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## **ALL SAINTS', ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE**

The Parish Church of the Snowdon Family, which contains the  
Bellringers' Memorial Window to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon.



## Cover Picture

## All Saints, Ilkley, Yorks

ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH is built on the site of a Roman fort known as Alicana and it is believed that the first church was built here in the eighth century by the Anglo-Saxons. The only known remains of this era are the three Saxon crosses sited in the churchyard near the south porch.

The tower and the north wall are the only parts which remain of the church of the 15th century when rebuilding took place in 1860-61. The majority of the materials used in the reconstruction were from the original mediæval building, and consequently the tower does not appear to be 400 years older than the main building.

The earliest known bells were cast in the 17th century, when there were three:

1 IN JOCVNDITATE SONI SONABO 1600.

2 SOLI DEO GRATIA (or SOLI DEO GLORIA) 1636.

3 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 1676.

In 1845 Taylor's of Loughborough took down the three bells and cast a new ring of six with a tenor of 11 cwt.

Twice during the period that John Snowdon was incumbent (1842-78) bellfounders were called in to carry out work in the tower—in 1873, when a new treble and tenor were added and the fourth was recast and became the fifth in an augmented ring of eight. The new tenor weighed 18 cwt.

In 1938, ringing at Ilkley had to stop because the oak frame had decayed and it was considered dangerous to ring the bells. Following an appeal for funds the bells were removed in 1939, recast and rehung in a steel frame but due to the outbreak of war the bells were not rung, as their sound would then be a warning of the invasion of the enemy.

## The Bells

The present bells have an E natural tenor note and weigh:

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	4	3	11
2	5	1	14
3	5	2	18
4	6	1	22
5	7	3	19
6	9	1	24
7	13	2	0
Tenor	18	1	14

## The Snowdon Family

The Rev. John Snowdon was vicar from 1842-78, and his son, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, became a well-known authority on change ringing. He wrote many articles and books on the art before his premature death at 41 from typhoid fever. Jasper was president of the Ilkley Amateur Society of Change Ringers and the founder-president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers—an office to which his brother William succeeded him in 1886 following Jasper's death.

At the west end of the north aisle, near the ringers' pew, is a memorial window to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. This window was paid for by subscriptions from ringers all over the country and is well worth studying, as it has three panels of stained glass

The bells in the canopy are shown swinging in many positions, with clappers, ropes and wheels in correct places. Three transverse views of bells are depicted in the base, showing them "at rest," set at hand-stroke and backstroke. The dominant feature of each window is a group of angels

giving praise to the Lord on many instruments. The wording on the window is from Psalm 150: "Praise God in his holiness . . . praise him in the sound of the trumpet . . . praise him on the strings and pipe . . . praise him on the loud cymbals . . . let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Underneath is a plate of bell metal inscribed: "For the Glory of God, in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, historian and expositor of Change Ringing. Died Nov. 16th, 1885, aged 41. This window was inserted A.D. 1887 at the sole cost of the Change Ringers of this country." The window was unveiled by Canon Wigram on June 11, 1887, and cost between £75 and £80.

## Recorded Peals

The earliest peal recorded is for The Ilkley Amateur Society of Change Ringers on Saturday, December 7, 1872. Six members of the above society rang in this steeple a true peal of 5040 changes in the seven following varieties: Plain Bob 1, Yorkshire Court 2, Duke of York 3, College Exercise 4, Kent 5, Violet 6, Oxford 7, in 3 hours, 1 minute, 25 seconds. The band being stationed thus:

Edward Stephenson	1
Robert Tuke	2
John Gill	3
Edward Snowdon	4
William Snowdon	5
Jasper W. Snowdon	6

Conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon.

Weight of tenor 11 cwt.

The first peal rung on the augmented eight (and the third peal for the Yorkshire Association) was one of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and eight minutes:

1 H. Hubbard, jun. (Leeds)
2 J. Lockwood (Leeds)
3 T. West (Holbeck)
4 R. Tuke (Ilkley)
5 E. Snowdon (Ilkley)
6 J. C. Gill (Ilkley)
7 T. Birch (Leeds)
8 J. W. Snowdon (Ilkley)

Composed and Conducted by J. Lockwood.

Thirty-two peals have now been rung in the tower for the Yorkshire Association.

The names of Crawshaw and Featherstone have been predominant among Ilkley ringers: T. W. Crawshaw (a ringer for 47 years) and his two sons, one of whom, D. M. Crawshaw, has been ringing for over 50 years and is now our tower captain; G. Featherstone (a ringer since 1929) and David, his son, who was fourth in the list of leading peal ringers in 1969, have between them nearly 200 years' service to Ilkley tower.

## RON CRABTREE.

## ADVICE

Dear Sir,—I see a letter in the R.W. (May 8 issue) is headed "Advice." This prompts me to send you the following, which a 90-years-old wise man once said to me: "Advice is a funny thing! Wise men don't need it and fools don't heed it."—Yours faithfully,

Thirsk, Yorks.

A. BASHFORTH.

## NEW METHOD

5.3.5.1.345.5.3.123.3. h.l. 5 l.e. 123 Bob 125 Extent of 240 rung at Winsford, May 7, 1970. Based on treble course dodge 12 3rds dodge 45. Proposed name Wells Treble Place Doubles. E. R. T-B.

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## RANG AFTER CEREMONY

Both ringers at St. Stephen's Church, Hackington, Canterbury, Mr. Keith John Triplow and Miss Diana Winch were married there on March 28.



The bride, who was attended by a page boy and two bridesmaids, was attired in a magnificent heavy white satin and lace dress with a long train, and the attractive bridesmaids' dresses were made by the bride herself. Mr. David Cawley was best man. Nuptial Mass was conducted by the rector (Rev. A. E. Pearce). A reception was held at the Chaucer Hotel.

Many local ringers were present and the local band were delighted that the couple returned to the tower to ring after the ceremony. Prior to the service a quarter of 1272 Plain Bob Major was achieved on the historic light eight by the following: Miss G. Cheshire 1, P. S. Philpott 2, M. Ostler 3, L. Huckstepp 4, D. G. Mitchell 5, J. Drage 6, Dr. D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. L. Cawley 8. Best wishes, Keith and Diana!



## CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

# ILKLEY THE VENUE FOR 73rd ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 23-26, 1970 — HEADQUARTERS: CRAIGLANDS HOTEL

A room with a bar will be open each evening for Council members.

There will be an informal meeting at H.Q. on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. to discuss the Standing Committee's interim report on the constitution, etc.

The formal welcome to the Council by the chairman of Ilkley U.D.C. and the president of the Yorkshire Association will be on Monday at 8.30 p.m. at H.Q.

Holy Communion service will be held in Ilkley Parish Church on Tuesday at 7.30 a.m.

The Council meeting will be in the Kings Hall and will commence at 9.45 a.m.

THE HEADQUARTERS are set in nine acres of parkland and gardens and adjoins the famous Ilkley Moor. It is a few minutes' walk to the town centre and has a large car park holding 200 cars.

All the ringing arrangements and other details connected with the meeting have been printed in the R.W. (No. 3079, May 1) and these have also been circulated to individual members of the Council.

From the general secretary of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton)

We in Yorkshire are very pleased that the Council is holding its 1970 meeting in our county, and we earnestly hope that members will have a happy and profitable visit. This will be the fifth time the Association has had the privilege of welcoming the Council, for previous meetings have been at Sheffield in 1895, York in 1904, Leeds in 1938, York in 1949, and there have been more meetings in the county than in any other except London.

I imagine Ilkley will be the smallest town for a Council meeting—it has a population of under 20,000—but the local people, vicar, ringers and Council officers are large in their warmth of welcome and interest. Some information:—

There is a large, free car park in the centre of the town, one minute's walk from the Parish Church, three or four minutes from the Winter Gardens and Kings Hall.

Members travelling on M1, M18 or A1, not intending to join ringing tours, can avoid the built-up areas by taking the A659 through Collingham and Otley.

Ringing masters at the towers open can be recognised by a red label. Stewards will have yellow labels.

Members of the Yorkshire Association's committee in attendance at Ilkley are, besides the president and secretary, Dr. Digby Burton, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. F. A. Munday and Mr. M. J. Thurmott. The guide on the coach tour will be Mr. E. Hudson.

From Mr. G. Featherstone, of Ilkley

We at Ilkley appreciate very much the planning and effort Mr. Ron Crabtree has put in to soundproof the bell chamber at All Saints' Church in preparation for the Central Council's visit to the town. He has spent innumerable hours of his spare time working in the tower with excellent results.

## A WELCOME

### From the president of the Yorkshire Association

If you motor to Yorkshire on the M1 your first impressions will be of a countryside spoiled with the scars of heavy industry. But in this, the biggest county, the spoliation is but a small proportion of the whole. There is still room for two large National Parks and it is in one of these that Council members will have their H.Q. Ilkley, in lovely Wharfedale, is a first-class centre both for seeing the National Park and for gaining access to a large number



Mr. Vernon Bottomley (president) with Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley

of excellent rings of bells. Some rather ambitious ringing tours have been planned to enable these to be exploited.

Those who visit York Minster will see how modern technology has averted the collapse of the central tower; indeed the architect has advised that the Minster should now last for ever.

For the gourmet Ilkley has one of only nine Egon Ronay three star restaurants, and only five miles away there is the biggest fish and chip shop in the world. To walk off the effects of either there is Ilkley Moor, or for the more energetic the most beautiful riverside walk in the country—from Bolton Abbey to Grassington.

We hope that many of you will stay with us longer than the weekend because a four-day visit is certainly too short for you to see Yorkshire.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.



## ILKLEY'S BELLS

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton, came across the following whilst in the British Museum in April.

Extracts from Bell's "Life in London" January 18, 1846.

On Tuesday last, the inhabitants of Ilkley and the neighbourhood were enlivened by the opening of a splendid peal of 6 bells, cast by Messrs. Taylor & Son of Loughborough. There were two prizes to compete for, and £1 1s. is awarded to the company that came the greatest distance. Eight companies engaged in the honour of trying their skill on this occasion and took their respective turns by ballot.

1st Bradford, 2nd Kildwick, 3rd Calverley, 4th Holmfirth, 5th Dewsbury, 6th Shipley sen., 7th Tong, 8th Shipley jr.

The peals specified were two trebles of 720 changes each. Tong obtained the 1st prize, 5 gns., Holmfirth the 2nd, 2 gns., and 1 gn. was awarded to Dewsbury. The ringing altogether was very good. Dewsbury and Holmfirth were the favourites and the former rang in a masterly style, but from an unfortunate jumble they lost the prize. The bells gave universal satisfaction; weight of the tenor 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs. key F sharp; total weight 41 cwts. 0 qrs. 24 lbs. Mr. Mortimer of Leeds, Mr. Benjamin Thackeray of Dewsbury and other competent judges, unanimously pronounced them the best peal of bells they had ever heard, and of the finest and most powerful tone for their weight. The hangings were also admired by all who saw them, being hung on a new principle and are the first peal that has been hung on this new plan. The inscription in Lombardic capitals on the tenor (sic)—Os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam; on the second "God save the Queen and preserve our peace" and "Jesus be our speed"; on the third "Jno. Taylor & Son, founders, Loughborough"; on the fourth "Holiness unto the Lord"; on the fifth "This peal was recast A.D. 1845, from three dated 1600, 1636, 1676" and also "Jno. Snowden M.A. vicar, Thos. Beanlands, James Critchley, Nimrod Stephenson, William Howden, churchwardens"; on the tenor "This peal was recast by Jno. Taylor & Son, Loughborough, late of Oxford and St. Neot's A.D. 1845."

January 25, 1846.

The ringers of Holmfirth state that although they have travelled a distance of 32 miles to the prize ringing at Ilkley, they were denied the privilege which others were allowed of the choice of their own judge,

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**ILKLEY'S BELLS** (continued)

and although all acknowledged their ringing to be superior, they only obtained the second prize. In some doggerel verses they state they are able to ring with the best six men who dare dispute their right to the first prize.

**February 8, 1846.**

Mr. Editor. Having seen a paragraph in your paper of Sunday week stating that the Holmfirth ringers complained strongly of unfair treatment used towards them at the recent exhibition of prize ringing at Ilkley, we beg, as two of the judges on the occasion, to offer a brief and unvarnished statement of the facts of the case:— When the letters of invitation to the competition were sent to the various companies of ringers, not a single word was said concerning judges or referees; consequently no company was expected to bring any individual with them specially to act in this capacity, nor was it the case, except in one instance, which proved to be that of the very identical company of complainers from Holmfirth, who from fear or policy, brought two. When at Ilkley, and each set were requested to name a competent person from the body of ringers who did not intend to perform, to act as judge, subject to a ballot as to which five out of the eight should act, the Holmfirth party in due course named their man. Now this individual being well known for his quarrelsome, unjudgelike propensities, was immediately objected to by every other set, save his proposers, who when they found the unpleasant predicament in which they were placed, immediately withdrew their man and replaced him by a second. This person was not objected to, and on the ballot being taken, he was one of the five judges whose decision, it was there and then determined, should be final and who unanimously issued the following statement: That the faults of the parties winning the prizes were as follows: Tong, 181; Holmfirth, 397.

Now after this statement, we trust that the public will not be misled by any childish excuses and complaints as to unfair treatment. Let the Holmfirth ringers (whom we allow to be a clever company) enter the field in future with the praiseworthy determination of doing their utmost to obtain distinction, but when honourably beaten, not to seek, at the expense of rule and honesty, to malign and defame their conquerors.

Yours obediently,

John Robinson & Christopher Isles  
Members of the S. Peter's Company  
of Ringers, Leeds.

**February 15, 1846.**

We have received a long letter from Mr. George Higgins, of the Rose & Crown, Holmfirth, in which he states that the assertions of the Leeds ringers, in reference to the prize ringing at Ilkley, are not founded in truth, but we have not space to enter into Mr. H's. further refutation of them.

**RINGING TOURS—MONDAY****Eastern**

Pontefract All Saints, 9.30–11.  
Carlton-juxta-Snaith, 10.15–11.45.  
Selby, 10.45–12.15.  
Hemingbrough (ringing is at the crossing and ladies must have their heads covered), 11.30–1.  
Howden, 12–1.30.  
Holme-on-Spalding Moor, 12.45–2.  
Market Weighton (sandwiches available), 1.15–2.15.  
Nunburnholme, 1.45–2.45.  
Pocklington, 2–3.  
York Minster, 2.30–4.  
Whixley, 4.15–5.15.  
Aldborough, 4.45–5.45.  
Knaresborough, 5.15–6.15.  
Birstwith, 5.45–7.15.

**Southern**

Calverley, 9.30–10.30.  
Pudsey, 10–11.  
Cleckheaton, 10.30–12.  
Dewsbury, 11–12.30.  
Wakefield (parking in Cathedral Yard; sandwiches available), 11.30–1.  
Crofton, 12–1.30.  
Wragby (situated in grounds of Nostell Priory), 12.30–2.  
Royston, 1–2.30.  
Rotherham, 1.30–3.  
Handsworth, 2–3.30.  
Bolsterstone, 2.30–4.  
Hoylandswaine, 3–4.30.  
Holmfirth, 3.30–5.  
Huddersfield, 4–5.30.  
Halifax St. John's (follow signpost for B.R. Station), 4.30–6.  
Northowram, 5–6.30.  
Denholme, 5.30–7.  
Bingley, 6–7.30.

**NOTE.**—Tower stewards will give priority to members of the Council wearing lapel badges.

**Alterations:**

Because of a wedding, Sprotborough (Saturday, A1) times of ringing are 12.30–1.30.

Sunday ringing at Bradford and Wakefield has also been changed, so please enquire before travelling to these places.

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS****South Eastern District**

The third district A.G.M. of the Guild was held at the Metropolitan Police Club House, Bushey, Herts, on April 18. The Church of St. Mary, Hendon, with its ring of eight, was a popular meeting place for officers and ex-officers from the Home Counties and Metropolis and good use was made of the bells before members adjourned to the Bushey Club House. They were met by Asst. Dept. Comm. R. Linge and the district secretary, Peter Shonk (out of the ringing for the day owing to a slipped disc!). An excellent lunch was enjoyed by all, which well deserved the thanks extended to the catering staff.

