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St. Mary the Virgin, Bishop's Cannings, Devizes, Wilts

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"Stand still great Queen, amidst your loving people and listen to the bells of Bishop's Cannings steeple."
—George Ferebe.

THE PLACE

IF THE ARCHAEOLOGIST, R. J. C. Atkinson, is correct, somewhere about 1500 B.C. teams of sweating men dragging huge sarsen stones from the neighbourhood of Avebury on their way to Stonehenge would have struggled down the lane from what is now the main Marlborough–Devizes road and through this beautiful village.

Thousands pass along the high road but few drop down the short lane to have a closer look at the ancient church with the tall spire they have seen peeping above the trees which form an avenue towards it. It is a large and lovely church for a small population (although the area of the parish is very great and was once much greater), a church the architecture of which is reminiscent of Salisbury Cathedral, a church which has been the meeting place for worship for many generations of Wiltshire yeomen, farm workers and weavers during its 800 years, a church familiar to many—not least to Service men billeted in Devizes, at Yatesbury and Compton Bassett during the last war—as the church with a spire and a "little steeple" also.

This "little steeple" is a prominent characteristic of the church and is, of course, the head of the tower stairs, leading out into the steeple "ditch" at the top of the tower. The spire is at least a century younger than the tower, which was originally covered by a shingle roof. For generations the people of Devizes and the surrounding villages have teased Cannings folk about their squat little steeple which refused to grow. So, it is said, exasperated by the teasing, the Cannings men did the only thing they knew to make it grow; they carried up a load of manure and placed it around the foot of the little steeple. But the only thing which grew was grass on the manure, so they are reputed to have dragged a calf up the spiral staircase to eat it down. One is still asked "Hast dunged thy little steeple yet?" or "Beant it time to dung 'un again?" But the folk of Bishop's Cannings are not so simple as some may like to think!

A CLAIM TO FAME

There stood in the village at one time a manor house of the Bishops of Salisbury, hence the name "Bishop's" Cannings, and among the treasures in the church built by those bishops there now stands an ancient and unique "carrel" or meditation desk, part of which is of pre-Reformation date, and an organ originally donated in 1809 by a parishioner, William Bailey, who was navigator with Captain Cook on his second voyage around the world.

The church contains much to interest the student of architecture and history but perhaps one of the parish's most treasured historical memories is that one of its vicars, the Rev. George Ferebe, vicar from 1593 to 1623, entertained Anne, Queen of James I, when on her return from Bath 11th June, 1613, she passed over the Wansdyke in his parish. He is said to have "dressed himself in the habit of a bard and clothed certain of his parishioners, whom he had taught to play and sing in parts, in shepherd's weeds" and entertained the Queen with songs and music which he had composed for the occasion. The Queen "not

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only graciously received and approved but also bounteously rewarded" the singers and players.

A few years later George Ferebe entertained James I himself "with bucolics of his own making and composing, of four parts, which were sung by his parishioners who wore frocks and whippes like carters . . . after this entertainment he entertained his Majesty with a football match of his own parishioners." But of special interest to readers of this journal is the ring of eight bells, said to be the oldest complete ring to be hung all at one time in a parish church in England.

"GAUDEMUS GAUDENTIBUS"

An inventory of Edward VI in 1553 states "Bysshoppes Cannings iiii bells and a sanctus bell." We may guess what happened to these bells at the Reformation and that they suffered the same fate as the church plate. However, during the incumbency of this same George Ferebe, John Aubrey, the Wiltshire historian, tells us "Mr. Ferraby . . . was an ingenious man and an excellent musician." While entertaining James I "the eight bells (of which he was the cause) did ring and the organ was played on for state. The Parish in those dayes would have challenged all England for musique, football and ringing."

The bells of Bishop's Cannings are dated 1602 except the tenor, which appears to have been recast by Purdue in 1626 during the incumbency of George Ferebe's brother Thomas. They were also cast by John Wallis and are approximately in the key of E flat. Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6 are still the original bells. The treble was recast by Taylors of Loughborough in 1912, Nos. 4 and 7 by Mears in 1840 and the tenor again by Mears and Stainbank in 1897. The sanctus bell, by James Burrough of Devizes, is dated 1738 and decorated with five scallop shells. Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—5 cwt. (25½").	Hope Well I.W. 1607.
2.—5 cwt. 2 lb. (26½").	Prayse God 1602 I.W.
3.—6 cwt. (28½").	Feare God 1602 I.W.
4.—7 cwt. (33½").	Thomas Mears Founder 1840.
5.—8 cwt. 2 lb. (33½").	George Ferebe Vicar 1602 I.W.
6.—9 cwt. 2 lb. (36½").	Thomas Sloper Church W 1602 I.W.
7.—12 cwt. (41").	As No. 4 and Gaudemus Gaudentibus Dolemus Dolentibus.
Tenor.—16 cwt. 2 lb. (46½").	Feare God Honour the Kinge. Thomas Ferebe 1626.

