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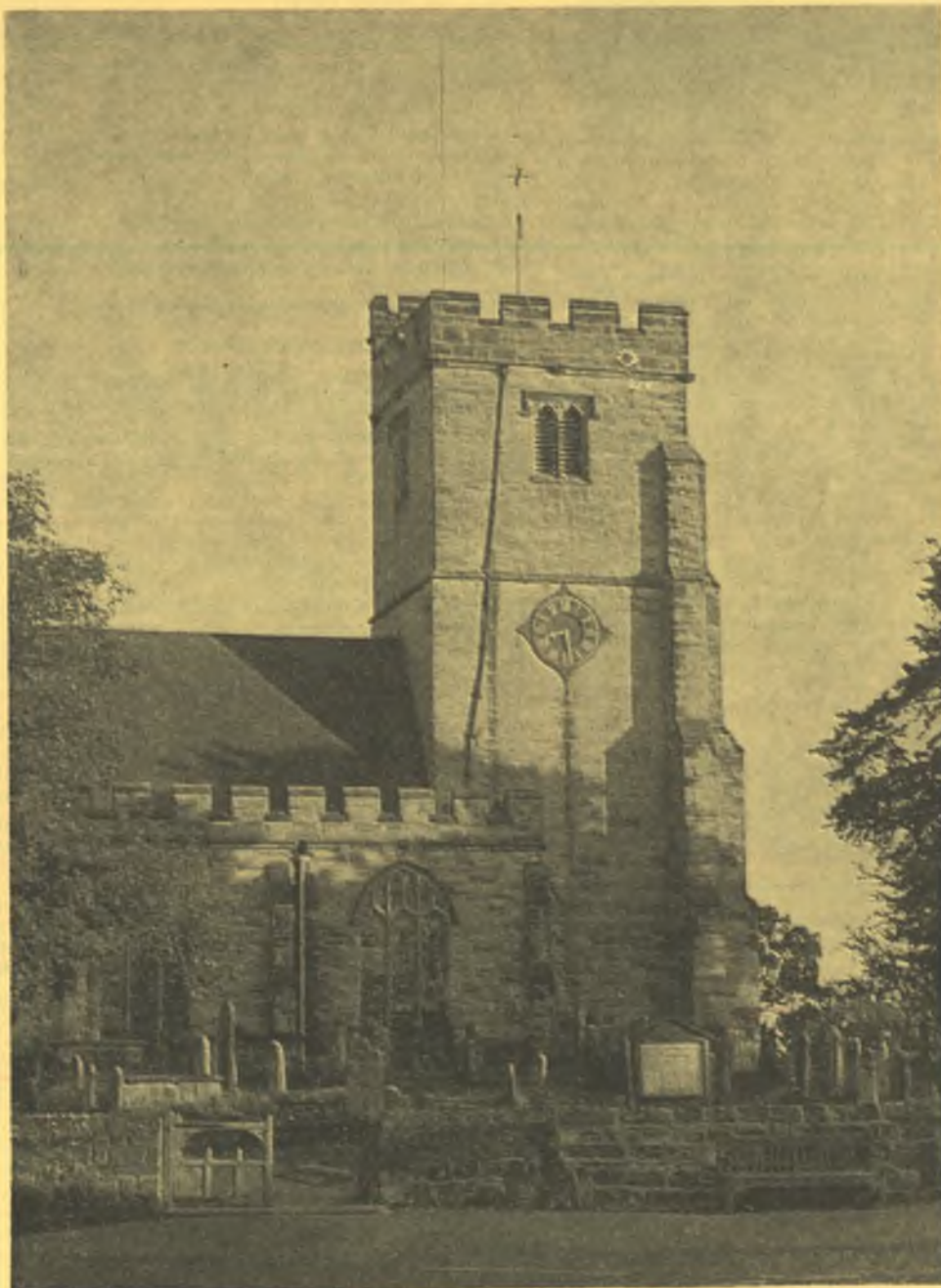
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**St. Laurence,
Hawkhurst,
Kent**

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Cover Picture

St. Laurence, Hawkhurst, Kent

By STEPHEN P. PIPER

THIS CHURCH is built of local sandstone and there is some evidence of there having been a small church on this site in Saxon times. However, the earliest reference to the church in records is c. 1100.

The church was considerably enlarged in the mid-14th century and various changes were made in the Perpendicular style in the mid-15th century.

A WAR VICTIM

In August, 1944, a German V1 bomb fell in the churchyard, grievously damaging the church. Most of the tiles were blown off and the windows blown in. Helped by the woodworm-ravaged state of the roof timbers, part of the roof collapsed. Fortunately the tower and bells were undamaged and the latter were still rung although no services were held.

Through the generosity of the parish, aided by a grant of £40,000, the church was repaired at a cost of £53,000 and was re-consecrated in 1957.

The great east window is noted for its beautiful tracery which forms a curvilinear design of "Decorated Style," c. 1350, and has been described as one of the finest pieces of this architecture in the country.

THE BELLS

Looking now to the bells, the earliest bell of which we have founders' records is dated 1612, but it would seem that there were at least two bells hung for church service as early as the mid-14th century; seven items on record point to this. There are various charges for work on the bells, also dated A.D. 1551: "Paid to Glazier for mending of the bell-house window 13/4."

The ring (E flat) is made up as follows:—

Treble.—6-1-25. Cast 1847 by J. & G. Mears. Inscr.: Holiness unto the Lord.
Second.—6-3-27. Cast 1847 by J. & G. Mears. Inscr.: Holiness unto the Lord.
Third.—7-0-25. Cast 1734 by R. Phelps. Inscr.: Richard Phelps made me.
Fourth.—8-1-8. Cast 1633 by J. Wilmer. Inscr.: John Wilmer made me.
Fifth.—9-2-14. Cast 1613 by J. Hatch. Inscr.: Joseph Hatch made me. Recast 1904 by Mears & Stainbank.
Sixth.—11-1-16. Cast 1617 by J. Hatch. Inscr.: Joseph Hatch made me.
Seventh.—15-1-17. Cast 1612 by J. Hatch. Inscr.: Joseph Hatch made me. Recast 1847 by J. & G. Mears.
Tenor.—23-0-19. Cast 1824 by T. Mears. Inscr.: Thomas Mears made me.

There is also a small undated sanctus or passing bell, known locally as the "clink" (its name implies its dull sound).

It is believed that when the two trebles were added, given by the vicar in 1847, the hostelry across the road had to change its name from The Six Bells to The Eight Bells.

The fifth in the present ring was recast and the bells rehung in a new frame in 1904. Then in 1965 the bells were again quarter turned and rehung on ball bearings, together with other minor work.

The tower was once affiliated to the Hastings Guild, but as our membership increased in strength the Guild was renamed as the Hawkhurst and District Guild. This flourished for many years with regular meetings, but due to lack of interest the Guild has waned rather.

As for the ringers, the younger element in the belfry has grown in the last few years and the junior membership is now approaching that of the senior ringers. The regular band now numbers about 15.

I will finish with a verse by an irate local professor, whose studies, he claimed, were disturbed by the bells many years ago.

Disturbers of the human peace,
Whose chimes are always ringing;
I wish the ropes were round your necks,
And you were from them swinging.

ST. NEOTS WIN AGAIN

In the Huntingdon District striking competition held recently at Holywell, near St. Ives, St. Neots ringers, who make a habit of collecting ringing trophies, yet again won for the third year in succession (and the fourth in the five-year history of the competition). The trophy now rests alongside the Diocesan trophy they won last year (for the second time in three years).

The team was: Treble Phillip S. George, 2 Timothy W. Griffiths, 3 Ian P. Sawford, 4 William A. R. Chamberlain, 5 Christopher D. Corby, tenor George E. Bonham (captain and conductor). The band rang 240 St. Clements Bob Minor, and their captain was pleased with the team's efforts. The judges were from Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire, and a good omen for the future was the many youngsters taking part in the competition.

The placings were: St. Neots (A) 137 faults; All Saints', Huntingdon 181; Kimbolton 203; Eynesbury 226; St. Neots (B) 276.

Staying at the same hotel at Ilkley for the C.C. meeting were (back row) Cyril Wratten, Peter Wycherley and Frank Reynolds; (front row) Mrs. Reynolds, Leslie Barry, Mrs. Wycherley.

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Suffolk Guild

STRIKING COMPETITION

A musical Gillett six, a lovely summer's day in the heart of Constable country, Higham (St. Mary) was the wise choice for this year's striking competition.

The three judges, no mean exponents of good striking and particular authorities on 6-bell ringing, were Joe Roast, Pat Saltmarsh and Dennis Symonds, and they commented on the general good standard of the afternoon's ringing.

A competition seems to have the right blend of challenge and festivity, and this year was no exception. Eleven teams entered, the ringing master (Howard Egglestone) expressing a wish that where possible these should be Sunday service bands. There is always a little apprehension when a team has won the shield for two consecutive years as Bramford had done. "Can they do it a third time?" (and if so, do they keep the shield?). Bramford must certainly have started hot favourites, with probably Grundisburgh and Lavenham well in the running.

Well, as we all know, anything can happen under the tense moments of competition, which all adds to the spice of the event. It did! But early on Lavenham set such a splendid standard that it was hard to imagine their being beaten, and it was indeed a happy Lavenham team that heard the declaration of being winners.

After the service a really top-class home-made tea by the Stratford and Higham ladies was enjoyed and the judges were introduced, Pat Saltmarsh their spokesman.

Results were as follows: 1 Lavenham (35 faults), 2 Bramford "A" (42), 3 Grundisburgh (47), 4 Central District (73), 5 Henley (74), 6 Clare (78) 7 Horringer (83), 8 Central District (98), 9 South East District (113), 10 Bramford "B" (128), 11 Rougham (151).

After presenting the shield to the Lavenham captain, Maurice Symonds, the vicar, Rev. J. H. H. Griffin, placed Higham and Stratford St. Mary bells at our disposal until 9 p.m.

G. W. P.

MISS CROSS RETIRES AS SECRETARY

APPRECIATION CHEQUE OF £125

A change in procedure of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was the holding of the annual meeting at the Church Centre, Bicester, on June 27. The autumn meeting is to be held at Christ Church, Oxford. The occasion marked the retirement of Miss Marie R. Cross as hon. secretary, an office she has held for 13 years. Her successor is Mr. W. Butler, of Thatcham.

The Guild showed its appreciation of Miss Cross's work with a cheque for £125. The presentation was made by the master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) who was supported by the deputy master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker).

The master said he had known Miss Cross longer than most people as he first met her at High Wycombe in 1932, and they had been working together in Guild affairs ever since. The Guild desired to express its gratitude to her for her work and enthusiasm, so willingly given, during the past 13 years as hon. secretary and to offer good wishes to her for the future. Many towers and individual members had contributed to this little gift which amounted to £125 and they hoped Miss Cross would find some suitable use for it.

Thanking the Guild for the cheque, Miss Cross said she heard that something was in the wind, but this had not come from the girls in her own tower.

GREAT COMRADESHIP

She was appointed general secretary 13 years ago after a period as hon. librarian of the Guild and a branch secretary. The thing that stood out during that period was the great comradeship of the members and its officers, something they had not always seen in the past. That did not mean that there had not been differences, but when once a decision was taken that divergence of opinion was forgotten, and the members proceeded in a true bond of partnership.

Another thing was the devotion of the officers both at branch and Guild level. In two years time she would have been a member for 50 years and only once could she recall when the Guild had to step in and help out a branch. She asked the members to let Mr. Butler develop the Guild as a living body in the way he thought it should.

THREE SUGGESTIONS

There were three suggestions she would like to make regarding the office of secretary. The first was that he should have a float of say £20 for expenses and not have to wait to the end of the year before claiming from the treasurer. In these days only 60 circulars could be sent through the post for £1. When she was appointed it was 240. The second was the provision of a duplicator. It cost £27 to duplicate the rules. The third was that the certificates of membership should be prepared by someone else other than the secretary. (The election of 322 new members was ratified at the meeting.)

Concluding, Miss Cross thanked the officers and members for all they had done for her. She had received an invitation to visit the States next year, and she would like to spend the money on that visit. "I wish the Guild well," said Miss Cross and received tremendous applause when she sat down.

The master in his welcome to the gathering, mentioned Mr. Jim Marriott of Launton, who was 86 last Easter Day and rang three 720s, a marvellous effort for a man of his age. The bells of Stanford-in-the-Vale (formerly St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford) would be dedicated on Sunday, July 12, by the Bishop of Oxford. The service was at 6 p.m. and ringing would follow until 9 p.m.

AUGMENTATION

Mr. Brian Eastwood presented the report of the sub-committee regarding funds for augmentations. They recommended: (1) that the restoration fund be used to provide the funds for augmentations. (2) The alteration of new rule 11b to read, "the fund shall be used for the purpose of making grants towards the restoration and augmentation of bells or their gear (excluding ropes) within the Diocese and for such purposes only." (3) P.C.C.s should be recircularised giving details of the restoration and augmentation fund and if the Guild was agreeable to this, the committee would undertake the necessary work involved.

The only opinion against the proposal came from the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) who maintained that the £800 in the restoration fund from the Jenkyn bequest could only be used for restoration work.

Mr. W. Butler, who had inspected the wills of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and his wife, maintained that this procedure was in order. The sub-committee's recommendations were then adopted.

REPORTS ACCEPTED

The officers' reports as printed were accepted and from these the following points were made.

The master's: The ringing of quarter peals had much to commend it. A quarter peal was long enough to provide excellent practice in striking and not so long as to tax the patience of nearby householders. He called attention to the notable achievement of the South Oxon Branch in ringing a quarter peal in each tower in the branch to mark the end of the decade and ten years of progress in the branch. Fifty-four ringers were involved in ringing these 20 quarters out of a branch membership of 84 and 31 "firsts" were achieved. A notable innovation was the holding of a ringing festival in the Chipping Norton Branch and ringing the bells in the 14 towers on the same day.

Deputy master's: Inspected and reported on the condition of bells, their gear and towers in 20 churches in the diocese during the year. He was revising The Church Bells of Berkshire, which was being reprinted.

Hon. general secretary's: During 1968-69 235 new members were elected and certificates issued, yet membership had fallen from 1,735 to 1,715. The obituary list was



MR. W. BUTLER,
newly-elected hon. secretary.

very long and included Mr. R. J. F. Gilling, J.P., secretary of the Vale of White Horse branch from 1945 to 1954; Mr. G. Hearn, Checkendon, who saw the augmentation of the bells brought to fruition. Mrs. E. D. Catherall (née Blencowe), of St. Laurence's, Reading; Mr. B. D. Costar (Standlake); Mr. M. Rosier (Peasmore), Mr. A. Burton (Twyford). These are those of whom the preacher wrote in Ecclesiastes—people whose loyalty and devoted service to their parishes will be their memorial. Peals had dropped from the record number of 212 achieved in 1967 to 137 in 1968 and 151 in 1969. Mr. A. R. Pink and his band added nine new methods in 1968-69 to the Guild's list of firsts.