The meeting commenced at 2 p.m., with our very able and popular ringing master (Ch. Supt. Ronald Hagley, of the Surrey Constabulary) taking the chair. He welcomed members and their guests and thanked Mr. Linge for his interest and support. He expressed satisfaction in the way the district was being run and hoped that the increase in membership and the interest shown by all would continue. District officers were re-elected unanimously, which included Mr. George Amor, of Bedford, as the committee member.

Throughout the meeting most of the comments were connected with members of the Surrey force. P.C. W. Page had left the force to live in Australia, and the meeting wished him good luck "down under." Congratulations went to P.C. T. Davies and W.P.C. G. Winnett, recently married, and to the members of the Constabulary who took part in the peal for the Guild in May last year.

The next meeting was arranged for Saffron Walden, Essex, in July, and after the meeting closed members continued their ringing on the bells of St. John the Baptist, Aldenham; St. Mary's, Watford; St. John's, Stanmore, and St. Peter's, Bushey Heath. The day ended in the club house with sandwiches and liquid refreshment.

Thanks are given to all the incumbents and tower secretaries for permission to ring and the arrangements throughout the day.

W.P.C. Geraldine Winnett, daughter of Canon A. R. Winnett, formerly of Grayshott, Hants, and P.C. Trevor Davies, also of Grayshott, who were married recently.



Be not the first by whom the new are tried,  
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside.  
Pope.

# BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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## A 1970 HANDBELL HAPPENING . . .

CROWTHORNE, home of the late Canon Coleridge and in recent years a centre of handbell ringing, became suddenly in one weekend the focus of a large majority of that fraternity who sit double-handed to their peals.

So it was that on April 17-19, Friday to Sunday, a galaxy of ringers gathered in this Berkshire locality, at the home of Frank Price and other venues, for peal ringing on 10, 12 and 16 bells.

Informality, coupled with some serious and a little not-so-serious ringing, was the keynote of success, highlighted by a social evening of relaxation after peal attempts. The peals, now published, will tell their own story, but they will not show the organisation and preparation necessary to bring some 40 ringers under one roof on a unique venture probably never before possible. Identities were soon sorted, names and faces placed for many for the first time, specialists in the fields of conducting and composing, ringers mature and experienced mixing with youth and enthusiasm, all to make up a kaleidoscope of personalities present to enjoy one common factor—handbell ringing.

During Saturday evening's informalities the "Watford Band," led by John Mayne, spliced Surprise Maximus in superb style with that precise rhythm which makes it look easy and belies the complicated methods employed. Stedman Cinques à la Pete Staniforth and the Leicestershire group got quickly under way, the ringing and the music of Stedman complementing each other. Three leads of Kent Sixteen gave the eight participants their "firsts" in this very musical and difficult-to-encompass number.

Earlier in the day this had been rung to a peal by a combined Watford, Leicester and Marple band, and this blending of ringers into unfamiliar groups was indicative of the 11 peals attempted. Ringers of any standard unaccustomed to performing without prior rehearsal do not always succeed and consequently there were a few failures (indeed, if all peals were certainties they would not be a challenge). Credit must be given to all teams for the high standard of ringing.

Add a sumptuous buffet supper, to say nothing of 'owt about the "other" refreshment available throughout the evening, and altogether a very happy and enjoyable time was had by all, thanks to our hosts, Frank and Sheila, thanks shown later by the presentation of a canteen of cutlery by all the guests in appreciation of the inspiration and fruition of this unique occasion.

As early as 9 a.m. on Sunday a party joined the locals for service ringing at Easthampstead, later at Warfield and other towers, then more handbell peals before making for home through almost all points of the compass.

When home we hope that our visitors to Berkshire will look back with pleasure in meeting other ringers, of ringing handbells in this well-organised, informal way—as will the Berkshire lot appreciate their coming.

S. G. S., K. R. D.  
The company: Jim and Helen Diserens, Ken Davenport, Bernard and Valerie Groves, Bob and May Smith, Gerald and Molly Moorhouse, Julia Fellows, Martin Major, Martyn and Vicki Jordan, David and Thelma Lane, Brian and Pat Woodruffe, David and Pam Atkinson, Alan and Jenny Scholfield, Gerald Penney, Janet Pearson, Roger and Kath Baldwin, John Mayne, Alf Ballard David Moore, Pete and Jill Staniforth, Chris and Margaret Woolley, Sue Sargeant, Bill Coles, Jeff and Sandra Claughton, Stan and Joan Scott, Graham Scott, Frank and Sheila Price.

## ON UNIVERSALITY (No. 2)

Dear Sir,—About this time last year there was a deal of correspondence on the subject of Universal Compositions (Ringing World pages 122, 162, 222, 242 and 362), the last being from one, S. W. Barton, of Birmingham, pointing out the existence of other sets of universal courses besides 3,4/4,3 (S. Humphrey) and 5,6/6,5 (E. Shuttleworth/R. J. Parker).

The notation used here is an abbreviation of 3 in 3rds + and in 4ths — and its reversal, similarly for 5 or 6 in 5ths and 6ths. S. W. Barton's letter prompted me to get out compositions for 5,4/6,3 and 4,5/3,6 and also to discover the remaining set of courses symmetrical about 7,8, which is 2,2. I did this using singles in 3-4 and 5-6, and so although R. E. Hardy's courses are not original, his use of one type of call is.

It seems convenient at this point to set out a table of the nine basic sets of universal courses produced in this manner along with the f-groups to which they are true:—

2,2	GHJKNOPRSU	cdef
3,3/4,4	CFJLPRS	bcd f
5,5/6,6	CEGHJLMNORS	bef
2,3/2,4	DFJOPRSU	abf
2,5/2,6	EGJRS	abc
3,4/4,3	BJLNOPRS	abce
5,6/6,5	BGHJLMORS	bcd f
3,6/4,5	BCDJLNPRS	d
6,3/5,4	BCEGJLMNRS	d

The first three sets in the above table belong to another type of UC as well: 24 courses + and — with three bells fixed; if the 15 possible trios of fixed bells are examined they will be found to belong to one of the above three or to 4, 5, 8. This new set is true to CEFJKMNOPSU b d e f and to two entirely tenors-parted groups designated X and Delta by E. Shuttleworth in his tabulation of the 360 f.c.h.'s. (I shall give these and others later.)

Beyond this, in the realms of parted tenors and long peals, among other things we find two very interesting compositions derived directly from two of the above.

If the fixed bells are symmetrically disposed in the coursing order they may themselves be permuted by suitable calls to produce 72 courses. M. J. Platt's 16128 Superlative derives from 24 courses on 4, 5, 8 fixed, by interchanging them using singles. The other set which may be similarly treated is that with 6, 7, 8 fixed, bobs interchanging these among themselves. The truth sets for these long peals are:—

For 0000XXX (0=2, 3, 4, 5, X=6, 7, 8)

CJOR bf X Gamma and Delta.

For 00XX00X (0=2, 3, 6, 7, X=4, 5, 8)

GEJS b d e X and Delta.

(Incidentally, has anyone looked at Vernon Bedford's 5376 Cambridge to see if it will go to 16128 in this way?)

Shuttleworth's remaining groups are:—

X	265743+	276354+
	632754	276435
	635742	475623
		672435
	346752—	675324
	526734	
	546723	374652—
	564732	673245

Gamma 364752+

	625743—	275643—
	635724	276453
		376425
		675423

Delta

546732+ and 672354— only.

(Any tenors-together composition runs true to these groups.)

## VIRGIN TOWERS

Two more "virgin" towers were conquered on April 18 at Askrigg and Aysgarth, North Yorkshire, both having rings of six.

Because of the mixed band from Westmorland, Lancashire and Yorkshire, it was decided that one peal should be rung for the Lancashire Association and the other for the Yorkshire Association.

The bells at Askrigg are in quite good condition, but are certainly men's bells as far as the "go" is concerned, while those at Aysgarth are an easy ring, with home-made horsehair sallies.

Details of the bells are as follows:—

Askrigg.

Treble.—To the Glory of God. And in memory of Thomas and Jane Lodge. This bell was dedicated by their sons and daughters, 1897.

2nd.—In memory of George and Elizabeth Winn. This bell was erected by their son, James C. Winn, 1897.

3rd.—This peal of bells was recast in Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee year, 1897. W. E. M. Winn, Vicar. E. Chapman and G. Bell (Churchwardens).

4th.—Jesus be our speed. 1657. Recast 1897.

5th.—God save his church. 1657. Recast 1897.

Tenor.—Thomas Mallaby & Sons, Church Bell Hanger, Masham. All ye that hear my mournful sound, Repent before you lie in ground. 1657. Recast 1897.

All cast by John Warner and Sons Ltd., London, 1897.

Aysgarth. Rehung by Gillett and Johnston, 1913.

All: T. Mears of London, fecit 1829.

Tenor.—Rev<sup>d</sup>. John Winn, M.A., Vicar. Geor. P. Richardson, Francis Winnington, Rich<sup>d</sup> Thistlethwaite, John Nicholson—Churchwardens.

The only group seen to be missing in all this is T—any offers of a composition or a proof of insufficient material? There are a number of methods with that false-ness and more, too!

There is a case for a more scholarly article than this, starting with publication of Shuttleworth's grouping and proceeding via symmetries and substitution groups to a theory of F-relations and T-sets—any offers?

I may add in passing that there are universal method structures too—especially the D.N.C.B./Superlative/Bristol family, which may be bent to include such methods as those with a treble path: 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 7 6 5 6 7 8 and reverse (named "Frolic" by the late Derek Ogden)—this has the same class of falseness as Eryri and its unrung companion, Yr Wyddfa.

Furthermore, while in print may I point out (albeit belatedly) that the 5184 Yorkshire, etc., rung under or over my name should really be attributed to Edmund Shuttleworth and not to

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Manchester.

P.S.—Since the cost of advertising Method Splicing Major is barely covered by its sales, I shall be pleased to give copies to people who send a 6in. x 9in. stamped (6d.) addressed envelope with a good explanation as to why they haven't bought one already or some form of peace offering (cheque, new composition, gossip, etc.).

P.P.S.—Am I right in thinking that Kevin Price and his band are the first to ring 720's and peals of original Minor? Let's see the composition(s) anyway —G. B. T.



## Letters

### CLOSED HANDSTROKE LEADS

Dear Sir,—I find the views expressed by Mr. Brotherton on closed handstroke leads completely unacceptable. To ring in this way is not "hard graft" if one sets one's mind to doing so without taking the line that it is incorrect. Surely it is not beyond the physical powers of any experienced ringer to pull slightly harder at handstroke and less hard at backstroke than for open-lead ringing.

As to this type of ringing being rhythmless, this is totally fallacious. It is no less rhythmical to ring Minor with 12 blows every two changes than with 13; in fact those accustomed to closed-lead ringing could argue with some justification that the "stutte" of the open lead impedes rather than aids good rhythm.

In any case it is surely gross bad manners to ring anywhere as a visitor and then write to The Ringing World complaining of local practices. I can personally assure Mr. Brotherton that to anyone with a sound ringing training interchange between closed- and open-lead ringing is quite easy provided that one gives some effort and understanding to the type one is not used to. Not to have taken part in good closed-lead ringing is to have missed a very enjoyable experience.—Yours faithfully,

PHILIP ROGERS.

Durham.

Dear Sir,—Replying to H. Brotherton, of Ashbourne (Ringing World, page 341), I feel sure that they were not "obliged" to ring! The sentence "This in itself I found completely unacceptable" gives the impression that the writer finds the closed handstroke an unforgivable sin.

Early in 1969 I visited Roughtown, Mossley, Lancs, and was privileged to hear the local band practise for a forthcoming competition. The handstroke was closed, and the striking was the most accurate I have heard, or am likely to hear for some time. During the general practice I was "invited" to ring with the band; sadly, my own striking was not of the same quality as theirs, the closed handstrokes causing part of the difficulty.

I would suspect that H. Brotherton, in common with myself, could not adjust his style of ringing to suit the prevailing conditions. The next time I go to Mossley I hope to improve upon my last performance.

In conclusion I quote the old saying "When in Rome do as the Romans do," and add: Please let the band continue to teach their recruits their own way, which they presumably find more "acceptable" than our own peculiar style.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID REDFEARN.

Caddington, Beds.

Dear Sir,—If H. Brotherton found it so distasteful to ring closed leads, why did he try to do it? And as for it being hard graft, he is talking nonsense.

I am a closed-lead Minor ringer, but if I visit a tower where open handstroke leads are rung, I do so and do not complain. I say to the teacher: Carry on teaching closed leads because I consider it the most perfect form of Minor ringing. You get perfect rhythm and glorious music!—Yours faithfully,

HARRY MANN.

Silkstone, Yorkshire.

Dear Sir,—I suppose one ought to be grateful that another ringer's education is a step nearer completion. A step in the right direction would be for Mr. Brotherton to learn: (a) that it does not matter whether open- or closed-leads are rung, and (b) how to strike either (or both) correctly.

It would be interesting to discover the basis for his assumption that open-lead ringing is "traditional." It would not surprise me to discover that open leads were a later innovation introduced either to pander to the fallacy that 6-5's were objectionable or to reduce what H. Brotherton calls "hard graft."

The first myth was exploded some time ago; the second, in view of modern bell-hanging, is hardly tenable. — Yours faithfully,

HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield, Yorkshire.

### AMENDMENTS

Dear Sir,—I wish to inform you that I have been responsible for an error in the names of seven methods in recent Spliced Doubles peals.

The error has occurred in extent No. 2 and No. 7 respectively in the peals rung at Barrowby (page 231) and Eaton (page 276). The method names that appear there should be deleted and the following inserted: Caernarvonshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Radnorshire, Cardiganshire, Denbighshire and Glamorgan.

I apologise to those who keep records and details of peals for any inconvenience this may have caused.—Yours faithfully,

PETER A. SLIGHT.

Grantham, Lincs.

### MULTI-SPLICED MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—It has been discovered that the compositions used in the recent peals of 60- and 75-Spliced Surprise Maximus are false. It is with regret therefore that we have to withdraw the following two peals:—

60 Spliced Surprise Maximus at St. Peter's, Nottingham, for the Lancashire Association on July 12, 1969.

75 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Manchester Town Hall for the Chester Diocesan Guild on November 8, 1969.

The errors arose due to our own negligence, and we offer our sincere apologies to the rest of the bands.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL BENNETT,  
JOHN H. FIELDEN.

### SCRAPYARD BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. Bassett for putting me right about the five bells formerly in St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Tunbridge Wells. One hopes that the scrapyards' origin may be eventually discovered. Perhaps he would visit again and record their inscriptions for those interested.

But what did happen to the bells of the church? Did they go to the new one after the old one was demolished in the name of progress to make way for a "temple of food" (that is, if a new one was built)? Did local ringers say: "Well, they are only five, were hung 'dead,' so let 'em go," or did they, waxing valiant in fight, sorrow at their being hung "dead" once again or, worse still, their destruction? Or might they yet ring?—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Canterbury, Kent.

### THE GENTLEMANLY PROTEST

Dear Sir,—In a long ringing life (three-quarters of a century) I have heard many protests from nearby inhabitants after a peal, but the most gentlemanly one was at Chatham, where the church is close to the barracks.

Fifty years ago, when James Bennett, of Grundisburgh, was a C.S.M. in the Royal Marines and stationed at Chatham, he arranged a peal of Double Norwich. After we had finished an N.C.O. appeared in the belfry and said: "The Captain's compliments, and will you let him know the next time you have a 'competition' so that he can make other arrangements." — Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

"I rang my first Surprise peal in July, 1923, and over the years had taken part in 439 in 54 different methods. It was not till 1969 that I realised I needed ten to complete the alphabet. And now I have succeeded—the first Suffolk ringer to do so. To date it is 469 in 64 methods. My thanks to all who have assisted me to accomplish this."—So writes Mr. L. G. Brett, of Framsdon.

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# Quarter Peals

**Alveston, Glos.**—April 24, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. M. Hanson 1, Miss E. E. Starling 2, Miss P. J. E. Sturdy 3, G. T. Collins 4, E. G. Mould (cond.) 5, A. R. Tuck 6. For the retirement of Canon W. W. Orpwood (nine years vicar).