There are records of 23 peals having been rung between 1890 and 1964.

"THE APPARATUS"

Ringing was originally from the ground floor level as holes for the bell ropes and marks where the ropes have rubbed the stonework of the ceiling of the crossin' clearly show. In 1829, when the church was resealed, "a ringing loft was constructed and the steps in the tower leading to the belfry repaired. In A.D. 1840 the stocks of the bells, eight in number, and the rest of the apparatus for ringing being much out of order, it became necessary to engage some competent person or persons to repair and render them fit for the purpose for which they were placed in the tower. Accordingly Messrs. Mears of Whitechapel were employed and by them one bell was recast and the whole ring, at the expense of much time and money, was rehung." The oak frame is said by experts to be

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over 200 years old and does not appear to have been strengthened by tie-bolts and plates until 1912. As a piece of engineering design it is remarkable, for it sits without fastening of any kind upon the main beams of the tower and moves very little in any direction, irrespective of the relative direction of rotation of the bells. Furthermore, because the eight bells are a tight squeeze in the belfry, the frame members have had to be cut away to allow the bells to swing so that clearance and timber strength are reduced to a minimum.

ALAS . . .

. . . the joints of the frame have now worked very loose and only short touches may be rung on the full ring and then only when the weather is damp, as it appears this tightens the joints! However, it is intended to replace the frame with one of cast iron in mid-1971 and to rehang the bells on new bearings with new fittings, but the cost of such work is very high for a small parish of only 600 adults. So we hope that all who have rung here in years past, those who have asked to ring in recent times and have had to be refused until the repairs are complete, and all who care that we should pass on our heritage in good working order, will help us by sending a donation to the vicar, which donations will be most gratefully received and acknowledged.

Needless to say we have not been idle ourselves and the ringers (who include a large number of youngsters) with their friends, raised £350 recently by a sponsored walk—which only goes to show how keen we are to get our bells in full working order again—a ring reputed not only to be the oldest eight hung at one time in a parish church in England, but the finest-toned ring in Wiltshire—or perhaps you don't agree? By the by, has anyone any good ideas for using the old bell frame?

N. W. T.

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EVENTS RECALLED AT LANCASHIRE ANNUAL DINNER

Well before the last war the then editor/proprietor of *The Ringing World* (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) attended the dinner-dance arranged annually by the Lancashire Association. The meal cost 3s. 6d. a head—and petrol was 1s. 0½d. per gallon. This was the last occasion that an editor of the R.W. attended this function, until October 31 this year when, by invitation of the organising committee, the present editor (Mr. C. W. Denyer) joined the association members at their dinner and was the guest speaker.

Last year many misfortunes, partly caused by illness, partly hotel management upsets, rather spoiled the arrangements, but this year all went very smoothly and a near record of 140–150 attended. The Royal Hotel, Southport, with its magnificent ballroom and excellent accommodation made a fine setting, the menu was well chosen and the meal expertly served by a competent staff. From the outset a happy spirit of comradeship pervaded, and light music played in the background helped. Follow-

Some of the problems and happenings an editor had to deal with were also given by the speaker to the amusement of the company and he appealed to Lancashire (and other) Association members to support *The Ringing World*, which played such an important part in communications throughout ringing circles. Mr. Denyer concluded by thanking the association for its financial contribution to Ringing World funds and asked the company to drink a toast to the Lancashire Association.



A happy photograph taken by the R.W. at the dinner. L-r.: Canon A. Hodgson, Mr. Frank Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Denis Jones, Mrs. Celia D'Aeth and Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite.

ing the loyal toast, proposed by the association chairman (Canon A. Hodgson), the guests and visitors were introduced by him.

A FOREIGN COUNTRY

Mr. Denyer greeted the company and said how delighted he was to be present. He thanked them for their hospitality in inviting him to their dinner, spoke of his association with Mr. Goldsmith and of his own ringing activities in the '30's, when any area north of Bedford was considered a foreign country. Even in those days the Lancashire Association had a fine reputation in ringing circles, and this reputation still existed now. The excellent foundations laid nearly 100 years ago by such men as Mr. Wray, Mr. James Mason and Canon Elsee and implemented over the years by succeeding officers had made the association what it was today.

If those worthy founders returned today to see the results of their foresight, said Mr. Denyer, they would be proud of what had been accomplished. It was for the present officers to carry on the good work and so assure continued success in the future.

BELL RESTORATIONS

The importance of building up the Bell Restoration Fund was also impressed on the gathering, for there would come a time when the offer of a cheque for £200 from this fund might result in bells being rung again which otherwise might be lost to the Exercise.

Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite (hon. ringing secretary), replying, produced the menu when Mr. Goldsmith attended before the war, and proceeded in a happy and well-chosen speech to amuse, to instruct and to delight his audience with many aspects of ringing, particularly those affecting *The Ringing World*.