Hon. general treasurer's: The general funds of the guild amount to £2,369, of which £1,936 was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £44 2s. had been received from P.C.C.s. The St. Peter-in-the-East Fund had reached a total of £245 16s. 2d. After meeting expenses, the balance of £165 had been paid to the Church of St. Denys, Stanford-in-the-Vale, to help meet the cost of installing the bells.

The hon. librarian offers a supply of attractive books and pamphlets for a display table for any tower holding an open evening or for any member giving a talk.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Canon C. Elliot Wigg was elected master and Mr. Frederick Sharpe deputy master. Mr. A. D. Barker was elected hon. treasurer, Rev. E. Wood librarian, and Mr. P. Walker editor of the report. Messrs. H. Oglesby and J. Baldwin were re-elected stewards, and Miss Cross's offer to serve in this capacity was gladly accepted. To the general committee were elected Mrs. A. D. Barker, Miss D. Fletcher, Miss D. J. Pollard, Messrs. A. Diserens, P. Walker and F. A. White. In recognition of her long service to the guild Mrs. A. D. Barker was elected a vice-president.

NEW SECRETARY

A ballot took place for the hon. secretaryship and Mr. W. Butler (Thatcham) was

(Continued overleaf)

Ilkley, May 26, 1970

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS SECTION VI

Continuing the discussion and acceptance of the reports of various committees (Item 10), the Sunday Service and Education Committee convener, Mr. N. Chaddock, spoke of the making of a gramophone record, illustrating good striking on 5, 6, 8 and 10 bells. He gave the costs involved in its production as up to £124 for 99 discs—the number necessary to avoid paying purchase tax. He suggested the cost would be 35s. each record and that the ringers who had helped in the making of the record should be given a free disc. There might be a profit of £20, but this was doubtful. When possible it was intended to advertise it in the R.W. so that individuals and towers could order the record.

Mr. Speed said 99 records were not many and asked what would be the purchase tax if another pressing were made.

Mr. Chaddock replied that 99 was the original number agreed, and the churches concerned granted the use of their bells on the understanding it was a non-profit making business. If more discs were cut it would be necessary to have the further approval of the churches involved.

Mr. C. Pipe asked who chose the bells to be recorded and why.

Mr. Chaddock answered that it was the towers with attractive bells and which were available for recording on Sunday afternoons.

The Council approved the necessary expenditure for the record.

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elected; Mr. A. J. Rance (Easthampstead) was the other candidate. In thanking the members for their confidence in him, Mr. Butler promised to do his best.

Mr. Rance congratulated Mr. Butler on his election.

Regarding the report, Mr. Walker said it had been agreed to print a report each year. He suggested to the meeting certain deletions, which were accepted.

Mr. A. Diserens proposed that a contribution of £5 5s. be made to The Ringing World. Thanking the guild, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson said that the increase in costs of printing and paper would present difficulties for the committee. He called attention to the ringing feature by the B.B.C. on August 2 at 6.15 p.m.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. C. Kinch, who was responsible for the arrangements for the meeting, and incumbents and steeplekeepers of towers.

1885 MEETING RECALLED

The service in St. Edburg's Church followed tea and was conducted by the rector, Canon W. H. Treble. The deputy master read the lesson and the address was given by the master, who said that on June 6, 1885, the fifth annual meeting of the Oxford Guild was held in that church, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, captain of Keble College, Oxford, came and preached the sermon. He took as his text St. Luke xii, 48: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask for more."

The master applied his text to Miss Cross, who, he said, had been a good servant of the church and the guild. They had expected much of her and she had given them

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY?

On the educational side of the report Mr. Butler pointed out that there was no report from the southern part of the country. He suggested courses should be arranged for tower captains and also a possible Sunday service ringing survey organised.

Mr. Davis asked if the record to be made would be suitable for broadcasting, and if so would it be construed as the Central Council encouraging it for service use.

After Mr. Chaddock had replied that it was not suitable for broadcasting, the Rev. St. John Smith suggested that for theological colleges the Guild of Clerical Ringers might liaise with the committee.

The Inveraray bells restoration was mentioned and Rev. J. Scott testified to the work and co-operation between Mr. Chaddock and his team and Mrs. Noble, who was behind the project.

Among other suggestions made were a prize for film making, that articles on rope splicing be included in future issues of the committee's publication and that Mr. Butler be added to the committee, he to undertake the Sunday service survey.

Following agreement to this, and that Mr. Chaddock would consider the suggestions made, the report was approved.

PEALS ANALYSIS

Two points brought forward from this report were the peal of Erin Caters on the nine bells at Basingstoke and the peal of Minor, with a cover, at Sawston, Cambs.

Canon Felstead said he hoped the peal of Erin Caters would be accepted, and when Mr. Warwick asked if the musical implications had been considered he replied that they had.

a very full measure during her 13 years as secretary. When he joined the guild everything was much simpler. Life today was far more organised in order that they could carry on and it was the same with the guild. They should think of those responsible for this organisation, and especially at this time for Miss Cross's successor, and pray for him.



Miss Mary Cross (photographed by Miss Terry Riggs) with Mr. Tom White.

The song that nerves a nation's heart is in itself a deed. ALFRED TENNYSON.

Mr. R. Savory (master of the Guild of which Basingstoke is part) said he had taken part in the peal himself and it was quite musical. He also hoped the peal would be accepted by the Council.

Mr. Crossthwaite said that the Winchester peal had not been accepted and asked if the convener had included the peal of Minor at Sawston.

Mr. Ayre replied that it had not been printed in the R.W. peal columns, therefore it was not in the analysis.

The chairman asked why the band had rung Erin Caters at Basingstoke, to which Mr. Savory replied that the local ringers wanted to ring a peal in their own tower.

Mr. Savory proposed and Mr. Blagrove seconded that the Erin Caters be included, and this was agreed, four voting against the motion.

Mr. F. E. Collins asked if this would legalise all other 9-bell peals at Basingstoke and received a negative reply.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite proposed that the peal of Minor with cover at Sawston which had five first pealers in it and which was rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales' 21st birthday (on the anniversary of a peal rung on the day of his birth) be accepted. Mr. Peacock seconded and this also was carried, six voting against.

Mr. Dods asked for the exclusion of the peal of Spliced Major rung for the Herts Association as it was false, and Mr. Threlfall asked the convener to bring doubtful peals to the Council to decide on acceptance or otherwise.

Mr. Ayre replied that he had been let down too many times in the past.

Mr. Mew asked whether long lengths which were not accepted as records qualified as peals, and Mr. Lufkin said that the committee must work to rules and not offer opinions.

Mr. Corby expressed the sympathy of all on the withdrawal of the multi-Maximus effort, which was an outstanding performance but had been proved false.

The report was adopted.

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Derby Diocesan Association.

HORSLEY CUP CONTEST, 1970

The results of the final at Horsley on June 6th are as follows:—1 St. Peter's, Derby (Oxford T.B.) 207 points; 2 Derby Cathedral (Cambridge) 206; 3 Sawley (Little Bob) 177; 4 Chesterfield (Grandsire Doubles) 174; 5 Stanton-by-Dale (Cambridge) 159; 6 Sandiacre (Oxford T.B.) 156; 7 Breadsall (Bob Doubles) 143; 8 Old Whittington (Cambridge) (fired out). Judge, H. Rooke.

The entrants were the winners and runners-up of the four district contests held earlier in the year, in which 21 teams competed.

This is the first time that St. Peter's have won the cup; on several previous occasions they have been narrowly beaten into second place by the Cathedral. The favourites, Old Whittington, delighted listeners by firing out, just as they did in 1969.

The same scoring system was used as in previous years: 200 changes rung being marked with a maximum of one fault, the score being obtained by subtracting the number of faults from 240 and adding a bonus of 2½ per cent. for Doubles, 5 per cent. for Plain Minor, 7½ per cent. for Treble Bob Minor, and no bonus for call changes. The bonus system has only a marginal effect on the results—it has never changed the winning team—but provides an incentive towards more advanced ringing.

D. J. M.

York Colleges Guild

ACTIVITIES OF THE INAUGURAL
TERMS

Many ringing students coming to York in past years have been disappointed to find the absence of any ringing society attached to the University and St. John's College, and with this in mind a group got together to make a determined effort to start what it is hoped will grow into a flourishing organisation.

The immediate problem was the acquisition of a tower to use as a base. Over the past 50 years York has lost six rings of bells, and now there are only two in the city, one of these the Minster (13, 59 cwt.). The alternative is the Arts Centre (formerly St. John's, Micklegate) (6, 9 cwt.), which is somewhat peculiar. Before ringing, tables and stools have to be moved as ringing takes place in part of the licensed bar. Tim Haunton, the manager, readily agreed for us to use the bells, but evening ringing was out. During these hours the sanctity of the ringing chamber is given over to revellers (wine, women, and no doubt the occasional song!).

Our first meeting was in January and the rest of the spring term saw ringing on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Twice a month the Guild rang for Evensong at Huntington, at a tower three miles out of York, and the term finished with a very successful ringing tour to six towers in and around the Vale of Pickering.

The summer term saw the Guild moving in wider circles. Due to a festival, the Arts Centre has been unavailable for the whole of the second half of the term, but ringing took place regularly on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. The Dean of York gave permission for the Guild to ring the Minster bells for Evensong on two occasions. Huntington was visited on occasional Sunday afternoons and on three occasions Wednesday afternoon outings to Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Nunburnholme and Whixley proved popular.

In two terms the Guild has rung together on 30 occasions, ringing being varied and two quarter peals being achieved, whilst a peal of Cambridge Minor was also attempted but lost.

Numbers are small, and our sincere thanks to all who have given help, without whom much of what has been achieved would not have been possible. Thanks also to Tim Haunton, who has made the Arts Centre available.

With this behind us we look to the future. Fortunately we are not losing any who began the venture, and the beginning of a new academic year will (we hope) bring us recruits in abundance. We eagerly await their arrival.

DAVID E. POTTER.

St. John's College,
York.

DEFINITIONS REWRITTEN

Acquaintance (*noun*), one with whom you have rung for three hours and don't know his name until the report is published in *The Ringing World*.

Conscientious (*adj.*), said of a ringer who, when unable to come himself, sends a substitute who is a better ringer than himself.

Little minds are too much wounded by little things; great minds see all and are not even hurt.

FRANCOIS DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD.

Obituary

MR. J. W. FAITHFULL

St. Mary's Church, Southampton, has lost a devoted servant by the death in a Hampshire hospital of Mr. John Walter Faithfull, aged 72 years, on June 23. His service embraced 50 years in the capacities of chorister, ringer, sidesman and church councillor, but his love was the "Bells of St. Mary's" and ringing. He was captain of the ringers for more than 30 years until his stroke in 1961.

Born on November 26, 1897, he joined the ringers of St. Mary's in 1915 and, like many of his contemporaries, was called up for military service, during which he lost his left arm. Despite his loss he returned to St. Mary's, and in October, 1920, rang his first peal at North Stoneham—Bob Major, conducted by Mr. George Williams, who was his tutor and rang in every one of his first 55 peals.

His ringing friends were too numerous to mention, but notable was his friendship with Mr. George Pullinger, who lost his right arm during World War I. Together with Harry Balaam, the third one-armed ringer of that era, they took part in a peal of Bob Major at East Tytherley on September 18, 1935, conducted by George Williams.

A memorable day in John's life was September 19, 1934, when he conducted his first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, the first peal on the bells after they had been augmented to ten by the gift of two trustees through the Barron Bell Trust in January, 1934.

It was a sad day in 1941 when the church and bells were destroyed by enemy action, but with a thankful heart he rejoiced in 1948 when the bells, recast and rehung by Taylors, were rededicated. The first peal on the new bells—treble ten on July 28, 1948—was conducted by C. H. Kippin. John and his son, Roy, stood in the peal, which was rung on one of the hottest days known, with the temperature in the 90s.

The Faithfulls still carry on the ringing at St. Mary's. Roy met his wife, Betty, when she was a pupil of his father. They have now left Southampton. Another brother, John R. Faithfull, remains and became captain of ringers, but suffered a tragic accident when returning from a ringing outing in June, 1965. Ringing with him in the belfry are his wife, Margaret, and his children, Paul and Karen.

The funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, on June 26, was conducted by Rev. D. J. L. Agassey and the lesson was read by a ringing friend of long standing, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Rural Dean of Southampton.

The bells were rung half-muffled by a representative band, which included Mr. M. Butler (captain of St. Mary's), Mr. R. Savory, Mr. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Miss Joy Butler, Mr. J. Hartless, Mr. and Mrs. K. Croft and Mr. W. Croft.

BILL HOOKWAY—An Appreciation

My first meeting with Bill Hookway was in 1953 when, with two of his distant relatives, Jack and Jim Phillips, of St. Paul's Cathedral, I went to ring "Scientific" at West Down, a village in those days where "method" ringers feared to tread unless with a "cast iron" band. Seated in a corner of the tower on our arrival was this rather fierce-looking and very critical man, who scared us even before we started. After we had completed a very presentable 120

of Stedman he vehemently criticised it as being too fast altogether, and next time to ring it slower! Quite naturally, I wondered what right he had to criticise ringing of which he knew nothing! How wrong I was.

Bill had learnt "method" at the age of 14 at Ilfracombe and in 1918 had rung a peal at St. Mary's, Southampton, to celebrate the end of the war. He was particularly proud of his membership certificate to the Devon Guild and never tired of telling me that he had gained it by ringing 120 of Doubles on an inside bell, not on the treble "like you gained yours, my lad!"

Over the years he helped the incomparable West Down band to win many competitions, often ringing any bell from 2nd to tenor—a most unusual feat. Call-change ringers always ring the same bell for competitions. In 1965 he retired completely from the ringing scene, refusing the many pleas to judge competitions all over the county. He would have been absolutely fair and first-class as a judge but, as he said, "West Down enter most competitions, and as my son, Ivor, two nephews, Mervyn and Les Phillips, and son-in-law, Len Smale, still ring, I might be accused of favouritism!"

For his ready help, kindly and constructive criticism, Bill will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace. D. J.

THE REV. W. F. G. MITCHELL

Following an illness which lasted 12 months, the Rev. William F. G. Mitchell, former rector of Wymondham, Norfolk, died recently at the age of 59. During his ministry he served at Chelmsford Cathedral, as a naval chaplain, prison chaplain at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight, and then at Wymondham, and was extremely popular and was referred to by the rector of Saxby at the funeral service as a gentle, courageous and dedicated man, and the large congregation from the surrounding neighbourhood testified to the affection in which he was held. The committal was at Loughborough, Leics.

Only a few months before his death he was married at St. Mary's, Melton, Leics, and it was then thought he was on his way to complete recovery of health.

On the evening of the funeral a quarter peal, half-muffled, was rung on the parish church bells.

Bath and Wells Association.