**Ashted, Surrey.**—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline Wolfe 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian Laver 3, Felicity Hamilton (first as cond. in method) 4, J. V. Stedman 5, R. Mills 6, J. Laver 7, D. Barnes 8.

**Barkingside, Essex.**—April 26, 1280 Camb. S. Major: M. Hollis 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Christine Morton 3, Susan Turcan 4, Barbara Shaw 5, Mary Wilkinson 6, D. Gower 7, D. Ellison (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival. First Camb. S. Major 1, 2, 3, 4. First Surprise Major by an all-local band.

**Bath, Som.**—April 27, at SS. Michael with Paul Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, A. Adams 5, P. J. Devrell 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. Wedding compliment to Miss G. Beckett and Mr. D. Orledge, married at St. Swithin's Church, East Grinstead.

**Bedford, Beds.**—March 29, at St. Paul's, 1440 Bristol S. Royal: F. W. Rivett 1, Linda Fleming 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, A. H. Smith 5, S. Ivin (cond.) 6, R. L. Piron 7, M. J. Marriott 8, K. H. Fleming 9, C. M. Orme 10. For Easter Evensong. Also April 19, 1280 Camb. S. Major: Shelagh Melville 1, Jeremy Piron (11, first in method) 2, R. J. Sharp 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, J. Thorp 5, A. Gibbs 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

**Bicker, Lincs.**—May 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, G. H. Campling (first Triples) 2, M. J. Belcher (25th quarter) 3, H. Barsley 4, R. Howard 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, R. Stephenson 7, S. Johnson (first Triples) 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cope, of Bicker. Also May 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, D. Fensom 4, M. J. Belcher 5, G. H. Campling (cond.) 6. For Rogation Sunday.

**Biggin Hill, Kent.**—April 26, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles. Catherine Spicer 1, P. R. Butler (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. Collinge 3, Julia Collinge 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, D. J. Stocker 6.

**Bishopstoke, Hants.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. K. Waldron 1, Linda V. Cull 2, I. M. McCallion 3, J. C. Howell (first Triples inside) 4, J. R. Rodwell (first Triples) 5, R. Le Marechal 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7. For Evensong.

**Bishop's Stortford, Herts.**—April 22, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Westwood 1, R. F. Prime 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Walker 5, A. E. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. R. Hutley 8. Compliment to Rev. J. Atkinson, former curate, on his installation as priest-in-charge of St. Thomas', Letchworth. Also April 27, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. L. G. Goodman 1, R. F. Prime 2, R. Hayden 3, G. Goodman 4, P. C. Warboys 5, K. Westwood 6, L. Luck (first Caters) 7, A. E. Richardson 8, W. Hunt (cond.) 9, D. R. Hutley 10. First on ten 1, 5, 6, 8, 10.

**Blaiston, Glos.**—April 25, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: Helen Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first in method) 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Also April 25, 1296 Camb. S. Minor: M. P. Taylor 1, Helen Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Cambridge for 5, and as a family.

**Bradpole, Dorset.**—April 26, 1260 P.B. Minor: Valerie Calvert (first quarter) 1, R. Haines 2, Helen Haines 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, I. L. Andrews 6, A. C. Case cover. For Evensong. Also April 28, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Valerie Calvert 1, R. Haines (cond.) 2, I. L. Andrews (first in four methods) 3, Helen Haines 4, D. B. Ellery 5, A. D. Case 6.

**Braughing, Herts.**—April 10, 1260 Doubles (four methods): C. Moore 1, K. Westwood 2, P. J. Glazebrook 3, W. Hunt (cond.) 4, R. Walker 5.

**Bromfield, Salop.**—April 5, 1260 Doubles (two methods): W. Bailey 1, A. Bradley 2, D. Ferguson (cond.) 3, G. Fletcher 4, P. Keene 5, G. Cotterill 6. A farewell to Rev. L. Snell on his retirement.

**Broughton, Staffs.**—March 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia M. Humphreys (first on eight) 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, N. R. I. White 3, Daphne M. Appleby (first inside on eight) 4, R. Riley 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6, J. P. Burton 7, S. W. Illidge 8.

**Bucklebury, Berks.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Miss J. Marshall 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, S. C. W. Brown (first inside) 5, R. Crook 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, A. W. Davis 8. To welcome Rev. C. G. T. Herbert to the living of Bucklebury.

**Caddington, Beds.**—May 3, 1296 Surprise Minor (three methods): Margaret A. Aslett (first in England) 1, Christine M. Webb 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, Brenda P. Redfearn 4, M. Foster 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**Canterbury, Kent.**—At the Cathedral, April 26, 1299 Stedman Caters: G. Davies 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, D. H. Niblett 3, P. J. Small 4, L. Huckstepp 5, P. M. Hills 6, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 7, T. Skilton 8, D. J. Carr 9, T. H. Holmes 10.

**Cardiff, Glap.**—April 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Brewer (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Cooke 2, Miss J. Ashcroft 3, M. Esbester 4, P. W. Thomas (first Triples as cond.) 5, W. Harford 6, M. J. Pryor 7, T. T. Yeomans 8. To welcome Kevin Norman Coombs to Colin and Olwen Coombs, ringers at Llanfrehfa; also for the conductor's 15th birthday.

**Chewtown Mendip, Som.**—April 14, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1, W. S. Rice 2, J. Haynes 3, G. Hebdon 4, M. Hebdon 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6, R. W. Rice 7, S. G. Smith 8. A welcome to J. Haynes, recently moved to Somerset.

**Chigwell, Essex.**—April 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Barham 1, Christine Neville 2, Elisabeth Ottaway 3, C. W. Ottaway 4, D. Riley (cond.) 5, E. J. Cross 6.

**Chinnor, Oxon.**—April 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Dawn V. Little 1, P. Wilkinson 2, E. Harmsworth 3, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 4, F. Keen 5, C. Wilkinson 6. For Bishop of Oxford's visitation. Also April 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Wilkinson (first Minor) 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, F. Keen 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor by a local band. Also April 26, 1260 Doubles (four methods): G. Judge 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. First in four Doubles methods for all except 2.

**Coleshill, Warks.**—April 16, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Nicklin (first inside) 1, N. W. Richards 2, K. C. Richards 3, R. Farmer 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5, L. L. Willis 6.

**Ditcheat, Som.**—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell (50th quarter) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, G. H. Baldam (first in the method as cond.) 3, W. Higgins 4, C. P. Wainwright (first quarter inside) 5, D. G. Mayell 6. In memoriam Frederick J. Reeves.

**East Ilsley, Berks.**—April 26, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 1, Patricia E. Hibbert 2, Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, J. H. Napper 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, B. M. Wheeler 6, J. W. Wilson 7, H. R. Wells 8. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. D. P. King, on retirement.

**Eastnor, Herefords.**—April 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jennifer Gough (first Minor) 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, S. B. Bell 4, E. C. Biggs 5, P. G. Hickey (circled the tower) 6. To wish Mrs. R. Collins a speedy recovery after an operation.

**Elland, Yorks.**—March 22, 1440 P.B. Major: Ruby Mortimer 1, Anne Barnaby 2, Mary Pollard 3, H. Rodgers 4, P. Birket 5, F. Linboate 6, H. Jones 7, H. Waylen (first as cond. on eight) 8.

**Felkirk, S. Yorks.**—April 17, 1260 St. Clement's Minor: M. Carbutt 1, Frances Garfield 2, R. Cater 3, A. Dunn-Birch 4, P. Charlesworth 5, P. Carbutt (cond.) 6.

**Felmersham, Beds.**—April 24, 1250 Superlative S. Major: M. Major 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Linda Fleming 3, A. H. Smith 4, R. L. Piron 5, K. H. Fleming 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. M. Orme 8.

**Gedling, Notts.**—April 26, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, Miss S. O'Neill 3, J. R. Anthony 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, R. Adey 6.

**Glaston, Rutland.**—April 26, 1260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Peggy E. Jennings 1, J. A. Ellis (most m/v) 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, L. Atton 4, C. J. Groome (50th as cond.) 5. For family service.

**Gravesend, Kent.**—April 19, 1260 P.B. Minor: Hazel P. Matthews (first quarter) 1, Lynn E. Seton 2, R. M. Thompson 3, R. J. Thompson 4, E. Stuart 5, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Haresfield, Glos.**—April 12, 1260 Doubles (three meth./var.): Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, P. Screen 3, R. Page 4, D. Tomlins (cond.) 5, R. Screen 6.

**Hensingham, Cumb.**—May 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Richardson 1, Miss V. Bell 2, J. E. Brown 3, Mrs. M. Street 4, W. Seward 5, Mrs. M. Dodd (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Honiley, Warks.**—1320 Stedman Doubles: C. Sweeney (cond.) 1, Diana Meredith 2, Penny Coomber 3, G. S. Hall 4, R. D. Baker 5. By Coventry Colleges Guild.

**Hulme, Manchester.**—May 3, at St. Philip's, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): Oneta M. Wilson (first Minor) 1, I. E. Margaret Manby 2, P. Dyson 3, W. Birmingham, jun. 4, P. Boucher 5, P. G. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. Farewell to St. Philip's and welcome to the Church of the Ascension, Hulme.

**Huyton, Lancs.**—April 23, 1500 Grandsire Doubles: G. K. Austin 1, D. G. V. Ellison 2, N. P. A. Goulding 3, J. Dunbavin 4, R. G. Latham 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For St. George's Day.

**Ightfield, Shropshire.**—May 2, 1320 Minor (ten methods): Valeria Jamson 1, E. V. Rodenhurst 2, H. W. Howard 3, J. R. Scott 4, G. A. Edwards 5, F. R. Morton (cond.) 6.

**King's Langley, Herts.**—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. M. Barker (cond.) 1, R. J. Barker (first inside) 2, D. J. Goodman 3, Miss G. Barker 4, P. W. Harper 5, E. Wortham (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also April 26, Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss H. M. Toms 1, R. J. Barker 2, P. W. Harper (cond.) 3, R. J. Picton 4, K. D. Waples 5, D. J. Goodman 6. For Evensong; also a farewell to Miss Toms on her departure for Australia.

**Lane End, Bucks.**—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Smith (first quarter) 1, S. Smith 2, T. Wright 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. Before the service for the National Master Farriers, Blacksmiths and Agricultural Association, Reading Branch.

**Langdon Hills, Essex.**—May 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: S. Clarke (first on tower bells) 1, Janice Minterfield (first inside) 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, K. Lucas 4, S. D. Stott 5, W. White 6. For morning service, by a resident band.

**Lichfield, Staffs.**—April 11, 1280 P.B. Major: S. W. Illidge 1, Rosemary E. White 2, R. Riley 3, Daphne M. Appleby 4, J. B. Webb 5, N. R. I. White 6, J. P. Burton 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 8. First Major 3, 4. A compliment to Ian Friend and Miss Margaret Gwilt, married at Newport, Salop; 21st birthday compliment to S. G. Pick.

**Llandaff, Glam.**—April 19, 1260 Stedman Triples: Anne Cooke 1, D. G. Clift 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, N. A. James 5, G. Hughes 6, S. Fenwick 7, J. James 8. For Evensong. Also April 26, 1320 Spliced London and Camb. S. Royal: Anne Cooke 1, P. A. Williams 2, T. P. Edwards 3, J. Clatworthy 4, D. J. Llewellyn 5, M. R. Meadows 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, S. Fenwick 8, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 9, P. S. Bennett 10. For Evensong.

**London, W.C.**—St. Clement Danes', April 19, 1259 Grandsire Caters: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright 3, Joan M. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, C. C. M. Pain 7, C. E. Brown 8, J. Stephenson 9, P. Sippitt 10. For Matins.

**London, E.C.**—April 26, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. Barry (cond.) 1, Helen Maltman 2, H. G. Weedon 3, W. A. Hughes 4, W. A. Theobald 5, T. N. J. Bailey 6, R. A. Hunt 7, R. G. Brown 8.

**Long Melford, Suffolk.**—April 19, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: V. Ambrose 1, D. J. Reeve 2, Mrs. Evelyn R. Reeve 3, P. Mayle 4, G. W. Bloomfield 5, D. J. Reeve 6, J. A. Mayle (first in method) 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Evensong and for the safe return of Apollo 13.

**Market Weighton, E. Yorks.**—April 17, 1260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Pl. Bob): R. East 1, P. Carpenter (first T.B.) 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

**Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.**—April 26, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: R. M. Thompson 1, L. Setton 2, S. Sandford 3, J. E. Jarvis 4, R. J. Thompson 5, J. V. Barnard 6, E. C. Stuart (first as cond.) 7, F. Matthews 8. A farewell to Norton Collard.



**Lympne, Kent.**—April 12, 1320 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: A. R. Day 1, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 2, R. Stainer (first inside) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson 5, B. J. Butcher 6. For Evensong: a 61st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Harman. Also April 19, 1260 Minor (three methods): R. Stainer 1, Judith Brooks 2, J. Hedgecock 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Matins.

**Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.**—April 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. E. Boyce 1, Christine Boyce 2, Sandra M. Pitman 3, M. Lawson-Miles 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. R. Boyce 6.

**Manchester.**—April 23, at the Cathedral, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: W. Birmingham 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, P. Boucher 4, D. G. Manby 5, R. F. Eccles 6, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8. By Cathedral service band prior to the Bishop of Manchester's last service before retirement.

**Minster, Kent.**—March 15, 1260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis M. Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. For choral Communion. Also March 22, 1260 Doubles (two meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis M. Poppleton (first as cond.) 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Ann Bryant 6. For choral Communion. Also March 29, 1260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis M. Poppleton 2, Mira Ford (first as cond.) 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Ann Bryant 6. For Easter choral Communion. Also March 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Caroline Embleton 1, Jane Whitham (first inside) 2, Jane Bryant 3, Joan Exeter 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Jill C. Singleton 6. For Easter Evensong. Also April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan Goodwin 1, Jane Whitham 2, Ann Bryant 3, Glynis M. Poppleton (cond.) 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, D. Little (first quarter) 6. For St. George's Day.

**Misson, Notts.**—April 25, 1440 Minor (Oxford Bob, Pl. Bob): P. Rogers (cond.) 1, Miss C. M. Wright 2, B. Birkett 3, P. N. Mounsey 4, J. A. Coates 5, G. A. Dawson 6. Peel attempt called round.

**Nettleham, Lincs.**—April 26, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Booth 1, Miss R. Redden (first inside) 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, C. Nicoll 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, P. Bell 6. For Evensong.

**Newcastle upon Tyne.**—At the cathedral, April 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Anderson 1, Miss C. H. Telfer 2, D. Martin 3, R. N. Scholes 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. Hedley 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, M. E. Johnson 8. To celebrate the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

**Northwram, Yorks.**—April 25, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Anne Walker 1, F. Linfoot 2, G. Turner 3, H. Jones 4, A. Naylor (cond.) 5, C. Walker (first in method) 6.

**Portsmouth, Hants.**—April 27, at the Cathedral, 1360 Oxford T.B. Royal: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, Miss J. Berriman 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, H. L. Hatfield 6, M. S. Bruce 7, W. Williams 8, A. A. J. Buswell 9, C. G. Bryant 10. First Oxford T.B. Royal by all.

**Putney, S.W.**—April 26, 1260 Minor (three methods): Mary Knight 1, Janet Bull 2, M. J. Uphill 3, C. R. Harris 4, B. J. Bull 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Ripple, Worcs.**—April 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Spiers 1, Miss J. Gainey 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Mead 4, M. Hawkes 5, P. Bennett 6.

**Rotherham, Yorks.**—April 26, 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (Rutland, Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge): G. A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hattwell 3, C. Newton 4, M. S. Turner 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. A. J. R. Mahon, hon. resident engineer in charge of church fabric restoration, who was present.

**Rothley, Leics.**—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Poole (first quarter) 1, Kathryn E. Antill (first quarter) 2, Rosemary Spray 3, T. A. Yates 4, R. A. Spray 5, C. J. Holland (cond.) 6.

**Rowley Regis, Worcs.**—April 26, 1260 Grandsire D. and Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. Joan Coley (first quarter) 1, G. Harper 2, R. Tandy 3, A. Roberts 4, D. Chiswell (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. For Evensong and a farewell to Mrs. J. Coley.

