Virgin, Rolvenden, Kent.  
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2 hrs. 56mins. (16 cwt.).  
**5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by D. Knox.  
1—Margaret Jenner  
2—Janet E. Blake  
3—Nicholas Pollock  
4—Richard Hayes (Cond.)  
5—Roderick Lebon  
6—John A. Howard  
7—John Pladdys  
8—Philip A. Corby

St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks, Kent.  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (16½ cwt.).  
**5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Charles W. Roberts.  
1—Doris E. Colgate  
2—Nicholas Pollock\*  
3—Philip A. Corby  
4—Phillip A. Butler\*  
5—Peter R. Butler\*  
6—Richard Hayes  
7—Philip J. Simmonds  
8—Andrew J. Corby (Cond.)  
\*First in method.

St. Martin, Cheriton, Kent.  
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (7½ cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
1—Glynis Poppleton\*  
2—Paul J. Bagshaw  
3—Stephanie E. Boddy†  
4—John L. Anderson  
5—Rhian N. Bagshaw  
6—David P. Leworthy†  
7—Colin J. E. Wyld (Arr. and Cond.)  
8—Philip R. Staples‡  
\*First peal. †First on 8 bells. ‡First in the method.

St. Nicholas, Newington-next-Hythe, Kent.  
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (9½ cwt.).  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
(Seven extents.)  
1—P. Charles Sinden  
2—Pamela A. Court\*  
3—Paul J. Bagshaw (Cond.)  
4—Colin J. E. Wyld  
5—Rhian N. Bagshaw  
6—Peter M. J. Bradford  
\*First of Surprise Minor. Best wishes to Pamela A. Court, leaving for Pakistan.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Nicholas, Halewood, Lancashire.  
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (10½ cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Composed by John R. Pritchard.  
1—David C. Simson\*  
2—Nigel P. A. Goulding  
3—James Dunbavin  
4—James Hedgcock  
5—John H. Wilton  
6—Richard G. Latham  
7—John R. Ridley (Cond.)  
8—Graham K. Austin  
\*First of Major.

St. James, Accrington, Lancashire.  
Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (4½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
1—Roger Leigh (Cond.)  
2—David Howarth  
3—David Wilson\*  
4—Ian Wilson  
5—Douglas Deakin  
6—Michael Bell  
\*First peal.



# LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Leonard, Swithland, Leicestershire.

Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (12½ cwt.).

## 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

- 1—Michael W. Brown (Cond.)
- 2—Peter D. Bailey
- 3—N. Roderick Ellway
- 4—Julien M. Morley
- 5—Clive J. Mobbs
- 6—Rupert A. Clarke

St. Margaret, Leicester.

Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3 hrs. 5min. (15½ cwt.).

## 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(8 methods, 1,120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 576 Bristol, 448 Pudsey, Superlative, 224 London, with 108 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by R. J. Parker.

- 1—Christine L. J. Mills
- 2—Monica M. Jelley
- 3—Martin Green
- 4—John M. Jelley (Cond.)
- 5—Rupert A. Clarke
- 6—R. Brian Mills
- 7—Roland H. Cook
- 8—R. Kingsley Mason.

150th on the bells.

# LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Hugh's Tower, Lincoln.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 18mins. (23½ cwt.).

## 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1—Harold F. Gibson
- 2—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.)
- 3—E. John Parkin\*
- 4—Raymond F. Smith
- 5—Walter Tomlinson
- 6—Peter A. Sharp
- 7—Christopher J. Sharp
- 8—Colin W. Reed
- 9—William L. Exton
- 10—Geoffrey R. Parker

\*First of Royal.

St. Giles, Lincoln.

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (18 cwt.).

## 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Percival Knights.

- 1—Vivienne West\*
- 2—Susan A. Faul\*
- 3—Kathleen Fox
- 4—Michael H. Sinden
- 5—Aidan C. A. Hopkins
- 6—David Fox
- 7—Christopher J. Sharp
- 8—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.)

\*First at first attempt.

All Saints, Nettleham, Lincolnshire.

Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (8½ cwt.).

## 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 extents).

- 1—Margaret J. Parker
- 2—Christopher J. Sharp
- 3—William B. Booth\*
- 4—E. John Parkin
- 5—Michael H. Sinden
- 6—Geoffrey R. Parker (Cond.)

\*First peal at first attempt.

# LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Llandaff, Glam.

Tues., Dec. 30, 1969 3hrs 5mins. (70½ cwt.).

## 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1—Susan Harber
- 2—Nicholas W. H. Simon (Cond.)
- 3—Gwen Bidgood\*
- 4—J. Michael Lakin
- 5—Paul A. Williams
- 6—David S. Bishop
- 7—David J. Llewellyn
- 8—Ellis N. Thomas
- 9—Stephen Fenwick
- 10—Timor P. Edwards

\*First of Surprise. To celebrate Christmas. (c)

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mary, Staines, Middlesex.

Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (17½ cwt.).

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(A. J. Pitman's 12-part.)

- 1—Leonard Stilwell
- 2—Monica Blagrove
- 3—John R. Ketteringham
- 4—William Birmingham
- 5—Michael Hatchett
- 6—Albert C. Wenban
- 7—Frank T. Blagrove (Cond.)
- 8—John Hill

All Saints, Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (7½ cwt.).

## 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1—Elsie K. Hart
- 2—Joan Hooton
- 3—Dorothea Rowbotham
- 4—Frank Reed
- 5—Alick Cutler
- 6—John Smith\*
- 7—Brian C. Watson
- 8—Frank T. Blagrove (Cond.)

\*First in method.

St. Mary, Staines, Middlesex.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (17½ cwt.).

## 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by F. T. Blagrove.

- 1—Elsie Savory
- 2—Monica Blagrove
- 3—Leonard Stilwell
- 4—Paul Butler\*
- 5—Steven Capper\*
- 6—Frank T. Blagrove (Cond.)
- 7—Christopher H. Rogers
- 8—William S. Deason

\*First peal.

St. Mary, Hamoton, Middlesex.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (12 cwt.).

## 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1—William Birmingham
- 2—Dorothea Watson
- 3—Ronald K. Russ\*
- 4—David C. Brown
- 5—Terry R. Williams
- 6—Malcolm S. Loveday
- 7—Brian C. Watson
- 8—Frank T. Blagrove (Cond.)

\*150th peal. First in method for all.

# NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. Margaret, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 3hrs. 19mins. (29½ cwt.).

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

- 1—Ernest A. Shipp
- 2—Roger J. Harrop\*
- 3—Frederick Wigmore
- 4—Owen A. Needham†
- 5—Kevin S. Hohf
- 6—Leslie W. Houghton
- 7—Norman V. Harding (Cond.)
- 8—Peter Gagen\*

\*First on 8. †First of Grandsire Triples. Half-muffled for passing of 1969. (c)

# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Andrew, East Hagbourne, Berkshire.

Sat., Dec. 27 1969, 2hrs. 55mins (21½ cwt.).

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1—Henry L. Bishop
- 2—Alfred H. Webb
- 3—Leonard F. Cox
- 4—Michael Bishop\*
- 5—George W. Bishop
- 6—Clifford J. Garlick
- 7—John H. Nanner (Cond.)
- 8—Edward G. Sawyer

\*50th peal. Re local band on 50th anniversary of first peal (Grandsire), in which Frederick Abbott, a ringer at Hagbourne, took part.

# PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

All Hallows, Seaton, Rutland.

Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (10 cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (42 extents in 3 methods and three var.: Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Rev. St. Barts, Old, Kennington and Southrepps).

