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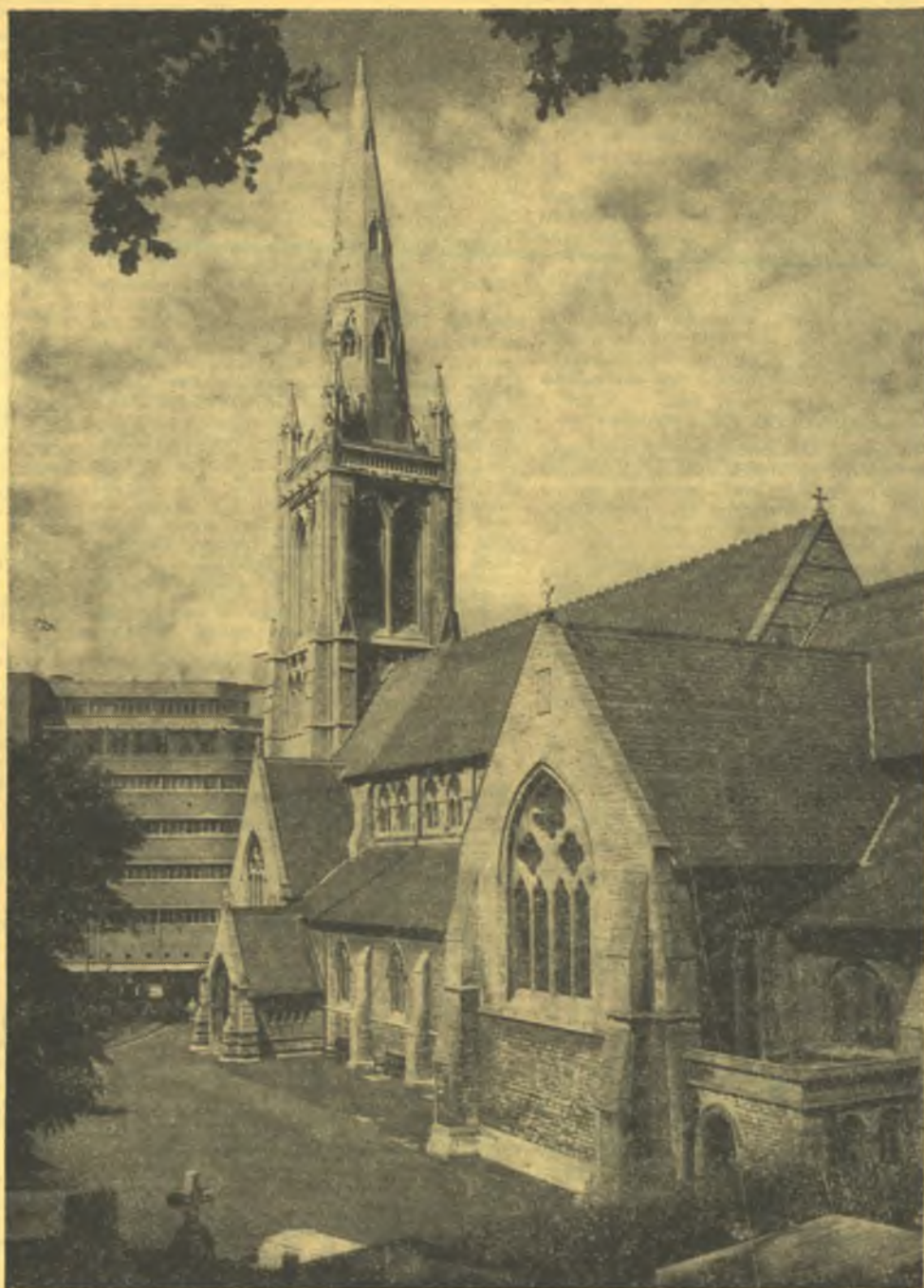
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**St. Peter,
Bournemouth**

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Cover Picture

St. Peter, Bournemouth

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY years ago Bournemouth did not exist, apart from a few fishermen's cottages. It was bare heath surrounding the little valley of the Bourne, midway between the two ancient towns of Poole and Christchurch. Inland were several small villages: Holdenhurst and Kinson, Iford and Wick.

The founder of Bournemouth was Lewis Tregonwell, a landowner from Cranborne who, in July, 1810, drove over from Mudeford and was persuaded by his wife that the Bourne Valley was a good site for a seaside home. Their house, finished two years later, is the core of the present Royal Exeter Hotel. Other houses followed, and Bournemouth soon became a recognised "watering place." The town has county borough status, a population of around 152,000 and covers an area of 11,627 acres.

Closely linked with the development of Bournemouth has been its Parish Church of St. Peter, now celebrating its 125th anniversary. It was 1845 when the first Vicar of Bournemouth was appointed—the Rev. Alexander Morden Bennett, M.A., who had been assistant priest at two of London's most fashionable churches (the Portman Chapel and All Souls', Langham Place), and in August that year Bishop Sumner (of Winchester) consecrated the first church in Bournemouth.

Only eight years later (1853), with the town growing rapidly, the vicar decided that a much larger church was needed. He commissioned a 29-years-old architect, George Edmund Street, to prepare plans for a church which would seat more than 1,200 people.

COMPLETED IN STAGES

This church was planned so that it could be completed in stages over a generation and was more or less built over and around the old church, spreading first northwards, then southwards, then to the east and finally to the west.

One of the last major constructions was the tower. Although at that time the western transepts had not been built, Mr. Bennett pressed for work on the tower to be carried on, fearing that if he died it might never be put in hand. In 1869 the building of a 100ft. tower began, was finished a year later and was followed four years after by the transepts, joining tower to nave.

Interesting details of the tower are the statues of St. Gregory, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Jerome and St. Ambrose, each occupying a niche in each corner pinnacle. They were carved by a well-known ecclesiastical sculptor, Frank Redfern, and were originally placed, in 1876, on the exterior of Street's new north porch at Bristol Cathedral. The Evangelical Bristol Churchmen objected strongly to the portrayal of the four Latin doctors and Dean Eliot had the statues removed in the early hours of an April morning and Street had them placed on the tower of St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

The year 1879 saw the building of the 100ft. spire, the crowning glory of the Rev. Bennett's vision of a church built to the highest standards of Victorian architecture and grandeur. A service of thanksgiving for the completion was held on December 18 that year and one month later (January 19, 1880) the Rev. Alexander Bennett died, having founded not only St. Peter's but eight other churches in Bournemouth.

Although the history of St. Peter's is comparatively short, it has had many famous names attached to it. Gladstone

made his last Communion in the church on March 3, 1898, and in the four-acre churchyard are buried such famous people as Maj.-Gen. Richard Clement Moody, R.E., the first Lieutenant Governor of the Canadian colony of New Caledonia (which in 1866 amalgamated with Vancouver Island to form British Columbia).

The Shelley family have a grave in the churchyard, and although the famous poet was cremated and buried in the English cemetery in Rome, his heart survived his cremation and was brought to England by his friend Edward Trelawney. In 1889 Sir Percy Shelley (the poet's son), who resided at Boscombe Manor, died, and in his coffin was placed the heart of his atheist father. The poet's wife, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is also buried here, and it was she who wrote the now famous "Frankenstein" novel.

THE BELLS

In 1871 a ring of eight, cast by John Taylor and Co., was given to the church by a grateful congregation for the recovery to full health of their founder and vicar, after a long and serious illness. Although the bells were dedicated in 1871 it was not until December, 1891, that the first peal was rung, the method being Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part).

Ringing took place regularly until 1937, when it was decided to have the bells recast, half the cost of which was borne by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Whilst the bells were away an interesting item appeared in the church magazine of August, 1937, stating that the vicar, the Rev. Canon Hedley R. Burrows, M.A., whilst on a ringers' outing to Basingstoke thought out an inscription for each bell. As this would cost sixpence per word he decided to keep the inscriptions to himself, but if any wanted to give a donation towards the cost of the extra work they would be let into the secret of the inscriptions. The bells were duly inscribed as follows.

- Treble.—The People's Bell. JESUS BE OUR SPEED.
 2nd.—The Founder's Bell. IN MEMORIAM FUNDATORIS ALEXANDER MORDEN BENNETT.
 3rd.—The Town Bell. PULCHRITUDO ET SALBRITAS.
 4th.—The Winchester Bell. MANNERS MAKETH MAN.
 5th.—The Peace Bell. PEACE FROM HIM, WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME.
 6th.—The Coronation Bell. GOD SAVE KING GEORGE 1937.
 7th.—The Passing Bell. ASTO FIDELIS USQUE AD MORTEM ET DABO TIBI CORONAM VITAE.
 8th.—The Resurrection Bell. IN MEMORIAM MARY ELLEN NORTON 1936. RISE, HEART, THY LORD IS RISEN.
 Sanctus Bell.—The Bell of the Incarnation. IN MEMORIAM ALFRED EDWARD DALDY, Vicar 1904–20.
 St. PETER St. SWITHIN
 SANCTUS — Sanctus — SANCTUS
 Treble, 5 cwt. 2 lb.; 2nd, 5 cwt. 2 qr.; 3rd, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.; 4th, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.; 5th, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.; 6th, 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.; 7th, 15 cwt. 2 lb.; tenor, 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb., note E.

Later in the year the bells returned from Loughborough and the following account appeared in the magazine: "At 5.30 on this day—the Feast of Crispin—(and what a stormy night it was) we had the ceremony of naming the bells. After evensong the crucifer, choir and clergy proceeded to the roadway outside St. Peter's where the bells rested on the lorry that brought them from Loughborough. In spite of the roughness

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of the weather we had quite a good congregation in the open, and cars stopped and people stood in the streets as the bells were named. At the end we sung the Doxology, and those who were there must have felt that this was the beginning of the restoration of an essential home touch of St. Peter's."

The first peal scored on the bells after recasting was rung on May 28, 1938, and, like the very first one, the method was Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-part). The conductor was Mr. A. V. Davis who, as captain, did much towards the restoration and rehanging of the bells.

NARROW ESCAPE

During the war the tower and indeed the entire church had a narrow escape when an incendiary bomb hit a department store opposite the church, the sparks from the burning shop being blown across the road and starting a fire in the louvers of the tower and bell frame. Servicemen, including the Royal Canadian Air Force, joined church workers to form a chain gang passing buckets of water from the crypt at the east end of the church, along the nave and up the 90-odd steps to the bell chamber, where the outbreak was successfully confined. Fortunately no serious damage was done.

In the post-war period Mr. Davis was responsible for the training and encouragement of many young ringers, and was assisted by such well-known ringers as Mrs. F. J. Marshall and Mr. D. T. Matkin. Their efforts helped to keep up the tradition of regular Sunday service ringing, upheld for 99 years.

Today, with the population of Bournemouth tending to move from the centre of the town, a number of the ringers have to travel from the outskirts of Bournemouth to ring for Sunday services. This presents difficulties, especially in the summer months when the town is crowded, but the ringers of St. Peter's are confident that the bells will be ringing for the centenary of their dedication next year and for many years after that.

E. J. B.

The more things a man is ashamed of,
 the more respectable he is. SHAW.

Bath and Wells Association.

NEW RULES : INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS**NEXT YEAR'S A.G.M. ON EASTER MONDAY**

Celebrating the 80th anniversary, the Association president, the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, preached at the service in Bath Abbey on June 6, when ringers filled the choir. The Rev. H. F. Warren (master) conducted the Association form of service, with lessons read by G. W. Massey and Preb. G. Lester.

In his address Bishop Henderson spoke on the theme (John 15, v. 17) of "one another," and its implications both in World Cup football and for ringers who were aware of one another in the discipline of team work. He thanked the ringers for another year of witness, hoped they would gain inspiration from a beautiful abbey, and quoted John Betjeman's poem *Septuagesima*, which included the ringers among the essential workers of the parish church.

Tea was taken at St. Michael's parish hall (with thanks for the efforts of John Hobbs and his helpers) and the A.G.M. followed. The master opened proceedings with a prayer and honoured the memory of those members who had died during 1969/70. The officers' reports, already printed, were accepted, the master's commenting upon the relatively poor response to the June A.G.M. date, the success of the Taunton dinner, the question of disputed peals, and the two augmentations carried out at Sampford Brett and Lyng, whilst the general secretary's covered the formation of the new association library, the proposed new rules, and the retirement of three branch secretaries. There were also some comments on progress during the past decade.

The treasurer's report showed a stable membership of 1,780 ringing, 22 associate and 12 honorary life members. The reserves had been called upon to finance the year's working and the committee recommended subscriptions be raised to 3s. Some 209 towers had paid an affiliation fee.

Reports on visits to 16 towers on a variety of topics were presented by the adviser on the Care of Church Bells and his assistants. A number of restorations were in hand—at Ston Easton, Butleigh, Chaffcombe and Dulverton as a follow-up to work in previous years.

QUARTER PEALS RECORD

Finally the peals secretary presented details of 176 peals rung in 1969 (the largest total ever), including the first 12-bell peal since 1936 and first peals at six new towers. In addition, about 400 quarter peals had been rung (more than in any other county).

Mr. J. H. Gilbert (general secretary) gave a brief account of the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. Because of depleted finances in the General Fund the meeting decided to make no grant to *The Ringing World* this year, but it was stressed that there was no loss of confidence in the journal.

All the retiring officers were asked to continue and were then re-elected unanimously. The Rev. H. F. Warren expressed the hope that his parish duties would allow him to continue in an office which he valued highly, and Mr. Gilbert gave notice that he would welcome a successor as secretary next year. He would definitely stand down in two years' time because of family commitments. He then proposed that the new rules be adopted as set out in the agenda. These had been discussed in the branches with final revision by the general committee. The aim was to clarify and up-date the association objects and procedures so that members and affiliated P.C.C.'s would be better informed.

The principal changes were in recognition of the bell fund and the tower advisory service, the formation of a library and the com-

position of a general committee. October 31 was suggested as the collection date for subscriptions. A further committee meeting proposed ringing members' subscriptions be raised to 20p. and not 15p. as printed. Peal fees remain unchanged at 5p. and not 10p. as printed.

Mr. G. W. Massey seconded the motion.

In the ensuing discussion it became evident that members considered a 25p. more realistic than 20p., and would build up reserves and augment the bell fund. A counter proposition for 40p. adult and 20p. student subscription was defeated and the amendment for a 25p. subscription was carried without opposition.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

An amendment to retain the title of "Non-resident Life Member" was narrowly defeated. Having raised the resident subscription, there was an amendment to increase the non-resident subscription from 25p. to 50p. (a single payment only), which was carried with four votes against. With these amendments the new rules were unanimously adopted to operate from January 1, 1971.

The date of the 1971 meeting at Bridgewater was finally fixed, after discussion, for Easter Monday.

Under "Other Business" the master welcomed Mr. W. H. Coles, who brought greetings from Middlesex and from *The Ringing World* Editor. He also brought Mrs. J. T. Dyke along to meet many old friends, and she was greeted with applause.

A letter on the Stinchcombe Appeal was read, and a recommendation of a retiring collection being accepted, the sum of £5 was realised. Questioned about the conditions at East Pennard, Mr. Sanger said that the bells were, and always had been, ringable, but the tower was badly affected by ringing, and successive architects had advised against it. Recent checks showed no change, but in order to assess likely damage, limited ringing on special occasions would be carefully monitored by the architect in charge.

Mr. Gilbert thanked those present for responding so well to his request for ringing to mark the association's 80th anniversary. Mr. Massey proposed that the Central Council representatives receive £20 expenses, and with this the meeting closed.

It was disturbing to learn that one of the towers which were open for ringing afterwards had been visited by some ringers whilst the meeting was still on. This type of discourtesy is now too common and will not be condoned.

80th ANNIVERSARY

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was a development from the Bath and Keynsham United Deaneries Association which was formed in 1882. It is therefore appropriate that this article should appear following an issue featuring Keynsham tower. The inaugural meeting took place in the church schoolroom at Highbridge on May 31, 1890, and the minute book records that 13 clergy and 15 laymen were present from a wide area of Somerset.