**Ruddington, Notts.**—May 3, 1280 P.B. Major: Miss H. M. Shrimpton (first quarter) 1, S. Adams 2, P. C. Selby 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osborne 5, R. J. Stretton 6, N. Handley 7, D. Oliver (cond.) 8. For Rogation Day.

**St. Albans, Herts.**—April 25, at St. Peter's, 1551 Stedman Caters: Dawn Owen 1, Christine Carter 2, Elizabeth Forster 3, Heather Darvill 4, Joyce Clarke 5, T. C. Holland 6, H. V. Frost (cond.) 7, R. W. Darvill 8, J. E. Ewer 9, J. D. Duggan 10. Longest length by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

**Seasalter, Kent.**—Easter Sunday, 1260 Doubles and Minor (three methods): J. Phillips 1, M. Ostler 2, Miss J. Steed 3, Miss D. Austin 4, Miss A. Steed 5, D. Cawley (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong. First quarter on the bells since recasting and transfer from Tottington, Norfolk.

**Sempringham, Lincs.**—May 3, 1260 Doubles (six m/v): D. Fensom 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (25th as cond.) 4, M. J. Belcher 5, P. G. Butler 6. For Rogation Sunday.

**Send, Surrey.**—April 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Warner 1, Pam Bird 2, P. Hartt 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. In memoriam William Shepherd and William Goldstone.

**Shrivenham, Berks.**—April 5, 1260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Plummer 1, E. C. Anger 2, G. F. Baxter 3, J. T. Sawyer 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6, G. M. Moss 7, R. T. Irish 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Percy Anger, aged 88, lifetime ringer at local church.

**Southampton, Hants.**—At St. Mary's Church, Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia Hunt (first quarter) 1, Joy Butler 2, Diane Butler 3, C. J. Butler 4, B. Brophy 5, M. J. Butler 6, A. Jackson (cond.) 7, B. V. Butler 8.

**Southminster, Essex.**—April 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. P. Robinson 1, Mrs. C. Robinson 2, C. T. Williams 3, E. Potter 4, D. V. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. Halsey 6. Half-muffled in memoriam W. H. Taylor, Vicar of Southminster 1947–1969.

**South Petherton, Som.**—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Marks 1, H. W. Pearce (cond.) 2, R. C. Beale 3, G. Glyde 4, E. Rice 5, W. Samways 6. For Evensong and to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

**Standon, Herts.**—April 20, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: D. R. Hutley (100th quarter) 1, W. Hunt 2, P. Glazebrook 3, A. E. Richardson (first Surprise) 4, L. Luck 5, R. F. Prime (cond.) 6.

**Stedham, Sussex.**—April 7, 1260 Doubles (April Day, Pl. Bob): H. G. West 1, Judith S. Kirk (first as cond.) 2, D. A. Kirk 3, Gillian P. Ewens 4, R. L. Smith 5. To welcome Alistair, son of Noel and Margery Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

**Streatham, S.W.**—April 12, at St. Leonard's, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Christine H. Northeast 1, Lorna Huckstep (first in method) 2, J. W. F. Rea 3, E. J. Adams 4, S. Hopkins 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Sutton-cum-Lound, Notts.**—April 26, 1260 Singles (two methods): T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3. A thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 13.

**Swanscombe, Kent.**—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Tynn Seton 1, S. Sandford 2, F. Matthews 3, Jennifer Jarvis (first in method) 4, R. J. Thompson 5, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 6, E. Stuart 7, D. Wilkinson 8. For Evensong.

**Thorley, Herts.**—April 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): R. F. Prime 1, P. C. Warboys 2, L. Luck 3, A. E. Richardson 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, T. Camp 6. For Evensong.

**Tutbury, Staffs.**—April 12, 1440 P.B. Minor: Susan M. O'Neill 1, D. Ford (first quarter) 2, S. Humphrey 3, R. Pye 4, P. E. Jones 5, C. R. Daft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**Ufford, Northants.**—April 20, 1272 Plain Bob Minimus: Mrs. G. Munsey 1, J. E. Coleman 2, J. Aldridge 3, J. E. David 4. First Minimus 1, 2, 3. First quarter on the bells.

**Walkern, Herts.**—April 26, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Kirkpatrick (first away from tenor) 1, P. Rumley 2, M. Lush 3, W. Lawrence 4, L. Cooper 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6.

**Walsoken, Norfolk.**—April 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. Greenacre 1, F. Wigmore 2, A. Smart 3, G. Knight 4, R. I. West (cond.) 5, T. Bush 6. A farewell to Rev. T. Walters.

**Walthamstow, Essex.**—April 26, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Gamble 1, D. Hewitt 2, C. Willmington 3, C. T. Coles 4, C. A. Hughes 5, E. Holman 6, K. Warner 7, C. Wright (cond.) 8, J. Slater 9, F. Taylor 10. In memoriam Fred Maynard, local ringer.

**Warnham, Sussex.**—April 26, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Audrey Ramsay 1, Sally Watts 2, Gillian Skelton (first on eight inside) 3, Elizabeth Watts 4, N. Carter 5, G. Francis 6, D. D. Smith 7, T. Latham 8. First on eight 1, 2. A welcome to Sandra D. Smith, daughter of David and Jenny; also a birthday compliment to Sally Watts.

**West Retford, Notts.**—April 19, 2520 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Archer 1, Miss C. M. Wright 2, S. Knights 3, B. Birkett 4, Miss M. Womack 5, P. Rogers (cond.) 6. A farewell to the rector (Rev. F. Pearce), leaving for Kettering, Northants.

**Whilton, Northants.**—March 30, 1440 Minor (four methods): J. Webb 1, H. Haynes 2, J. Townley 3, S. Webb 4, E. Garrett 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to John Townley.

**Wimbledon, Surrey.**—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor (7, 8 cover): Elizabeth Bangham 1, Caroline Bagworth 2, Zoe McMillan (first inside) 3, F. Seabright 4, D. C. Budd 5, A. E. Bagworth (cond.) 6, G. Q. Topping 7, A. C. Steiger 8.

**Winford, Som.**—April 16, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: L. Derrick 1, Hilary Derham (first Camb.) 2, J. Brain 3, G. Hebden 4, W. S. Rice 5, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 6.

**Woodborough, Notts.**—April 17, 1264 Minimus (Plain, Rev. Bob): Sarah E. Boden and D. W. Flower 1, A. A. Boden 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, P. R. Wild (circled tower) 4. For safe return of Apollo 13. Also April 25, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Sarah E. Boden 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also April 26, 1272 Minimus (62 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4.

**Woodford, Essex.**—April 19, 1344 P.B. Major: P. Neil (first Major) 1, P. Bosworth 2, Glynis Perry 3, P. Holden 4, D. Gower 5, Jennifer Dunning (cond.) 6, A. Faulkner 7, K. Burberry 8. For Evensong. Also May 3, 1344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Crowson 1, A. Faulkner 2, Glynis Perry 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Jennifer Dunning (cond.) 5, K. Poole 6, D. Town 7, R. Burberry 8. For Evensong.

**Wootton Underwood, Bucks.**—April 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: W. H. Ayres 1, Julie Tyler 2, G. J. Tyler 3, H. G. Rand 4, A. D. Tyler 5, S. H. Young 6. Wedding compliment to Anne Rolf and Bryan Smith, married here on April 18.

**Worcester.**—April 26, at All Saints', 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. E. Stephens 1, D. Beaucham (cond.) 2, Judith Rhodes (first in method) 3, R. W. Repton 4, D. G. Franklin 5, J. J. Stanier 6. For Matins.

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# Peals

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

### CHILCOMPTON, Som, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. (20 cwt.)

**5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR** (25 methods: Morpeth and Canterbury; Chester, Mundon, Alnwick and Newcastle; Sandiacre, Northumberland and Carlisle; Hexham and Berwick; Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet; London, Wells and Cuneastre; Cambridge, Norfolk, King Edward, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Ipswich; 107 changes of method).

- 1 Judy E. Beck
- 2 Ronald G. Beck
- 3 Edward J. Chivers
- 4 Philip H. D. Jones
- 5 Adrian P. Beck (Conductor)
- 6 Robert E. Beck

For forthcoming 80th anniversary of founding of association.

### SAMPFORD BRETT, Som, St. George.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob).

- 1 Mervyn R. Arscott
- 2 Brenda M. Bindon
- 3 Leslie H. Arscott
- 4 Mervyn A. Arscott
- \*5 Henry W. Lloyd
- 6 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

\*First in 7 methods. First on the bells since their augmentation to six. For the safe return of Apollo XIII and for the Patronal Festival.

### UPHILL, Somerset, St. Nicholas.

Thur., April 23, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR** (2 Oxford Bob and St. Clements, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Walter S. Rice
- 2 Roy W. Rice
- 3 Marjorie Legg
- \*4 John C. Sheppard
- 5 Geoffrey Hebden
- 6 George Prescott (Conductor)

\*25th peal. In memoriam P. J. Hall.

### WILTON, Taunton, Som, St. George.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8½ cwt.)

#### 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- \*1 Sylvia M. Arscott
- 2 Marian J. Beale
- ††3 Adrian F. Arscott
- 4 John Cornelius
- 5 Arthur H. Reed
- 6 Brenda M. Bindon
- 7 Michael J. Stone
- 8 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

\*First on 8. ††First in the method. †50th peal. For Patronal Festival.

### KILMERSDON, Som, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (21 cwt.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- 1 George W. Massey
- \*2 Michael J. Winterbourne
- 3 Peter J. W. Hardwick
- 4 Philip H. D. Jones
- 5 David C. Hawkins
- 6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

\*First peal. A wedding compliment to David J. Orledge and Glenda M. Beckett, married at East Grinstead, Sussex, the previous day.

### EVERCREECH, Somerset, St. Peter.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (21½ cwt.)

#### 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- \*1 David Wilson
- \*2 Melvyn J. Hiller
- \*3 Mary E. Elmes
- \*4 Katharine J. Maundrell
- \*5 Timothy F. Collins
- \*6 Ross G. W. Robertson
- \*7 Graham W. Elmes
- \*8 Richard H. Youdale
- 9 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 10 David J. Forder

\*First of Pudsey Surprise Royal.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### CLIFTON, Bedfordshire, All Saints.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.)

#### 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 C. Michael Orme
- \*2 Jeremy Piron
- \*3 David A. Hope
- 4 Martyn J. Marriott
- 5 Edgar T. Skipsey
- 6 Keith H. Fleming
- 7 Martin Major (Conductor)
- 8 Stephen Ivin

\*First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor.

## BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

### PATRINGTON, Yorkshire, St. Patrick.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10 cwt.)

#### 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1 Stephen K. Thompson
- \*2 David R. Garner
- 3 Maris C. Stephenson
- †4 Ronald Ducker
- 5 Rev. Giles C. Galley
- 6 Peter Church
- 7 Ian G. Campbell
- 8 F. Neville Pailing (Conductor)

\*First on 8. †Circled tower.

### KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (25½ cwt.)

#### 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

- \*1 Gwynneth C. Ducker (13)
- 2 Anthea J. Slade
- \*3 Maris C. Stephenson
- 4 Rev. Giles C. Galley
- 5 Roderick R. Horton
- 6 F. Neville Pailing
- 7 Robert W. Sherriff
- \*8 John R. Ridley
- 9 Ian G. Campbell
- 10 John N. D. Chaddock
- 11 Michael Maughan (Conductor)
- 12 Ronald Ducker

\*First on 12.

**PATRINGTON, E. YORKS, St. Patrick.**—On Jan. 21, 1970, in 2hr. 55min., 5120 Bristol Surprise Major (10 cwt.): Ronald Ducker 1, Anthea J. Slade 2, Maris C. Stephenson 3, Peter Church (first in method) 4, Roderick R. Horton (first in method) 5, Ian G. Campbell 6, Michael Maughan (cond.) 7, John N. D. Chaddock 8. Composed by W. E. Critchley.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

### OXFORD, Cathedral Church of Christ.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (30 cwt.)

#### 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Arranged by Dale Barton.

- 1 K. J. Triplow (Selwyn)
- 2 A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)
- 3 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
- \*4 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn, Conductor)
- 5 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 7 P. M. Wilkinson (Selwyn)
- 8 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 9 C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)
- 10 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
- 11 P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn)
- 12 H. E. Bishop (Selwyn)

\*250th peal.

### KING'S LYNN, Norfolk, St. Margaret.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (30 cwt.)

#### 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by J. L. Millhouse.

- 1 J. L. Humphreys (Jesus)
- 2 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)
- 3 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)
- 4 B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)
- 5 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
- 6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
- 7 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
- 8 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
- 9 D. Barton (Selwyn)
- 10 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

### MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13½ cwt.)

#### 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Robert B. Smith
- 2 Paul Reading
- 3 Derek F. Yates
- 4 Ronald F. Andrew
- 5 Geoffrey R. Gardner
- 6 Michael Foulds
- \*7 Alan F. Scholfield
- 8 Basil Jones (Conductor)

\*200th peal.

### GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire, St. Mary and All Saints.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (20½ cwt.)

#### 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 John E. Bibby
- 2 John R. Bibby
- 3 Mrs. Elisabeth Lowe
- 4 John Oultram
- 5 Douglas Lowe
- 6 William E. Allman
- 7 John Moore
- 8 Walter Allman (Conductor)

### MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Wed., April 29, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (13½ cwt.)

#### 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 Alan F. Scholfield
- 2 Joyce Gardner
- 3 Paul Reading
- 4 Peter Broadbent
- \*5 R. Paul Smith
- 6 Robert B. Smith
- 7 Brian S. B. Kear (Conductor)
- 8 Ronald F. Andrew

\*First peal.

It takes a conscientious man to tell the difference between being tired and being lazy.



**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.**

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (37½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by G. B. Thompson.

- 1 Christine H. Telfer
- 2 Maris C. Stephenson
- 3 Ian G. Campbell
- 4 Stephen C. Wells
- 5 Eric N. Harrison
- 6 Rev. Giles C. Galley
- 7 Michael Maughan (Conductor)
- 8 George S. Deas
- 9 Ronald Ducker
- 10 John N. D. Chaddock

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**

**ST. NEOTS, Hunts, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (29½ cwt.)

**5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 Bryan F. Sims
- 2 Walter Arnold
- \*3 Peter Abbott
- 4 John P. Loveless
- 5 Neil V. Avis
- 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 7 Bernard W. Fairhead
- 8 James L. Towler

\*First of Surprise.

**MORETON, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (9½ cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).**

- \*1 Marion A. Cass
- \*2 Geoffrey H. Walker
- \*3 David Gower
- \*4 William H. Alely
- \*5 Anthony M. Faulkner
- 6 Dennis Ellidson (Conductor)

\*First in 5 methods. Most methods as conductor.

**HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (16 cwt.)

**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Andrew R. F. C. Crowson
- \*2 Caroline R. F. Cole
- 3 Anthony M. Faulkner
- \*4 David A. Tovell
- 5 Tony R. Natt
- 6 Dennis Ellidson
- \*7 John E. Murfitt
- 8 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**LAMBOURN, Berks, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. (20 cwt.)

**5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

(Middleton's variation.)

- 1 Robert C. A. Philpott
- 2 Eric Sutton
- 3 W. Bertram Kynaston
- 4 Peter Tombs
- 5 David Wilson
- 6 Graham W. Elmes
- 7 Maurice A. New
- 8 Lewis F. Cobb (Conductor)

It's odd that blunt people are the ones who come straight to the point.

**HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD**

**SHELLEY, West Yorkshire, Emmanuel.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (11½ cwt.)

**5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**

(2 Woodbine, 2 Kent, 3 Oxford.)

- \*1 Susan M. Greenwood
- \*2 Mrs. Mary Greenwood
- \*3 Stephen Littlewood
- †4 Dennis Greenwood
- \*5 Joseph Greenwood
- 6 Richard J. Senior (Conductor)

\*First attempt. †First peal. Silver wedding compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5. Also for the birth of a son to the ringer of 3.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**FOWNHOPE, Herefordshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11½ cwt.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

(Two 2160's and a 720.)

- \*1 Michael V. Powell
- \*†2 Reginald G. Powell
- 3 Peter L. Hughes
- 4 Frederick R. Harris
- 5 Norman R. Mattingley
- 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

\*50th together. †First of Surprise inside. For the Feast of St. Mark.