- 1—Cynthia E. Barnett
- 2—Christopher J. Groome (Cond.)
- 3—J. Alan Ellis\*
- 4—Lionel Atton
- 5—Percy M. Fleckney

\*First in more than one method.

St. Laurence, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northants.

Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 each Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Plain Bob).

- 1—Raymond Henman\*
- 2—David J. Morgan\*
- 3—Stephen B. Bell
- 4—Malcolm Tyler
- 5—Barry R. Care (Cond.)
- 6—Richard J. Cowley

\*Circled tower.

St. Michael and All Angels, Wadenhoe, Northants.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 extent of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, 3 of Plain Bob).

- 1—David J. W. Gadd
- 2—Richard J. Cowley
- 3—Frank E. Sismey
- 4—Alan J. Marks\*
- 5—Edward C. Buckby
- 6—J. Malcolm Tyler (Cond.)

\*First of Minor inside and most methods. A wedding compliment to Frank E. Coales and Marilyn Radford, married on Boxing Day.

# SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Salisbury, Wilts.

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 35mins. (27½ cwt.).

## 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Parker.

- 1—Neil O. Skelton
- 2—Melvyn J. Hiller
- 3—Rev. Roger Keeley
- 4—Timothy F. Collins
- 5—Graham W. Elmes
- 6—Raymond Haines
- 7—William T. Perrins
- 8—Ronald N. Marlow (Cond.)

# SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

St. Leonard, Shoreditch, London, E.

Tues., Nov. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (10½ cwt.).

## 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1—James M. Hills
- 2—M. Louise Slater
- 3—Joan Beresford
- 4—Graham A. Duke\*
- 5—John S. Barnes
- 6—Norman Summerhayes
- 7—Christopher P. Starbuck (Cond.)
- 8—Derek E. Sibson

\*First in the method.

# SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

All Saints, Babworth, Notts.

Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (1 extent each Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars', Cap't. Kingston, Oxford and Kent).

- 1—Bryan Birkett
- 2—Mary C. Poyner
- 3—Paul N. Mounsey
- 4—John A. Coates
- 5—Harold Denman
- 6—Harry Poyner (Cond.)

21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Jessup.

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**St. Swithun, Woodborough, Notts.**

Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (14 cwt.).  
**5040 MINIMUS** (Erin, Plain Bob, Rev. Bob, Double Bob, St. Nicholas, Rev. St. Nicholas, Court, Double Court, Rev. Court and 88 var.).

- 1—Anthony A. Boden\*
- 2—David W. Flower
- 3—H. Geoffrey Wells (Cond.)
- 4—Peter L. R. Hayward (Cond.)

\*First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Prince Charles and a wedding compliment to Keith James Harvey and Vivian Cowell. (c)

**St. John of Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts.**

Tues., Dec. 23, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (13 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents: Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob)

- 1—Susan O'Neill
- 2—Christine L. J. Mills
- 3—Peter Kingscote
- 4—Peter A. Slight
- 5—R. Brian Mills (Cond.)
- 6—Denis A. Frith

**St. Mary, Edith Weston, Rutland.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (7 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (2 each St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1—David W. Flower
- 2—Joan Carter
- 3—David W. F. Lazzarini
- 4—Pamela J. Clifton
- 5—W. Gordon Marsh (Cond.)
- 6—Peter L. R. Hayward

**St. Wilfrid, Calverton, Nottingham.**

Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (18 cwt.).  
**5040 MINIMUS** (Plain Bob, Rev. Bob, Double Bob, Court, Rev. Court, Double Court, Canterbury, Rev. Canterbury, Double Canterbury, St. Nicholas).

- 1—David W. Flower
- 2—W. Gordon Marsh\*
- 3—Pamela J. Clifton\*
- 4—Peter L. R. Hayward (Cond.)

\*First of Minimus. First on the bells. (c)

**St. Wilfred, North Muskham, Notts.**

Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (13½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR AND DOUBLES** (3 Minor methods, 4 extents: 2 Plain Bob, 1 Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, 12 Doubles methods/var., 120's).

- 1—David W. Flower
- 2—Pamela J. Clifton
- 3—David W. F. Lazzarini
- 4—Peter L. R. Hayward
- 5—W. Gordon Marsh (cond.)
- 6—H. Geoffrey Wells

First in this arrangement by all and (believed to be) for the Guild

**SUFFOLK GUILD****St. James' Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 27mins. (30 cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1—Sally E. Potter
- 2—Samuel J. Twitchett
- 3—Peter Mayle
- 4—John A. Mayle
- 5—Owen P. Claxton
- 6—Maurice J. Rose
- 7—Alan G. Feaver (Cond.)
- 8—Walter A. Perry.

**St. Mary the Virgin, Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.**

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (22 cwt.).  
**5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by N. J. Pittsow.

- 1—David W. Barber
- 2—Dorothy M. Durrant\*
- 3—John A. Mayle
- 4—Peter Mayle
- 5—Brian E. Whiting
- 6—Walter A. Perry
- 7—Alan G. Feaver (Cond.)
- 8—Maurice J. Rose

\*25th peal. First in the method by all except ringer of 7th. First in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to tenor.

**St. John the Baptist, Saxmundham, Suffolk.**

Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (8½ cwt.).

**5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

- 1—Desmond P. J. Harrold\*
- 2—Philip J. Harrold (aged 11)\*
- 3—Winston S. Girling (Cond.)
- 4—Thomas J. Brock
- 5—Michael J. Parker
- 6—A. Harry Archer

\*First at first attempt. First of Doubles as conductor

**St. Mary the Virgin, Cavendish, Suffolk.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (11 cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (7 extents, 7 methods: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1—Walter A. Perry
- 2—Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3—John A. Mayle\*
- 4—Peter Mayle
- 5—Alan G. Feaver
- 6—Maurice J. Rose (Cond.)

\*First in 7 methods.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION****St. John the Evangelist, Coulsdon, Surrey.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (10½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (4 Rev. St. Barts, 10 extents, 2 240's Grandsire, 8 Plain Bob, 16 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

- 1—Geoffrey D. A. Long\*
- 2—Geraldine J. Flook\*
- 3—Andrew N. Brock
- 4—Donald G. Little†
- 5—David J. Atkins (Cond.)

\*First peal. †First inside. First as conductor. First of Doubles for all. First by the Sunday service band.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION****St. Nicholas, Arundel, Sussex.**

Sat., Nov. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (13½ cwt.).

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1—Christopher Renyard
- 2—Bronwen Davies
- 3—Ruth E. Halford\*
- 4—Timothy D. W. Banner
- 5—Andrew P. Reeves†
- 6—R. Brian Walton†
- 7—Patrick M. Wills
- 8—Philip Stevens (Cond.)

\*First of Major inside. †First of Major.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD****St. Thomas of Canterbury Cathedral, Portsmouth, Hampshire.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 11mins. (25½ cwt.).

**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1—Alan A. J. Buswell
- 2—Beryl R. Simpson
- 3—Reginald W. Rex
- 4—Alan D. Flood
- 5—Richard Green
- 6—Stanley G. Ponting
- 7—Peter J. Munday\*
- 8—Richard H. Youdale
- 9—Michael J. Church
- 10—Geoffrey K. Dodd (Cond.)

\*First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. To welcome Adrian T. Buswell, born Dec. 18, 1969.

**St. Michael, Southampton, Hampshire.**

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (16½ cwt.).