The choice of Highbridge, which no longer has any bells, was probably due to its situation at the junction of railway lines from all parts of Somerset. The "S. and D." branch line has now closed, like many others.

In the 80 years, membership has grown from 194 to over 1,800, and we now vie with Oxford for the honour of being the largest diocesan association. The scope of ringing accomplished has grown from Grandshire only to 23 Spliced Surprise Major with "all the work." A flourishing bell fund enables us to give useful assistance in restorations and the tower advisory service, started in 1927, now visits more towers each year than in almost any other county.

Some account of association history was given for its 75th anniversary and will not be repeated here. The pattern of working has changed over the years. Up to 1939 there were four general meetings each year at which members' elections were ratified. Latterly, with a full programme of branch meetings, only the A.G.M. is held (in a different branch each year). This year's meeting at Bath introduced the fifth major rule change since 1890. The subscription was originally 1/-, became 1/6 in 1947, and 2/- in 1952. From 1971 it will be 5/-(25p.).

PRIZE RINGING

One item discussed at the inaugural meeting at some length was prize ringing, particularly in the context of belfry reform. There was apparently very little prize ringing done—two examples in the previous 16 years were mentioned—but the meeting adopted a similar rule to the neighbouring Devon Guild, prohibiting prize ringing by members or in association towers. In the changed circumstances of today this rule has now been withdrawn so that striking competitions (without prizes) may develop.

Among the various tasks undertaken by the association were sending a resolution to the Prime Minister against the disestablishment of the Church in Wales (1912) and making representations to the railway companies for lower fares for ringers (1925). Neither of these projects succeeded! We started issuing instructional booklets in 1903 (Shearn's Grandshire Doubles) and the latest issue of Sanger's *Ringing a Bell* has recently sold out its second edition.

To mark this anniversary we asked for special ringing at as many towers as possible and the response indicates a healthy state of activity in the diocese. Our task now is to cope with the effects of parish reorganisation that will take place in the next 20 years, and the maintenance of our bands and bells in good order whilst avoiding the nuisance of excessive noise.

Salisbury Guild.**THREE JUDGES**

The quarterly meeting and striking competition of the Salisbury Branch was held at Damerham on May 30. The guild service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. J. Mathers), followed by tea in the Vicarage served by Mrs. Mathers and the local ringers. After a business meeting on the Vicarage lawn a return was made to the church for the competition. Four towers entered, and as there were many unattached ringers present it was decided to make up two more teams.

The judges were Messrs. B. Woodruffe, Terry Collins and J. Hartless, who gave the results as follows: 1 Fittleton, 2 Guest Team No. 1, 3 Damerham, 4 Sarum St. Thomas, 5 Wilton, 6 Guest Team No. 2.

Mr. N. Skelton (chairman) expressed thanks to the judges for their ready help and advice. G. A. T.

Ilkley, May 26, 1970.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS SECTION III

The proceedings after lunch commenced with the third section of the Interim Report of the Standing Committee on the constitution and procedural workings of the Central Council, viz.:

Finance.—The section had been prepared and presented by Messrs. D. Beresford, F. C. Price and W. G. Wilson, the first-named acting as spokesman.

Mr. G. W. Critchley asked if The Ringing World accounts were to be discussed and it was pointed out that as these were audited separately and the accounting system had recently been revised, it was not considered necessary at this stage for these particular finances to be the subject for general debate.

The question of a false surplus in The Ringing World accounts on the year's working was raised, and Mr. Meadows, supporting Mr. Critchley, said it was understood it was done to save taxation.

Mr. Wilson replied that the whole question was covered by the last paragraph of the report, and this was accepted.

On the point of liability, the secretary stated that the Council was covered, and Mr. R. S. Anderson spoke of the possibility of forming The Ringing World into a limited company. Mr. Beresford stated that on professional advice there would be no advantage.

Mr. P. Gray said there were, he believed, certain reserves and he asked the committee what should be the size of these in the case of liability.

Mr. Beresford said there was no liability, and in any case they were covered by insurance.

The Towers and Belfries Committee expenses were next discussed and the opinion was expressed that this committee should be self-supporting and charge for work done and advice given.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe explained the system which was adopted by its members and said no charge was made for time, but expenses were collected if possible. They were all out of pocket at the end of the year. The convener did, however, charge for postages and for travelling to committee meetings.

The chairman said the sub-committee had considered all the points.

It was suggested by one speaker that churches where advice had been given should be advised as to costs involved, and he was told that this had been done in many cases, but with little response.

Mr. C. K. Lewis asked a question about increasing the Central Council subscriptions (the present 10s. per member has remained unchanged since 1954) and the chairman advised that the Standing Committee revise the report, including subscriptions, and resubmit it next year, making resolutions as necessary.

Considerable discussion followed, Messrs. Carlisle, Wilson, Mayne, Reynolds and Rev. J. Scott taking part, and finally the whole Interim Report was put to the meeting for acceptance and agreed, no one voting against.

The sub-committee will now review their reports in the light of the proposals and general discussion, and will resubmit the complete report next year with definite proposals.

MOTIONS

The Council then proceeded to deal with various motions of which notice had been given.

Proposing that the Council donate £20 to the Gloucester and Bristol special appeal

for Stinchcombe bells from the Clement Glenn Fund, Mr. E. A. Barnett received secondary support from Mr. V. Bottomley.

Answering Mr. Butler's question as to whether the money would go to the bells or to support the case, Mr. Wratten stated that all money donated was for the bells. The costs were being paid by the association.

Mr. Hoare said this created a dangerous precedent, whilst Mr. Seagar added that if it were a test case more effort should be made.

Following a remark that this was confusing the issue, Mr. Gray made two points which he thought it fair to repeat for the benefit of the members. The two principles were: (a) If ringers can do anything to influence against bells being hung dead it was imperative to do so, and (b) The way the chancellor gave his decision. There was a risk that if the Stinchcombe appeal was widely supported other P.C.C.'s would apply for faculties for their bells to be hung dead to get the support of ringing associations for the rehanging.

The Rev. St. J. Smith interjected that he did not think P.C.C.'s would sink as low as that.

Answering a question as to raising a local band to ring the bells once they were rehanged, Mr. C. Wratten said there were two ringers in the parish and there seemed no reason why a team should not be trained. He felt, because of the chancellor's judgment, the burden should not fall entirely on the parish.

Mr. Sharpe pointed out that the chancellor's ruling only applied to his own diocese and was not legally binding on anyone else outside that area.

Mr. Dodds: I think we should support the appeal.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, about ten voting against.

REPORTS, 1969

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COURSES.—The three-day course at Hereford Training College at Easter, 1969, organised by Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton and the Hereford Guild, was attended by 40 resident students and 20 day students—60 in all. Three days seemed to be the ideal length, about half the time being spent in the local towers. Students were split into groups with competent helpers for each tutor.

Messrs. N. Chaddock, W. F. Moreton and F. Sharpe assisted on the Lincoln Guild residential

weekend course at Brant Broughton in March. The former and present directors of education attended the Saturday evening activities and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In November the annual residential weekend course, organised by Mr. Norman Chaddock for the West Riding Education Authority, attracted 39 students, although 30 was the limit at first allowed.

On May 10 a full day course at Market Weighton, E. Yorks, organised for the Beverley and District Society, at Market Weighton Secondary School, involved 124 ringers and eight local towers. The course was split into three main sections covering a wide range of topics and activities at different levels.

An evening institute course was also run by Mr. N. Chaddock at Market Weighton during both winter sessions in 1969.

Gramophone record illustrating good striking.

The master tape for this is almost completed, the artist is working on the illustrations to go on the front cover of the record sleeve and the instructional notes to go on the back are ready for the printers. All being well this project will be completed before Whitsuntide.

Tutor's Handbook, Part 2.

This was completed last May and copies have been on sale for some time.

Washington film.

This has been hired out 13 times during 1969 producing a net profit of £11 3s. 2d.

Film on bellringing.

As requested, the convener passed over his "file" on this matter to the new committee formed to advance this project.

Inveraray bells.

The period of decline of this installation is at an end. Following visits, contacts and negotiations by the convener and helpers it is anticipated that this fine ring of bells is entering a new era. Appropriate detailed reports have been or will be made in the columns of The Ringing World.

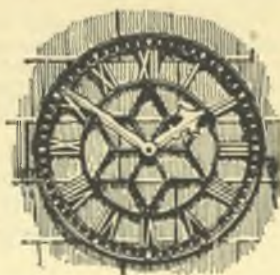
Miscellaneous items.

These include requests for loan of visual and aural aids, filmstrips and films. Advice has been given to two applicants on the organisation and syllabuses of evening institute courses. Several requests for the convener's filmstrip on bell control have been met.

Mrs. Staniforth wishes to resign from the committee, being under great pressure of work in several fields. The convener wishes to be relieved of this responsibility which he has carried for over ten years. It is felt that the work of this committee is so important that members of the Central Council should consider seriously how to strengthen it so as to preserve its effectiveness in the future. During 1969 Mr. Frederick Sharpe has given 16 illustrated lectures, written Volume 2 of "Herefordshire Bells" and started on the revision of "Berkshire Bells."

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Letters

INFORMATION SOUGHT

Dear Sir,—Reading the paragraph from *The Ringing World* in "50 Years Ago" on the peal of Stedman Triples at Betchworth, Surrey, prompts me to write to you.

My great-grandfather, W. H. Judd, was tower captain at Betchworth from 1885 until 1935. He had three sons, all of whom were ringers but are now dead.

Unfortunately I have no knowledge of his ringing activities, although I have in my possession an old book of methods which once belonged to him. I would be very interested to know if you or anyone, when reading through old copies of *The Ringing World*, have come across any reference to him, especially of any record of his death in July, 1945, or of any other Judds at Betchworth. Yours faithfully,

IAN G. BUDD.

St. Andrew's School, Buckhold,
Pangbourne, Reading, Berks.

CLAPHAM PARK BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article (in your issue No. 3084 of June 5) by Mr. John Pladdys about St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park.

I sincerely hope that his wish to ring these bells again in their new home will come true.

Our ring of ten bells (tenor 20 cwt.) at Christ Church, Crewe, were recast from the original eight in 1912 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon.

They are tuned on the "five-tone" Simpson principle, and sound well and "go" well, although on plain bearings.

Visiting ringers to our tower have said some very nice things about them, too.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN HOLLOWAY.

Crewe, Cheshire.

THE WELSH WELCOME

Dear Sir,—We ringers are seldom found wanting when it comes to showing appreciation of the clergy for the use of their bells and in conducting services at our meetings, and to local ringers and ladies for providing and preparing often very sumptuous meals.

In North Wales we are unfortunate, in one sense, in that many of our ringing towers are so far apart; consequently we do not meet as many of our fellow ringers as we could wish. It is the opportunities provided by our annual and half-yearly meetings that enable so many of us, particularly in the Wrexham area, to arrange a coach and travel to distant towers.

Our A.G.M., in late spring, is a particular joy. This year we travelled to Machynlleth to be privileged receivers of a sincere welcome from the clergy, ringers and the people of this ancient town. We came by special invitation this year (it is only two and a half years since we were at Machynlleth) and we were doubly honoured by the presence of the Bishop of Bangor (Rt. Rev. G. O. Williams), the Archdeacon, other clergy and the chairman of the local council and his lady.

From all our ringers to the good people of Machynlleth, a very sincere thank you for all the arrangements and for the honour you bestowed on our association this year.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Flintshire.

RINGING MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—Surely the problems enumerated in Mr. Bevis's letter on ringing meetings (*Ringing World*, page 434) arise from the basic fact that monthly and quarterly meetings along traditional lines serve no useful purpose, apart from providing a pleasant social occasion.

What can one look forward to from such an occasion? Proceedings will begin with about an hour's mediocre ringing, with the ringing master either trying valiantly to keep the bells going with the few who are keen enough to put in an early attendance or endeavouring to cater for large numbers of ringers of widely differing capabilities at one and the same time. Shortly before the service the "good" ringers will appear from nowhere and ring a polished touch for the service touch. At the service the feet of the volunteer organist will stray wildly over the pedalboard, Evensong will be specially shortened, and "special" hymns will be sung to appalling tunes, because the local incumbent will assume that ringers will be unused to normal length services and be unfamiliar with the liturgy. A sermon will be preached; it will either be a pat on the back for those fine fellows, the ringers, for all their fine work, or a little lecture telling them to attend services more frequently, depending on the nature of the incumbent. At the ensuing tea he will be thanked for his "instructive address." Occasionally an item of interest may crop up at the business meeting, but more often not. The meeting will be followed by more mediocre ringing, interspersed by the odd course in a fancy method rung by the "good" ringers before they retire to the pub, leaving their less able brethren to struggle on for a little longer before they go home, disillusioned, to their cocoa!

This is, I acknowledge, an extremely cynical view, and I know that many meetings rise above this level. And I should not wish to suggest that any act of worship which is sincere in intent is in any way unworthy. But there is precious little in this well-worn routine to attract the younger, less experienced ringers about whom Mr. Bevis is concerned, or to attract the more experienced, either, for that matter. Assuming that the purpose of these meetings was originally threefold—to improve the standard of ringing, to transact business, and to provide fellowship—there are surely better ways of providing all three than our conventional meetings.

A meeting once each month, or once each quarter, is of no use whatsoever as an opportunity to improve one's ringing. An association or guild which intends to fulfil this aim has got to do a lot more about it than to organise the occasional meeting. Tuition of inexperienced bands in their own tower on their own weekly practice night is the only way to tackle the spade work. Of course, those who are prepared to attend a quarterly meeting, kidding themselves that they are doing their duty, are less willing to commit themselves on a more regular basis. It is the task of the association to see that all necessary instruction is provided. Co-operation within a geographical area is not difficult to organise, so that ringing on any level can be available, except in the most remote areas. Once the ground work has been accomplished, peals and quarter peals are the way to consolidate it; the effectiveness of an hour or three hours' practice at one time is not to be compared with the odd touch four times a year.

Having separated ringing from business meetings, the business can then be trans-

FROM AUSTRALIA

Dear Editor,—It was suggested that each Sydney tower ring a quarter peal during the Royal visit and Cook celebrations. Here is Turramurra's contribution:—

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.

April 29, 1970.

1260 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Graeme Drew
- 2 Andrew Goodyer
- 3 John Rainsford (Conductor)
- 4 Margaret McEvoy
- 5 Margaret Goodyer
- 6 Ken Stacey

Rung to mark the bicentenary of Captain Cook's landing at Stingray Harbour (Kurnell, Botany Bay), on April 29, 1770.

Margaret Balcombe, who was in the office on the "Britannia" and travelled around with the Royal party, was able to ring at Burwood and Turramurra, and also rang at Yass with Paul Taylor.

Last week-end we joined the Burwood ringers for a week-end at Canberra and Yass. We stood in respectful (?) or regretful silence as the pianola chart in the ringing room of the Aspen Island carillon wound its way through "Cherry Ripe," "Greensleeves," "Hearts of Oak," etc., and then made an interesting though sad inspection of the bells. The tower is a most impressive sight and certainly adds to the beauty of Lake Burley Griffin. The striking competition between St. Paul's (Burwood) and St. James (Turner) at Yass resulted in a resounding victory for St. Paul's and a rather unmelodious defeat for St. James'. After we had left for Sydney the Burwood team rang a quarter of Doubles.

We have followed with interest the progress of the Taylor family. I knew Eric and Helen years back, before they had any children and before I came to Australia. Within a couple of years the Goodyers should be ringing their own family quarters—we still have Geoffrey and Rachel to join our ranks. However, opportunities for peal ringing in Sydney are few, so we must be content with quarters. Philip in particular would revel in the ringing opportunities in U.K.

Tomorrow Phil is hoping to conduct an "Under 15" quarter at Turramurra. I think his chances are very dim. The tenor ringer has not learned how to cover yet! Philip rang in the "Under 16 and Youngest in Australia" quarter three years ago, when he was 11. We wish them luck tomorrow.