A SINGLE GRAND-SIRE

"I am in the grand-sire class now," he said. "Grand-sire, single, at present, and as such allowed to dip into the past." The ringing press was very important to the Exercise and a great debt of gratitude was owed to John Goldsmith, who had supplied at his own cost *The Ringing World*, which was (then) never a financial success. Those ringers who had made it possible for the Central Council to acquire the paper when Mr. Goldsmith died also had done a great job. The Lancashire Association was well aware of the importance of *The Ringing World* to the Exercise, he said.

Mr. Crossthwaite then expressed thanks to the Editor for making the long journey from Farnham, and to Mr. Peter Sherwood, of Ash, Surrey, for acting as chauffeur to Mr. Denyer. Thanks were also extended by the speaker to Mrs. D'Aeth for her work of organisation, and special appreciation to Graham Austin, who was afloat on R.M.M.V. "Aureol" and had had the attractive menu cards printed on board and sent for the dinner.

HIGH SPIRITS

The pattern for the evening was set by the chairman, who told one or two very

amusing stories, and high spirits and fun resulted.

The dancing which followed was started by Mrs. D'Aeth and Mr. Denyer, and the M.C. (Mr. James Sumner) kept the proceedings flowing and there was never a dull moment. Handbells were rung to tunes by a team from Ashton-under-Lyne, assisted (under duress) by Neil Bennett, and these were much enjoyed. A draw for a bottle of wine in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund realised £7 12s. 6d.

It was midnight when the revellers departed to their several homes, and in the words of one of the members: "One of the best I've ever attended; I'm coming next year for certain!"

LANCASHIRE LUMINARY

After ringing for a wedding at Prestwich Parish Church, Manchester, on Saturday, October 31, 14-years-old John Manning was knocked from his cycle by a car and injured—fortunately not seriously. His friends and fellow ringers wish him a speedy recovery and many more hours of safe cycling in the future.

High winds and heavy squalls did not deter those who attended the annual dinner-dance, but, driving home after midnight, the general secretary (Mr. Frank Reynolds) and his wife and friends had the fan belt of their car break. Having pulled into a lay-by they were (fortunately) followed by another ringer, also driving home, and who had a spare fan belt with him in his car. Fortunate indeed.

Standing on two boxes and handling her rope extremely well was 13-years-old Susan Valentine, of St. Mary's, Prestwich, Lancs, when four visiting ringers entered the rather cramped tower recently. However, she did not miss a blow and ignored the interruption, but then Susan is a Girl Guide and looked very smart in the uniform. She later went down to take part in the church parade service.

Enthusiasm was displayed by Peter Chambers of Newport (Mon), who bought a "roving" ticket on the railway to get to Southport for a ring at Christ Church on the day of the dinner. Unfortunately there were only four ringers present 15 minutes before Peter's train was due to leave, so the bells were rung up four at a time to let him have his ring.

Celebrating her 21st birthday recently Miss Jane Reynolds, of Whitefield, Manchester, came home from college on November 1 and found many ringing friends waiting to greet her and to join in a celebration party arranged by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds. There was also a very fine cake made and attractively decorated by Mrs. Cyril Crossthwaite (who also made a cake for Mr. Reynolds' 50th birthday earlier in the year and reported in our columns).

"The Editor of *The Ringing World* wants to meet as many of you as possible, but for heaven's sake be careful what you say, because it will appear in print next week!" So said Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite at the close of his speech.

"Ee lad, its real grand to meet t'editor again. Rang with Jack Goldsmith years agorn. Y'll get a reet Lanc'shire welcome f'sure at dinner. Ringing World? Nay, hav'n't took it for years, and shan't start again now, but good luck in your work, boy."

Who will wear the trousers? "Oh no, she doesn't ring—and I'm not sure I want her to learn. After all, when we're married I may not always want her around while I'm ringing with the lads!"

CLERICAL LONDON

It is not easy to find clergymen capable of ringing London Major, and even more difficult to assemble eight such clerics in one place at one and the same time. The president of the Guild of Clerical Ringers (Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith) had long had this as an objective, and his plans came to fruition on October 7. A party of eight gathered in Derbyshire, one staying with Fred Ross at Marpool and the rest at Darley Rectory.

It was said that some had even been studying the blue-line as they sped up the M1; whether or not, when the first attempt to ring London was made at the local practice on Wednesday evening, little happened to inspire confidence for the future. Three towers, allowing three bites at the cherry, had been arranged for peal attempts on Thursday and Friday, the idea being that persistence might make up for lack of practice in ringing the method. The first was Darley Dale (the president's own tower) on Thursday morning. It will be appreciated that when Roger Keeley called "That's all" at 12.45, and the first clerical peal of London had been achieved at the first attempt, satisfaction was mingled with surprise! By a happy coincidence this proved to be the president's 200th peal.