**HEREFORD, All Saints.**

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (17½ cwt.)

**5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

- 1 Frederick R. Harris
- 2 Leslie Evans
- \*3 Michael V. Powell
- 4 Robert A. Hatcher
- 5 Austin T. Wingate
- 6 Peter J. Wycherley
- 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
- 8 Norman R. Mattingley

\*First in method inside.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**BRAUGHING, Herts, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (19 cwt.)

**5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Parker.

- 1 Anthony R. Carter
- 2 Christine M. Carter
- 3 Richard F. Prime
- 4 Leonard Luck
- 5 Peter J. Glazebrook
- 6 Walter Hunt
- 7 Eric Edmondson
- 8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Glazebrook, and a 21st birthday compliment to Peter Bauk.

**LIVERPOOL, Lancs, Cathedral Church of Christ.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 4hr. 21 min. (82 cwt.)

**5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

- 1 David C. Brown
  - 2 Martin Green
  - 3 Susan D. Cowan
  - 4 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)
  - 5 David F. Moore
  - 6 Robert E. Hardy
  - 7 D. Paul Smith
  - 8 Thomas J. Lock
  - 9 James Phillips
  - 10 John M. Jelley
  - 11 John R. Mayne
  - 12 Philip Mehew
- Andrew W. R. Wilby

**ARDELEY, Hertfordshire, St. Lawrence.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (2 methods: 3 Cambridge Surprise, 4 Plain Bob).**

- 1 Steven J. Laud
- 2 Barbara G. Dale
- 3 Clive W. Simpson
- 4 Maurice W. Thompson
- 5 John R. Southey
- 6 Andrew C. D. Mayes (Conductor)

First as conductor. For Christian Aid Week.

**BENINGTON, Herts, St. Peter.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (12 cwt.)

**5088 FELIXSTOWE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by D. Knox.

- 1 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- 2 Joan Beresford
- 3 Claudia A. Critchley
- 4 Alick Cutler
- 5 Ronald J. Sharp
- 6 Jack S. Dear
- 7 Dennis Knox
- 8 Dennis Beresford

First peal in the method. A compliment to Canon R. J. Davies, rector of Aston-with-Benington, appointed Rural Dean of Stevenage.

**ST. DAVID'S, Pems, Cathedral of St. David.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (24½ cwt.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- \*1 L. Sarah Green
- †2 Elizabeth J. Cranfield
- 3 Margaret M. Roden
- †4 Cecile Forgan
- 5 John S. Seager
- 6 Geoffrey T. Horrit
- †7 Peter J. Cranfield (Conductor)
- 8 A. Rex Agg

\*First attempt. †First in method.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

**BIGGIN HILL, Kent, St. Mark.**

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (6 cwt.)

**5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements and Plain Bob).**

- \*1 David J. Stocker
- 2 Judith M. Corby
- \*3 Julia Collinge
- 4 Richard Hayes
- 5 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 6 Peter R. Butler (Conductor)

\*First in more than one method. First as conductor. For Patronal Festival.

**CANTERBURY, Kent, Christ Church Cathedral.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (32 cwt.)

**5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by A. Knights.

- \*1 Richard A. Birch
- 2 Derek J. Carr
- 3 James Hedgcock
- 4 David D. Smith
- 5 Tony Skilton
- \*6 John B. Keeler
- †7 Donald H. Niblett (Conductor)
- †8 David Featherstone
- 9 Geoffrey Davies
- 10 Alastair D. Macfadyen

\*First on 10. †250th peal. †First of Caters. To commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Thomas à Becket. Also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Smith.



**CHERITON, Kent, St. Martin.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (7½ cwt.)  
**5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow.  
 1 Peter Richardson  
 2 Philip R. Staples  
 \*3 Crawford T. Hillis (Conductor)  
 †4 John A. Hemsley  
 †5 Raymond A. Lucas  
 6 Rev. Peter T. Robbins  
 7 Mark S. Lancefield  
 †8 Peter M. J. Bradford  
 \*250th peal. †First in the method.

**GILLINGHAM, Kent, St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (Johnson's variation.)  
 1 Trevor A. Cross  
 \*2 Richard M. Thompson  
 3 Peter D. J. Beal  
 4 Peter R. Butler  
 \*5 David P. Leworthy  
 6 Nicholas J. Chesson (Conductor)  
 7 Richard Hayes  
 8 Tony Lewis  
 \*First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. In memoriam George Kenward.

**RUCKINGE, Kent, St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (13 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob).  
 1 P. Charles Sinden  
 2 Neville A. Crane  
 3 Rhian N. Bagshaw (Conductor)  
 4 Peter S. Muchlinski  
 5 Simon A. B. Wigg

**SELLINDGE, Kent, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (8½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (1 Cambridge S., 1 Oxford T.B., 1 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).  
 1 Neville A. Crane  
 2 Rhian N. Bagshaw  
 3 P. Charles Sinden  
 4 Philip R. Staples  
 5 Simon A. B. Wigg  
 6 Peter S. Muchlinski  
 1, 3, 5 conducted by 6; 2, 6 conducted by 5;  
 4, 7 jointly conducted by 5 and 6.

**SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16 cwt.)  
**5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by T. B. Worsley.  
 1 Doris E. Colgate  
 2 Margaret E. Oram  
 3 Barbara A. Van Asselt  
 4 Janet House  
 5 Ian H. Oram  
 6 David E. House  
 7 Philip J. Simmonds  
 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

**WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire, St. Bartholomew.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. (14 cwt.)  
**5184 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. Forster.  
 1 Nicholas Harrop  
 2 Albert Greenhalgh  
 3 James Cunliffe  
 4 Geoffrey Fothergill  
 5 Richard Palmer  
 6 James E. Andrews  
 7 Dennis H. McCormick  
 8 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)  
 First in the method by all and for the association. A 21st birthday compliment to Philip J. Crossthwaite and for the safe return of Apollo XIII.

**ASKRIGG, N. Yorkshire, St. Oswald.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (10½ cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).  
 1 Joseph Whalley  
 2 Alan Capstick  
 3 Andrew Stott  
 4 A. William Pallister  
 5 Richard M. Harker  
 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)  
 First on the bells.

**TODMORDEN, Yorkshire, Christ Church.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (23½ cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.  
 1 Michael Platt  
 2 J. M. Donald Bateman  
 3 Jeffrey Kershaw  
 \*4 Brian J. Owen  
 \*5 Donald C. H. Owen  
 6 Richard S. Starkie  
 7 J. Colin Ashworth  
 8 Derek Butterworth (Conductor)  
 \*First peal.

**BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (18 cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard  
 \*1 Kirsty R. Fisher  
 2 Peter Dyson  
 †3 Catherine M. Kay  
 4 I. E. Margaret Manby  
 5 William Birmingham jun.  
 6 Paul Boucher  
 7 Roland F. Eccles  
 8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor)  
 \*First peal. †First inside. A thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 13.

**HEYWOOD, Lancashire, St. Luke.**

Sun., April 19, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (21½ cwt.)  
**5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (27-course block reduced.)  
 \*1 Keith P. Tompsett  
 \*2 Christine Broadley  
 3 John P. Partington  
 \*4 Michael H. Tompsett  
 \*5 William Birmingham, jun.  
 \*6 Geoffrey S. Mills  
 7 Richard S. Starkie  
 8 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)  
 \*First in the method. First on the bells. 16th birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

**WALSDEN, Lancashire, St. Peter.**

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (9 cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (Middleton's.)  
 1 Brian J. Owen  
 2 Keith R. Tompsett  
 3 Jeffrey Kershaw  
 4 Wyn Pugh  
 5 David W. Howarth  
 6 Michael Tompsett  
 7 J. M. Donald Bateman  
 8 Richard Starkie (Conductor)  
 Half-muffled in memoriam Eric Bateman and Thomas Powell.

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, Bell Foundry Campanile.**

Thur., Feb. 26, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (6½ cwt.)  
**5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Composed by J. E. Cawser.  
 \*1 Roland H. Cook  
 2 David F. Moore  
 3 Christine L. J. Mills  
 \*4 John M. Jelley  
 \*5 Monica M. Jelley  
 \*6 Rev. M. C. C. Melville  
 7 Martin Green  
 8 R. Brian Mills  
 9 G. Ronald Edwards  
 10 R. Kingsley Mason (Conductor)  
 \*First of Royal in the method.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

**DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire, St. Chad.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob).  
 1 Peter Burton  
 2 G. Angus Dixon  
 3 Gillian Radley  
 4 John M. Blaikie  
 5 Charles V. Cade  
 6 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)  
 Half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Cheetam, aged 92, a local ringer.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

**BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Iltyd.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
 (Thurstans' 4-part.)  
 1 John E. Chilcott (Conductor)  
 2 Paul W. Thomas  
 3 Thomas T. Yeomans  
 4 William J. Thomas  
 5 William H. Harford  
 6 Gwyn I. Lewis  
 7 M. Jack Pryor  
 8 William T. Petty

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

**BUCKLAND, Berks, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (17 cwt.)  
**5056 MORTLAKE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. Middleton.  
 1 Michael A. Sutton  
 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)  
 3 Eunice A. Lewis  
 4 Edgar J. Smith  
 5 Ronald K. Russ  
 6 Frank W. Lewis  
 7 Eric Sutton  
 8 Philip H. Tocock  
 First in the method by all except the conductor and for the guild. For the Feast of St. Mark.

**READING, Berks, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sun., April 26, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (26 cwt.)  
**5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (Reversed.)  
 Composed by R. Baldwin.  
 1 Eunice A. Lewis  
 2 Helen M. Diserens  
 3 Angela M. Jones  
 4 Bernard F. L. Groves  
 5 John R. Leary  
 6 Frank W. Lewis  
 7 John N. Diserens  
 8 Noel J. Diserens (Conductor)

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**

**STAVERTON, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (11 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob).  
 1 Edward C. Garrett  
 2 Shirley Jones  
 3 Brian Danby  
 4 John S. W. Townley  
 5 Malcolm J. V. Chown (Conductor)  
 6 Barrie Hendry  
 Wedding compliment to Dorothy Ann Webb and John Franklin; also a 21st birthday compliment to John Townley.



**NETHER HEYFORD, Northants,  
SS. Peter and Paul.**

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (2 London S., 1 each Beverley S., Surfleet S., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.).

- 1 William Collins
- 2 Barrie Hendry
- 3 Brian Danby
- 4 Edward C. Garrett
- 5 Malcolm J. V. Chown (Conductor)
- 6 Alan Paul

**ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD**

**LLANELLI, Carmarthenshire, St. Elli.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (8½ cwt.)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 (Parker's 12-part.)

- 1 Andrew Lingard
- 2 Alwyn R. Lewis
- 3 Philip C. Rogers
- 4 Simon P. Rogers
- 5 William J. Thomas
- 6 Trevor M. Roderick
- 7 Gwyn I. Lewis (Conductor)
- \*8 Paul R. Lindley

\*First peal. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

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

**STOKE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Michael.**

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 (Johnson's variation of Middleton's.)

- 1 Paul M. Evans
- 2 Joyce J. Barton
- 3 John S. Hopwood
- 4 Roger A. Smith
- 5 Arthur V. Pearson (Conductor)
- 6 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 Stephen W. Barton

For the induction of Rev. J. Smith as vicar.

**CHESTERFIELD, Derbys, St. Mary and  
All Saints.**

Wed., April 1, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (25 cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 John S. Hopwood
- 2 Arthur V. Pearson
- 3 Maurice F. Edwards
- 4 Stephen W. Barton
- 5 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 6 Robert Edwards
- 7 Roger A. Smith
- 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 9 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 10 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)

A wedding compliment to Rev. T. Ingram Cleasby, Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

**DUFFIELD, Derbys, St. Alkmund.**

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (17½ cwt.)  
**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Roger A. Smith
- 2 John S. Hopwood
- 3 Bryan D. A. Woolley
- 4 Maurice F. Edwards
- 5 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 6 Arthur V. Pearson
- 7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)
- 9 Robert Edwards
- 10 Kenneth J. Hesketh

A farewell to David and Audrey Purnell, leaving for Bradford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**POWERSTOCK, Dorset, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (20 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (3 methods: 2 Cambridge and Kent T.B. and 3 Plain Bob).

- \*1 Melvyn J. Hiller
- †2 Michael J. Dew
- 3 David L. Cull
- †4 Stuart I. Bamforth
- 5 Graham W. Elmes
- 6 Timothy F. Collins

\*100th peal. Most methods inside. First on the bells.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY  
OF STAFFORD**

**LITTLE ASTON, Staffs, St. Peter.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (9 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- 1 Rosemary E. White
- \*2 Diana M. White
- 3 John F. I. Turney
- †4 John G. Perry
- 5 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
- 6 David Bates

\*First inside. †First of Plain Bob Minor.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**

**BARTON-IN-FABIS, Notts, St. George.**

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11 cwt.)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

- 1 L. Harrison
- 2 Sydney Adams
- 3 H. K. Harrison
- \*4 Robert A. Metcalfe
- 5 Reginald J. Stretton
- 6 Trevor H. Kirkman (Conductor)

\*First attempt. A farewell to the Rev. T. Forbes-Adam, leaving for Bath.

**GREASLEY, Notts, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (13½ cwt.)  
**5008 ST. CLEMENTS COLLEGE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by E. Wightman.

- \*1 Dudley Coulson
- †2 P. Mary Beach
- 3 Paul Raithby
- †4 Donald J. Beach
- \*5 Helen M. Simpson
- 6 Derek J. Tysoe
- †7 Colin W. Reed
- 8 William L. Exton (Conductor)

\*First of Major and in the method. †First in the method. ‡100th for the guild.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**

**FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.**

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16 cwt.)  
**5056 XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 Alan G. Feaver
- 5 Adrian Knights
- 6 Cecil F. Pipe
- 7 J. Martin Thorley
- 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the guild. The conductor has now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major.

Nothing was ever accomplished without enthusiasm. (Emerson.)

**DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21½ cwt.)  
**5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**  
 Composed by G. Lindoff.

- \*1 Amanda M. Richmond
- †2 John A. Mayle
- \*3 Richard Rose
- 4 Peter Mayle
- 5 Brian E. Whiting
- 6 Walter A. Perry
- 7 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)
- 8 Maurice J. Rose

\*First in method. †First inside.

**UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY**

**BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (31 cwt.)  
**5005 ERIN CINQUES**  
 Composed by A. M. Tyler.

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards
- 2 Gillian M. Brearley
- 3 Hilary Muirhead
- 4 Edward G. Mould
- 5 Patrick J. Bird (Conductor)
- 6 J. Anthony Bennett
- 7 Peter C. Randall
- 8 Anthony J. Cox
- 9 Arthur R. Wright
- 10 Stephen F. Royal
- 11 Ian C. Maycock
- 12 John T. Parsons

First in the method for the society.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH  
DIOCESAN GUILD**

**GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of  
The Holy Spirit.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (30½ cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

- 1 Mary E. Elmes
- 2 Rev. Roger Keeley
- 3 Kenneth S. B. Croft
- 4 Katharine J. Maundrell
- 5 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 6 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 7 Graham W. Elmes
- 8 Timothy F. Collins
- 9 Ronald N. Marlow
- 10 Frederick E. Collins

**BISHOPSTOKE, Hants, St. Mary.**

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10 cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. E. Burton.

- 1 Richard H. Green
- \*2 Ian M. McCallion
- 3 Betty J. Daysh
- 4 Barry J. Fry
- 5 Roy Le Marechal
- 6 William Willans
- 7 John P. Colliss
- 8 Michael J. Thomas (Conductor)

\*First of Major.

**NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (10½ cwt.)  
**5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**  
 Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Beryl R. Simpson
- 2 Bernard F. L. Groves
- 3 Christopher I. Rowson
- 4 Rowan S. Bradley
- 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- 6 George E. Evenden
- 7 W. John Couperthwaite
- 8 Gordon Benfield
- 9 Michael J. Church (Conductor)
- 10 Tom Page

Prior to Annual Dinner.



**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION****LEIGH, Worcestershire, St. Edburga.**

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (17½ cwt.)  
**5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES** (10 callings).