DUNSTER DEANERY

The summer quarterly meeting of the Dunster Deanery was held on June 13 at All Saints', Selworthy, where the bells are always a joy to ring. The glorious weather and the superb setting of Selworthy left nothing more to make a perfect day. Only 18 ringers attended, the smallest number for many years. The service touch was All Saints Doubles, and the Rev. J. F. W. M. Bowen took the service, when the lessons were read by the tower captain (Mr. F. Arcscott) and the ringing master (Mr. W. Nurcombe).

In the Rectory garden there were two tables laid out for tea, and at the business meeting a vote of thanks to the ladies was accorded. Three new members received certificates and were welcomed to the branch. It was announced that learners' practices had been stopped for the summer but were to start again in the autumn. Branch practices and the autumn quarterly meeting were arranged. Ringing continued until 9 p.m., including some beautiful call changes by ringers from Devon. P. G. T.

Letters

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to comment on Mr. G. W. Pipe's letter (page 494) concerning certain aspects of the Ilkley Central Council meeting and state a few facts which Mr. Pipe omitted from his letter.

At Ilkley the Council experienced one of the rare occasions when it was necessary, to comply with certain rules, for the representatives to indicate their acceptance (or otherwise) of a peal which did not comply to the letter with the general regulations governing such performances. I refer to the nine-bell peal rung at Basingstoke last year. Such performances must have separate consideration by the Council. If it considers there are good reasons for the peal not complying entirely with the general regulations it can accept the peal.

At All Saints', Basingstoke, there are special circumstances, as this tower contains only nine bells and all are in a true diatonic scale, equivalent to the back nine of a ring of ten.

Mr. Pipe writes, erroneously I consider, that the matter of the Basingstoke peal was not satisfactorily resolved at Ilkley. If he missed that part of the proceedings I would inform him that the Council did vote on the proposition, as it was bound to do, and—to use Mr. Pipe's own words—"by a majority vote in Council which represents the Exercise" the peal was accepted.

Regarding the "fiction" which Mr. Pipe has written about the passive submission of the Peals Analysis Committee to "persistent outside pressures," nothing could be farther from the truth. It was a member of this committee who first rose to ask the Council's acceptance of the Basingstoke peal and I gave my support to that request.

The acceptance of a peal rung at Sawston is different. Sawston has an eight-bell tower and so should have peals rung on all eight. All Saints', Basingstoke, is a nine-bell tower and should be allowed to have peals rung on all nine. To talk about ringing the back 11 at Winchester to Cinques is ridiculous, and to suggest that the Council would accept such peals is, in my opinion, an insult to their intelligence. And what intelligence has to do with a university education I fail to comprehend.

The Council, I feel certain, will not permit the "opening of floodgates" or tolerate bulldozers for peals of 4999 changes. Some will recall the cold reception given to a suggestion for lowering peal lengths from a minimum of 5000 to 4000 changes.

It is a pity many good points raised in Mr. Pine's letter got lost amid accompanying hysterics.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER SAVORY.

Fawley, Southampton.

SUNDAY SERVICE EFFORTS

Dear Sir,—What a delightful treat! (See Ringing World, page 476.) Hats off to the ringers at Waltham Abbey, Essex. I am one of the ringers at St. Catherine's, Montacute, Somerset—a village directly linked via the legend of the "Black Shining Cross" with Waltham Abbey. I read, more than once, "For Matins." "For Evensong." Surely these are true "Sunday Service" ringers and their best efforts are tributes to Him—which is as it should be.—Yours faithfully,

M. M. LEGGET (Mrs.).
West Coker, Somerset.

BLIND JACK METCALFE

Dear Sir,—Bells lend themselves to many unusual uses and it may interest your readers to learn of the strange way Blind Jack Metcalf, of Knaresborough, used handbells to help him win a race.

Jack had overheard two men deciding to race their horses. He was interested in sport and was a very good rider despite being blind, so he joined in. They decided on a circular track, one mile in circumference and each man had to ride his own horse three times round the track.

Most of the wagers were against Jack, for being blind everyone thought he would find difficulty in negotiating the track.

On the eve of the race Jack gathered together 10 or 12 of his friends and equipped them each with a handbell borrowed from the local guild of handbell ringers.

Just before the start the men spread out round the edge of the course in order of pitch, the lowest nearest the starting post. As the shout of "Off!" went up from the starter, the first ringer, some 150 yards down the course, started ringing wildly. Jack then "homed in" on the sound, and as he passed the first ringer the next one started. In this way Jack made his horse keep to the track and finished ahead of the others, who had been somewhat troubled by the noise.

This event occurred about 1738, when Jack was 21, and is typical of the way he used his ingenuity and skill to overcome his blindness.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SMITH.

Beverley, Yorkshire.

GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir,—I do thank my old friend Reg Newman for remembering me at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, over 40 years ago. I shall always remember with gratitude the warm, friendly welcome we always got at St. Martin's. It was a privilege to ring with the fine ringers mentioned. I, too, wish Mr. Knight every success in getting this fine six going again.—Yours faithfully,

REG V. JOHNSON.

Cuckfield, Sussex.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CLAPHAM PARK

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry to learn that my article on St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, has caused offence to Nigel Thomson and his local ringers. Perhaps it may be some consolation to him that the views I expressed were only personal opinions, to which everyone is entitled. No doubt anyone else sufficiently interested would already have drawn their own conclusions about the church building and its history.

One inexcusable omission in the article was a reference to the magnificent work by Nigel and his band in keeping the bells going over the last few years. I am sure that without their effort and enthusiasm these lovely bells would long ago have become silent. Perhaps in the near future the band will "adopt" another of the many forgotten London towers. In any case, London ringers owe them a good deal.

I look forward with great interest to reading more about the history of Clapham Park bells.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN PLADDYS.

London, S.E.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark.
So may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.
From that dark bourne of time and space
The flood shall bear me far.
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.—Tennyson.

ILKLEY, 1970

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in your report of the Central Council's deliberations on the recommendations of the joint committee on revision of decisions (July 3) that "three-quarters of those present, not understanding the technicalities or implications, did not vote, it being obvious that many had no notion of what was being debated." I hope I am not alone in thinking that reports of Central Council meetings should be objective accounts of what took place, and free from editorial interpretation of members' reasons for voting or failing to vote.

I was even more astonished to find no mention of the effect of the abolition of the decision on regular methods. As Dr. Roaf and I pointed out at the meeting, there is now no decision which requires that a bell moves only one place up or down at a time. Decision A1, which defines a method by the places made between successive rows in the plain course, does not prevent "jumping places": if, for example, seconds and thirds places are made between rows, the bells in firsts and fourths places would exchange positions. Whatever one's views on the desirability of this situation, it is most important that ringers should not be left in ignorance of what the Council has decided.

The committee was put in some embarrassment at the meeting on this point. I am sorry about this, but, as I have already explained to Mr. Sibson, neither Dr. Roaf nor I had realised the implications of abolishing the decision on regular methods until the meeting itself.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP.

Oxford.

NOT SIMPSON OR HEMONY

How right your correspondent, W. E. Box (on page 434 of The Ringing World), is in saying that "no English bells were in tune with themselves or anything else for that matter," or rather if they were in tune it was more by accident than judgment. However, he is slightly in error when he says the Hemonys first produced scientifically tuned bells. I have always understood that they were the men with the commercial ability who put into practice the findings of their predecessor, Pieter van den Gehye. Neither van den Gehye nor Hemony bells can be said to be the "equal by and large of modern bells." Anybody listening to even a recording of Hemony's bells will hear how poor are the bass bells and ex-cruciatingly out of tune are the treble bells. Ringers owe the present-day tonal beauty of bells not to Canon Simpson or the Hemonys. Present-day tuning was developed first in the Taylor foundry at Loughborough quite without any knowledge of the Hemonys. Canon Simpson encountered the Taylors at a stage where they had already almost reached complete success, and his part in the discovery was one of encouragement and confirmation. Taylors have always called the modern system of tuning the "Taylor true-harmonic principle," and such it indeed is. This system has gradually been taken over in part by other founders, who for obvious commercial reasons could not continue to use its true name, "The Taylor true-harmonic Principle." Hence Gillett and Johnston's use of the phrase "Simpson 5-Tone Principle," which has ever since caused such confusion and diverted from the Taylor family their true position as the discoverers and developers of the modern true-harmonic system of tuning. A. C.

RINGING IS ALIVE AND DOING WELL IN QUEBEC

Members of the North American Guild of Change Ringers had been looking forward all year to the spring meeting in Quebec, ably organised by Bill Jackson. To our immense joy two towers had been located in this one city—a unique abundance for this side!

In February Bill Jackson attended a business conference in Quebec, and it "just happened" that between meetings he was able to contact local ringers and authorities, investigate the state of the bells, arrange for permission to ring at both towers along with free accommodation at the church hall—no small task! The week-end of May 29-31 was chosen since it was thought to be the American Memorial Day week-end—unfortunately our Canadian friends had underestimated the American system, for we celebrate no less than four different "memorial days," depending upon one's home State.

Despite this complexity, the turnout for the week-end was good—23 attended of whom 18 were ringers, travelling from Washington D.C. (782 miles!) from States along the east coast, from Toronto. We were joined and very warmly received by the local band at the Anglican Cathedral, under the direction of Christopher Wilson. This band is coming along very nicely, although there are no local, experienced ringers. Unfortunately there is no band at the second tower, St. Matthew's, and we wished that we had had more time to stir up interest and to instruct beginners.

An advance party, composed of John Owen and David Ingram, arrived early on Friday to go to work with a spanner, a few ropes and some oil. Soon others were popping into the foreign-flavoured city, and luckily, as we were hesitatingly phrasing "Ou est la Cathédrale?", some more familiar accents were heard coming around the narrow street, thus beginning the happy reunion.

We all bounced out of bed early on Saturday, or, that is, "bounced" off the floor, to put in a bit more work before the general ringing at the Cathedral began at 10.30. Once we remembered to give a bit of a pull, the bells went well (a Mears 8 with 16 cwt. tenor in F). After two hours of general ringing and a bit of lunch we turned to the St. Matthew's bells; their lovely mellow tone made up for the unexpected jumps in the ropes and the bare light bulb dangling in the centre of the

ringing chamber, making a dodge with the person opposite a bit dazzling. These bells were cast by Warner's and are of unknown weight, certainly a bit more than the 8 cwt. reported in "Dove's."! The local inhabitants seemed to enjoy our music although the bells are exceedingly loud in the street. At one point, when the bells were set up, an elderly lady rushed up, full of concern that the bells had stopped. "Oh, you must ring more!" We received some exclamations in French which then became, "You enjoy yourself? Good, good." We then asked our listener if he enjoyed our bells. "Oh yes, I enjoy. I like. Very good!"

At 3 p.m. a peal attempt began at the Cathedral. When the rest of us finished at St. Matthew's we thoroughly enjoyed walking back into the old city, listening to the bells pealing away so well. We found an outdoor cafe within earshot and sat in the sun, sipping some liquid refreshment—what could be more delightful?—until the bells stopped. Upon hearing that two bells had been swapped over, a local church member asked in great consternation, "Oh, dear, you mean they got their ropes tangled?"

However, soon, to make amends, handbells were tapping away a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, successfully completed by Bill Jackson, Derek Sawyer, Rick Dirksen and John Owen. At the end Rick was asked if he had rung much Kent on handbells. "No, that was my first touch"! We were then treated to a very nice supper by the members of the Cathedral Guild, and we very much enjoyed the relaxed evening, talking away, ringing handbells (even some tunes).

On Sunday we were soon up for service ringing at both churches. A lovely quarter peal of Cambridge was nearing completion at St. Matthew's when an enthusiastic church member came up to the ringing chamber and inadvertently turned the lights off—quite a disappointment to all. But success was finally met with a half peal of Bob Major at the Cathedral in the afternoon. Others of us continued ringing at St. Matthew's, doing a bit of teaching as well. We all met again for tea, thoughtfully provided by the ladies of St. Matthew's, but all too soon our party had to disband.

The great success of the week-end was due to the excellent advance work and arrangements of Bill Jackson and the warm reception and hospitality of the Quebec ringers, headed by Chris Wilson. Many thanks.

J. P. H.

Guildford Guild.

SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING NEW

The Caertsey District was entrusted with organising the Guild Summer Festival on June 6, and the officers (all new since the last four-year turn) explored various possibilities such as a coach-tour-like outing or treasure hunt with clues to the next tower. The final decision was a central tower where people could join in a mystery tour at any stage. Three tours—by car, bicycle and on foot—were devised, and these were competitive with each other.

We could not publish the programme beforehand, or the ideas, although the latter were circulated to guild towers. The ringing plans drawn up were complicated by a rush of weddings and the secretary was driven to make re-arrangements many times. Of course you can't have a competition without prizes, so there has to be an entry fee.

At last all was ready. Would there be the hoped-for adventurous crowd from all over the country to try something new? No. What about the rest of the guild—surely they would try? Ah! yes, a few. But what's this? The Chertsey District members turned up in greater numbers than for their usual meetings, despite marshals and wedding demands.

Thus the competitions were on. Fierce rivalry held sway between a Volkswagen minibus, a Triumph 2,000 and a Suzuki motorcycle, but they all were finally beaten by the unseen dogged walkers. Great ingenuity was shown in that out of a planned maximum of 300 points the results were:—Four walkers (Hazel Pady, Stella Woods, Jane Hartt, David Woods, from Hersham) 312 points; two Farnham (car, T. C. Norris, E. T. Fletcher) 310; Andrew Pearman and crew 298.

The winners shared a £2 gift voucher, while the first car was presented with a bellringer car badge, and the second with a ringer's tie. The draw, by programme number, to give non-serious competitors a chance, was for a miniature bell rope, and was won by Mrs. C. Webb.

Was it a success? Everyone who took part seemed to enjoy it, but where were the steady stream of normal visitors joining in as the day progressed? (There was a tremendous gap from about 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Perhaps our pre-publicity was not good enough. It could not have been the 1s. or 2s. entry fee, could it? Maybe ringers do not know what sponsor forms are. We sent out 360 to try to raise money for the new Belfry Repair Fund. Only about 10 were used, and yet this is the most powerful fund-raising activity known in recent years—one Surrey band raised over £100 with seven people on a one-hour swim.

Ah! well, it's another district's turn next year—wonder what they will do? D. P.

RINGING IN THE 1970's

In a message in the Northampton Branch News Letter, Mr. Dennis E. C. Isaacs, J.P. (vice-president), writes: "A feature of our meetings, especially of late, has been the influx of youngsters, and I often think they must view we older ones with mixed feelings—hardly a laugh or a smile as they nervously take the rope. What a difference it would make if we smiled and just said: 'Don't worry.'"

"To foster interest in our art, and so discover the make-up of our ringing friends, I am convinced we must get together more. We should find that the atmosphere so induced would automatically lead to better ringing, better relationship, better service to our church and tower and the enjoyment we would get in doing this service."

The band which rang a half peal in Quebec, Canada, and hosts. First row: Beryl Baldwin, the Very Rev. Allen Goodings, Christopher Wilson, Helen Faulkes, Martin Faulkes. Second row: Rick Dirksen, Bill Jackson, David Ingram, John Baldwin, Alan Macdonald. Third row: John Owen, Derek Sawyer.