**5055 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by Robert E. J. Dennis.

- 1—Michael J. Thomas
- 2—David J. Forder
- 3—Thomas H. Francis (Cond.)
- 4—Canon K. W. H. Fe'stead
- 5—John S. Hongood
- 6—Robert Allinson
- 7—Kenneth S. R. Croft
- 8—John S. Croft\*
- 9—Maurice J. Butler
- 10—Edward W. Colley

\*First in the method.

**SS. Peter and Paul, Hambledon, Hampshire.**

Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (10 cwt.).

**5040 DOUBLES** (42 extents, 131 methods)

Arranged by Anthony J. Mason.

- 1—Catherine A. Roberts
- 2—Barry R. M. Johnson
- 3—Katharine J. Maundrell
- 4—Anthony J. Mason
- 5—Derek C. Jackson (Cond.)
- 6—Richard H. Roberts

Largest number of Doubles methods for the Guild.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION****The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross, Pershore, Worcestershire.**

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3 hrs. (27 cwt.).

**5056 PERSHORE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1—Roger H. Hunt
- 2—Ian Lloyd
- 3—Shirley M. Drew
- 4—Peter S. Robertson
- 5—Martyn Hawkes
- 6—Gerald C. Hemming
- 7—Arthur C. Berry (Cond.)
- 8—Geoffrey R. Drew

First in the method.

**PERSHORE SURPRISE MAJOR**

—38—14—12—1238—14—38—56—7.

1.h. 12. 6d.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****All Saints, Rotherham, Yorkshire.**

Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 46mins. (34½ cwt.).

**5400 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (3)**

- 1—David Nichols
- 2—Patricia North
- 3—Ian North
- 4—Neil Donovan
- 5—Ian G. Campbell
- 6—M. Alex Beaumont
- 7—John N. D. Chaddock
- 8—R. Kingsley Mason
- 9—Stuart Armeson (Arr. and Cond.)
- 10—Richard E. Price

**SS. Peter and Wilfrid, Ripon, Yorkshire.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. (23 cwt.).

**5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1—Iris M. E. Lemare
- 2—Christopher Newton\*
- 3—Neil Donovan
- 4—Patricia North
- 5—M. Alec Beaumont
- 6—David Nichols
- 7—Ian North
- 8—Richard E. Price (Cond.)

\*First in method. In memoriam Canon D. M. M. Bartlett of this church.

**St. Augustine, Hedon, Yorkshire.**

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (17½ cwt.).

**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

- 1—Maris C. Stephenson
- 2—Peter Church
- 3—Ronald Ducker
- 4—Robert Sherriff
- 5—John R. Leary
- 6—Ian G. Campbell
- 7—Michael Maughan
- 8—John N. D. Chaddock (Cond.)

**St. Mary, Sprotborough, Yorkshire.**

Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (8½ cwt.).

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

- 1—Joyce J. Barton
- 2—Frank Reed
- 3—John Weaver
- 4—Stephen W. Barton
- 5—Alan F. Hartley
- 6—John R. Whitam
- 7—Roger Smith
- 8—W. Eric Critchley (Cond.)



**St. George, Doncaster, Yorkshire.**  
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 3hrs. 19mins. (30 cwt.).  
**5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (4 methods: 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 1,120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).  
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.  
1—J. Henry Fielden  
2—Felicity Ashford  
3—W. Eric Critchley (Cond.)  
4—Stephen W. Barton  
5—Frank Reed  
6—John R. Whitham  
7—Alan E. Hartley  
8—Richard E. Price

**All Saints, Harworth, Notts.**  
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 19mins. (9½ cwt.).  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
1—Roger A. Smith  
2—Joyce J. Barton  
3—Stephen W. Barton  
4—W. Eric Critchley (Cond.)  
5—John R. Whitham  
6—Frank Reed

(Beverley and District.)  
**All Saints, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks.**  
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (6½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (720 London, Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet, Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).  
1—Maris C. Stephenson  
2—John Gibson\*  
3—Stephen Thompson  
4—Peter Church  
5—John N. D. Chaddock  
6—Ronald Ducker (Cond.)

\*First peal. (c)  
**Emmanuel, Shelley, Yorkshire.**  
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR** (6 methods, 1 each London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal T.B., Woodbine D., Kent T.B., 2 of Oxford T.B.).  
1—Hedley Burton  
2—Frances Garfield\*  
3—Robert Cater  
4—Rodney Pagdin  
5—Peter Carbutt†  
6—Trevor Tarbutt (Cond.)  
\*First in 6 methods. †50th for Association.

## 1970

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
(Wirral Branch.)  
**St. Michael, Shotwick, Cheshire.**  
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (8½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (12 extents Plain Bob, 16 April Day, 14 Grandsire).  
1—David J. Horrocks (12 years)\*  
2—John P. Horrocks (14 years)\*  
3—Thomas E. Howarth  
4—John Hyden  
5—Alexander J. Martin (Cond.)  
6—James E. Howarth\*  
\*First peal and first attempt. (c)

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
**St. Margaret of Antioch, Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (8½ cwt.).  
**5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by R. Baldwin.  
1—Anita D. O'Brien  
2—Roger Baldwin  
3—Bernard F. L. Groves  
4—John R. Mayne  
5—John H. Fielden  
6—Noel J. Diserens  
7—James R. Taylor  
8—Anthony R. Peake (Cond.)\*  
\*400th peal. First in the method in the county, for the Association and by all except 2 and 4.

**St. John the Baptist, Elmore, Gloucestershire.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (12 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
1—Cecil R. Cox  
2—E. Charles Biggs  
3—Wendy V. Meadows\*  
4—Leslie C. Meadows\*  
5—David H. White  
6—John Clements (Cond.)  
\*First peal. (c)

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**  
**St. Mary, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (20 cwt.).  
**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
1—John R. Ketteringham  
2—Robert E. Hardy  
3—Nigel Thomson  
4—Frederick W. Ellis  
5—Roy D. Mills  
6—David E. Rothera  
7—Andrew W. R. Wilby  
8—Christopher H. Rogers  
9—Timothy G. Pett  
10—David E. House (Cond.)

**St. Nicholas, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.**  
Sun., Jan. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (12½ cwt.).  
**5056 HARPENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by Albert J. Pitman.  
1—Peter T. Dale  
2—Harold V. Frost  
3—J. Desmond Painter  
4—Christopher Forster  
5—Anthony R. Carter  
6—Gerald Penney  
7—Robert E. Hardy  
8—Andrew W. R. Wilby (Cond.)  
First in the method. First on the bells since re-naming. All members of St. Albans District of Hertford County Association.  
**HARPENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR**  
—38—14—1258—16—14—38—56.12.78 h.l.  
i.e. 12. f.c.h.'s b. d. o.

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Peter, Hook Norton, Oxon.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hrs. 11mins. (21 cwt.).  
**5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR**  
1—Geoffrey W. Randall  
2—Anita D. O'Brien  
3—Peter H. Mackie  
4—Shirley E. Ruddlesden  
5—Anthony J. Cox  
6—Peter C. Randall  
7—Anthony R. Peake (Arr. and Cond.)  
8—Stephen F. Royal  
First in the method by all the band.