- \*1 John E. Whittall
- 2 Thomas W. Lewis
- 3 Allan Morgan
- 4 Reginald Woodyatt
- 5 John Clements (Conductor)
- 6 Cecil Deakin

\*First of Stedman. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mr. H. Portman.

**SUCKLEY, Worcs, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire).

- \*1 Nicholas C. R. Cronin
- 2 James Ranford
- 3 Frederick W. Davis
- 4 Leslie F. Smith
- 5 John Clements (Conductor)
- 6 G. Leonard Parry

\*First peal.

**GRIMLEY, Worcs, St. Bartholomew.**

Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (26 Grandsire, 16 P. Bob).

- 1 James Ranford
- 2 Frederick Davies
- 3 Leslie F. Smith
- 4 David G. Franklin
- 5 David Beacham (Conductor)
- \*6 Charles Brown

\*First peal.

**TODDINGTON, Glos, St. Andrew.**

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)  
**5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR** (London S., Primrose S., Beverley S., Surfleet S., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B.).

- 1 Charles A. Milward
- 2 Shirley M. Drew
- 3 Christopher Hims
- 4 Roger H. Hunt
- 5 Hugh N. Evans
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor).

**EARLS CROOME, Worcs, St. Nicholas.**

Thur., April 23, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8½ cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

- 1 Paul Cattermole
- \*2 Paul Jopp (Conductor)
- \*3 Barbara Luckes
- \*4 Andrew Jopp
- 5 John Clements
- 6 Arthur A. Jopp

\*First of Surprise. First as conductor (aged 12).

**MICKLETON, Glos, St. Lawrence.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (16 cwt.)  
**5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Composed by E. A. Barnett.

- 1 Robert Edwards
- 2 M. Irene Brown
- 3 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- \*4 Morley P. Tobin
- \*5 Roger H. Hunt
- 6 Michael Elson
- 7 Arthur C. Berry
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

\*First in method.

**ELDERSFIELD, Worcs, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (18 cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (5 methods: Kent T.B., Plain Bob, St. Clements, Childwall and Plain Bob).

- 1 Shirley M. Drew
- 2 Christopher Pickford
- 3 Robert W. Cole
- 4 David G. Franklin
- 5 John Clements
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION****DEWSBURY, West Yorkshire, All Saints.**

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (13 cwt.)  
**5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. Reeves.

- 1 Ruth Richardson
- \*†2 Suzanne J. Snack
- †3 John W. Gibson
- \*4 Christopher N. Grandidge
- 5 Frederick J. Jackson
- †6 Geoffrey Richardson
- 7 Robin Brown
- 8 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor)

\*First of Kent Major. †50th peal. †First in method. Birthday compliment to treble.

**COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.**

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7 cwt.)  
**5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work).

- Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
- 1 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
  - 2 A. Pattie Clapham
  - 3 Ronald R. Warford
  - \*4 Elizabeth J. Campbell
  - †5 Ronald Crabtree
  - 6 Graham J. Jones
  - 7 Alan T. Winter
  - 8 Peter H. Gardner

\*First of spliced inside. †First of 4-spliced. 400th peal as conductor, and 450th for the association.

**AYSARTH, Yorkshire, St. Andrew.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)  
**5040 MINOR** (3 extents of Kent T.B. and 4 of Plain Bob).

- 1 Alan Capstick
- 2 Richard M. Harker
- 3 A. William Pallister
- 4 Nicholas M. Newby
- 5 Andrew Stott
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

First peal on the bells.

**HALIFAX, Yorkshire, St. John.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (28 cwt.)  
**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

- Composed by R. W. Pipe.
- 1 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
  - \*2 Iris M. E. Lemare
  - \*3 Marie Hatwell
  - \*4 Christopher Newton
  - 5 Patricia North
  - 6 Roger Smith
  - 7 M. Alec Beaumont
  - 8 Ian North
  - 9 Neil Donovan
  - 10 Richard E. Price

\*First of Surprise Royal.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire, All Saints.**

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (14 cwt.)  
**5152 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

- Composed by W. E. Critchley.
- 1 Elizabeth J. Campbell
  - \*2 Gillian R. Cleaver
  - \*3 A. Pattie Clapham
  - 4 Christopher F. Easton
  - 5 Graham J. Jones
  - \*6 Michael G. Dodson
  - \*7 John J. Durham
  - 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

\*First in the method.

**BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire, St. James.**

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11 cwt.)  
**5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR** (10 methods: 576 Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 London, Rutland, Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method).

- Composed by N. Smith.
- 1 Ronald Crabtree
  - \*2 A. Pattie Clapham
  - \*3 Graham J. Jones
  - 4 Gerald Parsons
  - 5 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
  - \*6 Peter H. Gardner
  - \*7 John J. Durham
  - 8 Ronald R. Warford

\*First of 10-spliced.

**RAWMARSH, Yorkshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12½ cwt.)  
**5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

- Composed by S. J. Ivin.
- 1 Christopher Newton
  - 2 Patricia North
  - 3 W. Eric Critchley
  - 4 Ian North
  - 5 Roger Smith
  - 6 M. Alec Beaumont
  - 7 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
  - \*8 Fred Jackson

\*First of London.

**PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire, All Saints.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (12½ cwt.)  
**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Patricia North
- \*2 Margaret White
- 3 Delwyn B. Tidball
- †4 Robert Stansfield
- 5 Michael Johnson
- 6 David S. Lockwood
- 7 Ian North
- 8 David Atkins (Conductor)

\*25th peal. †First attempt.

(Leeds and District Branch)

**CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, Yorkshire. St. Matthew.**

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (7½ cwt.)  
**5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

- \*†1 Suzanne J. Snack
- \*2 Margaret Warford
- †3 Ronald R. Warford
- 4 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor)
- \*5 Christopher N. Grandidge
- §6 Robert J. Atkinson

\*First of Stedman. †Circled tower. †50th tower bell peal. §First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all. A birthday compliment to 5th.

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## Handbells

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent.

Tues., April 21, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (15 in C.)

**5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse.

\*1-2 John W. Gander

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis

5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

\*7-8 Alan F. Scholfield

\*First of Double Norwich on handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines,  
Dale Brow.

Thurs., April 23, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (15 in C.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

1-2 J. David Atkinson

3-4 Neil Bennett

5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

7-8 Alan F. Scholfield

9-10 Gerald Moorhouse

### DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire, 194 Gleadless  
Common.

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (14 in D.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by F. Bennett.

\*1-2 Timothy Wylie

3-4 Geoffrey Bridges

5-6 Michael J. Fellows

7-8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

\*First on eight handbells.

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com.

Wed., April 29, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (14 in D.)

**5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by G. H. Cross.

1-2 Timothy Wylie

3-4 Geoffrey Bridges

5-6 Michael J. Fellows

7-8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com.

Wed., May 6, 1970, 2hr. 1min. (14 in D.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by A. Knights.

1-2 Timothy Wylie

3-4 Geoffrey Bridges

5-6 Michael J. Fellows

7-8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans Cathedral Society.)

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (16 in B.)

**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1-2 Katherine S. Hardy

3-4 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

5-6 Robert E. Hardy

\*7-8 Anthony R. Carter

\*First of Treble Bob on handbells.

BUSHEY HEATH, Herts, 39 Titian Avenue.

Wed., April 29, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (15 in C.)

**5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

\*1-2 Anne E. Thompson

3-4 John R. Southey

5-6 Christopher W. Woolley (Ar. & C.)

\*7-8 Andrew C. D. Mayes

\*First on handbells.

(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans.)  
ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Peter's Belfry.  
Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (17 in A.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

1-2 Joyce M. Clarke

\*3-4 Harold V. Frost

5-6 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)

7-8 Joyce Dodds

9-10 Elizabeth Forster

\*First on 10 handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (16 in B.)

**5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

Composed by R. Peers.

\*1-2 Joyce M. Clarke

3-4 Robert E. Hardy

5-6 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)

7-8 Katherine S. Hardy

\*9-10 Elizabeth Forster

\*First in method.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LODDON, Norfolk, Fernhill, Bungay Road.

Tues., Mar. 24, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (16 in B.)

**5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1-2 H. William Barrett

\*3-4 James B. Morley (Conductor)

5-6 Richard J. W. Housden

\*7-8 Kenneth L. Brown

\*First of Major on handbells. First in hand as conductor.

BLOFIELD, Norfolk, 4 Pound Lane.

Tues., April 28, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (17 in A.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents)

\*1-2 Martin Cubitt

3-4 James B. Morley (Conductor)

5-6 Richard J. W. Housden

\*First on handbells.

### HANDBELL WEEK-END

#### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,  
Butler Road.

Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (16½ in B.)

**5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

\*1-2 Frank C. Price

3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

5-6 Julia A. Fellows

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan

9-10 Christopher W. Woolley

\*First in the method.

SOUTHCOTE, Berks, 6 Barn Close.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15 in C.)

**5136 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

1-2 Bernard F. L. Groves

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson

5-6 Alan F. Scholfield (C. & Cond.)

7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

9-10 Noel J. Diserens

11-12 J. David Atkinson

First on 12 as conductor.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,  
Butler Road.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (16½ in B.)

**5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Composed by William Pye.

1-2 Gerald Penney

3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe

5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 David F. Moore

BINFIELD, Berks, Spincroft, Tilehurst Ln.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (24 in D.)

**5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

1-2 Julia A. Fellows

3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport

5-6 Frank C. Price

7-8 N. David Lane

9-10 Martyn L. J. Jordan (Conductor)

First as conductor on 10 handbells.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,  
Butler Road.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 50min. (22 in C.)

**5056 KENT TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN**

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 Julia A. Fellows

5-6 John R. Mayne (Arr & Conductor)

\*7-8 Peter J. Staniforth

9-10 Martyn L. J. Jordan

\*11-12 Robert B. Smith

13-14 Gerald Penney

15-16 Christopher W. Woolley

\*First on 16.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,  
Butler Road.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 3hr. 45min. (22 in C.)

**5056 KENT TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN**

Arranged by John R. Mayne.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 Julia A. Fellows

\*5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves

7-8 Frank C. Price (Conductor)

9-10 Martyn L. J. Jordan

11-12 Roger Baldwin

13-14 Robert B. Smith

\*15-16 Gerald Moorhouse

\*First on 16. First on 16 as conductor.

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (24 in D.)

**5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

1-2 Noel J. Diserens

3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport

5-6 Brian J. Woodruffe

7-8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

9-10 David F. Moore

11-12 N. David Lane

### SURREY ASSOCIATION

WESTMINSTER, S.W., 16B Sutherland Pl.

Sun., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 2min. (25 in C.)

**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR** (7 extents).

\*1-2 John R. Ketteringham

3-4 Geoffrey Bridges (Conductor)

†5-6 James E. Andrews

\*400th peal. †First in hand.

### WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (17 in A.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

1-2 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay

3-4 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)

\*5-6 William S. Croft

7-8 Kenneth S. B. Croft

\*First in the method and of Triples.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 4min. (15 in C.)

**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Parker's 12-part, 7th observation.)

\*1-2 John S. Croft

3-4 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay

5-6 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)

7-8 Kenneth S. B. Croft

\*First of Triples.



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### Editorial

#### ILKLEY DELIBERATIONS

The meeting of the Central Council at Ilkley next weekend will have, in addition to the routine business and adoption of reports of the various committees, the interim report of the Standing Committee to receive and discuss. This will be on "the constitution and procedural working of the Council," and the text has been printed in our columns in recent weeks (May 1).

An informal meeting for expressions of views is to be held on the Sunday evening at H.Q., prior to the business meeting on the Tuesday.

Following last year's meeting at St. Albans, all ringers were invited to submit ideas for improving the workings of the Council, and these were considered at a meeting of the committee in November. There are those, of course, who having done nothing before and having read the report will be bursting with ideas of what they think should be done. To them, we suggest they refrain from criticism until the final decisions have been made and been given a chance to be proven.

Nothing is easier than to sit in judgment on the Council and its officers, and to imagine that a good time is had by all those attending the Council meeting, but the social intercourse enjoyed brings an awful lot of good feeling and understanding among ringers who in many cases do not meet more than once a year.

So let our Council meet, discuss, debate and decide what is best for the Exercise, and let us accept those decisions charitably and without malice, remembering that all the work done is voluntary and a great deal of time is given by the officers and committee members not for individual glorification but for each and every one of us.

The text under Personal in the notices page is worthy of repetition: "Pray for us; for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."

First Peal congratulations to: Michael Winterbourne, R. Paul Smith, Susan M. Greenwood, Mrs. Mary Greenwood, Stephen Littlewood, Dennis Greenwood, Joseph Greenwood, L. Sarah Green, Nicholas C. R. Cronin, Charles Brown, Robert Stansfield, Robert J. Atkinson, Brian J. Owen, Donald C. H. Owen, Kirsty R. Fisher, Robert A. Metcalfe.

Personal Records: John C. Sheppard (25 peals), Adrian F. Arscott (50), R. A. G. Inglis (250), Alan F. Scholfeld (200), Donald H. Niblett (250), Suzanne Snack (50), Margaret White (25), Crawford T. Hillis (250), Melvyn J. Hiller (100), John R. Ketteringham (400).

A £6 fine and an endorsement was collected by W. G. W. whilst returning home after helping, with his usual ability, at an organised course up north—and, adding to this "injury," his name was not even mentioned in the report!

For their silver wedding Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenwood rang their first peal (Kent T.B. Minor) and two other Greenwoods, Susan and Dennis, also rang firsts. (Well done.)

### Belfry Gossip

The peal of Double Norwich at Kingsclere was the third attempt in this method on the bells. One of these was by the Double Norwich tenor king and two by members of the same band, but a really good peal was rung on bells not easy to strike.

In extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, of Lymminster, Sussex, on their recent golden wedding anniversary the band thank them for their hospitality after the peal.

Though Mr. W. H. Dare, of Whitchurch, Glam., has been ringing regularly for over 50 years and has many peals to his credit, he confessed never to have rung the treble before to a peal. Indeed, he had never been seen to ring the treble! However, he has now rung one.

But such was the interest in the peal (Grandsire Doubles, at Whitchurch, Glam.) on May 9, seven ringers availed themselves—two all the way from Bridgend! Messrs. Bailey and Yeomans spun a coin: Mr. Y. won (with a double-headed 10 new pence piece?). However, Mr. W. Harford (tower captain) gallantly stood down.

Richard E. Price, the well-known ringer of Thrybergh, Rotherham, conducted a peal of Whitbourne S. Major at Cleckheaton, Yorks. on March 29, and it was his 50th Surprise Major method to peal and not his 50th Surprise peal. (Our error.—Ed.)

We have received a long report of the 5th rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, held at Leicester on May 2. We hope to print some part of it as space becomes available.

The tenor clapper snapped at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, on May 2 and a peal of Superlative was lost nine leads from the end! Five of the band, however, took part in successful seven Surprise Minor methods at Lyncombe in the afternoon, where the last peal was rung in 1953.

The composition of 5120 Cambridge S. Major on page 324 was by Harry Poyner and he gave it as "No. 3." It became separated from his others, hence the loss of composer's name. And in the same column the P. Bob Royal by Frank Price: the course end 26345 is brought up by IN and 2H (not 7H).

In 1896 the village of Trent was transferred from Somerset to Dorset, but it still remains in the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. We have had three letters telling us that the peal recorded on p. 336 was incorrectly headed. The sender of the peal (a resident of Somerset) evidently objects to the transfer of this village, for he clearly wrote Trent, Somerset (and we didn't know!).

We do not usually have copy duplicated, but this has happened on two occasions with Suffolk Guild peals. With an average of 80 peals coming in each week now we are unable to check for duplication and ask our correspondents to ensure that only one copy is sent (except when peal cards are required).

Mrs. John Elsel was her husband's assistant at the Hereford Easter course and not one of the students, although we have no doubt, like all who attended, she learnt something.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the annual report from the Yorkshire Association.

Non-delivery of his Ringing World in March brought a complaint from Mr. C. A. Bassett, and the missing copy was replaced from our "overs." Now we acknowledge from Mr. Bassett the cost of the extra copy; he has just received the original R.W.—delivered to the house next door, which has been empty for some months! [Thanks for your honesty, C. A. B.—Ed.]

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending my copies of The Ringing World to my home address during the university vacations. I know that this must add to your 'problems,' of which you must have many. I am greatly indebted to you."—W. M. T.