In a sense all that followed was anticlimax. An attempt for a peal of Plain Bob at Ashover on the Thursday evening failed when a call was missed early on, but too late to allow a second start. This gave the opportunity to practise Superlative and then relax in the president's club. On the Friday morning a decent peal of Superlative was rung at Fairfield, Buxton, the first in the method for the guild and the first by clergymen for 58 years.

We are all most grateful to Mrs. Smith, who bore the main brunt of the hospitality, and to Mrs. Ross, for entertaining us so kindly and comfortably, to the president for his excellent arrangements and to Roger Keeley for his cool and competent conducting. P. T. R.

Durham University
IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Following the success of the weekend in May, past and present members met on October 16 at the general secretary's home in Bromsgrove, and next morning rang a peal on the superb eight at Hanbury, in the second half of which it was felt that the society had reached its highest standard for some years. The peal was particularly satisfying as it was composed by Colin Monson, who rang the 6th.

The afternoon saw us touring some of the good rings in the area: Dodderhill, which many thought to be one of the finest rings they had ever rung; Pershore, where fear of the drop on all sides of the open, suspended "cage" prevented us from giving of our best, and Feckenham, where we produced a well-struck course of Bristol that we never realised we could do.

On Sunday the local band kindly allowed us to virtually take over Bromsgrove Parish Church, where the somewhat difficult ten proved themselves well worth the effort to produce good striking.

As always, the weekend was as much a social event as a ringing one and, thanks to Colin and Jan, whose home at some stages was turned into a cookhouse-cum-dormitory for upwards of 14 people, a thoroughly good time was had by all. The next meeting of the kind was fixed for February at Leeds. P. R.

WEST COUNTRY NEWS ITEMS

Twelve teams competed for the Kingsford-Lethbridge shield at South Tawton recently, when the winners were Lydford, with Chagford second and Burrington in third place. Mrs. Kingsford-Lethbridge presented the shield after a service in S. Tawton Church. The home team, having won the shield last year, were not eligible to compete.

At Bow, near Crediton, the Bow shield competition attracted 14 teams, the judges being Mr. R. Elliot (Bridford), Mr. C. Thorne (Colebrooke) and Mr. C. Way (Chawleigh). The results were: Seniors—1 Down St. Mary, 2 Kenn, 3 S. Tawton; juniors—1 Alphington B, 2 Yarnscombe, 3 Tawstock. A party held afterwards was organised by Lynette Wills and Shirley Gregory.

Cadbury Deanery (Devon) ringing festival was held at Washford Pyne this year, when 11 teams competed for a shield and a cup (presented as a runners-up award). Rev. John Scott (Newton St. Cyres) conducted the service, the judges being Messrs. A. C. Thorne (Colebrook) and B. Wood (S. Tawton). The winners of the shield were Down St. Mary, with Cheriton Fitzpaine as runners-up.

The Western Morning News recently gave a very good illustration of Supt. A. P. Wheeler with a team of Newton Abbot policemen which he has trained as bell-ringers. The photo showed the Vicar of Woolborough with nine gentlemen in shirt sleeves plus bellropes, being shown changes by Supt. Wheeler. They hope to be sufficiently advanced to ring the bells at the dedication of the recast bells at Drewsteignton this month.

Believed to be the only woman captain of a team of bellringers in Devon, Mrs. Jacqueline Hobbs, of Uffculme, was recently photographed with other ringers from her tower, and an article about her election and leadership appeared in The Western Times and Gazette.

Llandaff and Monmouth Association
SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

A most enjoyable and successful meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held at Porthkerry, in glorious weather, on September 12, with an attendance of some 35. Of these the home tower accounted for nine, while Llanbleddian and Whitchurch produced six each. Other branch towers represented were Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff (St. John's), Bridgend, Cadoxton (Neath) and Llantwit Major.

Ringing on the pleasant light six (newly overhauled) ranged from rounds to Surprise and at the service the preacher was Archdeacon J. F. Williams, himself a ringer.

A generous tea was provided in the church hall of neighbouring Rhose by ladies of the congregation. Mr. Nevil James (branch master) reported the success of the first year of the scheme for inviting outlying towers to ring for evensong at the Cathedral on the first Saturday of the month. Nine towers had taken part and any others wishing to join in should please inform him.

Many thanks to all concerned at Porthkerry for the efficient arrangements and for the pleasing welcome afforded. I. D.

Obituary

ARTHUR HINCHLIFFE

The death occurred suddenly on October 18 of Mr. Arthur Hinchliffe, of 8 Levens Way, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancs. He learned to ring at Stainland, Halifax, when he was a teenager and later rang at Huddersfield Parish Church. Last year, whilst on a world tour, he called at and rang in Melbourne Cathedral, where he was made very welcome.

He moved to Silverdale seven years ago and joined the local band at St. John's, visiting many of the towers in the area. He had been ringing for a memorial service at the Parish Church and died on his way home afterwards.

The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow.

MR. H. W. HOWARD

The Northwich Branch of the Chester Guild has suffered a grievous loss with the death of Harry Howard, for he was the pillar of the branch. His ringing skill and the friendliness he radiated made his tower (Davenham) the centre of change ringing in the area, and it is unthinkable to be without him.