**St. Nicholas, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (14½ cwt.).  
**5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.  
1—J. Susan Randall  
2—Peter C. Randall (Cond.)  
3—Paul Reading  
4—R. David Baker  
5—Anthony J. Cox  
6—Charles P. Quartley  
7—John K. Foot  
8—Geoffrey W. Randall  
A welcome home to D. J. Allen on his return from Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

**St. James, Shirley, Warwickshire.**  
Mon., Jan. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 18mins. (6½ cwt.).  
**5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by D. R. Carlisle and G. A. Halls.  
1—John F. Thorne\*  
2—R. David Baker\*  
3—Frederick Shallcross (Cond.)  
4—Derek H. Walters\*  
5—Anthony J. Cox\*  
6—Peter C. Randall\*  
7—John K. Foot\*  
8—Geoffrey W. Randall†  
\*First in method. †150th for Guild.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
**All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hrs. 20mins. (29½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**  
1—Reginald Dorling\*  
2—James Hedgecock  
3—Jacqueline Holmes\*  
4—John Elliot  
5—David Simpson\*  
6—David C. Makin-Taylor  
7—Martin E. Snape  
8—James E. Andrews  
9—Graham K. Austin  
10—David J. Bennett (Cond.)†  
\*First on 10 bells. †First of Royal and first on 10 bells as conductor For Christmas, also a 21st birthday compliment to 6.

**St. Mark, Worsley, Lancashire.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hrs. 17mins. (24 cwt.).  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
Composed by C. Middleton.  
1—David Vincent  
2—Margaret P. Booth  
3—Brian A. Tomlinson  
4—James Cunliffe  
5—Michael D. Fishwick  
6—David W. Howarth  
7—Richard Starkie  
8—Geoffrey Fothergill (Cond.)  
After meeting short for Royal.

**St. Mary the Virgin, Crosthwaite, Westmorland.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (10½ cwt.).  
**5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
1—Mary W. Whalley\*  
2—Joseph Whalley\*  
3—Alan Capstick  
4—Stanley Anderton  
5—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)†  
6—Kenneth J. Foster\*  
\*First in method. †First of Minor in method and first in method as conductor. To welcome the New Year.

**St. James, Accrington, Lancashire.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hrs. 1min. (11½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
1—John D. Watkin\*  
2—Gillian G. Tompsett†  
3—Keith P. Tompsett  
4—K. Roger Tompsett\*  
5—Richard S. Starkie  
6—Michael H. Tompsett (Cond.)  
\*First peal. †First inside.

**Holy Trinity, Langdale, Westmorland.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (8½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (30 extents Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob).  
1—Robin S. Bridge\*  
2—Nicholas M. Newby†  
3—Alan Capstick†  
4—Hugh F. Pettifer§  
5—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)¶  
6—Hilary J. Atkinson||  
\*First in two methods. †First of Doubles in two methods. ‡200th peal. §First of Doubles. ¶150th peal. ||First peal, first attempt.

**St. Thomas, Newhey, Lancashire.**  
Tues., Jan. 6, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (4½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
1—Janet Lawson  
2—Kathryn Lawson\*  
3—B. Michael Boardman  
4—Robert Lawson  
5—Derek Butterworth  
6—Michael Fishwick (Cond.)  
\*First inside. Half-muffled by members of the Sunday service band. In memoriam Rev. George Bowman.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Nicholas, Lutton, Lincolnshire.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (4½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (21 extents Plain Bob and Grandsire).  
1—David Fensom\*  
2—William B. Dawson  
3—Harold Barsley  
4—Michael J. Belcher\*  
5—George H. Campling (Cond.)\*  
6—Stephen Johnson†  
\*First of Doubles. †First peal. First attempt as conductor (aged 15). To welcome the New Year. (c)

**St. Oswald, Blankney, Lincolnshire.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (9½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (3 methods, 2 Kent T.B., St. Clement's, 3 Plain Bob).  
1—Vivienne West\*  
2—Kathleen Fox  
3—Gillian Radley  
4—David W. Bee  
5—Aidan C. A. Hopkins  
6—Christopher J. Sharp (Cond.)†  
\*First of Minor. †50th peal. A teenage band.



**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**

**All Saints, Harrow Weald, Middlesex.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (7½ cwt.).  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
1—Joan Beresford (Cond.)  
2—Elsie K. Hart  
3—Dorothea M. Robotham  
4—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin  
5—Trudy E. Newcombe\*  
6—Joan Hooton  
7—Ruth M. Foreman  
8—Claudia A. Critchley  
\*First in the method.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Laurence, Appleton, Berkshire.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (14½ cwt.).  
**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

1—Stephen F. White\*  
2—Edwin Drevitt  
3—Vivian J. White  
4—Andrew J. Dyer†  
5—Norman H. Leslie  
6—Frank White  
7—John E. Camp  
8—Dennis A. Leslie  
9—Francis A. White  
10—Brian R. White (Cond.)  
\*First peal. †First inside.

**St. Michael and All Angels, Blewbury, Berks.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (19 cwt.).

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Taylor's 6-part.  
1—Harold W. Dunsden  
2—Peter E. Corderoy  
3—Henry L. Bishop  
4—Harry E. Wells  
5—Michael Bishop  
6—Robert B. Blond (Cond.)  
7—James P. Blond  
8—Claude Corderoy  
Conductor's 50th on the bells. (c)

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Mary, Staverton, Northants.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (10½ cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
1—Edward C. Garrett  
2—David J. Edmonds\*  
3—Percy Amos  
4—Iris R. D. Webb  
5—Stanley F. Webb  
6—Malcolm J. V. Chown (Cond.)  
\*First peal. 65th birthday compliment to 3.

**ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Mary, Pembroke.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (12 cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).  
1—Andrew Lingard  
2—Nesta Rosen\*  
3—Prudence Pattison  
4—Philip C. Rogers  
5—Simon P. Rogers  
6—Richard L. Underwood (Cond.)  
7—John Prytherch  
8—Ivor Russant  
\*First peal. First of Grandsire Triples by all except conductor. First of Triples as conductor. (c)

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**

**St. Peter, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 38mins. (33 cwt.).  
**5280 SOLIHULL SURPRISE MAXIMUS**  
1—Bruce Martin  
2—Beryl E. Cawser  
3—Alan A. Paul  
4—Shirley E. Ruddlesden  
5—J. Edward Cawser (Cond.)  
6—Graham C. Paul.  
7—Barry E. Saunders  
8—Gerald C. Hemming\*  
9—Rupert A. Clarke  
10—E. Alan Jacques  
11—D. John Hunt  
12—R. Kingsley Mason  
\*350th peal. First of Solihull Maximus by all.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**  
(The Bramford Company.)  
**St. Mary the Virgin, Bramford, Suffolk.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5040 MINOR** (2 of Double Oxford. St. Clement's, 3 Plain Bob).

1—Brian Crouch\*  
2—Kelvin Dakin†  
3—Robert J. Southgate  
4—Roy W. Lockwood  
5—Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev (Cond.)  
6—Roger L. K. Whittell  
\*First peal. †First inside. For Christmas.

**All Saints, Stoke Ash, Suffolk.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (6½ cwt.).  
**5040 DOUBLES** (1 240 and 20 extents Grand-sire, 20 Plain Bob).  
1—Margaret H. Read\*  
2—Neville F. Whittell  
3—Jennifer M. Whittell (Cond.)  
4—David J. H. Barber  
5—Peter W. A. Muxlow  
\*First peal.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD**

**St. Mary, Swansea, Glamorgan.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hr. 46mins. (20½ cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** (5 240's, 32 extents).  
1—Jane Moore\*  
2—Elizabeth H. Way  
3—Gillian B. Armstrong  
4—Marilyn E. Evans  
5—John T. Williams (Cond.)  
6—J. Peter Thomas

\*First peal. First at Swansea since proclaimed a city. Rung by St. Mary's Sunday service ringers. (c)

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**St. Michael and All Angels, Highclere, Hants.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (11 cwt.).  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

1—Robert J. Crocker  
2—Philip G. Murduck  
3—David Goss  
4—Michael J. Goss  
5—Bradley Murduck  
6—Geoffrey K. Dodd (Cond.)  
7—Peter L. Furness  
8—Philip G. Taylor  
For the centenary of the church and bells.