Quarter Peals

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION 80th ANNIVERSARY

Abbot's Leigh, Som.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire Doubles): N. Newton (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 2, N. Coombs 3, G. Skelly 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, G. Moore 6.

Bath, Som.—June 6, at SS. Michael and Paul, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain and Stedman): M. J. C. Cannon 1, A. Adams 2, P. Devrell 3, E. H. Goater 4, B. Sarll 5, H. J. Coombs 6.

Bathford, Som.—June 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parker 1, F. C. Mogford 2, A. Cannings 3, A. J. Coombs 4, R. Perry (cond.) 5, H. J. Coombs 6.

Bleadon, Som.—June 10, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Chaplin 1, S. Lewis 2, B. Mills 3, C. Field 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, D. Gould (first quarter) 6.

Churchill, Som.—June 2, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Lynette Brennan 1, B. Dodds 2, J. Chaplin 3, C. Avery 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, W. Warren 6.

Compton Dando, Som.—June 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Orman 1, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 2, J. Parker 3, A. J. Coombs 4, H. J. Coombs 5, R. Perry 6.

Easton-in-Gordano, Som.—June 11, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Miss B. Cox 1, V. James 2, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 3, G. Skelly 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, I. Crichton (first quarter) 6.

Newton St. Lo, Som.—June 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Hawkins 1, H. J. Coombs 2, F. C. Mogford 3, R. Perry 4, A. J. Coombs 5, P. Devrell (cond.) 6.

Portbury, Som.—May 29, 1260 Doubles (three methods): L. Potter 1, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 2, V. James 3, G. Skelly 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6.

Queen Charlton, Som.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Blacker 1, A. J. Coombs 2, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 3, H. J. Coombs 4, R. Virgin 5.

Radstock, Som.—May 31, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Pomeroy 1, H. Hawkins 2, R. J. Moore 3, R. E. Weaver 4, A. Comer 5, Sue Moore (first as cond.) 6.

Weston, Bath, Som.—June 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Wiltshire 1, A. J. Coombs 2, J. Maggs 3, H. J. Coombs 4, P. Devrell 5, W. Chalklen 6, M. Messer 7, Miss R. Loader 8.

Addington, Surrey.—May 24, 1320 Trinity Sunday T.B. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Louise Powell 3, Penny Cocks 4, Wendy Wallace 5, I. J. D. Wiltshire 6.

Babbacombe, Devon.—June 20, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, T. Cullingworth 2, Valerie Stephens 3, R. J. Edden 4, W. S. Wayman 5, J. L. Read 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett (first in method) 8. A wedding compliment to Sandra Hawkins and Valentine Buckland.

Barlborough, Derbs.—May 27, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Leary 1, J. D. Arkwell 2, A. Queen 3, A. Else 4, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 5, D. Hird 6. First Surprise 1, 2, 6. An 18th birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

Barstable, Essex.—May 5, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. A. Cammiade (cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, K. J. Bradley 5-6. Also May 11, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: G. Mason 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, G. G. Lucas (cond.) 5-6, P. A. Cammiade 7-8. Also May 18, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. Mason (cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, K. Bradley (most methods) 5-6. All by Barstable School Society.

Beckford, Worcs.—June 10, 1320 Hexham Surprise Minor: W. A. Farmer 1, Valerie Willard 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6.

Bicker, Lincs.—June 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Allan 1, N. Fovargue 2, Anne D. J. Dawson 3, G. Short 4, G. R. Dawson 5, C. Wander (cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, H. Harper 8. To celebrate Mr. Albert Bennett's 60 years as a change-ringer.

Bournemouth, Hants.—June 21, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: L. Boyce 1, Mrs. C. Boyce 2, W. C. Shute 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, D. Boyce 5, H. Pitman 6, M. Lawson 7, M. J. Dew (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 5, 7. For Matins.

Brading, I.O.W.—June 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Squibb 1, J. Stock (first quarter) 2, A. Russell (first as cond.) 3, T. F. East 4, Vivienne Ball (first quarter) 5, Ann Duff 6, E. Duff 7, I. Russell (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

Brigstock, Northants.—June 25, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. J. Loxton (first attempt) 1, W. R. Butcher 2, T. Chastka 3, J. J. Bailey 4, M. Hawkins (cond.) 5. 21st birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

Burford, Oxon.—June 27, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. J. Dixon 1, B. W. Hall 2, T. J. Hester 3, P. Pearce 4, G. J. Collett 5, L. Edwards 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 7, T. W. Timms 8. For Patronal Festival.

Canterbury, Kent.—June 22, at St. Stephen's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Cheshire 1, D. L. Cawley 2, Ruth Niblett 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, G. Davies 5, L. Huckstep 6, D. G. Mitchell 7, B. G. Kedg 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Jack Phillips, ringer at this church.

Clerkenwell, London.—April 19, 1520 Pl. Bob Major: D. Gough 1, Jennifer Dunning 2, Carol Martin 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, D. Woodward 5, R. Talbot 6, D. Town 7, M. Wycherley (cond.) 8. Also May 10, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: D. Woodward 1, Jennifer Dunning 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, Carol Martin 4, R. Talbot (cond.) 5, D. Town 6, S. Darvill 7, J. Euston 8. Also May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, Carol Martin 2, D. Gough 3, Jennifer Dunning 4, M. Wycherley 5, D. Town 6, S. Darvill (cond.) 7, D. Woodward 8. For the baptism of James Dickon Wycherley. Also May 31, 1296 Little Bob Major: D. Gough 1, Margaret Byrne 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, Carol Martin 4, D. Town 5, D. Woodward 6, M. Wycherley 7, S. Darvill (cond.) 8. To welcome the new curate. Also June 14, 1280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Margaret Byrne 1, Jennifer Dunning 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, D. Woodward 4, M. Wycherley 5, P. Down 6, D. Town 7, R. Talbot (cond.) 8.

Cotton, Suffolk.—June 8, 1260 Bob Minor: A. Lockwood 1, F. Sterry 2, L. Forster 3, A. Cook 4, T. Lockwood (cond.) 5, V. Lockwood 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Williams.

Crowcombe, Som.—June 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, E. Webber 2, C. Lock 3, P. Watts 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5, A. Welsher 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Jennings, of this parish.

Croydon, Surrey.—June 24, at St. John's, 1295 Grandsire Caters: K. Taber (cond.) 1, Stella Bianco 2, E. Razzell 3, F. Newman 4, N. Brown 5, K. Game 6, I. M. Parry 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, A. J. Brown 9, P. Humphries 10. For Patronal Festival.

Danbury, Essex.—June 13, 1264 P.B. Major: Susan Spurgeon 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, J. Clarke 4, P. J. Came 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, T. Spurgeon 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Also June 21, 1260 P.B. Minor: Caroline Phillips (first quarter) 1, E. W. Roast 2, P. J. Came 3, T. Spurgeon 4, E. G. Roast 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

Doncaster, Yorks.—June 21, 1280 Bristol S. Major: A. Jackson 1, Sheila Bruce 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. J. Padgett 5, R. A. Smith 6, P. Bruce 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

Easingwold, Yorks.—June 20, 1296 Stedman Triples: Janice M. Faithfull 1, A. T. Winter 2, R. L. Underwood 3, J. R. N. Lebon 4, M. J. Pickup 5, B. R. M. Johnson 6, D. Barton 7, Jennifer Field 8.

East Grinstead, Sussex.—June 23, 1456 P.B. Major (handbells): Louise Smith 1-2, L. R. H. Smith 3-4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5-6, J. D. Weaver 7-8. First on handbells for all except conductor.

Eccleshall, Staffs.—June 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Appleby 1, S. G. Pick 2, N. R. I. White 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6, J. Humphreys 7, S. W. Illidge 8.

Egham, Surrey.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Cheesewright 1, Mavis I. White 2, I. Summerhayes 3, Catherine A. Elliott 4, A. D. Flood (cond.) 5, N. Summerhayes 6.

Feering, Essex.—June 13, 1264 P.B. Major: C. Turner 1, P. Dodd 2, M. Hunter 3, J. Green 4, R. Pye 5, C. Barker 6, C. Burton 7, F. Roper (cond.) 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. Henry Nicholls (of Feering); also a wedding anniversary compliment to treble ringer and a birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

Finchampstead, Berks.—June 20, 1440 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): B. C. Castle 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Violet N. Castle 3, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 4, S. G. Scott 5, A. J. N. Rance 6. A wedding compliment to Ellis and Sue Thomas, married at Llanda: Cathedral this day.

Fitchingfield, Essex.—June 4, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: R. Threadgold 1, P. Wood 2, M. Hunter 3, J. Green 4, P. Perkins 5, C. Hardy 6, E. Roper 7, F. Roper (cond.) 8. Muffled in memoriam L. Suckling, hon. member of Essex Association and 47 years local church organist.

Foot's Cray, Kent.—April 18, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Lewis (cond.) 1, C. J. Mundy 2, S. Gay 3, Julia Collinge 4, C. Lucas 5.

Grantham, Lincs.—June 7, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A. Rooke (aged 11, first Caters) 1, D. Frith 2, V. Evans 3, F. Pinchbeck (100th quarter on the bells) 4, P. Slight 5, P. Hill 6, D. Rooke 7, R. Woods 8, B. Buttery (cond.) 9, L. Squires 10.

Halstead, Essex.—June 14, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: E. Brown 1, A. J. Haynes 2, P. Mayle 3, R. Martin 4, J. A. Mayle 5, R. Rippington 6, W. Perry 7, T. Bird (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Harrow Weald, Middx.—June 28, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. K. Hart 1, Miss D. M. Robotham 2, L. White 3, G. R. Goodship 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. Smith 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, C. Brundritt 8. For evening service.

Hereford.—June 24, at the Cathedral, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Teresa Maybury (first quarter) 1, P. J. Wycherley 2, T. E. Wood 3, N. R. Mattingley 4, M. C. Sherwood (cond.) 5, R. G. Powell 6.

Hursley, Hants.—June 23, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Le Marechal 1, B. J. Fry 2, I. M. McCallion 3, D. R. Fallick 4, C. Noakes 5, J. P. Colliss 6, W. Willans (comp., first in method as cond.) 7, R. H. Green 8. First in method 2, 3, 5 and 7.

Isleworth, Middx.—June 14, 1299 Stedman Caters: Marie Boniface (first in method) 1, Gwendoline Meyer 2, Olive Rogers 3, P. Felton 4, M. Stacey 5, D. Town 6, F. Bishop 7, C. Meyer 8, H. Rogers (cond.) 9, C. Richards 10. For Evensong.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. A. Hawtin (first quarter) 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, C. E. Bulleid 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, C. D. Collin 6. For Holy Communion; also a farewell to Bishop Gilpin on retirement. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Hawtin (first Triples) 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, C. D. Collin 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. T. Selwood 8. Both for Evensong.

Kirby Wiske, N. Yorks.—June 24, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Pl. Bob): J. Dent (first quarter) 1, Marian Town 2, M. Calvert 3, A. Bashforth 4, P. Town (cond.) 5, H. Osborne 6. For Patronal Festival.

Langar, Notts.—June 21, 1260 Doubles (21 m/v): Elizabeth Dawson 1, Lynda M. Deebank 2, J. R. Rigby 3, H. G. Wells 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5.

Lincoln.—June 14, at St. Giles', 1260 Stedman Triples: Vivienne West 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, Susan A. Faul 3, I. M. Minns 4, P. A. Sharp 5, G. R. Parker 6, D. Phillipson 7, E. J. Parkin 8. First Stedman 1, 3. For civic service.

London, E.—June 21, at St. Botolph-without-Aldgate, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. D. Flood 1, Mary Knight 2, Shirley M. Drew 3, R. H. Hunt 4, C. Hims 5, C. R. Harris 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, G. R. Drew 8. For Holy Communion; also a birthday compliment to Mr. P. A. Corby.

Long Clawson, Leics.—June 26, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. H. Cook 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, W. Clamp 3, H. Clayton 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tinsley.

Lutton, Lincs.—June 28, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. W. Campling 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

Maxey, Peterborough.—April 12, 1260 P.B. Bob Minor: A. Spencer 1, Liz Munsey 2, J. R. Charlton 3, D. J. W. Gadd 4, D. P. Murduck 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Susan Aveyard (tower captain).

Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire.—June 21, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. Broadbent 1, J. D. Broadbent 2, B. F. Trueman 3, P. Boucher 4, R. F. Andrew 5, M. Foulds (cond.) 6.

Nailsea, Som.—June 23, 1260 Doubles: D. Willis 1, C. Kortwright 2, R. Boultee 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6. For the homecoming of S.S. "Great Britain," to be docked at Avonmouth.

Newport, Salop.—April 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Wiggins 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, Jennifer M. Beech 3, K. Daniels 4, F. Beech 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, N. R. Holland 8. A wedding compliment to Ian Friend and Margaret Gwilt.

Northfleet, Kent.—April 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Sisley (first Triples) 1, F. J. Matthews 2, T. C. R. Lewis 3, R. J. Thompson 4, E. C. Stuart 5, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 6, T. V. Barnard 7, D. Wilkinson 8. A compliment to Miss N. A. Snelling and Mr. F. E. Martin, who recently retired from the P.C.C. after 32 and 33 years' service respectively. Also May 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Thompson (first of Triples) 1, S. Sandford 2, Lynn Seton 3, F. J. Matthews 4, R. J. Thompson 5, T. C. R. Lewis 6, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 7, D. Wilkinson 8. For civic service.

Northill, Beds.—May 26, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): C. Goodwin 1, Mary Mann 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, A. S. Smith 4, C. D. Mann 5, L. Norman 6.

North Ockendon, Essex.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. Halliwell 1, Miss P. Halliwell 2, T. Sharpe 3, D. Sloman 4, M. Hallett (cond.) 5, G. Eve 6. To commemorate the 900th anniversary of the dedication of Ockendon Church, the Bishop of Barking attending the service.

Ormskirk, Lancs.—June 23, at the Vicarage, 1260 P.B. Minor: J. P. Richardson (first in hand) 1-2, M. E. Snape 3-4, Celia D'Aeth (cond.) 5-6.

Ottershaw, Surrey.—May 19, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Fellows 1, Wendy Gilbert 2, R. L. Pashley 3, J. M. Warinton 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, P. V. W. Feast 6. First Minor 1, 2. For the consecration of the new vestry.

Papanui, New Zealand.—June 20, 1440 P.B. Minor: Mary Spence 1, Gillian Spence 2, R. Stevens 3, Jillian Richardson 4, R. Williams 5, R. H. Idle (cond.) 6. A farewell to David Williams (brother of 5th), leaving for England.

Patshull, Staffs.—June 14, 1260 Doubles (32 m/v): S. W. Illidge 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, S. G. Pick 3, P. R. Johnson 4, H. G. Wells (cond.) 5. Most m/v. by all except conductor.