He was taken ill in the tower of St. Giles', Wrexham, during a branch outing on September 19 and taken to hospital there. He seemed to be making good progress but died suddenly on September 30. He was buried at Davenham on October 8, and the bells he loved so well were rung half-muffled.

Harry was taught to ring in 1924, when he was 16, by the late Albert Booth, and it became his lifelong hobby. He had rung 525 peals, was chairman of the branch for 15 years and ringing master during the current year. Nevertheless he found time to play the trombone and euphonium in a brass band, to train the Great Budworth handbell ringers, to grow excellent vegetables and to work the most extraordinary hours for a firm of wholesale newsgents.

The Northwich Branch is very small and our loss is irreparable, for Harry was a friend of all and was such an extraordinarily nice chap.

We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Howard and her family.

MR. LESLIE JAMES

Mr. Leslie James, aged 70 years, passed away in St. Woolis Hospital, Newport, Mon, on October 12. He started ringing in 1921 and has been very regular in attendance. His interest and duty were towards his church (St. Basil's, Bassaleg, Monmouth) as churchwarden and tower captain, positions which he held for a number of years, and latterly as tower secretary.

He was strict on practice nights and many a learner can thank him for starting them on a ringing career. He was a member of Llandaff and Monmouth Association. He had not rung any peals but his first quarter was in 1928 and his last was at Machen in June for the Summer Festival.

The bells rang out half-muffled at Bassaleg after the funeral service on October 16, and a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung by his old ringing friends at Machen and Bassaleg. V. J.

They are not dead, our dear Departed,

Nor have they journeyed far—

Just slipped inside Love's Loveliest Room

And left the door ajar.

Editorial

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL
PUBLICATION

From time to time we receive complaints from ringers taking part in peals and quarter peals that the report has not appeared in *The Ringing World*, which the conductor (or correspondent) sent in "weeks ago"—or "has submitted on two occasions and it has never been published!" Sometimes we are informed that a donation from the band was also enclosed and this has not been shown in "Gratefully Acknowledged."

Now we do not say we are infallible or that mistakes cannot occur in our office. But we do not accept that we hold up publication of these reports "for weeks." Our system during the past ten months has been for EVERY peal and quarter peal received from first post on the Wednesday up to the second post on the following Tuesday to be edited and given to the printers for type-setting. These then all appear in the following Friday week's issue. Sometimes there are varying numbers of both items, hence the differing numbers of columns in each issue of *The Ringing World*.

We did have a backlog in September/October for three weeks owing to tour reports but this has been cleared. The only other reasons for delay are: (i) when details sent are not complete and have to be returned to the sender; (ii) when the copy is badly supplied or not written in the style of *The Ringing World* and has to be written by us; or (iii) if peal cards are ordered from Mr. T. White and only one copy sent.

On the money question, this is a delicate matter. All moneys received are handled by Mr. Lucas, our accountant, and the "Gratefully Acknowledged" list compiled from his accounts. If the acknowledgement does not appear within 14 days of sending, it is advisable to contact us with the relevant details. Peals and quarter peals not appearing within three weeks should also be queried, but only after checking with the person who promised to send the report to us. Often it is found that the letter was not sent. A few, we believe, are lost in the post, in which case cheques and postal order numbers should be available for G.P.O. inquiries.

The main reason for delay in publication we believe is usually the fault of the conductor/correspondent! The delay in publication is not (generally) in our office.

SOFTLY, SOFTLY

We have had several letters and phone calls to tell us that the central-towered church in the TV production of "Softly Softly" is Rochester Cathedral.

OUR CALENDAR

Since printing the advertisement in our peal pages, such has been the demand for the Calendar that we have SOLD OUT of the first printing. We have put another order in and we ask those who have not received their Calendar to be patient, and it will be despatched in due course.

Others who have not yet sent for the Calendar (6s. plus 6d. post and packing per copy) should put their order in immediately.

Mr. Frederick Bird, of Bishop's Stortford, writes regarding the peal rung in 1920 for the 100th anniversary of the ten bells, and says he is the only survivor of the peal. It was Grandsire Caters (5111 changes) conducted by H. J. Tucker. Mr. Bird has been ringing for 63 years at St. Michael's.

Charlie Copp, of North Muskham, is now in Hawtonville Hospital and would welcome visits or letters from his friends. Address: Collis Ward, Hawtonville Hospital, Newark, Notts.

Warsop are to be congratulated on winning the 1970 Oswy Street Contest, held at Sturton-le-Steeple on October 17. Four teams entered; the test piece was 720 changes. Results: Warsop 91 faults, Roughtown 120, East Retford 146, Derby (St. Peter's) 182. The judge was Mr. H. Chant. The cup and certificates were presented by Rev. J. L. Howitt, vice-chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

When Mr. and Mrs. G. Bowman celebrated their silver wedding a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Chiseldon, Wilts, and this was followed by a celebration attended by relatives and friends, including many bellringers.