**All Saints, Basingstoke, Hants.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (11½ cwt.).  
**5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**  
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.  
1—Lynette M. Holbrook\*  
2—Eunice A. Lewis  
3—Peter L. Furness\*  
4—Howard G. J. Smith  
5—Robert J. Crocker\*  
6—Philip G. Taylor\*  
7—Geoffrey K. Dodd  
8—A. Patrick Cannon (Cond.)  
\*First of D.N.C.B.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**St. John the Evangelist, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Yorkshire.**  
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (16½ cwt.).  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
Arranged by James E. Groves.  
1—A. Colin Banton (Cond.)  
2—Susan E. Davis  
3—Graham A. Newman\*  
4—Susan E. Banton\*  
5—Andrew R. Queen\*  
6—Peter Carbutt  
7—Simon P. D. Burnett\*  
8—Christopher J. Groome  
\*First Triples. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

**St. Andrew, Kirkby Malzeard, N. Yorkshire.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (17 cwt.).  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
1—Peter F. Town  
2—Jonathan A. Soar\*  
3—J. Michael Humphrey\*  
4—Edward Hudson  
5—David A. Town  
6—John Pladdys (Cond.)  
\*First peal.

**Handbells**

**1969**  
**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincs.**  
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 11mins. (15 in C.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
Composed by A. Percival Knights.  
1—2—Geoffrey R. Parker  
3—4—Margaret A. Parker  
5—6—Christopher J. Sharp  
7—8—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.)

**NORTH AMERICAN GUILD**  
**50 Ravensbourne Crescent, Islington, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.**  
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 13mins. (12 in F.)  
**5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Composed by George Lewis.  
1—2—David R. Ingram  
3—4—William H. Jackson (Cond.)  
5—6—Derek M. Sawyer  
7—8—John Owen

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**6, Barn Close, Southcote, Berkshire.**  
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 10mins. (27 in A.)  
**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
Composed by J. Nicholl.  
1—2—Bernard F. L. Groves  
3—4—Kenneth R. Davenport  
5—6—Frank C. Price (Cond.)  
7—8—N. David Lane

**1970**  
**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
**Cornerstones, Stonewell Lane, Congresbury, Somerset.**  
Mon., Jan. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 10mins. (14 in D.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
1—2—Jennifer M. Taylor  
3—4—Margaret Chapman  
5—6—James R. Taylor  
7—8—Tom Chapman (Comp. & Cond.) (c)

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY**  
**St. Nicholas Belfry, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.**  
Sun., Jan. 4, 1970, 1hr. 56mins. (12 in F.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
1—2—Anthony J. Cox  
3—4—Peter C. Randall (Cond.)  
5—6—Ian C. Maycock.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**Blackthorn, Kingstone, Herefordshire.**  
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 12mins. (11 in G.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
1—2—Elizabeth Wycherley  
3—4—Peter J. Wycherley  
5—6—Norman R. Matting'ey  
7—8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Ar. & Con.)  
First peal of the decade.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**  
**15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.**  
Mon., Jan. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (16½ in B.)  
**5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS** (10 methods, 960 Newgate, 720 Yorkshire, 480 Clifton, Ealing, Fuham, Leatherhead, Londinium, York: 240 Leicestershire, Wigston; with 104 changes of method).  
1—2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin  
3—4—John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)  
5—6—Roger Baldwin  
7—8—Martyn L. J. Jordan  
9—10—Julia A. Fellows  
11—12—Christopher W. Woolley\*  
\*First of Spliced Surprise Maximus in ten methods.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**8 Gerald Road, Bournemouth, Hampshire.**  
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 18 mins. (15 in C.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
(Parker's 12-part. 7th obs.)  
1—2—Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay\*  
3—4—Julia A. Fellows†  
5—6—Daniel T. Matkin (Cond.)\*  
7—8—Arthur V. Davis  
\*400th together (73 on tower bells and 327 in hand). †First of Grandsire Triples in hand and has now rung Triples, Caters and Cinques in hand in the method. (c)



## OBITUARY

## MR. H. S. BALL

The funeral of Mr. Harry S. Ball, of the New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Glos, took place at Tirley, Rev. L. Mann officiating, with the interment at Hasfield. Mrs. Dudfield was at the organ. Harry learned to ring at the age of 15 at Tirley and joined the Tewkesbury Branch of the Bristol and Gloucester Association in 1927, and did a considerable amount of visiting, including London, where he once rang at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, a fact of which he was very proud. He had a fund of good ringing stories of his early days. On the day of the funeral the bells of Tirley were rung half-muffled.

## SAM WARNE

Mr. Ron Suckling writes:—

"It was my very good fortune to have reached a certain standard of ringing just prior to the Second World War and also to have been able to associate with the band of Lew Wiffen, of Braintree, a band which prided itself not only on reaching Spliced Surprise Major but also on a very high standard of striking. One of the men who helped so much was our regular treble ringer, Sam Warne, whose action was a joy to see. I rang many peals with Sam and I never once remember him making a mistake or a bad blow. He took great pride in his ringing and it was good to have known him. This last year or two he had not been able to do much ringing, having been ill and suffering much pain; none the less his passing last week leaves another gap in the Exercise. I am thankful for all the pleasure I received ringing in peals with him and pray that his soul rests in peace."

## LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 10,080 Spliced Surprise Major in 45 methods (composition as published in *The Ringing World*, 1969, p. 988) at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, on Saturday, February 21, starting at 1 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Stratton St. Margaret,  
Swindon, Wilts.

## Belfry Gossip

The photograph reproduced on page 47 was by Thames Television.

Surely a record never before attained in ringing circles—400 peals together! by Mrs. F. J. Marshall and Daniel T. Matkin.

Quarter peal copy should be written as the style used in our journal, otherwise rewriting or altering can cause mistakes.

To celebrate the 1,200th anniversary of Henfield Parish Church the ringers have been invited to take part during June 27–July 4.

Holloway S. Maximus (page 15) is not an extension of Holloway S. Minor, writes A. J. Cox, of Bristol, and suggests a new name is necessary.

A letter to his local paper in Swanage by O. H. Scott complained of "man's inhumanity to man" when on Boxing Day the bells rang continuously from 10.30–1.30 "without a single break."

The efforts of Marcus C. W. Sherwood and his team to be the first peal ringers of the '70s were successful with a handbell peal of P.B. Major, starting soon after midnight on December 31–January 1.

Taking part in the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on Jan. 17 were eight of the present service band of All Saints, Marple. The peal was conducted by a former member of the local band, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis.

An appeal for Titchfield Parish Church will be broadcast on B.B.C. Radio 4 by Martin Muncester on Sunday, February 1, between 7.55 and 8 p.m., and the bells will be heard at the beginning and end of the appeal. Method: Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The peal of Bob Royal at Wakefield Cathedral on December 27 was rung as a farewell to Rev. Nicholas Webb, who has been precentor there for three-and-a-half years. He is moving to become Vicar of Thornhill.

Brought up on Part II of the new Tutor's Handbook, four lads (aged 14) who rang in a quarter peal at Market Weighton have a 100 per cent attendance record for service ringing and practices during the year since they "broke into change-ringing."—Comment by Mr. N. Chaddock.