Best wishes to all.—Yours sincerely,

MARGARET GOODYER.

Roseville, N.S.W.

sacted more efficiently. There need be no hurrying of "Any Other Business" simply because all present wish to rush back to the tower, and one is not tied to the odd time of 5.15 p.m. on a Saturday.

Fellowship is something that those who have found out what ringing can offer them experience not just on isolated meeting days but week after week the whole year through. If our guilds and associations were to think more of what they ought to be doing to achieve their objects, many might well conclude that the formalised district meeting could well be dispensed with.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID HOUSE.

London, S.W.

A spoonful of honey catches more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.

FRANCIS DE SALES.

Letters

THE ILKLEY MEETING

Dear Sir,—The Central Council gathering at Ilkley was once again the enjoyable event it always is, with the hosts providing traditional Yorkshire hospitality. There was, however, one aspect of the meeting which I, and I believe a great percentage of those delegates present, found disturbing, and which I feel should be brought to the notice of the Exercise in general.

Due to persistent external pressures, both the Records and Peal Analysis Committees, who for years have tried to maintain certain standards of good taste and good sense in what we ring and accept, seem to have capitulated to a state of "Well you might as well ring what you like—there doesn't seem much we can do about it anyway."

Both these committees are composed of ringers of high calibre and integrity but because of the tactics of a fringe of sensationalists and rebels (and dare I say cranks) who just do not wish to conform to what most of us feel are a logical set of rules and ideals, these two bodies have literally, it seems, resigned themselves to a state of not quite knowing which way to turn for the benefit of the Exercise whom they serve.

Of course rules need to be reviewed and changed and doubtless some rules broken are done so in all innocence, and the last decade has surely seen some exciting developments in composition, particularly with the use of singles in Surprise Royal and Maximus, the exploration of London and the field of Spliced. But our basic rules were and are set up by responsible and, may I stress, active participants of the art for the good of the Exercise at large and, let it be said, by a majority vote in Council which represents that Exercise.

Despite the untapped wealth of sensible material, as well as a tremendous field of method and composition already in existence, the breaking of rules, the naming of methods in a most infantile way and attempting to throw the work of these two committees constantly out of gear continues.

May I cite a few examples, all of which were mentioned/debated at Ilkley, none of which was satisfactorily resolved.

(i) However meritorious they may appear, the peal(s) of Caters at Basingstoke and the Minor with the tenor covering at Sawston do not conform to the rules set down and, particularly in the former case, fully known about. Opening the floodgates here could mean Cinques on the back eleven at Winchester, or Kent Fourteen at Wakefield ("for who," would say the extremist, "cares whether the fourteen are in diatonic scale or not?")

(ii) The long peal of Superlative. This was neither officially rejected nor accepted, only by implication, and it seems the ringing public were misled on the matter of an umpire, anyway.

(iii) Nomenclature. The range of suitable names for new methods is legion but we have recently had Mr. Rusty, Xennapod Sunrise, Turkish and now Turnout Delight.

(iv) Jumping places. Someone has found a loophole here—the results are obvious.

(v) Mixture of calls—again, neals rung and published without apparently seeking the guidance or opinion of these committees and, worse, no explanation in *The Ringing World*.

PUBLICATION OF QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—With the appearance of the new type face in parts of our journal I shall be grateful if you will allow me space to comment on one small innovation that I cannot regard with satisfaction. I refer to the setting out of certain quarter peals with such contractions as "P.B. Doubles," "P.B. Minor," and so on. To bands who pay for their insertion it cannot be pleasing to see their (often very laudable) performances recorded in these or other indefinite terms.

We are all aware that present economies are essential to the continued life and prosperity of *The Ringing World*, and I think that most of us would agree that restrictive measures have, up to now, been more limited than we might have expected. But we may all hope that it is not necessary to carry economy of space to the verge of parsimony. To the ringers of Doubles and Minor many of these performances must be very precious; I would therefore make a plea for the quarter peals (such staunch supporters of our finances) to be treated alike, whether on higher or lower numbers of bells.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster, Wilts.

P.S.—In the publication of the Report of the Literature and Press Committee (page 424), I note that your compositor has set certain words with lower case initials. I need hardly point out that "Parochial Church Council," "Consistory Court," and "Chancellor" are all, in this context, proper nouns and titles, and, as such, merit the distinction of capital initials. It was in its correct form that Mr. Dukes and I submitted the script to the Central Council.

E. C. S.

Editor's Note: (1) Points noted, but quarter peal and peal bands do not pay for their insertion. They kindly send donations towards the cost of producing *The Ringing World*, and these are greatly appreciated; (2) Postscript—agreed!

One could mention other cases, not specially debated in the Council Chamber. I recently heard a supposedly intelligent man (he had received a university education) and a gifted composer stating quite seriously his intention of ringing a 4999 and forcing it through the Council.

Of course ringing is to be enjoyed and to my knowledge nobody on the Central Council, particularly in these two committees, wants to be high-handed, square or what have you but, as John Mayne observed, the whole structure on which our valuable heritage is based is being undermined. I will no doubt be accused of sounding pompous and over-traditional, but may I conclude with two appeals?

First, to composers, conductors and peal arrangers, please to continue experimenting, but if in doubt as to legality, authenticity, nomenclature and so on, do consult a member of these committees for their opinion and guidance.

Secondly, to the Exercise in general, to endeavour to maintain good sense, standard and taste in our ringing achievements. This will surely not only revere the names of the greats who have gone before but also enhance the work of many people happily still with us.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

GREATER LONDON TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Buswell (*Ringing World*, page 414) is confused about the identification of towers in Greater London.

In 1965 Greater London was formed as an administrative unit from the former counties of London and Middlesex and from parts of Essex, Kent, Surrey and Hertfordshire, and the numerous boroughs and urban districts in that area were amalgamated into 32 London boroughs, most of which were given the names of important places within their areas.

However, the fact that a place ceased then to be a local authority area did not mean that it ceased to be a place (and a parish) in its own right. The fourth edition of "Dove" recognises this and lists all London towers under the name of the place by which they are commonly known—an improvement, I think, on the previous edition in which in the "Metropolitan Boroughs" section Putney, Clapham and Streatham, for instance, were all to be found under Wandsworth—and in some cases the borough name is included for help in locating the place.

Thus, for example, Barnet, St. Mary the Virgin, refers only to the town of Barnet and not to Monken Hadley or anywhere else in the London Borough of Barnet; Bromley, SS. Peter and Paul, refers only to the town of Bromley and not to Cudham or anywhere else in the London Borough of Bromley.

Hayes is a special case: it is a rare example of two places with the same name in the same county and both having a ring of bells (like the two Littlehams in Devon and the two Ecclestons in Lancashire). In this case "Dove's" identification by their boroughs is most helpful. In case there is still any doubt after the publicity it has received, it is the bells of Hayes (Hillingdon) that have recently been recast and augmented.

If Mr. Buswell or anyone else would like to know in which boroughs Greater London towers are situated I would be happy to supply a list.—Yours faithfully,

C. H. ROGERS.

25 Windsor Drive,
Ashford, Middlesex.

GOSPEL OAK BELLS

Dear Sir,—It was pleasing for me to read the paragraph on the ringing at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W.

Some 40 years ago I was a member of the band led by the late Mr. Ernie Bonfield. We rang every Sunday for both Matins and Evensong, and were frequently visited by stalwarts of long ago, including Frank Smith, Richard Bevan, W. Norton and (one who is still with us) Mr. Reginald V. Johnson, master of the Sussex Association.

Few peals have been rung on this handy little six (tenor about 12 cwt.), but it appeared to us in those days that the local residents liked to hear the bells ringing.

It was considered a terrible tragedy if we failed to ring out the Old Year and ring in the New. The church was usually full to overflowing for the midnight service.

Congratulations, Mr. F. G. Knight, and thank you very much for getting St. Martin's bells on the air again.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. OSCAR WILDE.

Quarter Peals

QUARTER PEALS RUNG TO CELEBRATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
(FOUNDED MAY 31st, 1890)

Wedmore, Som.—May 29, 1260 Doubles (four m/v, 7, 6, 8 covering): G. Puddy 1, Miss K. Hine 2, J. Creber 3, P. Ham 4, F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, T. Puddy 6, A. Duckett 7, J. Redman 8. First quarter 6, 7 and 8.

Brent Knoll, Som.—May 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Parker 1, Mrs. S. Berry 2, Mrs. D. Massey 3, B. Rich 4, K. Brooks (first as cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6. First quarter 1, 5, 6.

Mark, Som.—May 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lea 1, J. Creber 2, Miss K. Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Mrs. D. Burrough 5, P. W. Ham 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, R. Fear (first Triples) 8.

South Cadbury, Som.—May 30, 1260 Doubles (two methods): T. Mead 1, W. A. Osborn 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, K. L. Laver 5, E. Snook 6.

Barton St. David, Som.—May 31, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, M. Brown 2, Miss S. A. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, A. J. Callow 5, W. A. Prescott 6.

Bathwick, Som.—May 31, 1264 P.B. Major: N. Wrigley 1, Mrs. R. J. Ball 2, A. Wrigley 3, E. Goater 4, J. Wrigley 5, K. Harrison 6, J. A. G. Ball (first as cond.) 7, R. S. M. Stubbs 8. First Major 1 and 3.

Kingston Seymour, Som.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Willis 1, E. Baker 2, J. Pople 3, R. Luxton (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, T. Baker 6. For Evensong.

Long Ashton, Som.—May 31, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Gilbert 1, Diana M. Bridle 2, R. G. Edwards 3, Heather A. Kippin 4, R. C. Kippin 5, P. Bridle 6, D. G. Yeo (first Stedman as cond.) 7, W. W. Wivell 8. For Evensong.

Trull, Somerset.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. A. Medway 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, J. Baker 3, R. J. Medway 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. Shepherd 6.

Weston-super-Mare, Som.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Mills 1, Jean Gay 2, Allison Fox 3, S. Lewis 4, J. A. Trimm (first as cond.) 5, F. Meredith 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

Woolavington, Som.—May 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. C. Kent 1, Miss P. Hector (first inside) 2, Miss S. Hector 3, D. B. Kent (first in method) 4, A. G. Kent (cond.) 5, Rev. M. Barnett (first in method) 6.

Langport, Som.—June 3, 1260 Pinks Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, C. Gratton 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, Mrs. D. Crocker 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, D. Pollard (first attempt) 6. First in variation by all

Ancaster, Lincs.—June 7, 1260 Doubles (five methods): P. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4, M. J. Belcher 5.

Baldock, Herts.—June 7, 1264 P.B. Major: B. Dear 1, T. Freer 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, R. Trebilcock 4, R. Pettit 5, B. Willett 6, R. Castledean 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8. First major 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong.

Basildon, Essex.—June 2, at 300 Falstones, 1380 P.B. Doubles: K. Lucas (first in hand, aged 11) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Janice Manterfield (12) 5-6. Half-muffled in memoriam Gary David Nutt, aged 9. First in hand by members of the Langdon Hills band.

Battersea, London.—May 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret A. Robinson 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, B. J. Fry 3, R. W. Williams (comp. and cond.) 4, M. J. Herbert 5, J. P. Colliss 6, D. R. Tipler 7, R. Le Marechal 8. Also May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, Mary Sutcliffe 4, M. J. Herbert (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Cooles 6. For Evensong.

Bethersden, Kent.—May 31, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. D. Deacon 1, R. C. Offen 2, J. A. Hemsley 3, B. Johnson 4, N. J. Davies 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. To welcome the new vicar (Rev. Edward St. L. Blakeney).

Biggin Hill, Kent.—May 2, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. Spicer 1, P. Kift 2, B. Stocker 3, D. Stocker 4, J. Collinge (cond., first in two methods) 5, L. Hooper 6. Also May 9, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. R. Butler (cond.) 1, R. C. Kift 2, L. Hooper 3, B. Stocker 4, D. Stocker 5, J. Collinge 6.

Bishop's Cleeve, Glos.—June 6, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Sadowski (cond.) 1, Miss R. Couzens 2, Miss P. Baker 3, Miss B. Eden 4, P. Baker 5, P. Mustoe 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Minnett; also for the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. Baker.

Blackwell, Derbys.—May 17, 1440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Boston, Lincs.—May 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freeston 1, S. E. Smith 2, A. Freeston 3, W. B. Dawson 4, W. E. Clarke 5, R. Stephenson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Freeston 8.

Bournemouth, Hants.—May 31, at 8 Gerald Road, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Croft 1-2, K. S. B. Croft 3-4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5-6, J. S. Croft (aged 13) 7-8.

Braughing, Herts.—May 17, 1260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, P. J. Glazebrook 3, L. Luck 4, W. Hunt 5, A. E. Richardson 6, R. F. Prime 7, E. Mardall 8.

Budworth, Cheshire.—May 17, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jean Hallett 1, M. Haighton 2, Elizabeth Lowe 3, J. Scott 4, J. G. Hallett (cond.) 5, D. Lowe 6. For Whitsun.

Chawton, Hants.—May 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Hedger 1, G. Noakes 2, R. Reed 3, R. Corke 4, R. Finch (cond.) 5, J. Cleaver (first quarter) 6. For the induction of Rev. M. Taylor as rector.

THREE IN A DAY

(Bank Holiday Monday)

Cheriton, Kent.—1296 Little Bob Major: R. Bagshaw 1, Judy Brooks 2, Margaret Jenner 3, H. Deacon 4, R. A. Birch 5, J. Hemsley 6, P. Staples 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 5 and 7.

New Romney, Kent.—1260 Pl. Bob Triples: B. Johnson 1, R. A. Birch 2, Judy Brooks 3, Margaret Jenner 4, H. Deacon 5, R. Bagshaw 6, J. Hemsley (cond.) 7, P. Staples 8.

Folkestone, Kent.—1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Staples 1, B. Johnson 2, Margaret Jenner 3, Judy Brooks 4, R. Bagshaw 5, H. Deacon 6, R. A. Birch (cond.) 7, J. Hemsley 8.

Chigwell, Essex.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, P. D. Austin 2, Elizabeth A. Dunlop 3, Marion A. Cass 4, G. H. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Conquist 6. To welcome the new curate.

Chinnor, Oxon.—May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor: G. Judge 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, F. Keen 5, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. For morning service.

Codsall, Staffs.—April 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): S. W. Illidge 1, A. G. Richards (cond.) 2, K. A. Russell 3, D. R. Hawksworth 4, J. S. Cranmer 5, P. J. Bryan 6, H. E. Green 7, J. Smith 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss Jessie Moreton, a donor of a treble (1936). Also May 20, 1260 Doubles (two methods): F. E. Fowell 1, S. W. Illidge 2, P. J. Bryan 3, S. G. Pick 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5. Also on June 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Richards 1, R. S. Lyons 2, P. J. Bryan 3, S. W. Illidge 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5.

Condover, Salop.—May 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lloyd 1, R. H. Newton 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, F. H. Bennett 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, L. D. K. Lewis 6, P. J. Evans 7, A. E. G. Owen 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Hughes, ringer and organist for over 50 years and a former auditor of Shropshire Association.

Darlington, Co. Durham.—May 28, at Holy Trinity, 1296 London Surprise Minor: G. A. Barker 1, Miss D. M. Killingley 2, D. R. Cox 3, T. Cooke 4, P. M. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6. For the visit of H.R.H. Princess Anne (May 27) to open the town's new Civic Centre.

Davenham, Cheshire.—April 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lynn Owen (first quarter) 1, Pamela Hough (first quarter) 2, A. C. P. Pugh 3, J. R. Jarvis (first quarter) 4, J. G. Hallett (cond.) 5, J. Scott 6.

Ditchling, Sussex.—May 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. R. Squires 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, Sylvia H. C. Thursfield 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, Susan-Margaret Merrett 5, Judith M. Botting (first quarter) 6, D. Kirkcaldy 7, R. K. Mayston 8. A farewell to the rector, Canon M. H. R. Syngé, M.A., taking up an appointment as Chaplain to the Community of the Epiphany, Truro.