A Hurstpierpoint band went to Brighton and rang a quarter of Grandsire Caters at their first attempt. It was on St. Luke's Day and was an engagement compliment to Peter D. Hepburn and Ainslie M. Reeve.

First peal congratulations to Rev. Hon. Neill Morrison, Carol Parkhurst, James T. Gynn, Brian Butler, Diana R. Bromley, Janet M. Barnard, Gordon Adams, Therese Orriss, Henry J. Miller.

First-time Conductors: Ray Lockwood and Trevor Hughes.

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, writes regarding the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by all at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, mentioned in our "25 Years Ago" column. He tells us a similar peal of Maximus was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (being the first) on November 30, 1929, conducted by Charles J. Sedgley.

Members of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association honoured two of their senior members recently with a quarter at Northleach, for their birthdays. Mr. J. W. Sly, who is believed to be the oldest member of the Association, was 90 on October 1, and Mr. W. Clayton was 71 on September 30.

For the ordination of the Rev. Dennis Beasley, curate at Exhall, Warwicks, a quarter of Bob Doubles was rung on September 29.

New Methods include Usk S. Major, Machen S. Major, Foxhall S. Major, Glasgow Little S. Major.

According to *The Daily Telegraph* the 140ft. tower of Tenterden, Kent, Parish Church, needs £6,000 to restore it and to rehang the bells. Because of falling masonry the west door has been fenced off and ringing stopped. A legend says that stones for the tower were taken from the sea wall and as a result the water overwhelmed the wall and the Goodwin Sands were formed. (The sands, of course, were there before the tower was built.)

Personal Records: Brian Whiting (25 peals), Roy Le Marechal (25), Nigel Thomson (75), Ernest Willcox (100), Keith W. Brown (100).

The monthly magazine "Cycle Touring" for September had a reference on one of its pages about the bells of Inveraray, their combined weight and height of the tower, etc. The bells, it said, have a superb tone.

Mr. James Burton, of Hartlepool, Durham, found an interesting article printed in a trade journal, "V-belt," about the Whitechapel Bellfoundry, which he photocopied and sent to us. Entitled "The Bells of Whitechapel," it was illustrated by old and modern pictures and gave an excellent write-up on the history, the traditions and the present-day workings of the Foundry.

Good work is being done at Bloxham, Oxon. In a quarter of Bob Minor on August 15 there were five first quarters and one first as conductor. On October 18 a quarter of Bob Triples was successfully assailed, with two first quarters and two firsts of Triples. Ringing in the latter was Miss Pamela Warren, of Merrow, Guildford, who will be remembered by ringers at Melbourne, Victoria.

In 1953 the church at Frocester, Glos, was demolished, and its six bells hung in the church of the neighbouring village of Eastington. Until then there had been only two peals rung on them—in 1914 and 1918. The peal on October 21 was the first on the bells in their new home—and the first since 1918.

To commemorate the birthday of Mr. Lionel Jones, the popular tower captain of Usk, Monmouthshire. Mr. Donald Clift arranged a peal in a musical new method to which the band gave an appropriate name.

CHURCH ARTS AND MUSIC

In the series of services, Church Arts and Music, a ringers' service was held in St. Mary's, Dover, on October 18, at Evensong. Tower bells were rung before the service by the local band with some visiting ringers and the lesson was read by the local captain (Mr. G. F. Gray). In place of an anthem a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the chancel steps. The talk by the vicar (Rev. E. Roberts) on bells and their place in the church and secular life was preceded with hymn tunes rung on handbells, and a further selection at the conclusion. During the singing of the ringers' hymn a collection was taken by members of the local band.

All were invited to the parish hall for coffee and an exhibition of bell ringing in various forms. The display had a section of local interest, photos and Press cuttings of the ringers and friends. There were displays dealing with handbells and their music, method work for tower bells, information on casting and belfry maintenance; also a large collection of general interest books and features included *The Ringing World*, and a table showing the link between local towers and the Kent County Association. Handbell ringing provided a pleasant background for all to look at the exhibits and to talk with the ringers.

V. A. G.

I confess freely to you, I could never look long upon a monkey, without very mortifying reflections.

—Congreve.

Letters

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ST. BOTOLPH-WITHOUT-ALDGATE

Dear Sir,—For many years the bells of this famous church were in a near-derelict condition. Some five or six years ago funds became unexpectedly available and the rector (Rev. Derek Harbord) indicated that if the bells could be rung at least two Sundays a month before the 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist he would have them rehung for ringing rather than have them hung dead or left as they were.

The sixth was recast and the eight bells were hung in a new metal frame considerably lower in the very tall red-brick tower capped by a heavy stone-dressed spire. There is still a great deal of tower movement and experienced ringers are needed to ring the bells well.