G. Stedman Morris marked 50 years of peal ringing with one at Lyme Regis on January 10. His first was Grandfire Doubles in hand with his father and brother on Dec. 20, 1919, just before his twelfth birthday. He rang in Cambridge Maximus at Bow on the old 12 when only 17 and was also in the second peal of Maximus at Exeter.

It is not always possible to know accurately the number of peals rung on the bells of a church, but Mr. Ray Bath, of Yorktown, Camberley, has spent considerable time, written many letters and travelled some distance to ascertain and record those of his local church, St. Michael's, The 50th, he found, was rung on December 12 last.

For the fifth anniversary of the rededication of the bells and in memory of Godfrey G. Walpole, late ringing master, a peal was rung at Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, in December. The band was afterwards entertained to refreshments at Low Road, the home of the present ringing master and his parents.

The letter (c) at the end of the quarter peals and peals published indicates a contribution has been sent with the copy. An (a) indicates an annual amount is subscribed. Many ringers feel that the R.W. should not need these contributions, but they have kept the price per copy stable when the price of every other commodity has gone up.

"Bless the Bride!" The local band at Blaby, Leicester, are grateful to a bride who arrived late for her wedding on Dec. 13 as it enabled them to complete a quarter peal. In this, three young ringers scored their first quarter. The ringing also celebrated the birth of Samantha Jane Chapman. Ron Chapman was, before joining the Navy, a member of the local band.

There are not many weeks in the year in which we do not record a quarter peal or peal which bears a footnote stating that it was rung in honour of 50 years or more service as a ringer. We feel these worthy members of the Exercise deserve recognition and invite short contributions with a photograph (black and white) of the person, for possible publication from time to time.

First peal congratulations to John Shephard, Glynis Poppleton, David Wilson, Vivienne West, Susan A. Faull, William B. Boeth, Paul Butler, Steven Capper, Anthony A. Boden, Desmond P. J. Harrold, Philip J. Harrold (11), Geoffrey D. A. Long, Geraldine J. Flook, Stephen F. White, David J. Edmonds, Nesta Rosen, Brian Crouch, Margaret H. Read, Jane Moore, Jonathan A. Coar, J. Michael Humphrey.

In his 98th year, Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of P.O. Box 2085, Plumb Hall 16, Alhambra, California 91803, has written enclosing his subscription and sending greetings to all ringers. He rang in the Guildford area. Mr. Weatherby finds both peals and editorial items of great interest and feels he must be one of the R.W.'s oldest readers. [We give his full address in the hope that some ringers may like to write to Mr. Weatherby.—Ed.]

The first response to our request for photos of Sunday service bands for publication has been from Grosmont, Monmouth, which we print on page 69. Is 7-year-old Ian Parry the youngest to handle a bell on his own? Send your tower photo (black and white) with details of individuals (captain, secretary, etc.) and a few items of general interest (Sunday ringing, practices and so forth). Please state if photo is to be returned.



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# RINGING AND CONDUCTING STANDARD METHODS

By Robert B. Smith

(Continued from page 767)

## PART III CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE (b) (Continued)

### Conducting and Peal Compositions CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

#### Tips for conducting

It is very useful to check that the bells are working correctly at the half-lead as well as the lead-end, i.e., when the 3rds place bell is making 5ths under the treble. This can easily be done if one remembers that the 4th and 6th place bells from the previous lead-end dodge together in 3-4. (Note that these are a "coursing pair" and this feature of coursing pairs dodging together in 3-4 is carried through on to higher numbers although it does not occur at the half-lead.) The bells dodging in 1-2 are those which were in 2nds place and 5ths place at the previous lead-end. (Note that these are the bells coursing either side of the bell doing its full backwork. This feature is also carried through on to higher numbers, not in 1-2 but in the same relative position counted from the back, e.g., in Major this pair of bells dodge in 3-4, in Royal it becomes a dodge in 5-6 and in Maximus 7-8.)

The two most commonly used extents of Cambridge Surprise Minor are as follows, the tenor generally being used as the observation bell.

| W              | H | 23456 | In             | 4ths | 23456 |
|----------------|---|-------|----------------|------|-------|
| —              | — | 45236 | —              | —    | 35426 |
| —              | — | 34256 | —              | —    | 34256 |
| Twice repeated |   |       | Twice repeated |      |       |

### CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

#### Tips for conducting

Checking of the bells dodging at the half-lead when ringing Cambridge Surprise Major is not quite so easy to see as when ringing Minor, but it is a worthwhile exercise for those who wish to become proficient conductors. At the first half-lead the bells dodging in 1-2 are 4 and 7; in 3-4, 2 and 5; and in 5-6, 6 and 8. Notice here that the bells dodging in 5-6 are those on the way into or out of slow. Also note that the 6th place bell is dodging in the section adjacent to the treble and the bell ringing full backwork. This is true of that bell on all numbers, i.e., for Minor, the 6th is dodging 3-4 up followed by places in that section; in Maximus, the 6th is dodging 9-10 up followed by places in that section.

There are one or two more interesting guides which appear in Cambridge Major which are also useful on higher numbers. One example is that when working from being a 5ths place bell to a 2nds place bell, there is a "regular pattern" for meeting bells after double dodging in 7-8 down and passing the treble in 7-6. The first bell one dodges with is the "after bell" of the bell you have just left to do the full backwork with the treble, e.g., if you are ringing the tenor and (presumably) have left the 7th at the back then the bell you will dodge with in 3-4 will be the 5th. This will be followed by dodging with the 3rd in 1-2 down and the 4th in 1-2 up. This sequence is continued on to higher numbers and follows the rule explained below.

## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ON HIGHER NUMBERS

### Tips for conducting

For ease of explanation consider that you are conducting from the tenor (although the idea is applicable from any bell and any coursing order; you will probably appreciate the significance of using the tenor as an example is necessary for the mathematical model only). By giving the tenor the number  $n$ , the bells will be dodged with in the following order.

At the back ( $n-1$ ), 1st bell after passing the treble on the way into slow ( $n-3$ ), followed by ( $n-5$ ); after this the order becomes regular but on a different pattern because from ( $n-5$ ) it becomes ( $n-9$ ), ( $n-13$ ), ( $n-17$ ), ( $n-21$ ), etc.—

i.e., for ringing Cambridge on 24 bells the order after dodging 23-24 down would be dodge with the following bells on the way to slow: 21, 19, 15, 11, 7, 3, 4, etc. Having passed the smallest odd bell in the sequence picks up from the smallest even bell and increases 4 at a time to the largest even bell. This might appear to be quite complicated but a few examples will show that the practical application is not so difficult. I have gone to this trouble to show that there is a coursing in Cambridge below the treble, despite the fact that most people refuse to believe it. In fact the coursing order is the same as for Stedman and is a direct result of alternate bells stopping four places: in Stedman it is a result of alternate bells going in slow. In fact alternate bells in the coursing order have a constant relationship throughout a course.

Returning to examples of the above rule, which continues until the bell concerned makes 2nds in the slow-work:

(i) The 4th working into slow in Cambridge Royal (in the plain course) dodges 9-10 down with the 6th, dodges 5-6 down with the 8th, 3-4 down with the 10th, 1-2 down with the 7th, 1-2 up with the 3rd then makes 2nds.

(ii) The 4th working into slow in Cambridge Maximus (in the plain course) dodges 11-12 down with the 6th, dodges 7-8 down with the 8th, 5-6 down with the 10th, 3-4 down with the 11th, 1-2 down with the 7th, 1-2 up with the 3rd then makes 2nds.