Deane, Bolton, Lancs.—June 3, 1280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: Pauline Tallis (first quarter) 1, N. Tompkins 2, J. Cunliffe 3, A. Critchley 4, G. Fothergill 5, P. Bellamy-Knights 6, J. Thornley 7, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 8.

Drayton, Berks.—June 6, 1260 P.B. Triples: Jane Danson 1, Christine Baker 2, Julie Tyler 3, E. F. Putt 4, C. W. J. East 5, A. D. Tyler 6, R. T. Corker (cond.) 7, G. J. Tyler 8.

Dublin.—April 9, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jane Potter 1, D. W. Galbraith (first Minor) 2, Carol Adams 3, P. M. Talbot 4, D. A. McEndoo (first as cond. of Minor) 5, C. J. Reede 6. Also May 23, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: Jane Potter 1, D. A. McEndoo 2, Dorothy Johnston (first inside) 3, D. W. Galbraith 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, Helen Hubert 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Dorothy Johnston (master, D.U.G.). Also May 30, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: Beth Doyle (first quarter) 1, J. P. O. Barry 2, Jane Potter 3, C. J. Reede 4, D. A. McEndoo (cond.) 5, Helen Hubert 6. Birthday compliments to twins, Kevin and Timothy Griffin.

Also June 4, 1260 P.B. Minor: Dorothy Johnston (first Minor) 1, Carol Adams 2, D. A. McEndoo 3, C. J. Reede 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, J. K. Stark 6. Also June 6, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J. B. Marchant (first quarter) 1, J. P. O. Barry 2, Jane Potter 3, D. A. McEndoo 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, J. F. B. Fitzpatrick (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Cilla (D.U.G.).

Durham, Co. Durham.—May 17, at St. Oswald's, 1260 P.B. Minor: N. J. Webber 1, Miss G. Bidgood 2, Miss D. M. Robotham 3, M. E. Johnson 4, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 5, G. D. Armitage 6.

Ealing, Middx.—May 17, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. W. Broadbent (first quarter) 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, P. Felton 4, F. Bishop 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

Eaton, Leics.—May 30, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Susan Rex 1, Karen French 2, A. French 3, J. R. Ward (first inside, first as cond.) 4, O. Home-wood 5. By Framland Society.

Ewelme, Oxon.—June 1, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss S. Baker (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Winfield 2, Miss K. Tuckwell 3, R. Baker (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, N. Elkington 6.

Fletching, Sussex.—June 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Chappell 1, J. N. Lambert 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, K. A. Hughes 4, T. G. Williams 5, P. D. Hepburn 6, B. J. Read (cond.) 7, A. G. Ogilvie (first quarter) 8.

Goring, Oxon.—May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Nicholas (first quarter) 1, Carol Tull 2, A. Beaumont 3, W. Irving 4, M. Tull 5, S. Franklin 6, I. Judd (first as cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Whitsun, and to mark Malvin Tull's Confirmation.

Great Hornehead, Herts.—May 18, 1440 Minor (Beverly, Suffolk): R. Hayen 1, R. F. Prime 2, P. J. Glazebrook 3, W. Hunt 4, P. C. Warboys (cond.) 5, L. Luck 6.

Halberton, Devon.—June 4, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): J. Bellamy 1, Mrs. P. Bellamy 2, Rev. M. J. Odium 3, C. G. Barnes (cond.) 4, A. Amos 5, Miss M. Bellamy (first quarter) 6.

Hitchin, Herts.—June 7, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: Cecile Forgan 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 2, Jacqueline Saker 3, M. J. Cranfield (first inside) 4, A. R. Agg 5, A. W. Gentle (first Major inside) 6, P. J. Cranfield (cond.) 7, A. R. Boyd 8.

Horringer, Suffolk.—May 17, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marian Potter 1, Theresa R. Orriss 2, Sally E. V. Potter 3, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 4, Amanda M. Richmond 5, F. J. Potter 6. For Whitsunday Confirmation service. Also May 21, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): B. R. Wells 1, Sally E. V. Potter 2, A. F. Ballam 3, C. R. Nunn 4, Amanda M. Richmond 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. Also May 28, 1260 Doubles (480 Rev. Canterbury, 780 Plain Bob): B. E. Whiting (50th quarter) 1, Amanda M. Richmond 2, A. F. Ballam 3, Sally E. V. Potter (first as cond.) 4, C. R. Nunn 5, F. J. Potter 6.

Huyton, Lancs.—June 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. D. Hawley 1, D. G. V. Ellison 2, A. Walsh 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For 17th anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

Ingham, Suffolk.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury, Plain and Grandsire): Sally E. V. Potter 1, Amanda M. Richmond (most Doubles methods) 2, A. F. Ballam 3, C. R. Nunn 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

Ipplepen, Devon.—June 2, 1260 Erin Triples: D. Lawson 1, T. Cullingworth 2, Valerie Stephens 3, R. F. Sheppard 4, W. S. Wayman 5, J. L. Head 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett 8. First in method 6 and 8.

Keele, Staffs.—June 7, 1260 Doubles (six m/v): Ann Lilley (first quarter) 1, P. W. Gay 2, M. Worthington 3, Leona Robinson 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, J. F. Hocking 6. By University of Keele Society, for Matins.

Lane End, Bucks.—May 24, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Smith 1, R. Meakes 2, C. Hagger 3, R. Hazell 4, C. Meakes (cond.) 5, T. Wright 6. By former pupils of G. J. J. Slater, ordained at Oxford this day. Also May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Smith 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. For Patronal Festival (Holy Trinity) Evensong.

Launceston, Cornwall.—June 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Callow (first quarter) 1, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 2, T. Hillman 3, D. Garvie 4, A. J. Sandy 5, T. Hicks (first quarter) 6. First quarter by Sunday band. For the birth of a daughter to ringer of 3.

Leatherhead, Surrey.—March 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Parr 1, Judith Robinson 2, Pauline Smith 3, A. H. Smith 4, D. Robinson 5, P. Ford 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Woodland 8. A 90th birthday compliment to A. H. Winch.

Lechlade, Glos.—May 23, 1260 P.B. Minor: Susan Chippendale (first quarter) 1, Bridget Hardisty (first Minor) 2, Janet Powell (first Minor) 3, Hugh N. Evans (cond.) 4, H. R. Hayden 5, W. Gearing 6. First quarter of Minor by a local band. For the Festival of the Holy Trinity; also birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

Long Ashton, Som.—May 18, 1344 8-Spliced Surprise Major: J. Brain 1, Heather Kippin 2, E. T. Lee 3, D. W. James 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, R. H. Youdale 6, S. Brown 7, P. J. England 8. First 8-spliced inside for 2 and 3.

Mildenhall, Suffolk.—May 24, 1260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): B. E. Whiting (cond.) 1, P. G. Goodwin 2, C. R. Nunn 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, A. F. Ballam 5, Christine Eagle 6. For Evensong.

Nailease, Som.—May 24, 1296 Trinity Sunday T.B. Minor: C. Kortright 1, J. Maggs 2, P. Bridle 3, M. J. Horsemann 4, T. Chapman 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6. Rung on Trinity Sunday.

Newland, Glos.—May 30, 540 Single Oxford, 720 P.B. Minor: Kathleen Marriott 1, Angela Newing 2, J. A. Long 3, Rev. P. Newing 4, L. C. Meadows 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung during the village summer fair.

North Cerney, Glos.—June 6, 1296 Beverley Surprise Minor: M. P. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Also 1260 Double Oxford Minor: Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 2, Hilda Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

North Wingfield, Derbys.—May 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane A. Smith 1, Mrs. D. A. Davis 2, A. R. Queen 3, P. Webber 4, C. Davis (first Grandsire Triples) 5, P. D. Taylor 6, D. A. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Marczak 8. First Triples for 1, 2, 4 and 8.

Polesworth, Warks.—May 17, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Family Communion. Also May 20, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. For deanery Confirmation service. Also May 24, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, D. Hiorns 3, M. Allsopp 4, M. Quimby (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also May 24, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, M. Quimby 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong.

Rolvenden, Kent.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. Thomas 1, B. Johnson 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. For Whitsun. 50th together 4 and 5.

Rickmansworth, Herts.—May 30, 1260 P.B. Minor: I. D. Harris 1, Miss J. M. Knowles 2, Miss M. A. Sears 3, J. R. Southey 4, A. C. D. Mayes 5, D. M. Hibbert (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3 and 6. For the opening of Rickmansworth Week.

Royston, Yorks.—June 4, 1260 Doubles (600 Pl. Bob, 660 Grandsire): Patricia Wright (first quarter) 1, A. Dunn-Birch 2, R. Cater 3, J. P. Charlesworth 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, M. Washington (first quarter) 6.

St. Mary Bourne, Hants.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Tarrant 1, J. Tarrant 2, B. Oaks 3, R. Wimlett 4, J. Wimlett (cond.) 5, F. Rich 6. A farewell to Rev. W. Pack on his retirement.

Saham Toney, Norfolk.—May 30, 1260 P.B. Minor: V. Bowen 1, O. Needham 2, Miss J. Stebbings 3, C. Tovell 4, D. Parry 5, R. Harrop (cond.) 6. First quarter 3 and 5.

Sampford Arundel, Som.—May 28, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Mrs. P. Bellamy 1, C. G. Barnes (cond.) 2, R. Coleman 3, Rev. M. J. Odlum 4, A. Amos 5, J. Bellamy 6.

Sandon, Essex.—May 27, 1260 P.B. Minor: Yvonne Towler 1, Judi Harrison 2, Marilyn Freeman 3, K. W. Brown 4, J. L. Towler 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Corpus Christi; also a birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

Send, Surrey.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Smith 1, Jill May 2, Lesley Smith 3, D. A. R. May (cond.) 4, D. Munday 5, S. Strudwick 6. To mark the retirement of Rev. C. E. Silvester (25 years vicar).

Shirley, Warks.—May 31, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: G. D. Rushton (first T.B.) 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weekes 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—May 16, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Vivien Bennett 1, A. E. G. Owen 2, P. J. Evans 3, R. H. Newton 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Stacey Coleman. Also June 7, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. Smith 1, R. H. Newton 2, E. F. Willcox 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, A. E. G. Owen 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a 13th wedding anniversary compliment to Ernest and Sylvia Willcox.

Smarden, Kent.—May 24, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: E. Clifton 1, Marlon Kemp 2, A. Bournier 3, H. Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Southwark, S.E.—June 7, at the Cathedral, 1264 P.B. Major: C. E. Bulleid 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, I. J. Whitear 4, M. J. Green 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6, A. J. Brown 7, B. J. Stone 8. On the back eight for "Sunday Evenings at Southwark."

Thornbury, Glos.—May 31, 1280 P.B. Major: Elizabeth Chapman 1, Angela Newing 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, P. Newing 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, E. G. Mould 8. For the christening of Ruth Catherine, daughter of Christine and Edward Mould, god-daughter of the ringers of 1 and 3.

Trumpington, Cambs.—April 23, 1274 Pl. Bob Triples: R. A. Currell 1, Jean F. West 2, Pat Hurworth 3, R. I. West 4, E. J. Dicken 5, M. R. Kitson 6, G. K. Terris (comp. and cond.) 7, A. Kellock (first Triples) 8. First Plain Bob Triples by all.

Wantage, Berks.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Wood 1, Shirley Goble (first Minor inside) 2, H. Bishop 3, I. Stoter 4, H. White 5, J. White (cond.) 6.

Warminster, Wilts.—June 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Monica Scammell 1, Karen Starling 2, Mary Wynne 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, Mrs. D. Hutchins 6, L. Hawkins 7, E. Norris 8. For civic service.

Warsop, Notts.—May 2, 1440 Sutton-cum-Lound Surprise Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, Sandra Ettles 2, F. Cooke 3, B. Birkett 4, R. Hancock 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. First in method. Also May 7, 1320 Minor (720 Ascension Day T.B., 600 Sookholme): Sandra Ettles 1, F. Cooke 2, R. Hancock 3, D. Chambers 4, H. T. Rooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter in methods. Also May 17, 1260 Single Oxford and P.B. Minor: A. D. Rooke 1, I. Earl 2, Miss A. C. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

Sutton-cum-Lound Surprise:
—34—14—12—1236—12—16.
4ths i.e. 62534.

Ascension Day Treble Bob:
—34—16—12—1634—123.
2nds i.e. 65324

Wellington, Som.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Kingscote 1, Mrs. A. Stenning 2, C. Webber 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, F. Morris 5, I. G. Hughes 6, A. W. Stenning 7. For Trinity Sunday; also a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Stenning.

NEWINGTON BELLS REDEDICATED

Nearly 100 parishioners and ringers from S.E. England assembled at the Church of St. Mary, Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent, on Whit Sunday, for the rededication of the six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co.

Evensong was conducted by the vicar (Rev. P. W. Poole), the first lesson being read by Mr. E. A. Barnett, vice-president of the Central Council, and the rededication took place after the third collect. The Newington band, together with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. A. P. S. Berry (Kent C.A.), Mr. D. P. Leworthy (Rochester District) and Mr. A. Clayton (John Taylor and Co.) assembled at the foot of the tower. After prayer the vicar presented the key to Mr. E. A. Gilbert (captain). During the singing of "Ding Dong Merrily on High" the Newington band rang rounds.

The Vicar, in his address, emphasised the fact that the bells of Newington were ringing again was due entirely to the efforts of the local band.

After the service light refreshments were served in the school room and the captain thanked everybody for their support in raising funds for the restoration. Mr. E. A. Barnett congratulated the band and thanked them on behalf of all visitors. Ringing on the much improved ring took place under the direction of Mr. Laurie Mitchell until 9 p.m.

L. M.

LOST HIS TROUSERS AFTER TEN MINUTES

Mr. G. D. Armitage, during a short visit to England from Sweden, arranged a week-end of ringing. On May 16 a peal of Plain Bob Major was attempted on the rough-going bells at Lightcliffe, near Halifax, Yorkshire. The tenor weighs nearly a ton and the bells are hung in a two-tier wooden frame. The front six are not too bad, as they are hung on ball bearings. The tenors, however, were left on plain bearings and have a habit of drying up. This is what happened after only ten minutes of ringing. The tenor man had to contort himself so much in order to keep his bell up, even when hunting down, that his trousers fell down, bringing the ringing to a full stop.

On Whit Sunday the band went to Durham and rang on the new six at Shincliffe, and a quarter peal was rung at St. Oswald's, Durham.

Mr. Armitage adds the latter bells are to be melted down and recast into a light eight with a tenor of about five cwt. It is hoped that the reclaimed metal will meet the cost. Another hope is to arouse local interest and get the bells rehung lower in the tower.

Inquiries can be made to Mr. Keiran Fitzsimons, 2 The Reeds, Durham Agricultural College, Houghall, Durham City, and many thanks are due to him for his help in getting the bells into some sort of order.

Whitwick, Leics.—May 5, 1264 P.B. Major: Helen J. Wright 1, J. A. Lord 2, J. Hawtin 3, D. Waldram 4, H. Mould 5, C. Lord 6, J. Rawson 7, R. Beniston (cond.) 8. For Confirmation. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Beniston 1, R. Beniston (cond.) 2, Helen J. Wright 3, J. A. Lord 4, H. Mould 5, C. Lord 6, J. Rawson 7, J. Hawtin 8. For Ringers' Sunday (Whit Sunday).

Yatton, Som.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Lawrence 1, T. Hawkings (first inside) 2, D. Hawkings 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, S. G. Smith 5, L. Lawrence 6.

Peals

WAREHAM WEEK-END SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

RINGWOOD, Hants, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (18½ cwt.)
5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Michael J. Dew
- *2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 Timothy F. Collins
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 6 George E. Bonham
- 7 David R. Sanderson
- †8 George E. Thoday

*First of Yorkshire inside. †400th tower for a peal.