After the work to the bells was completed but before they were rededicated there was a disastrous fire in the church as the result of suspected arson, and the rededication was delayed until considerable rebuilding, refurbishing and decoration of the church had been completed.

I am frequently asked by various bands of ringers to obtain permission for outing parties to visit the church on Saturdays, but usually I have to refuse, as the church is securely locked from Friday evening until Sunday morning and the church staff take a well-deserved day off on Saturdays. Well-deserved, because the church is a well-known centre for social work for down-and-outs, and the full-time staff are supported by voluntary workers of many different faiths—and none. The church also has outstanding relationships with the large local Jewish community and is supported by the Alderman of the Aldgate Ward, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, and other prominent city business men.

LUNCH HOUR SERVICES

The church is made available for lunch-hour services, both Church of England and other denominations. There is a very fine organ and Mr. Harold Dexter, the distinguished organist, arranges recitals and other outstanding musical events each Tuesday lunch-time. Older ringers will know of Mr. Dexter as the son of the late Frederick H. Dexter, of Leicester, the famous ringer and composer.

I realise the disappointment to ringers who are denied the opportunity of outing visits, but obviously, living at a distance, I cannot as a rule arrange to be in London on Saturdays. Having had one serious fire, the rector is understandably strict about security and requires me to attend personally when the verger is not on duty.

I thought your readers might be interested in these few notes about the church, but the main purpose of this letter is to issue, through the courtesy of your columns, a very cordial invitation to bands of ringers to undertake the Sunday ringing on a Sunday of their choice. The Cumberland Youths have for several years taken a band on the second Sunday of each month, and I usually take a band on the first Sunday. I shall be very pleased to hear from any of your readers who would care to ring with us on these occasions, but more particularly would be glad of bands to ring on other Sundays, either on a single occasion or to a regular pattern.

STINCHCOMBE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is pleased to inform you, that a successful conclusion to the controversy over Stinchcombe bells has been reached.

As a result of discussion between our association and Stinchcombe P.C.C., under the chairmanship of the Ven. Walter T. Wardle (Archdeacon of Gloucester), the Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester issued the following Order by Consent:—

"Having heard all parties in open Court on the 19th day of November, 1969, and having considered further representations made by the parties IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an amended petition for a Faculty be granted in the following terms:—

To rehang the bells in Stinchcombe Church in the Diocese of Gloucester for manual ringing plus electrical chiming and to recast the cracked tenor bell as a treble making a lighter ring; also the present third to be recast half a note sharper."

A Faculty in these terms was Granted on October 9, 1970. The work is being entrusted to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and members of the association are removing the old frame. It is hoped that the work will be completed within 12 months.

The association officers wish to thank all those who generously supported our Special Appeal Fund which has now topped £400, of which approximately £150 has been donated from outside the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The entire fund will be given to Stinchcombe P.C.C.'s Bell Fund on the satisfactory completion of the work. All administrative costs are being borne by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES ROUSE,
Hon. Secretary.

Churchdown, Gloucester.

I sometimes think it is regarded as almost heretical that ringers should consider attending a church service, but St. Botolph's has a struggling congregation of some 30 or 40 people, preponderantly immigrants, who are greatly encouraged by any addition to their numbers. The rector is very perplexed that all Sunday ringers appear to have fulfilled their weekly duty to attend divine service before going to St. Botolph's to ring, or apparently intend to do so afterwards. I fight a losing battle in trying to convince him that at least some ringers do attend church services, if only occasionally!

A nice itinerary for a Sunday visit might perhaps be: Ring at St. Botolph's 9.30 a.m. -10.30 a.m. Attend the service and join the congregation for coffee afterwards at the back of the church. Have a drink at The Bell near St. Paul's when the pubs open at 12. Lunch at Lyons Corner House. Charing Cross. Hear the afternoon ringing at St. Paul's or apply to Teddy Barnett for permission to do the afternoon service ringing at St. Clement Danes'. See the sights of London and ring for Evensong at a church on the way home.

A last word—any affluent readers who have old clothes for giving away could send them along to St. Botolph's for the down-and-outs.

I hope I shall now be inundated with requests for dates for Sunday ringing! — Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY

10 The Close, Montreal Park,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

EXECUTIONS AT NEWGATE

Dear Sir,—Indeed the inventor of the guillotine (*Ringing World*, page 822) was not the first to be executed on it; nor was Mr. Marwood, Public Executioner at Newgate from 1874, the first to try the efficiency of the "long drop" system of hanging!

I use this to ask if any older ringers can say exactly what the procedure was with bell-tolling for executions at Newgate. Opposite the site stands the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the condition of whose ten bells is a reproach to the custodians of this fine building. The church authorities claim that the 31½ cwt. tenor was used as the execution bell; others claim the 9th; whilst in the church is a handbell and a card with a lugubrious rhyme, traditionally shouted outside the condemned cell (with appropriate hand-bell noises) ending:

"And when St. Sepulchre's bell in the morning tolls,

The Lord have mercy upon your souls."