The hard work which Geoff Dodd, of Highclere, puts in teaching and helping young ringers and conductors through their first peal has prevented his being able to do much in the way of Spliced Surprise. His only experience until recently has been Spliced Cambridge and P. Bob, but now he has conducted 10-Spliced and is grateful to Michael Church and his band for their encouragement.

One of the ringers, Reg Rex, said afterwards he (Mr. Rex) was born 20 years too soon to learn a lot of new methods but that Geoff is taking the opportunity to do what "living in the wilds of N. Hants" has prevented him from doing in the past.

Reading old copies of the R.W. was found to be a most interesting and absorbing pastime by one of our regular correspondents. He picks out the arguments that went on about London Minor extensions to Maximus, the average time taken for a peal (tenor 12 cwt.—3 hrs. 10 mins.), the amount of space taken up by peal footnotes giving places from which the ringers had travelled, and the fact that 1,885 peals were recorded in 1923, of which 157 were handbell peals.

In a quarter at Orsett, Essex, the ringer of the 3rd had a large bandage round his thumb. He had chopped the top of it off the previous day, but did not let the side down for he rang, we learn, extremely well.

Mr. T. Ogden, of Oldham, Lancs, has received a letter from Miss Lesley Wilson, late of Stalybridge and now in New York, who writes: "I get an awful longing to hold a bell rope sometimes; I would appreciate just a plain course of Grandsire Triples."

"We must be getting middle-aged: we prefer the comparative peace of the country to the big smoke," writes Monica Martin, from Bendigo, Australia. She sends a quarter, rung at St. Paul's Church, and lots of interesting items. A letter by surface mail took ten weeks to arrive and is the answer to why the R.W. is sent by air mail! She has promised to send a (black and white) photo for reproduction, although one of John (her husband) in an orange beach hat and red shirt is much more "with it."

The girls of Hitchin Grammar School gave a performance of "Noye's Fludde" on two evenings in March and the handbells of the parish church (Aldeburgh) were loaned for the occasion (those which Benjamin Britten used in his original performance). The following pupils rang the handbells: Jackie Saker, Julia Nelson, Rosemary Roden, Mary Arthur, Lynn Harrold, Jackie Paddon.



## Obituary

### THE REV. B. L. GANDON

The Rev. Brian Lees Gandon, vicar of Wheatley, Oxford, died on April 11 after a long illness. When he came to Wheatley he was instrumental in gathering a new band together to ring the recently rehung six bells, and on Advent Sunday, 1967, the first service ringing took place. Since that date the bells have been rung regularly for service and practice by a young and enthusiastic band.

In addition to parochial work, Mr. Gandon had been closely associated with the work of the Y.M.C.A. and the Leprosy Mission; he also founded the Ministry of Christian Information, postal Christian Teaching, advertisements for which can be seen every week in the national daily newspapers.

A half-muffled peal was rung to his memory on May 2, and the band included four of the regular service ringers.

### THE REV. W. A. PEEL

William Albert Peel, priest, died at Yockleton, near Shrewsbury, on April 21. He had been rector of Tortworth, Glos, for 34 years, was a practising bellringer and a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, being chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch from 1950-1962, and a vice-president of the association from 1960.

In 1965 he took a living at Adbaston in Staffordshire, from which he had only recently retired.

He always looked forward to the meetings of his branch, especially those held at Berkeley, where he used to ring a course of Bob Royal, and he did much to make the branch meetings happy events.

The funeral was at Llanilar, near Aberystwyth, on April 27, and a memorial service was held at Tortworth at the same hour for the many who held him in high regard but could not travel to Wales for the funeral.

He leaves a widow, one daughter and three sons, to whom we extend our sympathy in their loss.

C. R.

### MICHAEL'S 500

Michael Moreton (38) returned to his home town, Hereford, to ring his 500th peal (at the Cathedral), where he learned much of his early ringing, and, like his first peal, was conducted by his elder brother, Wilfrid, with whom he has rung over 200 peals. We think his list is unique. He was one of the band which for the first time rang five peals in a day; he rang in the first of Scientific Triples, the first of Little Surprise, and (in his younger days!) rang in the first (and last?) controversial peals of Erin Doubles and Saturn Treble Bob Doubles. He initiated New Beat Bob Minimus and Time Doubles.

Michael belongs to 36 Guilds and has rung peals in 50 counties, in 284 towers. These include 48 twelves, 30 cathedrals and abbeys, some of which he feels were a great privilege: Worcester, Canterbury, Winchester, Liverpool, Exeter, the Imperial Institute, Redcliffe, the Churchill peal at St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

He has rung in the first peal on the bells at: Eardisland (new 8), St. Columb Minor, Bromyard (new 8), Wexford, Quainton, Cripplegate (new 12), Bow (new 12) and Burwell, and the first "Michael" peal. He has conducted 27 peals, and thanks the 627 ringers who have taken part and helped him ring his 500!

## Manchester Cathedral

### LAKE DISTRICT VISITED

The Manchester Cathedral and Birch-in-Rusholme annual ringers' outing was arranged this year for May 2, and 52 people set out for the Lake District at an early hour. Once again the weather smiled on us and despite some rather dark clouds it did not rain.

Four towers had been "booked", the first of these containing the lovely light eight at Hawkshead (7 cwt.) and the best ringing of the day was enjoyed here. The next stop was Ambleside where, after a frenzied search for the key (watched closely by a constable and his incredibly fierce-looking Labrador police dog!), we sampled the sonorous eight (32 cwt.). A hint of things to come was provided when the tenor went up the wrong way. Not many of the party were able to master this heavy ring but a good course of Ashbourne College Bob Major (learnt on the coach!) was rung.

We travelled on to Bowness-on-Windermere to St. Martin's Church, and on the mediocre eight (13 cwt.) some fair ringing was achieved before taking tea at Kendal.

We then rang on the fine ten (23 cwt.) at Holy Trinity and the highlight of the ringing here was a course of Duffield Royal.

The homeward trip was punctuated by the essential refreshment stop, followed by some rousing singing from the Manchester-Whitefield "male voice choir." Our thanks to Alan Ward and Betty Ormrod for yet another well-planned outing and to all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells.

P. B.

### A NEW CHURCH

On Ascension Day (May 7) the new Church of the Ascension, Hulme, Manchester, is to be consecrated. The new parish takes in a number of smaller parishes, including that of St. Philip's, and St. Philip's Church is to be demolished. It is hoped that the tower and bells (a ring of eight) will be preserved. This will be possible if the necessary money is found to buttress the tower. The bells themselves are in a poor state, the fourth being unringable. It is not one of Manchester's favourite rings and a quarter rung on May 3 was the first for many years (and certainly the last on the bells of St. Philip's as such).

P. B.

### M. P. MORETON'S 500 PEALS

#### TOWER BELLS—475

**Doubles.**—Erin 1, Plain Bob 2, Saturn Treble Bob 1 (conducted 1), 2-10 methods 6 (1).

**Minor.**—Plain Bob 22 (9), Single methods 8 (2), 2-30 methods 47 (1), Surprise 1-16 methods 23 (3).

**Triples.**—Grandsire 14 (1), Stedman 7, Plain Bob 1, Scientific 2.

**Major.**—Plain Bob 14 (2), D.N.C.B. 15 (1), 1-4 methods 5, Kent T.B. 5, Eardisland Delight 1; **Surprise.** Cambridge 21, Yorkshire 26 (1), Lincolnshire 6 (1), New Cambridge 2, Rutland 7, London 14, Bristol 17, Superlative 2, Pudsey 3, Glasgow 2, Herefordshire Little 1, Southwell 1, Darlington 1, Dublin 1, Birstall 1, Heptonstall Little 1, Easing 1, Hungerford 1, Jaffray 1, Fordcombe 1, Spliced 3-8 methods 13.

**Caters.**—Grandsire 6, Stedman 17.

**Royal.**—Plain 4 (1); **Surprise.** Cambridge 21, Yorkshire 7, London (No. 3) 7, Superlative 1, Pudsey 1, Pritwell 2, Albanian 1, Dodford 1, Banbury 1, Spliced 3 1.

**Cinqués.**—Grandsire 2, Erin 1, Stedman 45.

**Maximus.**—Kent (Granta) 1; **Surprise.** Cambridge 24, Yorkshire 11, Pritwell 10 (1), Lincolnshire 1, Londonium 3, Bristol 1, Superlative 1, Pudsey 3, Albanian 1, Lyddington 1, Newgate 1, 4-Spliced 1, 6-Spliced 1.

#### HANDBELLS—25

4 Doubles, 13 Minor (3), 3 Bob Major, 1 Stedman Caters, 1 Bob Royal, 3 Stedman Cinqués.

## THE LATE G. KENWARD'S PEALS

George was taught to ring as a lad at Iden in Sussex and together with four other "first pealers" rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at that tower on February 25, 1911. He progressed to 8-bell ringing and rang his first of Triples the following year at Rye, Sussex, and his first Major at Biddenden, Kent, in 1921. His 25th peal came in 1923, his 50th only 3½ years later and his 100th (3 Minor at Harrietsham, Kent) on August 24, 1935, nearly 25 years after his first. He completed his second hundred after a further 15 years in 1950. George really got into his stride after that, ringing 40 peals during 1951 and appearing in the leading peal ringers list several times over the next few years. His 400th peal was rung on January 29, 1958, at Sittingbourne. Illness in the early '60s prevented him from ringing for a while but he still continued to ring the odd peal now and again and 1969 saw him ringing five peals, including his 425th. His last peal was to be Rutland Surprise at his own tower, Sittingbourne, conducted by Bernard Groves. He could last the three hours as easily as anyone and still strike his bell well. His 429 peals were rung in 96 towers, 44 of them at Tunstall and 35 at Sittingbourne, and he circled the tower at least once at these two towers in addition to Gillingham, Borden and Milton Regis. He rang 113 peals with Cyril S. Jarrett and 104 with George A. Naylor, and the number of first pealers he rang with is noteworthy, including Walter Dobbie in 1932 and Harry Parkes in 1921. A list of his peals is as follows:—

**Doubles.**—Grandsire 5, Stedman 1, 2 methods 10, 3 methods 7, 4 methods 3, 5 methods 1, 7 methods 2, 9 methods 1.

**Minor.**—Plain Bob 23, Single Oxford 1, St. Clement's 1, Double Oxford 1, Kent T.B. 2, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge S. 2, 2 methods 5, 3 methods 18, 4 methods 20, 5 methods 6, 7 methods 17, 10 methods 1, 11 methods 1, 13 methods 1.

**Triples.**—Grandsire 69, Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 1, Union 1, Stedman 36.

**Major.**—Plain Bob 49, Little Bob 1, Canterbury Pl. 2, Little Oxford 1, Hereward Bob 1, Victoria Little Court 1, Double Norwich 36, Double Oxford 2, 2-Spliced 1, 3-Spliced 1, Kent T.B. 43, Oxford T.B. 4, Cambridge S. 11, Yorkshire S. 6, Superlative S. 2, Rutland S. 2, New Cambridge S. 2, Fordcombe S. 1.

**Caters.**—Grandsire 8, Stedman 8.

**Royal.**—Plain Bob 3, Kent T.B. 5.

**Maximus.**—Plain Bob 1.

His peal books are being placed in St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, tower, where it is hoped they will provide interesting reading in years to come.

L. M.

## ENTHUSIASM

A quarter at Bunney, Notts, was the first ever by a local band. The present band, under Albert Simpson, have been ringing for nine months and are now looking up Cambridge! There are a dozen ringers and in what was a silent tower the bells are rung twice every Sunday. Ten are at school and the average age is about 15. They have also formed an enthusiastic band of handbell ringers and practise practically every lunch hour.

In addition all of them are in the choir and one (Nick Sharpe) acts as choirmaster and organist for morning services. The ringers also help the church in the churchyard, which they have tidied.

On the ringing side, the band are now looking ahead to their first peal!

T. H. K.



## Notices

### SCALE OF CHARGES

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### NEW TYPE FACE

Our printers have scrapped the worn out type faces which were used for quarter peals and notices and have replaced them with a modern Univers character, which will be used in future for both these (and other) sections of the R.W.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**HILLING—HART.**—The engagement is announced between David P. Hilling, of Slough, Bucks, and Margaret Hart, of Mickleton, Glos. 8860

**WILBY—CARPENTER.**—The engagement is announced between Andrew W. R. Wilby, of Harpenden, Herts, and Frances M. Carpenter, of Mill Hill, London, N.W. 8862

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**LUCAS.**—As from May 9 the address of Mr. Jack Lucas, tower correspondent of St. James', Trowbridge, will be: 70 Wyke Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8849

### PERSONAL

"Pray for us; for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."  
—Hebrews xiii, 18.

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### MISCELLANEOUS.

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**GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH, COLCHESTER.**—Flower festival, June 5–7. Sun., June 7, tower open: bells available from mid-day to 6.30 p.m. Evensong and festival of praise. 8839

**FLITTON, BEDS.**—Ringers requiring the use of the bells please contact Mr. C. J. Stimpson, Highfield, Flitton, Bedford. 8853

To avoid unnecessary delay would all outing organisers, tower secretaries, etc., wishing to ring at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, please apply direct to John L. Flindon, Job's Close, Pillerton Priors, Warwick. 8788

### EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Evening meeting, Downe, Frl., May 22. Ringing from 7.15 p.m. 8833

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Evening meeting, South Benfleet, Sat., May 30. Bells 6–9 p.m. All are welcome. 8864

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice, Wed., June 3, 6–9 p.m., Manchester Town Hall. Everyone welcome. 8852

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Sat., May 23, at Penn. Bells available 6 p.m.—J. Muller. 8832

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Central District.—Practice meeting, Thrandeston (6), Sat., May 30. N.B.—Change of date and place. 8863

### AFTERNOON MEETINGS

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—South West District.—Meeting, Bures, Sat., May 23. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures. 8767

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 90th A.G.M. will be held in Chelmsford on Mon., May 25. Service 11 a.m. Meeting in Chapter House 12 noon. Coffee 10.15 and buffet lunch (6s. 8d.) in Cathedral Hall 1.30. Tea in the Friends Hall, Saffron Walden (3s. 6d., by ticket only). S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wed., May 20. Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 and 3–4 p.m. Further details with tickets. 8712

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting, Sat., May 30, Tickhill, 3.30–5.30 p.m. Harworth, 7–9. Tea at Tickhill 5.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Hulley, 24 Walnut Avenue, Tickhill, Doncaster. 8819

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting, Crondall, Sat., May 30. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. Arnold, 20 Green Springs, Crondall, by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8854

**LADIES' GUILD.**—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Pembroke, May 30. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Rogers, 32 St. Michael's Road, St. Michael's Park, Pembroke. 8820

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Branch.—A.G.M., Burford, on Sat., May 30. Ringing: Leaffield (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Burford (8), 3–4. Tea, Corner House Hotel, 4.15. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting. Further ringing, Burford, after the meeting and Ascott-under-Wychwood (6) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) not later than Mon., May 25, to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472. 8817

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ash-ton on Sat., May 30. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea—make own arrangements. 8765

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 30, Langham (6), 2.45 p.m. Service followed by tea. Evening ringing, Whissendine (6), until 8.30. Names for tea to Scholes, Harringworth, Corby, by Tuesday, May 26. 8840

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Damerham, on Sat., May 30. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Striking competition 6 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24 West Street, Wilton, by Tues., May 26. 8859

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Leeds and District Branch.—Meeting, St. Francis' (R.C.), Holbeck, Sat., May 30. Ringing 3–5 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting 5.45. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland Surprise. 8848

### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At BATH  
Saturday, June 6

4.30 p.m., Service in Bath Abbey with Address by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells. 5.40 p.m., Tea in St. Michael's Church Hall, Walcot Street.

Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13 Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9AU, before June 3. 6.15 (approx.), A.G.M., at which new rules will be proposed.

Details in 1969 annual report, now available (3s. 6d. to non-members) from above address.

### Towers open for one hour each:

11.00 a.m. Freshford, Claverton, Keynsham.  
11.30 a.m. Bathford, Bathampton, Queen Charlton, Newton St. Loe.  
12 noon. Batheaston, Swainswick, Newton St. Loe.  
2.00 p.m. Bathwick, Weston, Kelston.  
2.30 p.m. Twerton, Wildcombe.  
3.00 p.m. St. Michael's, Lyncombe; Bath Abbey (to 4.30).