(iii) The 10th working into slow in Cambridge Maximus (in the plain course) dodges 11-12 down with the tenor, 7-8 down with the 11th, 5-6 down with the 9th, 3-4 down with the 5th, 1-2 down with the 2nd, 1-2 up with the 6th then makes 2nds.

You may like to try the above rule for different coursing orders.

Note also that the bells one dodges with on the way into slow are all the bells which are going to run through and pass the treble without making places. It is also useful to know that if you dodge with the bell going into slow that this is the last dodge you do before passing the treble on your way to the back. The bells that are passed without dodging are those that will stop for places up. The reverse of the above rule is of course true for the bells working out of slow.

I feel that in this particular article I may have become a little too technical in my explanations, but it should be appreciated that this section is addressed to those who wish to be able to conduct the method: there is no easy way to success in this field although some people are quicker to learn than others.

### PEAL COMPOSITIONS

It would be very remiss of me to deal

with conducting Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus without mentioning a few well-known compositions. There is very little scope for composition in the field of Cambridge Surprise Major without parting the tenors, because of internal falseness. In fact Middleton's peal and variations of it is the only one using bobs only. A number of compositions have the tenors parted for a few leads only, and at least two compositions have the tenors together but require the use of singles as well as bobs (not that I consider that this is undesirable, but I feel that when learning to conduct it is better to use simple compositions and by using bobs only the number of possible coursing orders is reduced to 50% of the total number available).

### 5,600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

By CHARLES MIDDLETON

23456 M W H

35264 2 2 3

Four times repeated.

This composition may be reduced to 5,152 by omitting three homes in any one part. This is generally done in the part when the 2nd is in 6ths place. By calling one part Before followed by three homes and four parts as above, the composition is reduced to 5,056 changes. This modification was introduced by Henry Johnson, and therefore is known as Johnson's Variation, i.e., all 5,056 peals by Middleton may be given the sub-title Johnson's Variation, if desired. If the composition is started by calling two homes, the coursing orders at part-ends are cyclical, i.e., 65432, 26543, 32654, 43265, 54326. Note that the peal comes round after one bob at home in the last part.

It is a pity that Middleton's is really the only composition generally used as it is not appreciated by many ringers who take it for granted. Some good music is produced below the treble, e.g., 6578 roll-ups off the front for a coursing order such as 53462 which compensates for the fact that the 2nd and 3rd spend a number of courses in 6ths place.

### 5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

By WILLIAM PYE

23456 M W H

43652 —  
26354 — — 1 A  
52364 — — 3 A

35426 2A

23456 —

This composition was probably the most popular composition of Cambridge Surprise Royal before the introduction of singles. It produces some good roll-ups on the little bells and only has one course with the 2nd in 6ths.

In the past five or six years there has been a revolution in compositions of Surprise Maximus, mainly due to the activities of the Birmingham St. Martin's band and the composing of Roderick W. Pipe and Peter Border. It was quite normal for bands to ring ten courses of Surprise Maximus (5,280 changes) instead of the (5,042) 9+ course compositions which are now accepted as being the most desirable. The loss of five leads off the end of a peal, particularly in an evening, usually means ten minutes' less ringing, which in many cases avoids exceeding time limits.

[To be continued]

See page 84 for R. W. Pipe composition.



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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Quartley.**—Charles and Jenny will be living at 3 Acacia Road, Leamington Spa, from Feb. 1st, 1970. 8977

### PERSONAL

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

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—Frome Branch.—The new branch secretary is Philip H. D. Jones, 16 Pinewood Avenue, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2RE. Telephone: Midsomer Norton 3055. 8976

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**Middlesex Association.**—S.W. District. —Eight-bell practice, St. Mary's Church, Staines, Fri., Jan. 30, and last practicable Friday of every month.—F. T. B. 8990

**Middlesex County Association.**—Practice meeting. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Mon., Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. 8988

**Hertford County Association.**—Northern District.—Surprise practice. Norton, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7.30–9 p.m.—G. T. Horritt, Dis. Sec. 8991

**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—District practice at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, Fri., Feb. 6, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Stedman Triples. 8951

**Bath and Wells Association.**—Ilchester Branch.—Practice 7–9 p.m., St. Michael's (8, 13 cwt.), East Coker, on Sat., Feb. 7. Social evening 7 p.m., Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Fleur de Lys, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. Tickets 7s. (c.w.o.). Branch striking competition May 16, Long Sutton (6, 17 cwt.). Further details from Mrs. M. M. Legget (West Coker 208). 8909

**Ely Diocesan Association.**—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Haddenham, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (6) 6–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Trinity Sunday T.B. and Double Oxford. 8904

**Hereford County Association.**—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston (8), Sat., Feb. 7, 5.30–8.30 p.m.—G. T. Horritt, Dis. Sec. 8992

**North Staffordshire Association.**—Meeting at Bucknall, Sat., Feb. 7. Ringing 6 p.m. 8413

**Surrey Guild.**—N.W. District.—Practice meeting at Norman Tower (10), Bury St. Edmunds, Tuesday evening, Feb. 10. Bells from 1–9 p.m.—A. F. Bailam, Dis. Sec. 8966

### AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**Chester Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. George, Jan. 31. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. No tea, owing to alterations at school. Ample cakes nearby. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 8961

**Essex Association.**—N.W. District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8491

**Hereford County Association.**—Western District.—Annual meeting, Hemei Hempstead, Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. E. Sheppard, 19, Great Street, Hemei Hempstead. 8950

**Society of Sherwood Youths.**—Meeting, Sat., Jan. 31, Wolaton, 3–4.45, followed by tea. Aspley 6. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleson, 25 Hambledon Drive, Wolaton, Nottingham. 8946

**Sussex County Association.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Horsham (8), Jan. 31. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osborn, 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E.G. 23815).—Jean Osborn, Div. Sec. 8942

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.**—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Annual district meeting Sat., Jan. 31. Christchurch Priory bells available 2 p.m. and in evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, Priory Hall, Princess Avenue, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Gillian Davis, 24 Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth.—Mrs. Gillian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 8948

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.**—Isle of Wight District.—Annual district meeting, Ryde, Jan. 31. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names to Mrs. Guy, The Shielling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 8956

**Bedfordshire Association.**—Bedford District. Meeting, Elstow, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Come and ring **John Bunyan's bells**. 8931

**Coventry Diocesan Guild.**—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Alveston, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Allman, The Limes, 41 Main Road, Tiddington, Stratford-on-Avon.—H. A. M. 8986

**Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.**—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Arlecdon, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage. 8970

**Durham and Newcastle Association.**—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Keen, 24 Alnwick Avenue, Whitley Bay. 8963

**Guildford Guild.**—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, on Sat., Feb. 7. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. P. Smith, 25 Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—J. P. O. 8963

**Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, Feb. 7. St. Leonard's bells in afternoon and St. Mary's in evening. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than Feb. 5. 8989

**Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, on Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing to 8 p.m. 8928

**Hertford County Association.**—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. G. Bell, 131 Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel.: 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8975

**Lancashire Association.**—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Feb. 7, Coppull (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Special methods: St. Simon's and St. Clement's. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Borland, 274 Spendmore Lane, Coppull, Chorley. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8993

**Lancashire Association.**—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting at the Cathedral, Blackburn, Sat., Feb. 7. Ringing from 2.30–5 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 8955

**Leicester Diocesan Guild.**—Leicester District.—Meeting, Anstey, Feb. 7. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in church rooms. Names, please, to Mr. R. F. Elkington, 74 Andrew Road, Anstey, Leicester, LE7 7BA, by Wed., Feb. 4. All welcome.—Ron Hughes. 8936