Peterborough.—March 29, at St. John's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Liz Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Pamela Blackith 3, W. R. Barker 4, J. M. Tyler 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7, J. R. Charlton 8. For morning service; also a farewell to Canon L. E. W. and Mrs. Bosley after 32 years.

Portsmouth, Hants.—June 22, at the Cathedral, 1260 Fortune Doubles: Edna Jones 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, B. J. Fry 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, W. Willans (125th quarter, cond.) 5, F. G. Edwards 6. Birthday compliments to Tower Taylor and Albert York-Bramble.

Rougham, Suffolk.—May 21, 1260 Cambridge and Pl. Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, D. Tamberlain 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For civic service.

Rowley Regis, Worcs.—June 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Roberts (first quarter) 1, M. Green 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, R. Dunn 4, D. Chiswell 5, C. Cooksey 6, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 7, G. Chiswell 8. First Grandsire Triples inside 2, 5. Half-muffled in memoriam J. Phillips, sometime local church ringer.

Ryton, Salop.—June 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Wells 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, S. G. Pick 3, S. W. Illidge 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5.

Sidcup, Kent.—June 20, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M. Sims 1, C. Sims 2, Elizabeth Newberry 3, M. Hansford 4, T. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. Ketley 6. A wedding compliment to Barry Moloney and Margaret Esler, both of the Sunday service band.

Sandy, Beds.—June 16, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Karen Baker 1, R. Mander 2, E. Skipsy 3, D. Goss (cond.) 4, C. Corby 5, M. Mander 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. L. G. Colls, rector of Sandy 1953-63, died June 11.

Sawley, Derbys.—June 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. L. Hopkin 3, D. Marshall (cond.) 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsum 8. For Confirmation.

Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks.—June 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Smith 1, M. Hillary 2, C. W. Lawson 3, A. Stott 4, R. M. Harker 5, R. Crabtree 6, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 7, F. Alderson 8. For jubilee of the Bradford Diocese.

South Cadbury, Som.—June 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Miles (first quarter) 1, K. L. Laver 2, R. Raymond 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5, T. Mead 6. A golden wedding compliment to Major Martin (churchwarden) and Mrs. Martin.

Safford.—March 1, 1312 4-Spliced Surprise Major: Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, Margaret A. Swain 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, F. Beech 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, N. R. Holland 7, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 8. Also May 2, 1344 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. R. Wiggins 1, F. R. Wiggins 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, C. S. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, R. J. Warrilow 8. Also June 7, 1260 Erin Triples: K. Daniels 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, N. R. Holland 8.

Stansted, Essex.—May 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Dixon 1, H. W. Watts 2, D. J. Cheeseman 3, D. Hutley 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. R. Holman (first quarter) 6. For the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Stockton, Salop.—June 13, 1320 Doubles (11 m/v): S. W. Illidge 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, S. G. Pick (cond.) 3, P. R. Johnson 4, H. G. Wells 5, A. Bennett 6. A wedding day compliment to Gillian Evans (local ringer) and Stewart Clarke.

Stretton Grandison, Herefords.—June 5, 1260 P.B. Doubles: L. Meadows 1, Wendy Meadows 2, E. C. Biggs 3, W. Walters (first inside) 4, L. J. Walters (cond.) 5, D. Price 6. A birthday compliment to W. Walters.

Suckley, Worcs.—June 13, 1260 Doubles: I. M. Bellamy 1, N. C. R. Cronin (first inside) 2, F. W. Davis (cond.) 3, N. F. Bellamy 4, C. J. Pickford 5. For village fête.

Tackley, Oxon.—June 20, 1440 P.B. Minor: E. D. Patching 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, N. I. Bridges 3, A. E. Hicks 4, P. J. Heritage 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Jones (Tackley ringer) and Miss Elaine Collis, married at Shipton-on-Cherwell whilst the ringing was in progress.

Whitbourne, Herefords.—June 20, 1380 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): E. C. Biggs 1, J. Randolph 2, L. J. Walters (cond.) 3, N. C. R. Cronin 4, C. J. Pickford 5. For Patronal Festival.

Tuddenham St. Martin, Suffolk.—June 1, 1260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Pl. Bob): A. Dille 1, D. Buxton 2, D. Girling 3, R. Crookes 4, J. Girt 5, J. Blythe (cond.) 6. Also June 3, 1440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Pl. Bob): K. Nunn 1, D. Buxton 2, A. Dille 3, A. Bridges 4, J. Girt 5, J. Blythe (cond.) 6. A farewell to the priest-in-charge and a welcome to his successor.

Weaverham, Cheshire.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. A. Carter 1, Rosemary Wilkinson 2, Pamela Hough 3, Rosemarie E. Hornby 4, P. Wilkinson (first as cond.) 5, P. G. Walters 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6. In memoriam William Hornby, late tower captain.

Witney, Oxon.—June 14, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: W. H. Clarke 1, C. Longmore 2, P. Pearce 3, P. D. Beedie 4, G. J. Collett 5, T. J. Hester 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For service of rededication; also a compliment to Miss V. Lewis and Mr. D. Chandler on their engagement.

Yalding, Kent.—June 27, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): P. A. Everest 1, M. Holman 2, P. R. Everest 3, R. Sherlock 4, R. Everest (cond.) 5, E. Rogers 6. For Yalding and Laddingford Festival.

Yate, Glos.—April 25, 1440 P.B. Minor: Angela M. Wright 1-2, P. Hepburn 3-4, B. G. North (cond.) 5-6. An engagement compliment to Mary Lambert and John Norris, of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

IN THE COTSWOLDS

On June 6 ringers from Marlborough, Aldbourne, Chiseldon and Swindon set off on an outing to the Cotswolds and arrived at Hook Norton, where real justice was done to the fine Taylor eight (20 cwt.). Then a short trip to the village of Churchill, where the light eight (10 cwt.) go very well. The tower is a two-thirds replica of Magdalen College, Oxford.

On to Kington, which has another light Taylor eight (12 cwt.), of exceptional tone.

Lunch was then taken before proceeding to Stow-on-the-Wold, and the heavy eight (27 cwt.) were rung up in peal after considerable effort (with two on the tenor). On to Bourton-on-the-Water with a pleasant eight (12 cwt.) before tea, after which we took the opportunity of looking round this attractive, picture-book village.

At our next tower, Little Barrington, we maintained a good, brisk rate of striking on the six (8 cwt.) and at Burford, with its beautiful wool church and graceful spire and its delightful eight (17½ cwt.), the best ringing of the day was achieved on this "Gillett masterpiece." The best touch of the day was at Bampton, where we soon managed the difficult eight (25 cwt.). R. G.



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CLAYBROOKE, Leics, St. Peter.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13½ cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's variation of Thurstans'.)

- 1 Robert B. Smith
- 2 David F. Moore
- 3 Alec R. Jones
- 4 Alfred Ballard
- 5 Burley P. Morris
- 6 Peter J. Staniforth
- 7 A. James Poynor (Conductor)
- 8 Russell S. Morris

First by a resident Leicestershire band for the society.

CROYDON, Surrey, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 39min. (37 cwt.)

5009 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by M. V. Chilcott.

- 1 Rev. Brooke K. Lunn
- 2 Wilfred Williams
- 3 Rodney B. Meadows
- 4 Andrew N. Stubbs
- 5 David E. Rothera
- 6 William T. Cook
- 7 Antony R. Kench
- 8 Philip A. Corby
- 9 Michael V. Chilcott (Conductor)
- 10 Alan R. Patterson
- 11 Michael P. Moreton
- 12 Philip A. F. Chalk

By past and present officers of the society for the church centenary celebrations (at the invitation of the vicar and churchwardens).

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds, All Saints.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (24 cwt.)

5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8

methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Graham C. Paul
- 2 Patrick I. Chanman
- 3 Barry E. Saunders
- 4 Alan A. Paul
- 5 Roger W. Smith
- 6 Barrie Hendry
- 7 Richard F. R. Speed (Conductor)
- 8 Alan J. Frost

In memoriam Diana Mary Frost.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, Abbey and Cathedral of St. Alban.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (23½ cwt.)

5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

- 1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
- 2 George E. Thoday
- 3 John S. Mason
- 4 Keith W. Brown
- 5 Peter G. Brown
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 Andrew W. R. Wilby
- 8 Philip J. Rothera
- 9 Kenneth I. Hesketh
- 10 David F. House
- 11 George W. Pine
- 12 Ralph G. Edwards

*500th peal. To mark the Patronal Festival.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

WELLS, Som, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (56½ cwt.)

5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Arranged by R. E. J. Dennis.

- 1 John N. Longridge
- 2 William T. Perrins
- 3 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 4 Ronald N. Marlow
- 5 Eric Naylor
- 6 Graham W. Elmes
- 7 D. Ray Boulton
- 8 Robert E. Beck
- 9 Brian J. Woodruffe
- 10 Timothy F. Collins

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

RUNCORN, Cheshire, All Saints.

Thur., May 21, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 William Allman, jun.
- *2 Linda Jones
- 3 William Allman
- 4 John E. Bibby
- 5 John Outram
- 6 William E. Allman
- 7 Douglas Lowe
- 8 John R. Bibby (Conductor)

*First inside.

STOCKPORT, Cheshire, St. George.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (29½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

- 1 Margaret Booth
- *2 Joyce Gardner
- 3 Sidney Hough
- 4 Kenneth Davenport
- *5 John Bell
- 6 Eric Roughley
- 7 Timothy Wylie
- 8 John Robinson
- 9 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor)
- 10 Denis Mottershead

*First peal of Royal. To mark the 750th anniversary of the granting of the Charter to Stockport.

(Wirral Branch)

ECCLESTON, near Chester, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 32min. (27 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Middleton's.)

- 1 John Hyden
- 2 Charles F. Pocock
- 3 Charles B. Pemberton
- 4 Ernest T. Carvell
- 5 Robert Peers
- 6 Eric J. Gilbert
- 7 Geoffrey C. Sparling
- 8 Jeffrey J. Fox (Conductor)

A 25th wedding anniversary compliment for Mr. Alexander Martin (guild secretary).

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11 cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 John G. Gipson
- 2 Richard L. Underwood
- 3 James M. Hills
- 4 Allen Twyman
- 5 Geoffrey Pearson
- 6 Donald F. Murfet
- 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 8 Philip J. Rothera (Conductor)

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11 cwt.)

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Donald F. Murfet
- 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- 3 Susan Rothera
- 4 Anthony H. Smith
- 5 Allen Twyman
- 6 Alan M. Barber
- 7 John G. Gipson
- 8 Philip J. Rothera

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

PEBMARSH, Essex, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., June 19, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- *1 Robert Bennett
- †2 Christine J. Towler
- 3 Peter J. Sawyer
- 4 Yvonne A. Towler
- 5 Walter Arnold
- 6 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERCHURCH, Herefordshire, St. Peter.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (7 extents: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Single Oxford).

- 1 Reginald G. Powell
- 2 Frederick R. Harris
- *3 Elizabeth Wycherley
- 4 Austin T. Wingate
- 5 Michael V. Powell
- 6 Norman R. Mattingley (Conductor)

*First in more than one method.

EARDISLAND Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (12½ cwt.)

5600 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(27-course block, slightly reduced.)

- 1 Leslie Evans
- 2 Robert A. Hatcher
- *3 John F. I. Turney
- †4 Valerie M. Edge
- 5 Peter J. Wycherley (Conductor)
- 6 Frederick R. Harris
- 7 John C. Eisel
- 8 Norman R. Mattingley

*50th for the guild. †First of Surprise Major inside. Longest peal of Major for the guild.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James the Apostle.

Thur., June 4, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.)

5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4

methods: 1344 Superlative, 1312 Bristol, 1280 London, 1216 Cambridge, 113 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- 1 Christopher W. Woolley
- 2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3 John R. Southey
- *4 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 5 David A. Carpenter
- 6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
- 7 Martyn L. J. Jordan
- 8 Robert E. Hardy

*First of spliced.

Derbyshire Association.—Derby, St. Peter, Jan. 1, 1970, in 2 hr. 48min. 5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major (tenor 14½ cwt.): John Bell 1. Susan Davies 2. Brian Schofield 3. Sidney Hough 4. Timothy Wylie 5. Michael Platt 6. John Nelson (Conductor) 7. Geoffrey R. Gardner 8. (Composed by S. J. Ivin.)

BALDOCK, Herts, St. Mary the Virgin.
Wed., April 15, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (26½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Philip A. Mehew (Conductor)
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Keith R. Webb
- 4 Jack S. Dear
- 5 Roy V. Webb
- 6 Trevor W. Groom
- 7 Stephen J. Bedford
- 8 David R. Saunderson

For Christian Aid Week, also a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

TRING, Herts, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (24 cwt.)

5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by A. R. Kench.

- 1 Howard Collings
- 2 Theresa Wright
- 3 Jane L. Richards
- 4 Michael A. Jackson
- 5 Michael A. Gilbey
- 6 Peter W. Harper
- 7 Francis M. Byrne
- 8 Stephen J. Crawley (Conductor)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**SPELDHURST, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., May 3, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (13 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Judith M. Corby
- 2 Valerie J. Howard
- 3 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 4 Richard Hayes (Conductor)
- 5 Peter R. Butler
- 6 David Featherstone
- 7 John A. Howard
- 8 Peter S. Muchlinski

Half-muffled in memoriam Canon G. W. Nightingale (rector).

FARNINGHAM, Kent, SS. Peter & Paul.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Kent T.B., 2 Cambridge Surprise, 4 Plain Bob).

- 1 Christopher S. Sims
- 2 Jennifer L. Quaife
- 3 Christine M. Webb
- 4 Christopher J. Mundy
- 5 R. Brian Walton
- 6 Tony Lewis (Conductor)

A 21st birthday compliment to Jennifer Quaife, and also an engagement compliment to her and R. Brian Walton.

BENENDEN, Kent, St. George.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (19 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Richard Hayes
- 2 Valerie J. Howard
- 3 Judith M. Corby
- 4 John Pladdys
- 5 Roderick Lebon
- 6 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 7 John A. Howard
- 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

WOULDHAM, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Kenneth B. Williamson
- *2 Nicholas W. Jackson
- 3 Neville A. Crane
- 4 Rhian N. Bagshaw
- 5 Peter M. Bradford
- 6 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)

*First peal.

SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (16½ cwt.)

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Philip A. Corby
- 2 Judith M. Corby
- 3 Margaret E. Oram
- 4 Christopher T. Osenton
- 5 Trevor A. Cross
- 6 Ian H. Oram (Conductor)
- 7 Martin L. Howe
- 8 Simon A. B. Wigg

200th of Surprise as conductor.

FAIRWARP, Sussex, Christ Church.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (15½ cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. Pladdys.

- 1 Geoffrey D. Armitage
- 2 Judith M. Corby
- 3 Valerie J. Howard
- 4 Nicholas J. Chesson
- 5 Peter D. J. Beal
- 6 John A. Howard
- 7 David Featherstone
- 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**STRETFORD, Lancashire, St. Matthew.**

Sun., May 17, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11½ cwt.)