WAREHAM, Dorset, Lady St. Mary.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. (15½ cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 2 George E. Bonham
- 3 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 4 Timothy F. Collins
- 5 Phillip R. Keough
- 6 Martin Major
- 7 David R. Sanderson
- 8 George E. Thoday

KINGSTON, Dorset, St. James.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (26½ cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 George E. Bonham
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Graham W. Elmes
- 4 Alan M. Barber
- *5 Anthony R. Carter
- 6 David R. Sanderson
- 7 Timothy F. Collins
- 8 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

*50th of Major.

**WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset,
St. Giles.**

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15½ cwt.)

5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

- 1 Georgina C. M. Carter
- *†2 Christine M. Carter
- *3 David R. Sanderson
- 4 Anthony R. Carter
- 5 Alan M. Barber
- 6 John W. Blackwood
- 7 Graham W. Elmes
- *†8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First of Superlative. †25th peal. †100th for the Guild.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

80th ANNIVERSARY PEALS

(The association was founded on May 31, 1890 at Highbridge, Somerset).

MERRIOTT, Som, All Saints.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (12 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (8 methods: Stedman, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Minster Bob, Grandsire; 2 var., 8 spliced).

- 1 Frederick Welch
- *2 Barbara Dean
- 3 Alan W. Robinson
- †4 Robert J. Dean
- 5 John Cornelius (Conductor)
- 6 Thomas J. Hill

*First attempt. †First of Doubles. First by a Crewkerne Branch band for 22 years.

EXFORD, Som, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (8 methods: 1 each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements, Rev. Canterbury, Grand-sire and Plain Bob).

- *1 Frederick C. Arscott
- 2 Brenda M. Bindon
- 3 John Cornelius
- 4 Adrian F. Arscott
- *5 Leslie H. Arscott
- 6 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

*Most Minor methods. At the master's tower.

OFFICERS' PEAL

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, Som, St. Andrew.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (22 cwt.)

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

- 1 A. H. Reed (Taunton Br. Sec.)
- 2 D. G. Yeo (Chew Br. Sec.)
- 3 J. S. Walton (Axbridge Br. Ch'man)
- 4 P. H. D. Jones (Frome Br. Sec.)
- *5 P. J. Devrell (Bath Br. R.M.)
- *6 K. E. Beale (Instructor)
- *7 M. J. Stone (Bridgwater Br. Sec.)
- 8 J. H. Gilbert (Conductor, Gen. Sec.)

*First in the method.

SEAVINGTON, Somerset, St. Mary.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (6 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (14 methods: Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. Union, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Minster Bob, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire; 26 var., 12 spliced).

- 1 Brenda M. Bindon
- 2 Arthur H. Reed
- 3 John Cornelius (Conductor)
- 4 Royston Shepherd
- 5 Raymond F. Arscott
- 6 Adrian F. Arscott

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ECKINGTON, Derbys, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (16½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

- 1 Susan E. Davis
- *2 Frances A. Garfield
- 3 Susan E. Banton
- *4 Richard Fletcher
- 5 John J. L. Gilbert
- 6 Timothy Wylie
- 7 Geoffrey Bridges
- †8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

*First on 8 bells. †75th for the association. For Ascensiontide.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire, All Saints.

Thur., May 28, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (18 cwt.)

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London and Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 586 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

- 1 David W. Parkin
- 2 Robert M. Chambers
- 3 Timothy Wylie
- 4 Geoffrey Bridges
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 A. Colin Banton
- 7 Dennis R. Carlisle
- 8 David W. Friend

To welcome Catherine, a third child for Pat and Gordon Halls.

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbys, St. Giles.

Mon., May 11, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (9 cwt.)

5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents.)

- 1 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)
- 2 Susan E. Davis
- 3 Susan E. Banton
- 4 Andrew R. Queen
- 5 Peter D. Taylor
- 6 Timothy Wylie

First in the method for all and for the association.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**MORPETH, Northumberland,
Watch Tower.**

Wed., June 3, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)

5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by W. Barton.

- 1 Adrian Dempster
- 2 Christine H. Telfer
- 3 George S. Deas
- 4 Andrew G. Craddock
- 5 Malcolm E. Johnson
- 6 Stephen C. Wells
- 7 James Crowther
- 8 Eric N. Harrison (Conductor)

First in method as conductor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

CHIGWELL, Essex, St. Mary-the-Less.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (9 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

- *1 Elizabeth A. Dunlop
- †2 Marion A. Cass
- *3 Philip D. Austin
- 4 David A. Tovell
- 5 Geoffrey H. Walker (Conductor)
- 6 Robert A. Poole

*First peal. †First in the method. First as conductor. A compliment to the Rev. W. E. Dickinson (vicar) on completing 25 years as a priest.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THORLEY, Herts, St. James.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (7 extents: Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clements, Plain Bob).

- 1 George Goodman
- 2 Richard F. Prime
- *3 Peter Glazebrook
- 4 Leonard Luck
- *5 Peter C. Warboys (Conductor)
- 6 Walter Hunt

*First in seven methods. 81st birthday compliment to Fred Bird.

ST PAULS WALDEN, Herts, All Saints.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR, being one extent each of Wells, Ipswich, Norwich, Durham, Surfleet, Offley and Rossendale.

- 1 Joyce M. Clarke
- 2 David Redfearn
- *3 Kenneth J. Darvill
- *4 Keith J. Walpole
- 5 John R. Mayne
- †6 Robert E. Hardy (Conductor)

*First of seven Surprise Minor. †100th for the association. On the occasion of St. Pauls Walden flower festival, in honour of the 70th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, a native of this parish.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.**

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr 21min. (32 cwt.)

5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

- 1 Alexander Waddington
- 2 Christopher T. Osenton
- 3 Herbert E. Audsley
- 4 Frederick J. Cullum
- 5 Stanley Jenner
- 6 John W. Smith
- 7 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 8 Frank J. Matthews
- 9 Trevor A. Cross
- 10 Tony Skilton

Rung non-conducted.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**HEALEY, Rochdale, Lanes, Christ Church.**

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (16 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Gillian Tompsett
- 2 John D. Watkin
- 3 Keith P. Tompsett
- 4 Michael H. Tompsett
- 5 John C. Sager (Conductor)
- 6 Richard S. Starkie

First on the bells by the present local band.

**CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland,
St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(2 2160's and 1 720.)

- 1 John H. Fielden
- *†2 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- *3 Alan Capstick
- *4 Nicholas M. Newby
- 5 John D. Nixon
- 6 Cyril Crosthwaite

*First of Cambridge Minor. †100th on tower bells. First of Surprise as conductor. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick.

**BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lanes,
St. Mary Magdalene.**

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Doreen Maclean
- 2 Amy M. Warnes
- 3 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- 4 Stanley Walmsley
- 5 Hugh F. Pettifer
- *6 John Bagnall

*Has circled tower.

WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (18 cwt.)

5184 EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Forster.

- 1 Joseph Thornley
- 2 Albert Greenhalgh
- 3 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- 4 William M. Taylor
- 5 William Birmingham, jun.
- 6 Dennis H. McCormick
- 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)

First in the method for all and for the association. To mark the opening of St. Paul's, Walkden, C. of E. Crompton Street Junior School by the Duke of Sutherland the previous day.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Tues., May 12, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

5184 EASTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. Poyner.

- 1 Ronald D. Hughes
- 2 Richard Clifton
- 3 Arthur E. Rowley
- 4 B. Stedman Payne
- 5 Frank Chambers
- 6 Alec R. Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the guild.

SWITHLAND, Leics, St. Leonard.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Elaine Smith
- *2 Jonathan A. Howard
- *3 J. Anne Rickaby
- 4 Clive J. Mobbs
- 5 Malcolm D. Barsby
- 6 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

*First peal.

**LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of
St. Martin.**

Mon., May 18, 1970, 3hr 27min. (25 cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- *1 George W. Smith
- 2 Robert B. Smith
- †3 John Harrold
- 4 Shirley Burton
- 5 Dennis Carlisle
- 6 Burley Morris
- 7 Murray A. Coleman
- 8 Herrick B. Bowley (Conductor)
- 9 W. Arthur Riddington
- †10 William J. Root

*First peal. †First Yorkshire Royal. ‡300th peal. In memoriam Diana M. Frost.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Wed., May 27, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (6½ cwt.)

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (2 methods: 2880 Yorkshire, 2208 Lincolnshire).Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
Arranged by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Arthur E. Rowley
- 2 Richard Clifton
- *3 Ronald D. Hughes
- 4 B. Stedman Payne
- *5 Frank Chambers
- *6 Alec R. Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics, All Saints.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (8 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

- 1 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
- 2 Clive J. Mobbs
- *3 Shelagh Dennis
- 4 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
- 5 William A. Thow
- 6 Alec R. Jones

*First of Grandsire. First of Grandsire Minor by all.

WATLIP, Leics, Our Lady & St. Nicholas.

Wed., June 3, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents.)

- 1 John P. Colliss
- 2 David G. Massey (Conductor)
- *3 Barry J. Fry
- 4 Clive J. Mobbs
- 5 Alec R. Jones
- †6 Roger I. Kendrick

*First of Surprise. †First of Minor in the method. In memoriam Horace O. Over, of Hugglescote.

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (8½ cwt.)

5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

- 1 Eileen J. Goodall
- 2 Geoffrey N. Goodall
- 3 Beryl E. Cawser
- 4 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
- 5 Burley P. Morris
- 6 Roland H. Cook
- 7 K. Paul Gilliver
- 8 Robert B. Smith

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**FRISKNEY, Lincs, All Saints.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Roy Stephenson
- *2 Valerie M. Shaw
- *3 Ernest Pickering
- 4 Michael J. Belcher
- 5 Albert E. Flatters
- 6 Philip H. Reynolds (Conductor)

*First peal. First on the bells.

**LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam, St. Bridget.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (11 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (Rev. Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire).

- *1 David Bounds
- 2 Thomas T. Yeomans
- 3 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)
- 4 Raymond J. Mayle
- †5 R. Mark Esbester
- 6 William T. Petty

*Most methods. †First peal. Most methods as conductor.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**GRESSENHALL, Norfolk, St. Mary.**

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 45 min. (10 cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 George P. Adams
- 2 Hilary Adcock
- 3 Carole A. H. Patey
- 4 David G. Adams
- 5 Richard J. W. Housden
- 6 John Illingworth
- 7 Robin Rogers
- 8 Peter Adcock (Conductor)

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STONESFIELD, Oxon, St. James the Great.
Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (2 Beverley, 2 Surfleet, 3 Cambridge).

- 1 Terence J. Hester
- 2 G. John Collett
- 3 Peter Pearce
- 4 Brian W. Hall
- 5 D. Kay Adkins (Conductor)
- 6 Peter J. Heritage

For the Flower Festival.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos, St. Mary.
Mon., June 1, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8 cwt.)
5040 COLDSTREAM SURPRISE MINOR

- 1 Peter Pearce
- *2 Brian W. Hall
- *3 G. John Collett
- 4 Terence J. Hester
- 5 D. Kay Adkins (Conductor)
- *6 Bertram J. Coggins

*First in the method.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

HINTON WALDRIST, Berks, St. Margaret.
Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (6½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (3 extents each of Grand-sire, New Bob, Shipways Place, Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin).

- 1 Lawrence J. Haines
- 2 Rodney A. Yeates
- 3 Shirley E. Jones
- 4 Roger H. Abbot
- 5 Colin J. E. Wyld (Conductor)
- *6 Ian W. Davies

*First attempt. Rung by the officers of the O.U.S.C.R. (Original copy lost.—Ed.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.
Sun., May 31, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (18½ cwt.)
5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Arranged by R. F. B. Speed.

- 1 Stanley F. Webb
- 2 Barry E. Saunders
- 3 Raymond H. Vickers
- 4 Shirley Ruddlesden
- 5 Roger W. Smith
- 6 Patrick I. Chapman
- 7 Richard F. B. Speed (Conductor)
- 8 Alan A. Paul
- 9 Graham C. Paul
- 10 Barrie Hendry

In memoriam Diana Mary Frost.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ATCHAM, Salop, St. Eata.
Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (11 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (2160 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and 720 Plain Bob).

- 1 Philip J. Evans
- 2 Ernest F. Willcox
- 3 Frank Beech (Conductor)
- 4 Michael J. A. Orman
- 5 Reginald H. Newton
- 6 Neville R. Holland

To welcome the Rev. G. S. Lloyd to the parish.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts, St. Mary.

Tues., May 26, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (8 Rev. Canterbury, 24 Plain Bob and 10 Kennington).

- 1 Albert Simpson
- *2 Peter E. Barber
- *3 John R. A. Yates
- 4 Trevor H. Kirkman
- 5 David Oliver
- *6 Stephen Wood

(Conductors)

*First attempt.

SUFFOLK GUILD

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (6 extents St. Simon and St. Martin, 30 of Plain Bob).

- *1 Michael Peters
- *2 Roger Peters
- *3 Michael Baldry
- *4 Trevor Hughes
- 5 Peter S. Bedford (Conductor)
- 6 Harry Archer

*First in more than one method.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., June 5, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (10 cwt.)
5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
(1 2160 and four 720's.)

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 J. Barry Pickup
- 5 Leslie G. Brett
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

To welcome Matthew J. S. Payne.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11½ cwt.)
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- 1 Ruth K. Last
- 2 Peter S. Bedford
- 3 Rev. Brian Redgers
- 4 Katharine M. Thorley
- 5 John W. Blythe
- 6 Adrian Knights
- 7 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

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NON-ASSOCIATION

LONDON, E, St. John the Baptist, Hackney.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr 43min. (16½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Arranged by John Pladdys.

- 1 Andrew R. F. Crowson
- *2 N. Peter Mudge
- †3 David Woodward
- 4 Anthony M. Faulkner
- 5 Carol Martin
- 6 Philip R. Down
- 7 David A. Town
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 14 min. (25½ cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by C. W. Woolley.

- *1 John R. Southey
- *2 Roger Baldwin
- 3 Susan E. Smith
- 4 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 5 Frank Reed
- 6 John S. Croft
- 7 Christopher W. Woolley (Conductor)
- 8 George E. Evenden
- 9 Robert E. J. Dennis
- 10 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

*First of Stedman Caters.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs, St. Michael.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2 hr. 52min. (14½ cwt.)

5280 SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, 127 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Roger H. Hunt
- 2 Morley P. Tobin
- 3 M. Irene Brown
- 4 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
- 6 Stephen W. Barton
- 7 Arthur C. Berry
- 8 Gerald C. Hemming

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

FAR HEADINGLEY, W. Yorks, St. Chad.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18½ cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Starbuck.

- *1 A. Patrick Cannon
- 2 Norman V. Harding
- 3 Peter J. Wycherley
- 4 Cecil W. Pipe
- 5 Thomas J. Lock
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 7 R. Roger Savory (Conductor)
- 8 Ralph G. Edwards

*1,250th peal.

(Leeds and District Branch)

THORNHILL, Yorks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (16½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Killamarsh T.B., 2 each Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob).