### After meeting until 9 p.m.

Wellow, Dunkerton, Corston, Marksbury, Priston. 8842

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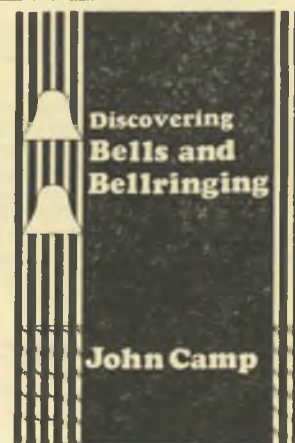
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Bells (6, 8 cwt.) open for ringing on  
Saturday, May 30, 4–6 p.m.  
Sunday, May 31, 3.30–5.30 p.m.  
Enquiries: Stonesfield 225. 8803



### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL COMPETITION

Ring in the Chertsey district on June 6 and win a prize.

Classes for motorists, cyclists and walkers. Tower programmes on competition form, 2s. (after 2 p.m., 1s.), available on day only at Oatlands Park from 8.15 a.m. Bring packed lunch. Soups and drinks available 1–2 p.m.

Service at Oatlands 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and results.

Sponsor forms from Mr. J. Bailey, 11 Stoke Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Names for tea to Mrs. Smith, 13 Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames (Walton-on-Thames 21045), by June 3. 8813

### CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

#### "Affiliation" Fees

On May 1 the following had not paid their fees for 1970 (due January 1):—

Bedfordshire Association.  
Chester Diocesan Guild.  
Devon Association.  
Dudley and District Society.  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.  
S. Derbyshire and N. Leicestershire Assn.  
Suffolk Guild.  
Sussex County Association.  
Swansea and Brecon Guild.  
University of Manchester Guild.

May I now have them, please?

#### Membership

Will the respective secretaries please let me have the names of representatives:—

Chester Diocesan Guild (one in place of the late H. O. Baker).  
East Derbyshire and West Notts Association.

#### NOTE:—

Due to ordinations, the following ringing times have been amended for Sunday, May 24:—  
Bradford Cathedral, 9.30–10 a.m.  
Wakefield Cathedral, 10–10.30 a.m. (second session).

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,  
Hon. Secretary.

45 Westercroft Lane,  
Northowram,  
Halifax, Yorkshire.

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS BRISTOL—May 30.

#### AMENDED RINGING PROGRAMME

BATH ABBEY 10.20–11.30

#### BRISTOL:—

Bristol Cathedral 10.30–11.30  
St. James 11.15–12.45  
SS. Philip and Jacob 2.45–3.45  
St. Mary Redcliffe 3.45–5.15  
Christ Church 5.0–6.30  
Christ Church (10) 5.00–6.30

Social evening, Waggon and Horses, 16 Bath Street, Bristol, at 6.30. It will be of assistance if those requiring food will let me know.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

8857

### CHRIST CHURCH, COSELEY, STAFFS. FLOWER FESTIVAL

May 28 to 31.

Saturday, May 30, at 4.45 p.m., a recital by the Kingsbury Handbell Ringers, followed by a short Evensong.

Bells available 3 p.m. and after service.

ALL WELCOME. Refreshments available.

8843

### MASONIC RINGERS' REUNION LONDON

Saturday, June 6

Ringing will take place at various London towers, followed by

Dinner at the Hole in the Wall, Southwark (next door to Borough tube station) at 32s. 6d. per head.

Schedules giving details will only be sent to brothers notifying their intention of coming. Please don't rely on word-of-mouth requests! No notification, no schedule, except to brothers who have already written. Names to W. A. Theobald, 34 Whitechapel Road, London, E.1, by Saturday, May 23. 8812

### GUILDFORD GUILD HAWLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

May 23, 24 and 25

Ringing arrangements:

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Monday: 3.30–6 p.m.

Refreshments available.

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#### AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 199. Doubles var. at Brockenhurst.—From Derek Jackson: Names should be:—

Chevassé Place with Antelope Single:

Bethlehem.

Maltby Bob (ditto): Bishop's Waltham.

Callender Bob (ditto): Fareham.

Montgomeryshire Place (ditto): Shedfield.

Page 337. Notations: Easter Surprise Major—  
B —38—14—58.12.36.14—14.38—12—78

b d falseness. l.h. 2nds.

Page 334. Lelant, Cornwall: read Carbis Bay.

Pages 176 and 217. Suffolk Guild peal of Ullesthorpe at Framsdon duplicated.

Pages 316 and 338. Suffolk Guild peal of Quedgeley at Aldeburgh duplicated.

Page 315. Hereford Guild.—Bromyard: treble ringer Michael V. Powell.

#### BETTER LATE . . .

"I have rather a red face as I was asked to send you this quarter some weeks ago. Other things have kept me from getting down to it! Please, sir, could you publish it as soon as possible so I may be able to look my ringing mates squarely in the face once more."—A heartfelt plea from a correspondent.

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### NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

Following our request for any items of news suitable for the readers of the R.W. we have had a number contributed. Among them are two from an Australian paper. The Adelaide Advertiser gives good coverage to Mr. Paul Taylor's visit to examine the Town Hall bells and also the possibility of a ring at St. Cuthbert's Church, Prospect. An illustration shows Mr. R. S. Jolly, "a medical student," standing beside a bell, and adds that Mr. H. Bagot helped with an inspection of the bells.

Another cutting sent to us is also well illustrated, showing Mr. Charles Hullyer assembling one of the 2,400 miniature replica Liberty Bells which the Whitechapel Foundry are producing for the American market in 1976. It mentions the 400th anniversary of the Foundry and details the history and work carried out at Whitechapel and the variety of jobs and orders in hand.

#### £1,600 APPEAL

From The Brentford and Chiswick Times, of April 23, there is a cutting about the 15th century tower of St. Nicolas Church, Chiswick, being in danger of structural damage. The vicar has appealed for £1,600 to rehange the bells and give adequate soundproofing.

The Bucks Herald, reporting on a meeting at Little Missenden, states that bellringing is attracting interest, for membership of the Chiltern Branch of the Oxford Guild has increased and it has a larger bank balance accordingly. The secretary (Mr. A. White, of Aston Clinton) and Mr. J. Shadbank (chairman) were re-elected and Mr. L. Floyd (Edlesborough) and C. Younger (Cheddington) were appointed joint ringing masters.

#### JUSTICE DELAYED

The Bedfordshire Times had a treble column spread about the carillon in St. Paul's Church which went "wonky" and went on . . . and on . . . and on. They held up proceedings of Bedfordshire Assizes—but all this happened in the past and was quoted by the chief Parliamentary reporter of The Times at a recent luncheon. Mr. Justice Cassels (now 93) was the judge at the time of the "wonky" occurrence. He had just jailed a man for 18 months, and the tune came into the Shire Hall loud and clear—"Should auld acquaintance be forgot . . ." It was 3 o'clock. (The carillon played at 9 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The tune changed every week.)

At the end of the verse the tune faltered, faded away. But within seconds a new tune began—"Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band . . ." But at the end of the verse it did not stop—it went on, and on, and on. . .

Eventually the judge folded his hands across his gown and stared up at the ceiling. "This may be delightful in the peace of a summer evening, but it does not help the business of the court," he said. "Cannot something be done to stop this tintinnabulation?" And although the tune went on the police took prompt action. A police car was rushed to the home of the verger who was taken to the church, where in the belfry he disconnected the carillon chimes.

"Peace at last," said the judge when the music ceased. But in the long period of waiting he had a discussion with counsel about the mechanisms of the carillons of Bruges.

The more unsavoury a scandal the sweeter it is on the tongue. (Ernest Raymond.)



**TONY JACKSON**, vice-captain of St. Mary's, Southampton, was killed in a climbing accident at Swanage last Sunday.

### Received too late for Classification

#### DEATH

**ELLIOTT**.—Joseph, aged 78 years, died suddenly at his home, 23 Brockwell Lane, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex, after many years of ill-health. 8885

#### SILVER WEDDING

**CANNON**.—JESSOP.—On Sat., June 2, 1945, at St. Paul's, Dorking, Surrey: Arthur Patrick to Sylvia Constance. Present address: 20 Deepdene Vale, Dorking. 8880

**AYLESFORD, KENT**.—Ringing festival, Sat., May 30. Football match between Maidstone and Ashford Districts, Forstall Road, 2.30 p.m., followed by tea and ringing, 6–8.30 p.m. 8875

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, May 23, Uphill, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 8876

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**.—Chew Branch.—Corporate Communion, Yatton (8), on Sun., May 31. Bells available 7.15 a.m. Communion service 8 a.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8872

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Southern District.—Meeting, Sat., May 30. Ringing: Barnard Castle, 3–5 p.m.; Staindrop, 6–8.30 p.m. Picnic tea. 8870

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Guildford District.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, on Thurs., May 28, 7.45 p.m. Methods: Pudsey, Rutland, London, Bristol.—D. J. T. 8865

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—S. and W. District.—Evening practices: Staines (St. Mary), Fri., May 29, 7.30–9 p.m.; Twickenham (All Hallows), Thurs., June 11, 7.30–9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers, Dis. Sec. 8882

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Sat., May 30, Penn (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Cups of tea available at Beaconsfield approx. 5 o'clock, but please bring own food. Beaconsfield bells (8) available after tea until 8.30 p.m. 8869

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bolton Branch. Meeting, St. John's, Farnworth, Sat., May 30. Ringing (8 bells) 2.30–8.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Special methods: Bob Major/Cambridge. All welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec. 8868

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Sat., May 30. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 8874

**LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION**.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice at All Saints, Newport, Fri., May 29, 7.30–9 p.m. Surprise methods. 8877

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Rampton, Sat., June 6. Bells (5) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: April Day and Stedman. 8881

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Hornby, Sat., June 6. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Williamson, 3 Monteagle Drive, Hornby. 8884

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, Sat., June 6, Lenton. Bells 15.30. Tea 17.30, followed by evening ringing at Wollaton. Names for tea to E. Shuttleworth, 35 Holly Avenue, Breaston, Derby. 8878

### SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS OUTING TO BIRMINGHAM

Saturday, May 30

Leave St. Peter's 8.15. Tamworth, 10–10.45. Kingsbury, 11.30–12.30. Lunch (own arrangements). Solihull, 2–3. Shirley, 3.15–4. High tea at Vittoria Restaurant, 4.30–5.30. Hands-worth or Perry Barr, 6–7. Aston, 7.15–8.15. Arrive Nottingham 10.45. All welcome. Names to D. Stainsby, 376 Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (Tel.: 233506). 8867

### "SUSSEX BELLS AND BELFRIES"

At the A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association, held at Brighton on May 9, Mr. G. P. Elphick introduced his new book "Sussex Bells and Belfries," shortly to be published, and said he had been compiling the material for the book for 37 years. It contained 170,000 words, 460 pages (418 text), 85 plates and 42 line drawings. In 1864 Sussex was the first county to have a book published about its bells. He had hoped to have his book ready for the centenary of the original book but it had not been possible. Whereas most books on county bells are merely a collection of inscriptions and data of the bells themselves, this one covers the towers, frames and fittings, including an entirely new study for telling the age of bell frames from the ingrainings of the timbers. He mentioned that in Sussex there is a bell c. 1200 still hung in its original fittings, and a three-quarter wheel of a type of which he had been unable to find another example anywhere in this country.

A full report of the A.G.M. will appear next week.

### University of Wales

#### SLEPT ROUGH

The rag week tour and A.G.M. was held on April 25 in Monmouthshire. Most members spent the night on the floor of St. Julian's Church Hall, Newport, before the Saturday tour. Towers visited were Usk, Magor, Nash, Caerleon, St. Woolos, Peterstone Wentloog, Marshfield and Newport All Saints.

The ringing and methods varied. The meeting was held in Marshfield Church, the vice-chairman (Rev. I. Richards) presiding. Membership of the Central Council was discussed and the question of Stinchcombe bells was raised. Miss Susan E. Davis was elected master and Roy Falder secretary. Miss Margaret Twigg and Joe Morgan were thanked for their work during the past year. Miss Fiona Walters was elected a new member and secretary of the college.

The autumn meeting was fixed for October at Bangor and the summer tour in August to Norfolk and Suffolk. After the meeting an Eastern meal was taken in a Chinese restaurant. V. A.

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### 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for May 18, 1945.

At the Salisbury Diocesan Guild A.G.M. held at Salisbury, members discussed the proposal to establish a ringing competition with a legacy left for that purpose, but on the proposition of the master (Rev. C. C. Cox) it was decided by a large majority that competition ringing was to be discouraged.

Messrs. Rupert Richardson, J. A. Freeman, J. Bray and G. E. Feirn were elected members of the Central Council to represent the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

A meeting of the N.E. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Huntsham, and tea was at Huntsham Court, the residence of Lt.-Col. Gilbert Acland Troyte, a ringer, and a relative of Col. Charles A. W. Troyte, author of *Change Ringing*.

Fifty-one victory peals were printed, the majority being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and the only footnotes were "first peal," of which there were 29.

At the Sussex County Association A.G.M. Mr. F. I. Hairs was re-elected master, and Mr. S. E. Armstrong general secretary. Arrangements are in hand for the 60th anniversary celebrations.

Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, took part in the victory ringing, and on arriving home was suddenly taken ill and died. A peal attempt next day was cancelled.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for May 21, 1920.

From the leader: "Among the matters that will claim attention (at the Council meeting) will be the future of the Council itself, which will be dealt with on the report of the Standing Committee, for at the last meeting it was resolved that this committee be instructed to consider the procedure of the Council and take such action as they think fit."

The first peal on the augmented eight at Bucklebury, Berks, was by a local band which included Emma Franklyn and Stella Davis.

John Chesterman, Robert Flew and John Hepworth rang their first peal at All Saints', Basingstoke.

The first peal of Bristol rung in the city of Birmingham was conducted by Samuel Grove, and Frank Perrens, Thomas Miller and Percy Laffin rang their first in the method, whilst for Frank J. Smallwood it was the first of Surprise.

A meeting at Chesterfield was of the Sheffield District and the old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.

A 720 of No. 22 3rd place Delight (Legitimate Methods) rung at Poynton, Cheshire, was to be called "Leasowe Castle."

Mr. Cyril Johnston took up a challenge from a letter in *The Sunday Times* about the "Simpson-tuned" five-tone principle being "dirge like" compared with the bright, cheerful old tuned bells.

A "victory" ring of six had been installed in the tower of Capenhurst, Cheshire, Church, the tenor being 13 cwt.

The London County Association at its meeting at Kingston passed a "strong resolution protesting against the proposed demolition of famous city churches."

One item on the Central Council agenda was the definition of a Surprise method, and George Baker wrote giving his views on the matter.

"Half rail shares, up to 2s., will be paid."—Fred M. Mitchell, hon. sec. Rochester District, Kent Association.—Adv't.

The best shoulders can always spare a little room for someone else's burden.



## COMPOSITIONS

## 1344 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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Five times repeated.

## 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

in five methods.

By P. G. K. DAVIES

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52436	—	—	YNNNSYS		
52364	x	—	NNSY		
35264	—	—	RRRRRRR		

56342 A A

34562	—	—	CCCYCCC	}	B
53462	—	—	SCYCINN		
45362	—	—	YNNNSYS		
45623	x	—	NNSY		
64523	—	—	RRRRRRR		

23456 2B 2B

Contains 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire (N), and 864 each of Yorkshire and Superlative, with 87 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

First rung at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, on March 6, 1970.

## 5280 ALDERMARY SURPRISE MAJOR

By DENNIS KNOX

23456 M B H W

34256	—	—	2
24653	—	—	—
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25346	—	—	—
54263	x	—	—
54632	x	—	—
54326	x	—	—
(25346)	—	—	—
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23645	—	—	—

2 x repeat.

Reduce to 5024 by omitting M, B, W in one part.

Rung at Willesden, Middlesex, on April 16, 1970.

## 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(No. 1)

By H. POYNER

23456 B 2½ 4½

25463	—	—	2
56234	x	—	—
56342	—	—	2

Four times repeated.

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