5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Nicholl.

- 1 Giles B. Thompson
- 2 William Birmingham, jun.
- *3 Peter Dyson
- *4 Paul Boucher
- 5 Peter J. Hawcock
- 6 Wyn Pugh
- 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- 8 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights (Cond.)

*First of T.B. To commemorate the centenary of the bells and to mark 100 years' ringing by the Birchall family.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 cwt.)

5024 ST. CLEMENTS COLLEGE BOB M.

Composed by G. Freebrey.

- 1 William Birmingham, jun.
- *2 Peter Watson
- *3 Geoffrey O. Sanders
- 4 Giles B. Thompson
- *5 Peter Dyson
- *6 Paul Boucher
- †7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
- *8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor)

*First in method. †150th peal. For the Radcliffe Carnival and to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Nicola Deryn, to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

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

Mon., June 22, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by E. M. Atkins.

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Richard M. Wilson
- 3 Roger N. Scholes
- *4 Peter W. Brown
- *†5 Monica M. Jelley (Conductor)
- †6 Elizabeth M. Barber
- 7 David F. Moore
- 8 John M. Jelley

*First of Plain Bob Major. †100th peal.

†First of Major inside. First as conductor.

LEICESTER, St. Margaret.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (32½ cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Arranged by P. Border.

- 1 Martin Green
- 2 Peter J. Staniforth
- 3 Rupert A. Clarke
- 4 David F. Moore
- 5 Malcolm E. Wade
- 6 Basil Jones
- 7 John Bramley
- 8 Alan Cattell
- 9 Alan F. Scholfield
- 10 Roland H. Cook
- 11 Robert B. Smith
- 12 R. Kingsley Mason (Conductor)

A wedding compliment to A. Maxwell Lindsey and Elaine Grewcock, married at Leicester the previous day.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**SURFLEET, Lincs, St. Laurence.**

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (12 cwt.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Composed by J. Reeves.

- *1 Vaughan P. Evans
- 2 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)
- 3 Peter L. R. Heywood
- *4 Frederick W. Pinchbeck
- *5 Peter A. Slight
- *6 John G. Hall
- *7 Philip H. Reynolds
- *8 Melvyn Rose
- *9 Robert Preston
- *10 John H. Parker
- *11 Owen Homewood
- *12 Brian Buttery

*First of Maximus. First of Maximus as conductor.

GRIMSBY, Lincs, St. James.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (18 cwt.)

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by D. A. Frith.

- 1 John H. Parker
- *2 Roger Hippiisley
- †3 Owen Homewood
- †4 John G. Hall
- 5 Jack Bray
- †6 Frank Kennington
- 7 Melvyn Rose
- †8 Vaughan P. Evans
- 9 Peter A. Slight
- 10 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

*First on 10. †First of T.B. Royal. A 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker, and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Payne on the birth of a son.

LINCOLN, in St. Hugh's Tower.

Wed., June 24, 1970, 3hr. 32min. (23½ cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

- 1 Harold F. Gibson
- 2 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
- 3 Gillian Radley
- *4 Kathleen Fox
- *5 E. John Parkin
- 6 Geoffrey R. Parker
- 7 Phillip C. Pitchford
- 8 Walter Tomlinson
- 9 Peter A. Sharp
- 10 John Walden
- 11 David Phillipson
- 12 H. William Barrett

*First of Cinques.

Lancashire Association. — Radcliffe, Lincs, St. Mary, Feb. 28, 1970, in 2hr. 51 min, 5088 Bristol Surprise Major (tenor 15 cwt.): John Bell 1, John Nelson (conductor) 2, Sidney Hough 3, Eric Roughley 4, Denis Mottershead 5, Timothy Wylie 6, Geoffrey R. Gardner 7, Neil D. Lomas 8. (Composed by S. J. Ivin.)

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**
HILLINGDON, Middlesex, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (21½ cwt.)
5040 HILLINGDON SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 Ruby M. Myllys
- 2 Michael J. Palmer
- *3 Frederick W. Goodfellow
- 4 Claudia A. Critchley
- 5 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
- *6 Richard F. Prime
- *7 Ronald K. Russ
- *8 Albert R. G. Twinn
- *9 Christopher H. Rogers
- *10 Frank T. Blagrove

*First in method. Rung during Flower Festival.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6½ cwt.)

5056 TURRAMURRA S. MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

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

*100th together. †First in method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(The Mancroft Guild)

NORWICH, Norfolk, St. Peter Mancroft.

Sun., June 14, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (37½ cwt.)

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

- *1 Tom R. Roast
- †2 Susan B. Baker
- 3 James B. Morley
- 4 George Sayer
- 5 Richard J. W. Housden
- 6 Carole A. H. Patey
- 7 David Heighton (Conductor)
- 8 David Cubitt
- 9 Clifford Bird
- 10 Martin Cubitt

*25th peal. †First on more than six bells. A welcome to the Very Rev. Alan Webster, installed as Dean of Norwich the previous day.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
PETERBOROUGH, St. John the Baptist.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (27 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by B. Annable.

- *1 J. Russell Charlton
- 2 J. Malcolm Tyler
- 3 Denby P. Murduck
- 4 John E. David
- 5 Frank T. Boyall
- 6 Roy W. Spencer
- 7 G. William Shanks
- 8 Raymond H. Daw (Conductor)

*First of Major. First of Bob Major as conductor. A farewell to Canon L. E. W. Bosley, who retired after 32 years in Peterborough, and Mrs. Bosley, and who left at Easter.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
KINGHAM, Oxon, St. Andrew.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by C. I. Rowson.

- 1 Roger H. Abbott
- 2 Rodney A. Yeates
- *3 David Cooper
- 4 Richard H. Johnston
- 5 Stephen K. Thompson
- 6 Lawrence J. Haines
- 7 John E. Camp (Conductor)
- 8 Jeremy R. Pratt

*First peal.

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

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., June 11, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (10 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin.

- 1 Muriel Reay
- 2 Peter Border
- 3 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 4 J. Edward Cawser
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 7 Norman J. Goodman
- 8 George E. Fearn

BIRMINGHAM, St. Nicolas, King's Norton.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (17 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 2.)

- 1 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 2 Muriel Reay
- 3 Maurice F. Edwards
- 4 Derek H. Walters
- 5 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 6 Arthur V. Pearson
- 7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Norman J. Goodman
- 9 Charles A. S. Webb
- 10 George E. Fearn

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., June 18, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (31 cwt.)

5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

(8ths place calls.)

Composed by Peter Border.

- 1 Norman J. Goodman
- 2 J. Edward Cawser
- 3 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 4 Roderick W. Pipe
- 5 Stephen W. Barton
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 Maurice F. Edwards
- 8 George E. Fearn
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Peter Border (Conductor)

NOTTINGHAM, St. Mary.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (36 cwt.)

5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.)

Composed by Peter Border.

- 1 Roderick W. Pipe
- 2 Muriel Reay
- 3 Arthur V. Pearson
- 4 Maurice F. Edwards
- 5 Ian D. Thompson
- 6 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 7 Geoffrey W. Randall
- 8 Ernest J. Gower
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 Peter Border (Conductor)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
BABWORTH, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Munden, Hexham, Chester, Berwick, London, Rossendale, York).

- 1 Susan M. O'Neill
- 2 R. Brian Mills
- 3 Harry Poyner
- 4 Peter Church
- 5 George A. Dawson
- 6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

SOUTH SCARLE, Notts, St. Helen.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.)

5040 SPICED DOUBLES (92 methods:

New Grandsire, Grandsire, St. Simon, Rugby, Braywood, St. Martin, Slapton, Welford, St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth, Eynesbury, Sutton, Rev. Union, Bedfont, Londonthorpe, Rev. St. Faith, Boveney, Casthorpe, Rev. St. Julian, Eton, Manthorpe, St. Owen, Nunthorpe, St. Nicholas, Longford, Fundenhall, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley, Huntley, Ossington, Westminster, Chesham, Knapton, Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng, St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood, Dragon, Strelley, New, Itchingfield, Fornett, Huntspill, Oakley, Ellingham, St. Vedast, Chipstead, Bedingham, Blaisdon, Screveton, Maltby, Cardiganshire, Caernarvonshire, Chevasse, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Callender, Glamorgan, Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire, Plain, Boxford, Candlesby, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham, Shipway, Tandridge, Colnbrook, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire, Poyle, All Saints, Berkshire, Runemede, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol, Colne, Minster, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall).

- 1 Paul F. Curtis
- *2 Derek J. Tysoe
- 3 George A. Dawson
- 4 R. Brian Mills
- 5 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal.

BALDERTON, Notts, St. Giles.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (8 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1 F. William Midwinter

- *2 Anne Vessey
- 3 Paul Raithby
- *4 James W. Raithby
- 5 Frederick G. Hooper
- 6 Colin W. Reed (Conductor)
- 7 Paul F. Curtis
- *8 Derek J. Tysoe

*First on 8. †First of Plain Bob Major and has rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus (even numbers).

SUFFOLK GUILD

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., June 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (16 cwt.)

5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

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

*First in the method.

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BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, Essex, St. Andrew.

Thur., June 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents.)

- *1 Norman M. Watson
- 2 Dorothy M. Durrant
- 3 John A. Mayle
- 4 Peter Mayle
- 5 Walter A. Perry
- 6 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)

First of Cambridge Minor by all. Birthday compliment to 3rd.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt.)

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, 132 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Leslie G. Brett
 - 2 J. Martin Thorley
 - 3 Dennis Knox
 - *4 J. Barry Pickup
 - 5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
 - †6 Cecil W. Pipe
 - 7 Alan J. Munnings
 - 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
- *400th peal. †750th peal. Most Surprise Major methods yet rung to a peal by a resident guild band.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey, St. Mary.**

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (4 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

40 extents (10 callings) and one 240.

- *1 C. E. Bulleid
- †2 Lesley A. Hawes
- †3 C. D. Collin (Conductor)
- 4 R. J. Stewart
- †5 I. J. D. Whiteart
- *6 N. M. Gower

*First attempt. †First of Doubles. First as conductor. For 90th anniversary Surrey Association.

ADDINGTON, Surrey, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Primrose, Hull, Norwich, Annable's London, Ipswich, Bourne and Cambridge).

- 1 Eric G. H. Godfrey (Conductor)
- *2 Penny H. Cocks
- 3 Louise G. Powell
- 4 Carol E. Rodgers
- 5 Wendy J. Wallace
- 6 Ian Wiltshire

*First peal. First of 7-Surprise by Sunday service band. For the 90th anniversary of the Surrey Association.

PUTNEY, S.W. St. Mary the Virgin.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(Pritchard's)

- 1 Geoffrey R. Drew
- 2 Mary Knight
- 3 Shirley M. Drew
- 4 Roger H. Hunt
- 5 Christopher R. Harris
- 6 Christopher Hims
- 7 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)
- 8 Alan D. Flood

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**THAKEHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.**

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents.)

- *1 James H. Lilley
- †2 Patrick M. Wills
- †3 Ruth E. Halford
- †4 Christopher G. Renyard
- 5 E. Winifred Keys
- 6 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

*First on six. †First of Surprise.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and All Saints.**

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (9½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Howlett.

- 1 Minnie I. Fokett
 - 2 Canon A. S. Roberts
 - 3 Thomas E. Howarth
 - 4 Sydney Fokett
 - 5 W. Reginald Curtis
 - 6 Anthony Locke
 - 7 F. Malcolm Bowers
 - 8 Anthony J. Davidson (Conductor)
- To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the western towers and bells of Truro Cathedral on June 21, 1910.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**GT. COMBERTON, Worcs, St. Michael.**

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (3 methods: Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

- 1 Valerie Willard
- 2 Roger H. Hunt
- 3 Shirley M. Drew
- *4 Eric Styler
- 5 Christopher Hims
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

*First in more than one method.

CROOME d'ABITOT, Worcs, St. James.

Sun., June 14, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (9 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Jim Richins
 - 2 Shirley M. Drew
 - 3 Christopher Pickford
 - 4 Roger H. Hunt
 - 5 Christopher Hims
 - 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)
- First on the bells since 1896.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**WHITBY, Yorkshire, St. Mary.**

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (19 cwt.)

5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by J. H. Fielden.

- *1 Alan M. Glover
- 2 Iris M. E. Lemare
- 3 Maris C. Stephenson
- 4 W. Eric Critchley
- 5 John D. D. Chaddock
- 6 Ian G. Campbell
- 7 Ronald Ducker
- 8 Norman Chaddock
- 9 Ronald R. Warford
- 10 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor)

*First on 10.

Handbells**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.**Mon., June 15, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (12 in F.)
5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (5 methods: 2496 Plain Bob, 1440 Double Bob, 576 Little Bob, 288 Wellington Little Court, 216 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 299 changes of method).

Arranged by C. A. Wratten.

- *1-2 Martyn Hawkes
- 3-4 Valerie Willard
- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans
- 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

*First in five methods in hand.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.**

Mon., June 1, 1970, 2hr. 13 min. (15 in C.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- *3-4 Julia A. Fellows
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
- 7-8 John R. Mayne

*First of Major in the method on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 114 Park Street Lane.

Wed., June 24, 1970, 2hr 24min. (15 in C.)

5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin
- 7-8 Christopher W. Woolley

In memoriam Richard Sibson, who died the same afternoon, aged three years. R.I.P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**SHORNE, Kent, 14 Warren View.**

Wed., June 17, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 in C.)

5184 SPLICED PLAIN MAXIMUS

(4608 Plain Bob and 576 Gainsborough Little Bob).

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

First of Spliced Maximus by all, in the county and for the association.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road.**

Tues. June 9, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (15 in C.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

- 1-2 John B. Bramley
- 3-4 John M. Jelly
- 5-6 Alfred Ballard (Conductor)
- *7-8 Martin Major

*First of Triples on handbells.

BELL ROPES**JOHN NICOLL**

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A DOUBLE JUBILEE

DAVE SLOAN (left)
AND
NELSON SLOAN

Photo:
Christchurch Star

A DOUBLE JUBILEE

Dave and Nelson Sloan are brothers who became members of New Zealand's Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers in 1919. Their uncle, the Cathedral verger, introduced them to the tower, and they learned much of the ringing of tower- and handbells from George Claydon. Both are still active ringers and regularly attend on Sundays, Dave usually being seen on the 32 cwt. tenor.

Nelson was the society's secretary for over 20 years and served as master in 1936-38, 1939-40 and 1943-46; he has also been South Island secretary of the Australian and New Zealand Association. The highlights of his many years of ringing came during his trip to England in 1959, when he made many new friends, rang at Westminster Abbey and became a College Youth.

The important golden jubilee of the Sloan brothers' membership of the society was celebrated at a social gathering attended by many past and present ringers. They were presented with inscribed doorbells by the society's patron, the Bishop of Christchurch, and in their replies gave a number of interesting anecdotes concerning their 50 years' service to the Cathedral. On a later occasion the Dean of Christchurch made another presentation to them on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter. These important events were recorded by the local newspaper, and Nelson was interviewed during a ten-minute television programme about the Cathedral bells.