- *1 Dyson Scargill
- 2 Shirley Pygott
- 3 David S. Lockwood (Conductor)
- 4 Robert Pygott
- †5 G. Edward Arnott
- †6 Herbert Wood

*First of Minor. †First peal. First by local band, and all are Sunday service ringers. For Whitsun.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Peter.
Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (7½ cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.
1 Christopher N. Grandidge
2 Suzanne J. Snack
3 Margaret Warford
4 Robert Cater
5 Christopher Forster
6 Ronald R. Warford
7 C. Barrie Dove
8 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor)
First of Surprise Major as conductor.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.
Thur., May 14, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15 in C.)
5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Arranged by Alan F. Scholfield.
1-2 John Gander
3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis
5-6 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor)
7-8 Gerald Moorhouse
9-10 J. David Atkinson
11-12 Neil D. Lomas

MARPLE, Cheshire, 43 Leigh Avenue.
Thur., June 4, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (15 in C.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. K. Lewis (1942).
1-2 C. Kenneth Lewis
3-4 J. David Atkinson
5-6 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor)
*7-8 Michael Foulds
*First on eight handbells.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com.
Wed., May 13, 1970, 2hr. 4min. (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)
*50th together.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GRAVESEND, Kent, 13 Meadow Road.
Wed., June 3, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 in C.)
5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Arranged by C. T. Osenton.
1-2 Trevor A. Cross
3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski
5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor)
7-8 Edward J. Beer
9-10 Frank J. Matthews
11-12 Stuart Sandford

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.
Mon., Jun 8, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (10 in A.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. K. Lewis.
1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)
3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski
5-6 Nicholas J. Chesson
7-8 Frank J. Matthews

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.
Tues., May 26, 1970, 1hr. 58min. (14 in D.)
5040 MINOR (1 Original and 2 each College, St. Clements College and Plain Bob).
1-2 Joseph Whalley
*3-4 W. John Couperthwaite
5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
*First in four methods in hand.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (14 in D.)
5040 MINOR (16 methods: Double, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse and Fulbeck; Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob; Hereward and Double Oxford; Plain Bob; Double Court and London; Single Court, College and Original; St. Clements College and Single Oxford).
1-2 Joseph Whalley
3-4 Mary W. Whalley
5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
To mark the 272nd anniversary of Stainton Congregational Church.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (14 in D.)
5040 MINOR (eight methods: Single Oxford; Single Court; Reverse; Plain and Double; College; Original; St. Clements College).
1-2 Joseph Whalley
*3-4 W. John Couperthwaite
5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
*First in eight methods in hand.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., June 5, 1970, 1hr. 39min. (14 in D.)
5040 HARMONSWORTH ALLIANCE & LITTLE BOB MINOR (7 spliced extents).
1-2 Joseph Whalley
3-4 Mary W. Whalley
5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
First in this combination by all.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road.
Fri., May 8, 1970, 1hr. 39min. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1-2 Jean Dale
3-4 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay
5-6 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road.
Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (17 in A.)
5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by M. J. Morris.
*1-2 John S. Croft
3-4 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay
5-6 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)
*7-8 William S. Croft
9-10 Kenneth S. B. Croft
*First on 10 in hand. †First on 10. 50th of Grandsire Caters as conductor on handbells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLAPHAM COMMON, 60 Northside.
Sun., May 3, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (11 in G.)
5266 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(360-course block reduced.)
1-2 Len Goodall
3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
*7-8 A. Keith P. Poole
*First on handbells.

CLAPHAM COMMON, 60 Northside.

Mon., May 4, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (11 in G.)
5376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning
3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
5-6 Len Goodall
*7-8 Keith J. Walpole
*First of Surprise on handbells. A farewell to Len Goodall, shortly leaving for Derbyshire.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Mon., May 11, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (11 in G.)
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning
3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
*5-6 Noel J. Diserens
7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves
*First of Surprise on handbells.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Wed., May 13, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (13 in E.)
5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
1-2 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
5-6 Keith J. Walpole
7-8 Robert H. Newton

On yon grey stone that fronts the chancel door,
Worn smooth by busy feet, now seen no more,
Where oft we shot the marble through the ring.
—“Pleasures of Memory.”

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MID-DEVON RINGERS' VISIT TO BELL FOUNDRY

When Inwardleigh bells were opened just before Christmas after rehanging by Mr. Arthur Fidler, Percy Aggett casually asked if it would be possible to visit Loughborough and look round the Bell Foundry. The possibility became a reality on May 15.

Soon after midnight on the Thursday (14th) the coach loaded up, and the rain, coming down in torrents, lasted until the coach reached Bristol, but spirits were far from damp. A steady run through the night, and by 9 a.m. all were enjoying a substantial breakfast at the Leicester Forest East Service area on the M.1. The weather had brightened and later became ideal for the tour. At 10.30 Loughborough was reached and the dream had materialised. Never had the visitors seen so many bells in various stages of treatment, and the highlight was to see the casting of four bells—an eyepener for those whose occupations are far removed from foundry work.

It was to be expected that the ring of bells in the Foundry tower would cause some amusement. Chaps who were used to a "bit of weight" found this light ring a bit fickle and they certainly made fun of the lads who pride themselves on their striking. To say that the workshops were combed is to put it mildly. They missed nothing and the organiser had many questions to answer.

A programme of ringing had been arranged for the Friday afternoon. Shephard Church was the first visited and some good "peals" were rung on the back six. Perfection was not expected when the novices had a pull but no one complained. After a pleasant run through Charnwood Forest the six at Newtown Lindford were soon being raised and good striking brought out the best of this lively light ring. Jill Wilson's parents put on a splendid tea and full justice to it was done.

By 7 p.m. Markfield had been reached and again everything was in readiness. No time was wasted in raising the bells, but as there was a wedding rehearsal at 7.30 a visit was made to the local ringers' headquarters (for some reason called The George). After further ringing the time came to say goodbye to "George" and return to two hotels in Loughborough and a well-earned rest.

Although departure time on Saturday was scheduled for 9 a.m., two of the South Tawton chaps caused the departure to be delayed a little, but they did manage a good breakfast!

Back on the M.1 and we were soon at Daventry, where the vicar and Pat Chapman were waiting to welcome the party. The ringers of the first "peal" excelled themselves; a grand rise, spot-on striking and a decent drop. This was something Pat had never heard. It brought out the beauty of these bells, even though only the back six were being rung. The learners were able to have a ring on the front six and they enjoyed it. Staverton Church was the next on the list and full justice was done to the fine six. The late Rev. E. S. Powell was responsible for this installation when he was vicar. Having been the incumbent of several Devon churches it was fitting that some "Devon" style ringing had been rung on the bells, even though Mr. Powell had been "scientific."

Lunch in Banbury was taken to the accompaniment of Banbury bells. A peal attempt was on so a little time was spent listening, and as no rude remarks were passed it says something for the striking. The final "official" call was at Devizes.

Ancient Society of College Youths

COUNTRY MEETING IN BRISTOL

The College Youths have long maintained a happy association with the ringers of Bristol, and this association was further strengthened on May 30, the date fixed for the College Youths' annual "country" meeting. The popularity of Bristol with members of the Society was clearly shown by the large numbers who attended, and this, combined with good weather, good bells and excellent arrangements, made the day as enjoyable as any such days the writer can remember.

The meeting had attracted its fair share of publicity; mention was made of it in an article in The Bristol Evening Post the previous week, and a representative of the B.B.C. came to Redcliffe to record the ringing and interview the master for a possible item in "Today in the South and West."

Members and friends started to arrive in the morning, and there was a good standard of ringing at Bath Abbey, Bristol Cathedral and St. James', Bristol. Owing to the unexpectedly large attendance the venue for lunch had to be changed at a fairly late stage in the process of organisation, but once everyone had located the Grand Spa Hotel, Clifton, there were certainly no complaints about the suitability of the place, its magnificent setting at the edge of the Gorge, or their meal, to which 75 members and friends sat down. They had come from many parts of the country, and there were members whose ages ranged from 15 to 75. Supporting the master of the College Youths (Mr. A. R. Kench) on the top table were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hobbs and some of the officers of the society and their wives.

After lunch there was a short business meeting, presided over by the master. Mr. Kench is, of course, well known in Bristol, he having spent three years there at the University, a time of which, as he said, he had happy memories and during which he had made lots of friends. Opening the meeting, he said how tremendously pleased he was that the society had been invited to Bristol, and he thanked Mr. Gray, chairman of the City of Bristol Branch, for the invitation on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and Mr. Hobbs, the secretary, who had made such excellent arrangements for the day.

Replying, Mr. Gray said it was a pleasure to welcome the society on behalf of the Bristol ringers. "Almost all of you have been to Bristol before," he said, "so it is more a case of welcoming you back." He wondered whether it was the charms of Bristol or the pleasure of getting away from London that had been responsible for such an unusually large gathering, and went on: "I have always admired the College Youths

Here Mr. A. T. Weeks had arranged tea and the use of the six bells at St. James', Southbroom. Again excellent ringing, and the learners took advantage of trying this handy ring. By this time they were learning that by ringing at different churches their striking and bell handling could improve.

Reluctantly the last "fall" had to take place, and, after farewells, the coach headed for home. By some mischance the coach stopped near to two signs in Wellington—"Two Cups" and "Fish and Chips." Ken Wills, one of the Bow ringers, had the coach well in hand and by 12.30 Sunday morning we were back where we had started 40 hours earlier. Without delay, ringers were returning to Stoke Fleming, South Tawton, Belstone, Burrington, Down St. Mary and Chawleigh. A good time had been had by all, and the bells for Matins were rung as usual. J. P. F.

for two things. One is their adherence to the continuity of their traditions. The other is that it is one of the societies which always puts ringing first and business next, as we in Bristol have tried to do." He felt sure the members would enjoy ringing the bells of Bristol.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. C. Rouse, the secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Members expressed their regret that he was unable to be with them at that meeting.

The change of venue for lunch unfortunately meant that ringing was somewhat curtailed at SS. Philip and Jacob's, but full use was made of the glorious 12 at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, where the company was warmly welcomed by Mr. Hancock, and of the ten bells of Christ Church. The ringing throughout the day was of a good standard, the highlights perhaps being two well-struck courses of Stedman Cinques and a touch of Spliced Surprise Maximus at Redcliffe.

After the ringing the company gathered in the Waggon and Horses, where splendid arrangements had been made for refreshments. Here for two hours or so old acquaintances were renewed and new acquaintances made, until at last it was time to face the long journey home after a really enjoyable day, for which the writer would like to add his thanks to all those responsible for its organisation. The society is also grateful to all incumbents and tower captains who placed their bells at the company's disposal. W. T. C.

WAREHAM WANDERERS RETURN

Seven valiant ringers braved the Bank Holiday traffic on Friday, May 22, to arrive at Wareham, Dorset, for a week-end of peals. After an early breakfast on Saturday everyone set off in the best of spirits for Ringwood, where Yorkshire was scored. After lunch it was back to Wareham and during the glorious, hot afternoon a peal of Rutland was rung. Those needing something substantial set off for the Red Lion at Winfrith and returned for an early night.

After Sunday morning ringing at Wareham we went on to Morden to try to ring the rough five before staying to the service, where everyone was in good voice. After lunch all cars made their way to Kingston, high up in the Purbeck Hills, and were joined by the Elmes family. A band was left to ring successfully a peal of London on the glorious eight, while the female contingent departed to grab a local beach. All were reunited at the Scott Arms, Kingston, where the homemade wine was sampled.

Monday morning saw the convoy move to Cattistock and the best ringing of the week-end in Spliced Surprise took place; this came to a halt after an hour. Amends were made at Wimborne St. Giles in the afternoon with a peal of Superlative, while the rest went beachhunting. Afterwards, one last drink and diary checking before the long journey home. Thanks go to George for arranging the week-end, and to everyone who helped to make it a success.

"UNRINGABLE."

CAVERSFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE

Caversfield, in Oxfordshire, is well known in the annals of campanology. Its tiny church stands on historic ground, the site of a Romano-British fortification dating from the third century. In the churchyard are buried the warriors who died in those far-off days, including their chieftain, thought by one historian to be the Emperor Carassius. Alongside them are the war graves of the young men of the Royal Air Force who lost their lives defending the nearby aerodrome during the last war.

The nearby Manor House has had many owners of distinction. The Saxons built the first church to which the present tower was added in the late 10th or 11th century. At the time of the Norman Conquest the manor formed part of the estates of Tostig, brother of King Harold.

No doubt the tower housed a bell or bells from the first and during the occupation of the manor by Hugh Gargate and his wife Sybilla they were either recast or augmented in number. Hugh was in possession of Caversfield Manor in 1199. Documentary evidence shows he was alive in 1216, but in 1219 his wife, Sybilla, is described as a widow.

The ancient method of making a bell was first to form the "core" or inner mould, and on this to construct a full-size clay model of the finished bell, complete with its moulding wires and inscription. The lettering was either formed in wax or clay and stuck on the model. When these were dry the "cope" or outer mould was formed over the model. Then the cope and model were lifted off the core, and the purpose of the moulding wires, the use of which has continued to the present day, was to key the model to the cope during this operation. The model was removed and the cope replaced over the core leaving a cavity between the two. The cap, or canon mould, completed the sequence of operations, after which the moulds were lowered into a casting pit. A simple form of reverberatory

furnace sufficed to melt the alloy of copper and tin, which was run by gravity to the mould.

Around one of the bells given by Hugh and Sybilla Gargate the early 13th century bell founder placed the inscription "+ IN HONORE DEI ET SANTI LAV-RENCILL." When the moulds were separated and the model bell removed he added another, scratching the letters into the cope above the sound bow. The latter reads: "HVQQART.SIBILLA.Q.VXOR EIVSH-TIM-PPANA.FECERVNT.ECPONI." Intended for "HVG(H) GARGAT(E) SIBILLA(VE) VXOR EIVS H(AEC) TIMP-PANA FECERVNT ECPONI." The founder did not realise that if he scratched the inscription the right way in the cope it would appear in reverse on the bell, and the lettering reads from right to left and all letters are reversed on the latter. Translated, the inscriptions read: "In honour of God and St. Lawrence." "Hugh Gargate and Sybilla his wife had these bells erected."

The other bell or bells given by the Gargates have been recast. There are now five in the ring, with a tenor weighing 4 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D flat, and the early 13th century bell, the oldest in England to which a definite date may be assigned, is mounted in a frame in the ringing chamber. It is taken as a criterion by most writers for dating early bells.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe has regularly rung here for the past 50 years. Interest in the old bell inspired him to study the art of campanology. During this time he has taught many beginners to handle a bell here, and as the population of the parish is under 100 it is with the knowledge that all his young pupils will leave after their education is finished. To maintain the bells for service ringing means that one must always be teaching. The ringing chamber is illustrated in the Central Council's Handbook for Beginners, and the illustrations in Mr. W. G. Wilson's *Change Ringing* were photographed here.

ST. MARY'S, BENHALL

Benhall (Suffolk) bellringers are making progress, for a year ago the tower was silent, but now the bells are rung for service every Sunday. Practice takes place every Thursday evening, and since January five quarter peals and three peals have been rung. Most of the credit for this goes to Peter Bedford (Aldeburgh), who is the North East District ringing master. Just over a year ago six of the present band had never rung a bell, whereas today only two cannot claim a quarter.

Peter has now taken over the re-formation of the Saxmundham band, which has a new leader (Andrew Ellis). Harry Archer, after many years of sterling work as tower captain, recently handed over his duties to Andrew at a meeting held in Saxmundham Parish Hall. Harry was presented with a tankard for services rendered, but will still carry on with the duties of steeple-keeper and tower correspondent. The ringers of Benhall wish the Saxmundham company every success in their future ringing. R. P. P.

"720" OUTING

On May 23 six members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild set out to attempt six different 720's in six different Northamptonshire's six-bell towers, each ringer to call a 720 from the tenor bell.

The details were as follows:—

- 1.—Warmington, Cambridge Surprise Minor, conducted by C. E. Stokes.
- 2.—Kingscliffe, Morning Star T.B., conducted by B. E. Saunders.
- 3.—Wansford, Plain Bob Minor, conducted by R. A. Vickers.
- 4.—Glington, Little Bob and Olney Alliance, conducted by G. C. Paul.
- 5.—Maxey, Disley Delight Minor, conducted by S. M. Ruddlesden.
- 6.—Stamford Baron, Willesden Delight Minor, conducted by A. A. Paul.

All 720's were successfully concluded and the ringing throughout was generally well-struck and enjoyed by the band. R. A. V.



Our illustration shows the latest team, all aged between 10 and 12, who have been taught to ring during the past winter. They are (left to right): Barbara Mylott, treble; Susan Kinchin, second; Ritan Gibbons, third; Nicola Kelly, fourth; Deborah Longhurst, tenor. On the ladder leading to the next floor, where part of the Central Council's library is housed, is Marilyn Newman, also one of the team. In the second photograph Mr. Sharpe is shown explaining the details of Hugh Gargate's bell.