**Lincoln Guild.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kirton on Feb. 7. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Vandewalle, 45 Edinburgh Drive, Kirton, by Tues., Feb. 3. 8449

**Norwich Diocesan Association.**—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Alburgh, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to F. C. Arnold, 6 The Turnpike, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 0IX, by Wed., Feb. 4. 8971

**Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.**—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, Feb. 7. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. E. M. Jones, 15 Nettlecombe Avenue, Southsea, Portsmouth, by the previous Wednesday, please. 8952

**Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) and Selby and District Society.**—Meeting, Snaithe, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—R. Ducker and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 8985

**Guild of Devonshire Ringers.**—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. P. Davis, 22 Peaslands Road, Sidmouth. 8984

**East Grinstead and District Guild.**—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 14, Fletching. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jeffrey, 36 Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, by Tues., 10th, please. 8944

**Ely Diocesan Association.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8987

**Hereford Diocesan Guild.**—Annual meeting, Leominster, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea, please, by Wed., Feb. 11. 8995

**Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.**—Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting, Penarth (St. Augustine's), Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Idolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge. 8493

**Norwich Association.**—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting of Western Deaneries on Sat., Feb. 14. Heydon, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. After tea at Wiveton 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Norwich, NOR 69X (Tel. Reepham 220), by Feb. 11, please. 8996



**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.**  
—Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Bishopstoke, Feb. 14. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mrs. Cull, 29 St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants, by Feb. 11. North Stoneham bells available after meeting.—M. J. Thomas. Dis. Sec. 8980

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## MRS. SHARPE'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Mrs. Sharpe, whose death was reported last week, took place on Jan. 10 at St. Mary's Church, Launton, and was conducted by the rector, Rev. J. Goddard, assisted by Rev. P. Vernon Jones. Family mourners were Mr. F. Sharpe and Miss Marjorie L. Sharpe (son and daughter), Miss W. M. Elizabeth Sharpe (granddaughter), Mrs. J. Tattersall (niece), Mrs. E. J. M. Sharpe, Miss G. Evans and Mr. H. Buckingham. Launton Church was represented by Mr. Sharpe's co-churchwarden, Mr. J. Marriott (who is 85 and took part in the muffled ringing afterwards), and Mr. S. M. B. Gilpin, secretary of the P.C.C., Mr. C. H. Kinch, secretary of the Bicester Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, represented the ringers of the diocese. After the service a half-muffled 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Daphne Bellman 1, J. W. Ancil 2, James Marriott 3, George Gregory 4, Herbert A. Massey (cond.) 5, Phillip Clarke tenor. All are members of the Launton band. Mrs. Sharpe was presiding member of the Launton M.U. branch.

## MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

A total of 40 members of the Chertsey District of Guildford Guild attended the A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Hersham, on January 10.

The master reported several experiments had been tried regarding practices and meetings last year. Some had been successful but others a failure, and this year he looked for improvement. Mr. R. Caporn was thanked for the work he had carried out during his years as secretary.

The membership had increased by ten and it was hoped there would be an increased attendance at meetings and practices also. Officers elected were: Ringing master, Mr. D. Parsons; assistants, Mr. J. J. Bailey, Mr. J. P. Ladd; secretary, Mrs. P. A. Bird; auditor, Mr. R. Pashley.

It was agreed that the secretary should write to the Editor, congratulating him on the new style Ringing World.

P. A. BIRD.

## 80th ANNIVERSARY PEAL

To mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association the first peal was on the five at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Chilton Trinity, Somerset. Earlier in the week, despite the bitter cold weather, Mike Stone spent a whole day in the tower checking the fittings and ropes and, thanks to his efforts, the bells went far better than had been anticipated.

The villagers were prepared for the long period the bells would be ringing. A good peal of Reverse Canterbury Doubles was rung. Two members of the team, Ronald Short and Cecil Clarke, had learnt to ring in this tower.

The conductor (a brass band enthusiast) had forgone attending a band contest that day and was delighted that the peal was successful. Sincere thanks to Preb. Swan for allowing the use of the bells.

## ANOTHER RECORD?

On Saturday last (Jan. 24), at Womersley, Surrey, eight resident members of the Guildford Guild rang Norman Smith's composition of 27 Spliced Surprise Major, conducted by Michael Church. In this method all the bells ring one lead of each method in every part.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for  
JANUARY 26, 1945

It was reported in the leader that of the 619 peals rung during the year 466 had been on tower bells, Grandsire being the most popular and Plain Bob next. Three peals of Spliced Surprise in the four standard methods was a good step forward as "spliced ringing is likely to be one of the great features of change-ringing."

A peal at Leicester Cathedral was rung on the "Stelfox Eight"—London Surprise.

The peal columns reported six peals on 8, ten on 5 or 6 and three on handbells.

One of the peals at Darlington was the first in seven Surprise Minor for Jack L. Millhouse, conducted by Roland Park.

Only 14 attended the annual meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association when Miss D. E. Lidbetter was elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Charles H. Wickens, of Henfield, wrote regarding the time taken to ring peals of Doubles and stated that a 5-bell tower with 7 cwt. tenor should not get through 42 six-scores under 2 hours 40 minutes.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston held a new year's dance for their staff and workpeople at which the mayor and mayoress of Croydon, the town clerk and the colonel of the 59th Bn. Home Guard were present.

## 50 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 30, 1920

A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Aston-juxta-Birmingham for the vicar, Canon Hodgson, who died following a bicycle accident.

Fylingdales' eight bells, recast in 1914, had their first peal rung on them—Grand-sire Triples, conducted by W. A. Breckton.

In the 350th year of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, work recently completed included the augmentation of Westminster Abbey and the rehanging of St. Clement Danes' ring of ten.

Ald. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the ringing master, presided at the annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

By a plebiscite, Loughborough citizens decided upon the erection of a tower to contain a 45-bell carillon, the heaviest bell to weigh 3 tons.

In a peal of Bob Triples at Framlingham, Suffolk, Harold Mayhew rang his first peal and the conductor was George E. Symonds.

## R.W. amendments notified:—

Page 38: Treble ringer E. Lesley Evans.

Page 13: 133 Doubles methods (not 135).

Page 19: Mr. J. Shemilt (deceased)—half-muffled peal.

Page 16: Coddington. John Draycott's first peal.

Page 15: Lincoln S. Minor rung at Great Barrington, Gloucestershire (not Quainton).



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23456 M W H

|         |   |   |   |
|---------|---|---|---|
| 42356   |   |   |   |
| 34256   |   | 3 | — |
| 53246   |   | — | — |
| 43265   | S | S | 3 |
| 62534   | — | — | — |
| (32456) | — | S | — |

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23456 M I/V B

|       |   |     |   |
|-------|---|-----|---|
| 52364 | — | SS* |   |
| 23564 |   | x   |   |
| 36245 |   |     | — |
| 62345 |   | x   |   |
| 23546 | S | x   |   |
| 42365 | — | SS* |   |
| 23465 |   | x   |   |

Once repeated.

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|       |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|---|
| 53426 |   | S |   |
| 65324 | 2 |   | S |
| 52364 |   | 2 |   |
| 42365 | S |   |   |

|       |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|---|
| 63524 | S | — | S |
| 42356 | — | S | — |

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M W H 23456

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|---|---|---|-------|-------|
| S | S | — | 53426 | A } B |
| S | S | — | 42365 |       |
| 2 | S |   | 23645 |       |
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