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road.
Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (15 in C.)

5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Arranged by R. B. Smith.

- 1-2 Julia A. Fellows
- 3-4 Jill Staniforth
- 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth
- *7-8 John R. Mayne
- 9-10 David F. Moore

11-12 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

*First of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road.
Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (15 in C.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. M. Jelley.

- 1-2 David F. Moore
- 3-4 Robert B. Smith
- 5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
- *7-8 John B. Bramley

*First of Yorkshire on handbells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRANTHAM, Lincs, 18 Cliffe Road.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 1 hr. 48min. (12 in E.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1-2 Peter A. Slight
- 3-4 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)
- 5-6 Brian Buttery

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada,
50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (12 in F.)

5280 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR

(Worcester variation.)

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

- 1-2 Derek M. Sawyer (Conductor)
- 3-4 William H. Jackson
- 5-6 David R. Ingram
- 7-8 John Owen

First in the variation by the band and in North America.

CHURCH REBUILT BECAUSE BELLS AND TOWER WERE THERE

A successful joint meeting was held by the London County as hosts and the Middlesex County Associations in brilliant weather on June 13.

Ringing, with some 60 participants, took place at Isleworth, St. Mary's, Ealing, and Christ Church, Ealing.

The first ringers' service in the new church at Isleworth was conducted by the vicar (Rev. D. Hayward) and the lesson was read by Mrs. Olive Rogers, master of the host Association. In place of the traditional address the vicar delighted the congregation with the history of the church, which goes back to Roman days. No fewer than three churches had at different times abutted on the east side of the existing tower. In the last two years the new church, to a very modern and extremely functional design (by Mr. Michael Blee, of Sussex), had been built. Considerable thought had been given about not rebuilding, with pressure from the diocese in this direction, but one of the principal factors which influenced the final decision to rebuild was the presence of the fine old 14th century tower and the musical ring of ten bells.

On the first text page of the appeal leaflet for the new church we read "... the inscription on the seventh bell reads: 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round' and so they do regularly week by week as worship is offered here as it has been for so many centuries."

Tea was provided by local ladies in Isleworth Parish Hall (some half a mile from the church) and the vicar told the ringers "Next time you come your tea and meeting can be right here within the church complex. This summer we hope to complete the associated secular rooms, one of which is a parish room for tea and meetings and

CANDIDATE DEPARTED

On June 13, a bright, fine day, a party of 40, including many from Sussex University, departed from St. Peter's, Brighton, for the annual outing.

St. Mary the Virgin's (8), Shalford, the first tower, was reached in good time, and after three-quarters of an hour's enjoyable ringing the party continued through countryside brilliant with rhododendrons to Reading, the main stop of the day. We were fortunate here to ring on both the 12 at St. Laurence's and the 8 at St. Mary's, the latter recently attaining national fame when a political candidate had to abandon a campaign meeting due to a peal attempt. The luckless gentleman was there again on our arrival and once more swiftly departed to the merry sound of bells!

In steadily rising temperatures we left for All Saints', Odiham (6), the only ground-floor ring of the day. We managed to arrive punctually at Farnham to ring at the Parish Church of St. Andrew (8) and were greeted by Mr. Roy Collins, who with the the local band, had kindly given up Saturday afternoon to provide tea at a nearby hall. After a vote of thanks to our hosts we drove to St. Mary's, Petworth (8), the last tower of the day. A broken rope slightly marred an otherwise enjoyable excursion, and during some expert splicing the remainder of the party sought liquid refreshment.

Our thanks are due to Ian Vaughan for his planning and hard work, and to all who helped to make a successful day.

A. S. E.

adjacent to it will be a well-equipped kitchen."

Ringing masters for the three towers which were open and catering for all tastes from call-changes to Spliced Surprise were Mrs. Olive Rogers, Tom Lock and Frank Blagrove.

F. B.

Editorial

RULES

Should rules drawn up for, and approved by Guilds, Societies and Associations be strictly observed by the members, or are there special occasions when one of these rules may be waived?

At an annual meeting held this month a proposal was made for a lady member to receive honorary life membership because, it was stated, she had served the ringing Exercise in general and the Guild in particular for over 50 years. It was pointed out, however, that no written record of membership 50 years earlier could be established and the matter therefore would be referred back to the executive committee for investigation and possible recommendation in a year's time.

Deprecating this decision, a speaker emphasised that the lady's husband enjoyed honorary membership for 50 years' service and it was generally agreed that the lady herself was a member before her husband. The chairman, however, stated that rules are rules and they must abide by them.

Ironically, later in the proceedings, when an objection was voiced to the reading out at district A.G.M.s of the names of members who had not paid their subscriptions (according to the rules), officers and individuals present stated that this rule in most instances, if not all, was not carried out and names were not, therefore, read.

It is said that rules are made for the guidance of wise men and the obedience of fools, and we suggest that if, in special circumstances, a proposal made at an A.G.M. is acceptable to the majority present, even to the extent of waiving the rule or rules, the members of the guild should have the right to accept it, but the minutes recorded should state the special circumstances which allowed it.

5040 SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. R. Dennis for pointing out the error in my letter of May 8; being no "scoop" or expert letter writer I fell into a trap.

What I should have stated was that the two 5,040s of Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich in the very early '30s were the first "ever."—Yours faithfully,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich, Suffo'k.

UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES

Dear Sir,—As I read the recent numerous letters from ringers who are concerned for the principles underlying the ringing of bells, and who ring and teach beginners only when inspired by the highest motives, I am worried by the tone of their letters. I am sure it is not consistent with the advice of St. Paul, to be found in his first letter to the Corinthians, and particularly Chapter 13, verses 4 to 7.

PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

Worcester.

Belfry Gossip

A tub in the village stream at Kersey, Suffolk, has produced £180 for the restoration of bells, tower and church. The sum of £16,000 has been raised by this village of 400 people, with another £7,000 to find.

Back in March the Barstable School of Change Ringers rang on handbells their first 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Gary Mason 1-2, Anthony Gibbs 3-4, Gordon Lucas (conductor) 5-6, Paul Cammiade 7-8. This we received late in June, and we wonder why three months have elapsed before sending it to The Ringing World!!

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the following annual reports: Oxford Guild, Sussex County Association, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

First peal congratulations to Robert Bennett, Nicholas W. Jackson, David Cooper, C. E. Bulleid, N. M. Gower.

New conductors: Monica M. Jelley and C. D. Collin.

Personal records: Kenneth J. Hesketh (500 peals), Marcus C. W. Sherwood (150), Monica M. Jelley (100), Tom R. Roast (25), J. Barry Pickup (400), Cecil W. Pipe (750).

For the fifth year in succession Addington, Surrey, band scored a quarter peal on Trinity Sunday. The method was Trinity Sunday.

To celebrate his 60 years as a change ringer Mr. Albert Bennett took part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Bicker, Lincs.

Where is the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helen? We have received the copy of a peal which was rung there without the name of the place, association or address of sender. The signature is Rosemary A. Hartley.

In a peal at Wells Cathedral recently Tim Collins was a last-minute (literally!) stand-in for the tenor, and made a fine job of it. I think that at 19 years 1 month he must surely be the youngest person ever to have rung a bell of this weight to a peal, writes Robert Dennis. [Anyone better this?—Ed.]

Mr. Edward Tinsley, a ringer at Long Clawson, Leics, for over 60 years, celebrated his diamond wedding on June 26, when a quarter of Doubles was rung in the church. For many years he and his wife cleaned the church and for 18 years he daily climbed the steel ladder to wind the church clock. "His record deserves a quarter," writes Mr. J. H. Cook.

The Northern District of Hertford Association met at Sandon in glorious sunshine for its monthly meeting on June 6. Various Doubles methods were rung before the company moved on to Wallington to be joined by visitors from several parts of the county and a variety of methods were rung.

The latest peal in Canada was thought to be an excellent way to welcome Bill Jackson back to peal ringing following his very speedy recovery from an operation, and now it is intended to follow through the Kent and Oxford variations, as they form an interesting and musical sector of ringing which do not appear to have been really explored for several years, writes Derek Sawyer, from Ontario, Canada.

Very good reasons for ringing a peal at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, were the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the western towers and bells of Truro Cathedral (a quarter was also rung at Paul for the same reason) and a welcome return to peal ringing by Mrs. Minnie Foksett after three years' absence for health reasons.

For the Surrey Association's 90th anniversary, the incidence of the Bank Holiday week-end resulted in a small number of successful quarter peals, and attempts at Coulsdon, Battersea (2) and Kingswood came to grief. Peal attempts at Putney, Wimbledon and Kingswood were unsuccessful. At Kingswood the clapper fell out of the five after two hours' ringing, and at Wimbledon the clock hammer fouled a bell after a similar length of time.

With the quarter at Grantham on June 7 Mr. Frederick Pinchbeck has now rung 100 quarters on the bells, his first being in 1947. These are: Royal 21, Caters 40, Major 13, Triples 19, Minor 4, Doubles 3. All at Grantham would like to congratulate Fred on his achievement and look forward to seeing a footnote to a quarter "200th on the bells." P. A. S.

Saltley Carillon, Parkfield Road, Birmingham 8. Ringers in the area can hear lunch time recitals most Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1.45 p.m. and Sundays 11.15 a.m. to 12 noon. Sunday evening recitals, 2nd and 4th Sundays, until September inc., 6.40-7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Mr. Neville Gower has scored his first peal (at Stoke D'Abernon) following his arrival from Australia.

The B.B.C. colour film to be shown on Sunday, August 2, has been edited and "made ready." Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson spent some time on July 7 in the "cutting room" and he says the production, in his opinion, is excellent.

The 900th anniversary celebrations at Alton, Hants, this coming weekend will provide plenty of ringing for all, and the organisers, who have worked hard in the preparation, hope for fine weather.

In the decision on peal ringing change (C1), spliced compositions, passed by the C.C. at Ilkley, this should read: "Compositions in more than one method in which the changes of method occur at the half-lead and/or the lead-head shall be called spliced. In the case of compositions containing changes of method at both half-lead and lead-head, all the methods shall be symmetrical about the half-lead, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead and/or the lead-head."—So writes Mr. F. T. Blagrove.

FRED DUKES INJURED

"The car was completely wrecked and it is wonderful that he escaped with a chest injury and multiple bruises and abrasions, from which he is recovering. He is detained in hospital."—So writes Mrs. Rita Dukes from Meadow Cottage, Whitcross, Drogheda, Co. Louth, Ireland, and asks us to say that Irish Bell News, of which Fred is editor, will be delayed. All will wish him a speedy and complete recovery, and no doubt letters would be welcomed by him.

Peterborough Guild.**RETIRING MASTER ON "TYPES OF RINGERS"**

The guild's annual general meeting was held at Woodford, Northants, in the Thrapston Branch. The attendance was approximately 105, and members and visitors made good use of the bells that were open for ringing from mid-morning until the late evening.

The guild's form of service was held in the parish church and conducted by the rector of Woodford, Rev. L. E. P. Casabianca, who gave the address.

Tea followed, and at the business meeting the president, Rev. E. G. Orland, was in the chair. Certain minor amendments to the printed annual report were noted and the report was then unanimously adopted.

TWO TYPES OF RINGERS

The master, Mr. J. H. Bluff, stated that during 50 years as a member of the Exercise he had met different types of ringers. He would mention two—"the ever faithfuls," who enjoy ringing and turn up regularly and promptly whether for service ringing or practice. Secondly, those who profess to be ringers, but usually turn up late or stay away for no genuine purpose, knowing full well the team would be short-handed. This was the worse type of disloyalty with which ringers had to contend. No guild or association could prosper without the loyalty of its members.

The Bishop of London said recently that the clergy should be very grateful for bell-ringers and thank them for all the skill and energy they devoted to the art, because the voice of the clergy could only be heard by those people within the walls of the building, but the voice of the bells was heard over a wide area by many. "Therefore, let us keep the clergy and people ringing-conscious—not to gain glory, but to remind people that bellringing is a very human and skilful art, showing the values often lacking in other spheres today."

During the year a number of new and outstanding peals had been rung and he congratulated all who had taken part in them. But success in these days could not be counted entirely by the number of peals rung but rather by the number of churches where the bells were rung regularly for Sunday service.

The general secretary in his report stated that 1969 had been a year of mixed fortunes. Foremost on the success side had been the record number of 143 peals and the introduction of the guild newsletter. However, to offset these successes was a reduction of 120 fully paid-up members and the unfortunate cancellation of the annual dinner through lack of support. Most branches had reported reasonably successful years, and the guild annual meeting and summer festival were very well supported.

The financial state of the guild could only be regarded as reasonable despite an increase of approximately £15 in the General Fund balance. Increased costs could be expected in 1970, although the recent revision of subscription rates would help to reduce their effect. The balance in the Bell Restoration Fund (£1,084) continued to rise and the beneficiary effects of re-investing this capital would be fully realised in 1970.

**MR. J. M. TYLER, THE NEW MASTER****A NEW MASTER**

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. E. G. Orland (re-elected); master, Mr. J. M. Tyler; secretary/treasurer, Mr. E. Billings (re-elected); peal secretary, Mr. E. Garrett (re-elected); auditor, Mr. R. J. Danby.

Mr. J. H. Bluff retired after five years as master, and after Mr. Tyler's election as master he invested the new master with his badge of office. Special thanks were accorded to Mr. Bluff for his work for the guild.

The meeting approved the following grants from the Bell Restoration Fund: Castor, £50 (cost of work £400); Polebrook, £225 (cost of work £1,670). A special grant of £20 was also approved for the Gloucester and Bristol Association's Special Appeal Fund for Stinchcombe bells.

**MR. J. H. BLUFF, RETIRING MASTER**

Regrettably, the 1969 annual dinner had had to be cancelled, and no dinner has been arranged for 1970, but it was agreed to hold a dinner in 1971 and then every third year, as this would coincide with the guild's golden jubilee year in 1974.

It was agreed to hold the 1971 annual general meeting at Uppingham in the Rutland Branch.

The 1970 summer festival would be held in September at Castor in the Peterborough Branch, and full details would be circulated at a later date.

Members approved an amendment to Guild Rule III, which had the effect of removing the auditor from the guild committee. This change, it was strongly pointed out, did not reflect on the integrity of past holders of this office. The guild treasurer, on behalf of the committee, presents accounts to the members, and it is only right that the person who audits these accounts on the members' behalf should not be a member of the committee that is presenting the accounts.

CATHEDRAL BELLS

The subject of the Cathedral's bells was raised again by the reading of a statement from Mr. P. I. Chapman. No discussion took place on the statement, but it was agreed to circulate copies of the statement together with relevant correspondence between Mr. Chapman and the Dean to branch secretaries to enable the subject to be fully aired at branch meetings. This would provoke a more meaningful discussion at next year's committee and annual general meetings.

Mr. R. Daw proposed the omnibus vote of thanks to all those who had been concerned in any way in making the very successful arrangements for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. G. F. Roome and appreciation shown in the usual manner.