Editorial

"THE RINGING ISLE"

A B.B.C. TV Programme

I was able to tell members of the Central Council at Ilkley of the programme, already filmed by the B.B.C., to be broadcast this summer. I can now give the Exercise further details.

As one of the B.B.C. religious programmes a film entitled "The Ringing Isle" will be shown on B.B.C.1 at 6.15 p.m. on August 2—in colour. I know many of our readers will be in the ringing chamber at this time and it is also, of course, an impossible time for the clergy, but there it is! We must accept that religious programmes are designed largely for those who do not — perhaps cannot — go to church on Sunday evenings.

The film deals with ringers, with bells and with the techniques of ringing, in that order of importance and interest. Parts of it were filmed in Bibury and Fairford, Gloucestershire, during the lovely spring weather. I cannot speak personally about that part. Perhaps someone from that area will give us the details. The remainder includes a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to see a bell cast, and visits to Harrow-on-the-Hill. Why there? Because the vicar and local ringers were good enough to put their bells and themselves at the disposal of the B.B.C. when the Rev. John Elphinstone-Fyfe (of the B.B.C.) accepted my suggestion that this was a most suitable tower for the film.

Shots were taken of individual ringers from Harrow and Ealing, of the ringing both in the bell chamber and the ringing room, and, if she will pardon me for writing this, perhaps the most amusing part, of my attempt to give the charming B.B.C. secretary her first lesson in handling a bell.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

After Frank Blagrove had conducted the peal of Stedman Triples at Windsor on May 23 it was found that the previous peal of Stedman on the bells was rung more than 60 years ago. This was on December 9, 1909, the band being: A. Andrews, C. T. Coles, L. Stilwell, E. Hancox, W. Welling, R. E. Stavert, Ernest Pye, Bertram Prewett (conductor). Len Stilwell rang in both peals.

Tony Aldous in *The Times*: "Politicians of all parties tend to make somewhat arrogant assumptions. Take that affair of the bells of St. Mary's, in Reading, for example. It has been widely assumed that, if only the bellringers locked inside the tower could have been told that Mr. Anthony Barber was trying to speak outside, they would have interrupted their three-hour peal. Why should they? If reports are correct, they lock themselves in there for an hour or two's campanology every Saturday evening. Mr. Barber comes once in a very blue moon. If he is ill-advised enough to speak outside their belfry, then his supporters can scarcely complain about ringing in their ears."

An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable. SHAW.

Belfry Gossip

A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. E. Barnett, sen., when he turned up at a Kent C.A. meeting recently. He gets around as much as possible and seems pretty fit following his accident last January.

Mr. William (Delight Series) Viggers, of 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, asks all guild and association secretaries to send him the up-to-date details for inclusion in the 1971 Diary, which is now being revised. Please don't delay—do it now—says Bill V.

The Guildford Guild now has a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal (in four methods) among its records. This was rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, on June 13.

The Northern Branch secretary (Mr. C. Bird) informs us that the practice night at Drayton Parslow is Wednesday, not Tuesday, as printed in the 1969 Oxford Report.

New gold-sallied bell ropes await the Northampton Branch (Peterborough Guild) when they meet at Little Houghton in July. The tower has undergone a "face-lift" and the result is a smarter belfry, with the bells sounding a lot quieter.

The centenary year of the rebuilding of Croydon Parish Church is being celebrated on September 12 and is expected to be well supported. The organisers are prepared to issue routes into Croydon with ringing on the way and also get extra towers in the evening if intending visitors will give them some idea of numbers attending. Mr. K. Taber, 17, Birdhurst Drive, South Croydon, will be pleased to receive this information.

The young lady who rang the treble to the quarter of Grandsire Doubles in Dublin on May 30, Miss Beth Doyle, is an American student at Dublin University. Arriving last October on a one-year course, she found herself sharing a flat with a bell-ringer, who "roped" her into the University Guild. She spent a month away at Christmas, returning with one leg in plaster from a skiing holiday, but gamely climbed the 72 steps to the belfry, and spent a further two weeks away at Easter. Thus her quarter peal, scored a few weeks before returning to Ohio, crowns about six months' ringing. Her flatmate and tutor from Guildford, Surrey (Helen Hubert) took time off from final medical exams to bong the tenor.

Interesting points from peals recorded this week: Officers' peals by two associations; Stedman/Caters non-conducted; a peal of Minor in seven methods, the initial letters of which spell "Windsor" and rung in honour of the Queen Mother's 70th birthday; a first for 22 years by a Bath and Wells branch; Surprise Major for the opening of a Church school; three "In Memoriam" peals and a handbell peal marking a Congregational Church anniversary; and Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Queen's visit to Aldeburgh.

Brethren from all parts of the country had a very enjoyable day's companionship on June 6, when Bill Theobald organised a visit to Whitechapel and for ringing at many London churches. Masonic bell-ringers numbering between 30 and 40 finished the day with a dinner at the "Hole in the Wall," Southwark, when thanks were expressed to W. T. for the excellent arrangements he had made. Next year, Leicester is the venue for this annual function.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe was heard on radio in "Woman's Hour" on Tuesday, 16, talking about his favourite pastime—bells!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lucas—our part-time office staff—are away on holiday for a fortnight, and whilst the Editor will do his best to cope, he asks correspondents to be patient, particularly with regard to subscriptions and changes of address.

Ringing her first touch of Minor before the service at Lechlade, Glos, Susan Chippendale (aged 15) rang it so well that she was asked to ring in a quarter after the service and rang throughout the whole time faultlessly.

First peal congratulations to Elizabeth Dunlop, Philip Austin, Barbara Dean, Valerie Shaw, Ernest Pickering, R. Mark Esbester, George W. Smith, J. Anne Rickaby, Jonathan Howard, Herbert Wood, G. Edward Arnott, Peter Barber, John Yates, Stephen Wood, Ian Davies and N. Peter Mudge.

Personal Records: A. Patrick Cannon (1,250th peal), William T. Root (300), Christine Carter (25).

New conductor: Geoffrey H. Walker (at Chigwell, Essex).

At Haslemere, Surrey, after many years of faithful service to the church—and the tower in particular—Mr. Fred Bowden has retired as captain. Mr. David Struckett has succeeded to the captaincy and has a new band of beginners who practise at 7 p.m. on Mondays, with the usual practice following. On Sundays they ring at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A well-known ringer and loyal Cumberland, Mr. Stanley Ponting, who has been "moving around" the Godalming-Guildford area during the past few months, has now settled in the Haslemere district and all wish him well—and "good striking!"

An interesting letter from Ross Williams, secretary of St. Paul's Papanui Ringers, New Zealand, tells of the enthusiasm and hard work in the Cathedral and Papanui towers by Mr. George Armitage, who with his wife is on holiday in England. (R.W. page 413.)

In a peal at Swithland, Leics, the youngsters ringing the front three bells are all pupils of Harry Payne, of Syston, Leics. After his father, Ernest F. Payne, was no longer able, through ill-health, to carry on as tower captain, Harry began the uphill struggle to teach a band, and he has been asking for some time if peal attempts might be arranged for some of his ringers, but was not aware that we had fixed up this one on his birthday! As soon as the peal was over we had to go and break the news, writes B. Stedman Payne, of Barrow-on-Soar.

Sending a newspaper cutting giving the will of Dr. Perkins, who left £8,000 for Westminster Abbey bells augmentation, a correspondent adds: "What a wonderful ten they may yet be—but a pity so few will have a chance of ringing them!"

Mr. William J. Dyke, sen., of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., sending a subscription for 12 months, tells us he rings (or plays) the bells the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont. There are 11 bells in E flat. He adds, cryptically: "I wish that there were more bells, but there just ain't any more." [We welcome him among us and trust he will enjoy our journal.]

Obituary

WILLIAM HENRY HOOKWAY

Ringers a long way from North Devon have heard the name of West Down, and for the last 20 years it has never been far away from the top in six-bell ringing. For 65 years the name Hookway figured largely in its ringing records.

Early in the century the guild was very active in training method-ringing bands in all parts of the county, and in 1905 West Down had such a band, among whom was Bill Hookway, a lad of 16. When the band was re-formed in 1919 it abandoned change ringing (it had always been rather isolated in its corner of the county) and when it made its name after World War II it again had Bill Hookway as one of its most valuable members. Though he retired from the competition team six years ago, he was ringing almost up to the time of his death, at the end of May, at the age of 81.

Devonians, especially North Devonians, have for over 500 years been great travellers; if you'd met Bill Hookway in his 70's you might have taken him for a typical countryman, but he was a widely-travelled man. In 1912 he went to Australia to work as a miner, and after the first world war he went out again, this time sheep-farming. But, unlike many, he came back to West Down—between Exmoor and the sea—and to bellringing. With his fine build and excellent constitution (he survived an eye operation at the age of 80), a mind still active and full of fascinating memories, he was a man of whom West Down was justly proud. One need hardly say more.

J. G. M. S.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in memory of Diana Frost was held on Sunday, May 17, at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard.

The vicar (Canon Scammell), in a moving address, reminded us of Diana's great enthusiasm for life, and the selfless way in which she spared others the painful knowledge of her affliction. Her life amongst us we remembered with joy and affection, and that she lives on we know from the very foundation of our Christian faith.

The whole theme of the service was of life and thanksgiving. The hymns, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost," "Ye holy Angels bright," "The strife is o'er" and Psalm 23 (Crimond), were accompanied on the organ by Alistair Smith, a young friend and former neighbour, and the lesson (Revelation, ch. 7) was read by Alfred Rush-ton, president of the Bedfordshire Association. The Rev. Leonard Lack assisted in the service, and the Rev. Norman Wadsworth, until recently assistant priest at Leighton Buzzard, was also present.

Before the service the bells were rung by the young local band, of which Diana was a member. Although rung open, a minor key prevailed, the tenor—having a broken clapper.

The large nave of the church was filled with relatives, colleagues, local friends and ringers from many associations, including the Bedfordshire Association, the College Youths, Hertford C.A., Ladies' Guild, University of London Society and Peterborough Guild.

Peals in memoriam were rung at Corby and Daventry, Northants, and at St. Olive's, Hart Street, City of London, where Diana was a regular ringer from 1960 to 1965. A peal of Spliced Surprise will be rung at Leighton Buzzard when the tenor is again in commission.

JOHN B. POWLESLAND

The death took place suddenly on May 27 at his home, 4, Burford Road, Salisbury, of Mr. John Powlesland, aged 64. Although in recent years he was not able to take part as much as he would have liked, ringing was one of his greatest joys. He was taught to ring at the age of 13 at Bovey Tracey, Devon, his home tower, and associated himself with ringing all his life. He will be remembered at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, in the pre-war years, and at Shaftesbury, Dorset, after the war. He came to live at Salisbury some ten years ago. A perfect handler of a rope, he was a joy to watch, and always insisted on correct handling by his pupils.

John was employed at Salisbury Cathedral, and his smiling face and helpful ways will be very much missed. He leaves his wife, Gwendoline, and a sister.

The funeral service took place in Salisbury Cathedral on June 1, conducted by the Dean of Salisbury (the Very Rev. K. W. Haworth) and was attended by a large congregation. Burial was in Fordingbridge Cemetery. R. M.

Truro Guild.

"THE WEEKENDERS"

The Weekenders left Truro on May 29 for their annual ringing week-end. In the party were: Miss Barbara Duck, Messrs. George Riddy, Charles Linington, Philip Jeans, David Carder, Leonard Allen and Tom Howarth. The party was also joined by Mrs. Riddy, Mrs. Linington, Mrs. Allen and a friend, Miss Margaret den Heyer. Unfortunately Malcolm Withe-ridge was unable to join the party owing to sickness.

The first ring was at Buckland-in-the-Moor (8) on the Friday. After staying at an hotel in Teignmouth on Saturday the party visited Coffinswell (6), Kingkerswell (6), Ioplepen (8), Abbotswell (6), Wolborough (8) and Kingsteignton (8). The party returned to Teignmouth for dinner before leaving for Torquay to see a show. Sunday morning service ringing was at St. Michael's (8), Teignmouth.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents and the local ringers. B. J. D.

TOWER CAPTAIN'S GIFTS

Recently a group of ringers and friends gathered in the Vicarage reading room, Scothern, Lincs, it being the tower captain's (Charles Cade's) 65th birthday. Charles, at the age of nine, was taught to ring by his father, who was tower captain before him, and the occasion marked 55 years as a ringer at Scothern. A birthday cake, made by one of the band, was presented to him, also a ringer's records book containing his peals, from 1922 to 1970 and the towers in which he has rung in 55 years, in addition a copy of Dove's Guide, the copy of The Ringing World recording his 50th peal for the Lincoln Guild and the first copy of a Ringing World subscription.

Charles thanked all who had contributed towards the gifts and compiled the records, commenting that he had been rather suspicious when questioned about his peals, had his old reports borrowed and the tower cleaning had not been finished. He now realised what had been happening.

A social evening followed, a quarter having been rung before the presentation. A. C. A. H.

The Ladies' Guild.

WENT WEST

The South Wales District held a very enjoyable meeting at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Pembroke, on May 30.

This was the most westerly town that the Guild had visited, and was especially arranged to take place at the home tower of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rogers and their family, who always travel long distances to meetings in the eastern part of the district.

The bells themselves were worthy of the distance travelled, a 12 cwt. ring of eight (rumoured to be a middle six with an added treble and tenor!), altogether a very "individual" ring.

Pembroke town is clean, gay and bright, dominated by the great grey castle (founded in 1097) on an ideal, natural site. The castle itself was worthy of the day's visit—it had been the first keypoint in the English settlement of Wales and then a staging post to Ireland.

Several visitors from England attended the meeting, fortunately (and wisely!) being on holiday in the area and being blessed with glorious beaches and weather to match.

The service was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. R. C. Davies). Mrs. Betty Rogers read the lesson and her elder son, Simon, was the organist.

An "outside" tea was waiting in the church hall, prepared and given by the vicar's wife and helpers, and Mr. Alan Paton thanked them for their generosity. Simon Rogers was also thanked for playing the organ.

New members elected were: The Misses Prudence Patterson (Pembroke), Stephanie Martin and Hillary Sage (St. David's Cathedral) and Rosemary Meyrick (Truro Cathedral).

Ringing generally was good and varied and a number of ladies hope to attend the A.G.M. at Leicester.

The place suggested for the next meeting was Aberdare, in October.

PRESENTATION

At a social held on May 15 the bell-ringers of St. Mary's, Scarborough, presented their retiring ringing master, William Fay, with an engraved silver tankard.

A buffet meal was prepared and the vicar (Rev. J. Keys Fraser) handed the gift to Mr. Fay, who thanked the ringers for the memento of his period as ringing master. Mr. Edwin King, the present ringing master, also spoke. An enjoyable social evening followed.

A FINE EXAMPLE

On the Feast of Title, prior to Festal Evensong, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (already published) was rung at Holy Trinity, Drayton Parslow, North Bucks. The band included three Sunday service ringers.

During the octave a flower festival was held in the church and, as an added attraction, a bellringing demonstration was given on practice night.

An exhibition of "Visual Aids" in the nave enabled visitors to learn something of bellringing, and in the ringers' gallery the local band, assisted by visitors from Ched-dington, demonstrated method ringing.

The week's activities included luncheons, wine and cheese party and a folk concert in the church, which realised £130 for this small parish and its church.

Four recruits joined the local band!

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HALLS.—To Gordon and Pat, a daughter, Catherine Anne, on May 28, 1970.—54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. 9103
STONE.—To Michael and Valerie, of Bridgewater, on June 8, a daughter, Rebecca Valerie (at present in the Special Care Unit, Musgrove Hospital, Taunton). 9098
STRACEY.—On June 14, to Gill and Ian, of Duxford, Cambs, a daughter, Carolyn Jane. 9090

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

KILGOUR—HODGE.—Liz and Mike are getting married at noon on July 11 at the United Church (the Tabernacle), Church Street, Trowbridge: sorry, no bells. All friends welcome at the church. Future address may temporarily still be Brayside, Meadow Way, Dorney Reach, Maidenhead. Please note 56 Bath Street, Abingdon, is being sold in August. 9071

IN MEMORIAM

DOBBIE.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Maud Alice Dobbie, who died June 30, 1969, in Medway Hospital.—From Les and family. 9094

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PURNELL.—Audrey and David Purnell and family have now moved to 3 Sutton Drive, Haworth Road, Cullingworth, Yorks. Telephone later. All ringing friends, as always, will be very welcome. 9084
READING.—As from June 21, Paul's address will be 87 Carlton Road, Whalley Range, Manchester 16. Tel.: 061-881 2850. 9099
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MISCELLANEOUS

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The following members have been elected as the Society's officers for the next academic year. President, Mr. N. Webber (St. John's); master, Mr. P. Rogers (Van Mildert); secretary, Miss G. Bidgood (St. Mary's); treasurer, Mr. D. Sullivan (Hatfield). 9116

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—10-bell practice, Minehead, Sat., June 27, 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 9105
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meetings, 7-9 p.m.: Drayton (8, 19 cwt.), July 4; Mudford (5, 17 cwt.), Aug. 1. Tidy tower competition, Aug. 15.—Mrs. M. M. Legget (West Coker 208). 9070

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham, on Sat., July 4. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 (names to R. M. Virgin, 13 St. Keyna Road, Keynsham). Meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. A. 9088

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Husbome Crawley, Sat., June 27. Bells from 5 p.m. 9067

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Sat., July 4, Swavesey (6), 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Minor and York Surprise. 9113

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting, Welton, Sat., July 4. Bells (6) from 6–9. All welcome.—G. R. P. 9061

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, on Fri., June 26. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Double Norwich and Surprise methods. 9029

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., June 26, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., July 13, 8–9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers, Dis. Sec. 9107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Branch practice, Great Tew (8), Oxford, Fri., July 3, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davie, Branch Sec. 9129

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice, Standlake (6), Wed., July 1.—E. Venn, Branch Sec. 9130

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, Portsmouth Cathedral, Thurs., July 2, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Caters. 9032

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Branch and Western Branch.—Joint evening practice meeting, Guseley (8), Sat., July 4, 6–8.30 p.m. Rounds, call-changes, Stedman and D.N.C.B.M. All ringers will be welcome. 9095

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

EAST DERBYSHIRE and WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Sat., June 27, at Ault Hucknall. Bells (5) 3–9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Ernest Sollis, 4 Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 4BS. 8950

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition, Ash, Sat., June 27, commencing 3.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Rathlin, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, please. Normal ringing after tea.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9052

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Sat., June 27. Bells available 2.30–4 p.m.; Roughton, 4–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rigby, 95 Carrhill Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne. Tel.: Mossley 3197. 9102

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 27, Wadenhoe (6). Ringing 15.45, before service. Service 16.30, followed by picnic tea and meeting. Evening ringing till 20.45. 9096

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), Sat., June 27, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Pack, Long Spinney, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks. Highclere (8) from 6.15.—M. S. Goss, Hon. Sec. 8966

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at St. Oswin's, Wylam, Sat., July 4. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Bolton, 21 Tynedale Close, Wylam. 9117

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Fenny Compton on Sat., July 4. Service 4.30 and tea in the village hall at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Brilles, 10–11 a.m.; Tysoe, 10.45–11.45; Butler's Marston, 11.30–12.30; Kineton, 2–2.30; Harbury, 2.30–3.30; Burton Dassett, 3.15–4.15; Fenny Compton (3), 4–4.30; Burton Dassett, 6.30–7.30; Ladbroke, 7–8; Napton, 8–9. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, near Leamington Spa (Tel.: Fenny Compton 387), by July 2.—H. M. W. 9051

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Association quarterly meeting, New Mills (8), July 4. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Special knife and fork tea, cost 8s. 6d., at parish "Strawberry Fayre" from 4 p.m. onwards. Please send names to Mr. N. Holt, 23 Pingot Lane, New Mills, Stockport, SK12 4JH (Tel.: N.M. 2123). —F. Ross, Gen. Sec. 9056

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition finals, Rayne, Sat., July 4. Draw 1.45 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at St. Michael's Church Hall, Braintree, 5.45. Stedman competition 7 p.m., St. Michael's, Braintree. Numbers for tea to C. H. Gillingham, 69 Mount Road, Braintree, by Wed., July 1. 9100

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD.—Next meeting, Marsden, July 4. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Scorthorpe, 45 Woods Avenue, Marsden. 9101

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey, July 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Meeting 4.15, followed by tea. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Woolley, 39 Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath.—A. C. D. Mayes, Dis. Sec. 9104

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Tunbridge Wells, July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by not later than June 30. 9055

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby Lonsdale, Sat., July 4. Bells available 2.30–5.30 p.m. only. 9115

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Aughton (8), on Sat., July 4, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Special method: Lincolnshire. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth. 9106

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, July 4, Lutterworth. Bells, Bitteswell, 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., Lutterworth, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. W. H. Laughton, 7 St. Mary's Road, Lutterworth, Rugby, Warks, by Wed, July 1. Ringing at Lutterworth after meeting. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes. 8902

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ingoldmells (6) on Sat., July 4. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Rev. C. I. Miller, The Rectory, Sea Lane, Ingoldmells, Skegness, by June 29.—R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec. 9036

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Upavon (6), Sat., July 4. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Buckland, 4 Watson Close, Upavon, Pewsey, Wilts. 8703

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Evershot, Sat., July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, The Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9075

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon, Sat., July 4. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2–3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, by June 27.—J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, Glam, SA5 8EL. 9060

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting for advanced practice will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington (8, 18 cwt.), on Sat., July 11. Bells available 3–8 p.m., with tea break at 5 p.m. Methods: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Surprise Major, etc. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116 Eastborne Road, Darlington, by Wed., July 8.—K. Arthur, Ringing Master. 9063

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—July 11, Melbourn, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Meldreth afterwards.—J. S. 9109

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, July 11, Ebbw Vale. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Audrey Bruton, 8 Belle Vue, Garden City, Ebbw Vale, Mon, by July 6. 9030

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham Festival, July 11. Ringing at All Saints (8), St. Mary (10), St. Peter (12), Aspley (8), Basford (8), Bulwell (8), Lenton (8), Wilford (5) and Wollaton (6), 1.30–2.15 p.m. A "rise and fall" contest at West Bridgford, starting at 2.45 p.m. Open to any teams of six ringers. Tea 5 p.m. Bookings for tea and further details from G. A. Dawson, 63 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham, on receipt of s.a.e. Social gathering in evening. 9038

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Striking contest with Beverley and District Society meeting, Sat., July 11, Patrington. Draw for contest 2 p.m. Bells available after contest to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. E. Crook, The Rectory, Patrington, Hull, HU12 0RE, by previous Wednesday. 9076

GLOUCESTER DIOCESAN YOUTH FESTIVAL

July 4–5.

1.45–5.30 p.m. on Saturday.

1–4.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Gloucester and Bristol Association exhibit in the Cathedral Cloisters. 9112

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Branches)

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Upton St. Leonards (8)	10.30–11.15
Barnwood (8)	11.15–12.00
Brockworth (6)	12.00–12.45
Eckington (8)	10.15–11.15
Tewkesbury (12)	11.30–12.15
Kemerton (6)	12.00–12.45
Cheltenham (12)	2.00–2.45
Prestbury (8)	2.45–3.30
Bishop's Cleeve (8)	3.15–4.00
Charlton Kings (8)	4.15–4.50
Leckhampton (8)	6.00–7.00
Badgeworth (6)	7.15–8.00

Substantial meat tea (6s.) at Leckhampton Parish Hall, Church Road, 5 p.m. Handbells and bell frame exhibits.

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To all Association and Guild secretaries.

Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1971, for insertion in the above which must go to press shortly.

No reminders this year.

W. Viggers, 37 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 9119

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held

at Shrewsbury

on Saturday, July 11.

Ringings: St. Chad's, 2–3 p.m.

St. Mary's, 3.15–4.30 p.m.

Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall.

Ringings after tea: St. Mary's until 8 p.m.

St. Chad's, 8–9 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4 Abbots Place, Shrewsbury, by Thurs., July 9. 9086

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

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West Wrattling	2.30–3.15
Linton	3.15–4.00
Ashdon	4.45–5.30

Service 6 p.m.

Saffron Walden 6.45–8.30

(12-bell ringing guaranteed)

No special arrangements have been made for tea; there are cafés at Linton, Saffron Walden and Four Went Ways (junction of A11 and A604).—L. E. Pitstow, 3 Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden, Essex. Tel.: 2074. 8991

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June 30–July 5

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the

St. Edburg's Parish Centre, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m.

on Saturday, June 27

Service 6 p.m., Bicester Parish Church.

Names for tea, together with remittance (3s. 6d. per person) and s.a.e., to Mr. C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN.

Towers available (all subject to cancellation and alteration of time, previous list cancelled):

10.30–11.30	Middleton Stoney (6), Brill (6) (Flower Festival)
10.45–11.45	Caversfield (5)
11.00–12.00	Wootton (Woodstock) (6), Ludgershall (5)
11.30–12.30	Wootton Underwood (6)
12.00–1.00	Stratton Audley (5), Piddington (5)
12.30–1.30	Charlton-on-Otmoor (5), Launton (6)
1.00–2.00	Bicester (8)
7.00–8.00	Bicester (8), Ambrosden (8), Middleton Stoney (6)
7.15–8.15	Kidlington (8), practice night
7.30–8.30	Islip (8), Woodstock (8)

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly meeting

HERTFORD

Saturday, July 11

Bengeo (8), 2.45–4.15.

Tea 4.30 in Congregational Church Hall, Cowbridge, followed by meeting. All Saints (10), 6.45–8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Farnborough, Kent S3666), by July 8. 9053

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Elloe Deaneries, Saturday, June 27.

Towers available:—

11.00–12.00	Donington (8)
11.00–12.00	Long Sutton (8)
12.00–1.00	Gosberton (6)
12.00–1.00	Gedney (6)
1.45–2.30	Spalding (8)
2.00–3.00	Whaplode (6)
2.00–3.00	Pinchback (8)
2.30–4.15	Moulton (6)
3.00–4.00	Fulney (8)
7.00–9.00	Moulton (6)
7.00–8.00	Surfleet (12)
7.30–8.30	Deeping St. Nicholas (6)
7.30–8.30	Holbeach (8)
8.00–9.00	Bicker (8)
8.00–9.00	Lutton (6)

At MOULTON

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**1970 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 1970 A.G.M. will be held on July 4 at Basingstoke.

Arrangements are as follows:—

1.30 p.m. Executive committee meeting, All Saints' Hall.

2.30 p.m. A.G.M.

5.00 p.m. Service, St. Michael's.

5.45 p.m. Tea, St. Michael's Church Cottage. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke (Tel.: 24718), by July 1.

Ringing arrangements:—

ROUTE 1.—Alton (10.15-11.00), Upton Grey (11.00-11.45). Ellisfield (11.30-12.15).

ROUTE 2.—New Alresford (10.30-11.15), Old Alresford (11.00-11.45), Preston Candover (11.30-12.15).

ROUTE 3.—Laverstoke (10.30-11.15), Overton (11.00-11.45), Wootton St. Lawrence (11.30-12.15).

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Evening meeting, Lower Peover (6), Sat., June 27. Ringing starts 6.30 p.m. 9120

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sat., July 10, Newdigate. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Evening ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Names for outing on Oct. 10 to C. A. Bassett, 3 Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, please. 9124

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Practice meeting, Send, Sat., July 11, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your own coffee.—P. A. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9123

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Sat., July 11, Langdale. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9128

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Sat., July 11, Holt, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own picnic tea. Ringing after tea at Holt, 5.15 to 6.30 p.m., then at Wiveton, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 9127

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Meeting, Sat., July 4, Eyam (6), 3.30-5.30 p.m., and Baslow (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring your own picnic tea.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 9126

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, FROME FETE

July 4 at 2.30 p.m.

There will be an exhibition of photographs, rubbings and plaster casts of some of the bells in Somerset.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

—North Cotswold Branch.—Meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water (8), July 11, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells 6.15-8.15 p.m. Names for tea to L. Dowdeswell, The Lodge, Mangersbury Park, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos, by July 9. 9135

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barley, Sat., July 4. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea and meeting at Barkway Vicarage. Barkway (8) after meeting until 8.30 p.m. 9133

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Morton, near Bourne, Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 6-9 p.m. Special method: Double Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9134

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting, Cottesbrooke, Sat., July 4. Please bring picnic tea. 9131

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Sunday, July 5. 10.20-11.00 a.m.

2.00-4.30 p.m.

5.50-6.30 p.m.

All welcome.

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LATE NOTICES

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening meeting, Worfield, July 4. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—Joan Bennett, Hon. Sec. 9146

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., July 4, Stretton Grandison. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea important to J. Ward, Woodfields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 9144

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Joint meeting with Coventry Guild, Burton Dassett (6), Sat., July 4. Service at Fenny Compton 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Farm, Fenny Compton, by Wed. previous. Regret no names, no tea.—I. Webb, Branch Sec. 9145

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Sat., July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Bells 6-8 p.m.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. 9147

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

Quarterly meeting

on Saturday, July 4, at Solihull (12).

Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.

Open ringing till 8 p.m.

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June 22, 1945

Edgar C. Shepherd, Richard Hadden, Leonard Tuffrey, John Pinfold, Herbert Spencer and Henry G. Fearn rang their first of Cambridge Maximus at Walsall.

Frank B. Lufkin conducted William F. Ward's first peal (Bob Major) at Rayleigh, Essex.

In the leading article about covering bells, the writer stated: "A band is entitled to ring what it pleases in its own tower . . . but the Exercise as a whole claims the right to decide what shall be called a peal. . ."

Peter J. Staniforth rang his first peal of Yorkshire Royal at the Bell Foundry, in which Jill Poole also took part.

W. Eric Critchley conducted his first peal (Grandsire Doubles) from the treble, in which Lucy Mottishaw, Laura Mottishaw and Frank Reed rang their first peal.

Ringing 9-10, Philip A. Corby rang his first peal of Grandsire Caters at Enfield.

At Chaklala, Punjab, India, A. J. Adams, B. G. Key and S. Mason rang a quarter of Grandsire Doubles on handbells.

During May 164 peals were rung—151 on tower bells, 13 on handbells.

50 YEARS AGO

June 25, 1920

A peal of D. Norwich at Cardington, Beds, was rung for two kings: King George V and Alfred King, of Luton. Miss Evelyn Steel rang the 3rd.

Basil Butler, aged 12, rang his first peal at Orlingbury, Northants, being Grandsire Doubles, which Thomas Butler conducted.

Cambridge University Guild rang the first spliced peal of Major ever rung—Plain and Little Bob Major. It was on handbells, composed and conducted by E. M. Atkins. The composition contained 117 courses, each consisting of one lead of P. Bob, one of Little Bob and one of P. Bob, with three courses of P. Bob added, giving the 120 course ends.

Cullompton Church new ring of ten bells were dedicated, the work having cost £1.100.

The Ladies' Guild held successful meetings at Chiddingfold, Surrey (Southern District), and at Weston-super-Mare (Western District).

The College Youths passed a resolution protesting against the removal or closure of any London city churches.

THREE NEW BELLS STOLEN

Four of Gargrave (Yorks) bells mentioned last week (erroneously as Cargrave) as due for rehanging, were returned on Tuesday, 16th, and left in the churchyard. At 11.30 p.m. the vicar saw three of them (3rd, 4th and 6th) being rolled over the church wall on to a lorry, but by the time the alarm was raised the vehicle and bells had disappeared. Mr. Ronald H. Dove supplied this information from the Yorkshire Evening Post report.

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