The president then closed the meeting, and members dispersed to continue their ringing activities in the available towers.

E. B.

[The lateness of this report is regretted, the original letter containing the copy being lost in the post.—Ed.]

THEFT OF A VERY HISTORICAL BELL

The latest theft, that of the early 13th century bell from Chaldon Church in Surrey, has reduced to only two or three the number of inscribed bells of this period still remaining in England.

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The bell, which hung in the church porch high over the door, has recently been protected with a cage of steel bars bolted to the roof trusses and built into the wall, but sufficient of these were ripped out to get the bell down, and the thieves not only took away all the steelwork which they had removed but tidily swept up the plaster they had dislodged.

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ENGAGEMENT

BAILEY—CLARKE.—The engagement is announced between Trevor N. J. Bailey, younger son of Mr. and the late Mrs. C. B. Bailey, of Beccles, and Patricia M. Clarke, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Clarke, of Ipswich. 9262

ELSMORE—COLLINS.—The engagement is announced between Alan D. Elsmore and Judith M. Collins, both of Farnham, Surrey. 9253

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PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Ringers' service at 6.30 p.m., Sun., July 19. Preacher, Rev. Albert Webb. Ringing 5.30–6.25 and after service. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9148

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NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK, Flower Festival, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells available 3–6 p.m. 9235

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Striking competition to be held on Sat., Sept. 19, draw 2.15 p.m. (tower to be announced later). Teams entering that have not already advised me in writing please do so within seven days of this notice. Further details later.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9204

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Luccombe (6) on July 18 at 7 p.m. and at Minehead (10) on Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 9257

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting, Leighton Bromswold, Sat., July 18. Bells (5) 6–8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.45 p.m. in the tower.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9224

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

—Cirencester Branch.—Fairford (8), Sat., July 18, 5.30 p.m.—J. Pearce, Branch Sec. 9243

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Monthly practice, Monks Risborough, Sat., July 18, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 9248

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting, Gnosall, near Stafford, Sat., July 18. Bells (6) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9203

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting on Sat., July 18, 7–8.30 p.m., Twyford (8). 9247

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, July 18. Ringing arrangements: Wolston (4), 3.15–3.45 p.m.; Bilton (6), 3.30–4.30; Rugby (8), 6.15–7.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—D. Mountford. 9228

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting will be held at Hatfield Heath (6), Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 9230

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Harwich (8), July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. (stop for wedding 3.30–4 p.m., approx.). Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25 Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 9165

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Business meeting, Fobbing, Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea early, please, to Mr. H. Smith, 4 Gordon Road, Corringham, Stanfords-le-Hope. Further ringing after meeting. All are welcome. 9179

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, at St. Peter's, St. Albans, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mrs. J. Dodds, 18 Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Herts.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 9229

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, Anstey. Bells (6) 3–4 p.m. Service at Brent Pelham 4.15. Tea and business meeting at The Bury 5. Ringing at Brent Pelham (6) 7–9 p.m. Special methods: Ipswich and Double Oxford. Names for tea essential to Mrs. L. Goodman, The Bury, Brent Pelham, Buntingford, Herts.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 9199

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18: Datchworth (6), 3–4.15 p.m., and Tewin (6), from 4 p.m. Service at Tewin 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Tewin to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea to Miss Jean Digby, 13 Cannons Meadow, Tewin (Tel. 693).—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 9214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Minster, Sat., July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leworthy, 20 Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey (Tel.: Minster 2579).—D. P. L. 9209

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, Monken Hadley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by picnic tea. Barnet bells available 6–8.15 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9212

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition, Putney, July 18. Draw and competition ringing commences 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. A. Mew, 32 Wyndham Street, S.W.15 (Tel.: 01-788 0733). 9258

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Beginners' meeting, July 18, St. Margaret-the-Queen (8), Buxted. Ringing 4–7 p.m. 9186

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Henstridge (6), July 25, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9246

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Leighton Buzzard, on July 25. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Business in belfry at 5. Short service at 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 9254

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton, July 25. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 22.—W. Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe. 9252

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Conisbrough, Sat., July 25. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. 9251

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, on July 25, Godalming. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. H. V. Debenham, Hazel Bank, Busbridge Lane, Godalming, by July 21. 9217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Farningham, July 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43 Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wed., July 22. 9259

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Sat., July 25, Pulham Market. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to F. C. Arnold, 6 The Turnpike, Bunwell, Norwich, by Wed., July 22.—F. C. A., Branch Sec. 9245

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Cotton (8), Sat., July 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. M. Franks, Taylors Green, Bacton, Stowmarket. 9249

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, July 25. Ringing at Tversal (5) 2.30–4.30 p.m.; Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6–8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9173

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting to be held at Southover, Lewes (10), on July 25. Bells 3–4.30 and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, by previous Wed.—C. M. Baldock, Div. Sec. 9256

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, July 25, All Saints', Catherington. Bells 2.30–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at SS. Peter and Paul, Hambledon, only. From 2.30 till 3 the ringing will consist of raising and lowering in peal. Special methods: St. Clement's and Surfleet. Names for tea to Mr. J. Brown, The Laurels, White Dirt Lane, Catherington, Portsmouth, by the previous Wednesday, please. 9218

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LINCOLN GUILD FESTIVAL

This year it was the turn of the Elloe Deaneries Branch to play host to the guild for the annual summer festival, which was held at Moulton on June 27. Most of the towers in the branch were open to the many visitors and guild members.

After the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Moulton (Rev. S. Cory), over 110 sat down to a most enjoyable strawberry tea in the village hall. The winner of the "church search" competition, organised by Mr. Porter, was Vivienne West, of Lincoln.

Ringling continued in various towers until nine o'clock.

G. C.

Unloading three of the bells are (l. to r.) H. Parks, A. Leary and T. Baker, with the lorry driver.

[Photo: Morning Telegraph, Sheffield.]

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED

The old 12 bells of the Cathedral were rung for the last time on March 3, 1968. The following week work commenced, on a minor scale, to put the bells in better order, but it was discovered that time had taken a much greater toll than was at first apparent and that a major operation would be advisable. The ringers held a meeting, considered a number of schemes and finally recommended the Cathedral authorities if possible to install a new frame, recast the bells, the 12 with a tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat, treble 5½ cwt. and with a flat 6th, making a light octave, tenor 14½ cwt., this being the heaviest ring that could be hung on one level.

An order was placed with the White-chapel Foundry and a Sheffield firm of builders co-operated with the foundry for construction work and repairs to the tower.

On June 13 this year (on the Queen's official birthday) the bells were ready for a try-out and all went well. Sunday service ringing was resumed next morning and was followed by a service of dedication in the evening.

The bells were rung for the usual 45 minutes before Evensong, and after the second collect the choir and clergy processed to the forecourt on the south side, followed by the congregation. One verse of "Now thank we all our God" was sung and the provost (Very Rev. I. D. Neill) proclaimed: "In the faith of Jesus Christ we bless these bells now set in the tower of this Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, at Sheffield, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," followed by other words appropriate for this occasion. During the last verse of the hymn the choir, clergy and congregation returned to their places and the bells were rung in well-struck rounds. Evensong then continued and later the bells were rung until 9 p.m.

We still have "Tom Tinker," cast 1589 by Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield, and items referring to bells in the records of 1557–63; also records of two peals rung on the eight bells (tenor 33 cwt.) in 1764. Some of these were recast and made into ten in 1799; one peal on these is recorded, but they must have been a failure as in 1805 Thomas Mears recast most of them and produced the grand old ten which did such yeoman service, two trebles being added in 1868. The Y.A.C.R. records 126 peals rung on these bells.

They are now all gone and we have the new ring, beautiful in tone, nice to handle, the "go" excellent, on a massive, durable frame, good for many years—a credit to their founders and a glory to the Cathedral. Quite a lot of work in the belfry remains to be done but which is being dealt with. Our thanks go to the Cathedral authorities for carrying the responsibility for such a comprehensive task, to the good people who have donated the money, to the White-chapel Foundry and the builders who have done an excellent job, not forgetting Messrs. Parks, Leary and Baker, the bell-hangers, and all others concerned.

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H. O. C.

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LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

REEVES.—To Bob and Diana a son, Graham, on July 4, 1970.—Wayside, Mollington, Banbury. 9264

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

STARBUCK.—Chris and Jennie have now moved to 8 Saxon Road, Selhurst, London, S.E.25. 9267

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Worle, July 25. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—M. Legg. 9266

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, North Perrott, Sat., July 18. Ringing 7-9 p.m.—R. J. D. 9263

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual cricket match, Tanfield, Sat., July 18. Meet at Oakley's Field (near Stanley) 2 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. K. W. Cheesman, Chapel House, Gilsde, Burnopfield, Newcastle upon Tyne. 9260

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Shouldham, July 25. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—D. A. Peek, Dis. Sec. 9261

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Monthly meeting, Sat., July 25, Congerstone. Bells (6) 3-4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 at Market Bosworth. Tea at 5 p.m., Bosworth Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. R. Proudman, 20 Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton, by Wed. previous.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 9265

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting on Sat., July 25, at Bisham Parish Church, Blackpool. Bells (8) 3.30-6 p.m. 9269

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, July 18. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead. 9268

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDMOND, Newport, Shropshire.—Ringers' service, Sunday, July 19. Evensong 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 9276

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Windsor (8), on Sat., July 25, 2.30 till 5 p.m., and Slough (10) from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements (available near Windsor Church).—A. L. Pearson. 9272

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch)

A joint meeting with the **BARNSELY AND DISTRICT** and the **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES**

will be held at

Thrybergh (6), 15.00-16.30,

Wath-on-Dearne (8), 18.30 onwards,
on Saturday, August 1.

Tea, followed by a short business meeting, will be held at Wath-on-Dearne at 17.00, and those requiring teas should notify A. Colin Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US (Tel.: 390557), by the previous Thursday (July 30). Everyone is cordially invited. 9274

DEVON BELLRINGING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On a lovely day in June the Devon Association championships were held at St. Petrox Church, Dartmouth, and the beautiful surroundings and the River Dart were enjoyed as much as the excellent company and good striking by those who attended.

Before the competition, the ringers held their festival service, conducted by the vicar, the Rev. Harvey R. Phillips.

Faults were as follows: West Down 13, West Alvington 15, Plymstock 18½, Down St. Mary 23½, Swimbridge 24½, Kentisbeare 30, Kenn 32, South Tawton 37½, Stoke Gabriel 38½, Dunsford 40.

The judges were Messrs. Arthur Topper, H. Fidler, R. Elliot and Courtney Thorn. The adjudicator was Mr. G. Philips.

LAVENHAM (SUFFOLK) ANNIVERSARY

On June 20, upwards of 70 ringers from Norfolk, Essex, Suffolk, Cambs, Lincs, Notts and Herts visited Lavenham and rang on the bells methods ranging from Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise, and with rounds for learners. This annual event has been carried out since the augmentation of the two treble bells in 1811 (except for the war years). M. T. S.

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One moment's success pays the failure of years.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for July 13, 1945

The leading article wrote of a "silly hoax" perpetrated when someone sent in a fictitious peal report and the writer pointed out it was not possible to check every item sent and in any case to do so would only be casting an unmerited slur on innocent and deserving bands.

A peal of Victoria Little Court Bob Major was rung at Hethersett, Norfolk, conducted by Nolan Golden—the first in the method by the band.

Betty Spice, John Spice, Wilfrid Moreton and Michael Moreton rang a handbell peal of Bob Major, the first-named scoring her 100th peal.

Mr. Joshua B. Booth collapsed and died whilst ringing the tenor at Felkirk, Yorks. He was 57.

George W. Slack wrote saying that in a noisy tower he had lightly muffed the bells and the effect was most pleasing.

Because of poor postal deliveries readers were complaining that they did not get their R.W. on time and sometimes not at all. [Times haven't changed.—Ed.]

A meeting was held at Ilkley, Yorks, where the bells had recently been recast and rehung.

Sgt. P. Tocock, who was leaving for the Far East, was presented with a wallet and cheque in recognition of his services as ringing master of the Dorchester Branch, Salisbury Guild.

50 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1920

The first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the bells of Cullompton, Devon, was rung by the Devonshire Guild (St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Branch) and was conducted by Edwin Shepherd.

Mr. Harold J. Poole rang the 4th for his first peal—Stedman Triples—at Stoney Stanton, Leics, and was elected a member of the Midland Counties Association before the start of the peal.

The first peal of seven 720s in nine Surplice methods was rung at Edenham, Lincolnshire, conducted by J. W. Lake. The methods were Ipswich and Cambridge, Cuncastre and London, York, Wells, Durham, Surfleet and Beverley.

At the summer meeting of St. Martin's Guild a new ring of 12 handbells was "opened" with three courses of Stedman Cinques: A. Paddon Smith 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, J. E. Groves 5-6, T. Russam 7-8, J. F. Smallwood 9-10, Morris J. Morris 11-12. The star turn, however, was a course of Bob Minor in which the 7-years-old son of Mr. Laffin (Percy O.) rang 5-6.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at their annual meeting at Lichfield raised their subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. but refused to accept a proposal for a 6d. a head peal booking fee.

An advertisement announced the unveiling of a tablet in Easton Neston Church, Towcester, to the late James Slarke and at the meeting afterwards it was hoped to re-start the Towcester Association.

Mr. Ernest Morris wrote about 6-bell towers in the Leicester area and said they were sadly neglected by ringers in towers where there were eight, ten and 12 bells. A controversy between Fred Dexter and Ernest Morris occupied several half columns for a number of weeks about the matter.

Mrs. A. D. Barker was the first lady to ring at St. Paul's Cathedral. The company was one short at a practice and she rang the fifth to Stedman Triples.

COMPOSITIONS

5088 EARLS BARTON S. MAJOR

By MURRAY COLEMAN

23456 B M W H

34256				2
45362	x			
56423	x			3
25634	x			2
25346	x			

53246				2
62345				
46325				3
24653	x			2
24536	x			

23456 A

Rung at Earls Barton, Northants,
April 12, 1970.

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

(Four methods.)

By ANTHONY R. PEAKE

23456 M W H Methods

52436	—	—	—	YNYNYR
62345	—	2	—	RNYRRR
53246	—	—	—	RCCNYN
25346	—	—	—	NYNRYN
32546	—	—	—	CYRCYC
36245	2	—	—	RRYCR
23645	—	—	—	CNCCNR

Twice repeated.

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First rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, Hants, on Saturday, June 13, 1970, conducted by Michael J. Church.

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By F. C. PRICE

W B M H 234567890

				S	234567890
					42635
A	2				62345
		S			46235
			3		34265
				A	53426
2			2		24356

Repeated.

4ths place bobs, singles in 78.

Rung at Warfield, Berks, June 7, 1970.

5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By P. J. WYCHERLEY

234567890 W 7 5/4 B 6 M H

24356					5	(BBSBB)
362748590	S			1	—	S
236748590					6	—
234758690					6	—
643258790		S	X		—	
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