Yet at Madame Tussaud's is a bell of quite fair size, from Whitechapel, saying:

"Ye people all who hear me ring,
Be faithful to your God and King."

It is claimed that this was in fact the bell used to announce public (and, after 1868, private) executions. On the demolition of the prison it was acquired by the Tussaud authorities and is now hung outside the Chamber of Horrors.

Are the St. Sepulchre's authorities correct in claiming that it was "St. Sepulchre's bell in the morning"? If so, which bell? And what was the function of the Newgate bell?—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

King's College, London.

DESIGN WANTED

Dear Sir,—Through *The Ringing World* someone may be able to help make a good decision on a suitable design for a ringing gallery at Kingsbury, Warwickshire.

We now have a glorious new ring of eight (*Ringing World*, June 27, 1969). A new clock is to be installed any time now and our next job is to make the base of the tower a choir vestry and ringing gallery above.

If any member of a tower thinks that their design of panelling, and glazing above with means of ventilation, to be the ideal for a simple Gothic arch, I would be pleased if they would let me know.

Local counties I would be prepared to travel, but further away a photograph or sketch would be much appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

G. H. LANE.

7 West Avenue, Castle Bromwich,
Birmingham 33.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER

Dear Sir,—There is one slight error in your article on St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (R.W., page 850). It says the brothers G. and W. Pye were in the first peal of Superlative Maximus. This is not so; it was rung by an entire band of local Sunday service ringers. The brothers Pye did, however, come a few months later with C. T. Coles and C. W. Roberts and rang one.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

Quarter Peals

Aldridge, Staffs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (4 m/v): C. Jennings 1, J. P. Burton 2, N. R. White 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley (cond.) 5, Cynthia Humphreys 6. For Evensong. Also Oct. 18, 1440 Bob Minor: N. R. White 1, Gwyneth Dorrall (first Minor) 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. For Evensong.

Askerswell, Dorset.—Oct. 19, 1260 Minor (7 methods): Valerie Calvert 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Helen A. Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. Haines 6. 100th quarter together 2 and 5.

Bampton, Oxon.—Oct. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Harrison 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, T. J. Hester 3, P. Pearce 4, J. Collett 5, P. J. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, E. D. Patching 8. With best wishes to Reg Rouse, in hospital for most of the year.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics.—Oct. 25, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: H. W. Drury (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Willmore 5, A. North 6. For Evensong.

Bassaleg, Mon.—Oct. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bale 1, V. Jones 2, I. Davies (cond.) 3, F. Reade 4, G. Hughes 5, A. Knight 6. Half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. L. James (ex tower captain and secretary).

Bath, Som. (SS. Michael with Paul).—Oct. 20, 1280 Rutland S. Major: A. Adams 1, Mrs. R. J. Ball 2, Mrs. G. Orledge 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, D. J. Orledge 5, P. J. W. Hardwick 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. C. Hawkins 8. First in method 4, 7 and 8.

Benefield, Northants.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: J. M. Tyler (cond.) 1, H. Goakes 2, J. R. Charlton 3, D. J. W. Gadd 4, W. J. Riley 5, D. P. Murduck 6. For the induction and institution of the rector (Rev. W. G. D. Watts).

Bloxham, Oxon.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Triples: Victoria Llewellyn 1, Hilary Bolton 2, J. Peglar 3, M. Llewellyn 4, Pam Warren 5, C. Richards 6, A. J. Griffin 7, R. A. Horley 8. First quarter 1 and 4. First of Triples inside 2 and 3.

Blythburgh, Suffolk.—Sept. 26, 1440 Doubles (three methods): R. Peters 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, C. J. Gibson 3, E. G. Pearce 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6.

Bradpole, Dorset.—Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Triples: Helen A. Haines 1, I. Calvert 2, Valerie Calvert (first in method) 3, I. L. Andrews 4, D. B. Ellery 5, R. Haines 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8.

Braintree, Essex.—Sept. 14, 1280 Spliced S. Major (7 methods): C. J. Barker 1, Josephine A. Brown 2, Jennifer M. Syder 3, A. R. Syder 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, K. W. Brown 6, J. L. Towler 7, P. G. Brown (cond.) 8.

Bray-on-Thames, Berks.—Sept. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janice Dieppe 1, G. Gibbs 2, Lynne Cox 3, Kathleen Horne 4, D. Young 5, Doreen Young (cond.) 6, D. Livsey 7, J. Norsworthy 8. For the installation of Rev. H. Cutler as chaplain of Jesus Hospital, Bray. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Marcia Dieppe 1, J. Dieppe 2, Janice Dieppe 3, Wenda Fowles 4, D. Fowles 5, C. Burridge 6, R. Rance 7, J. Norsworthy 8. For the dedication of the new organ by the Bishop of Reading.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Nicolas).—Oct. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, J. N. Lambert 3, D. Kirkcaldy 4, J. Kirkcaldy 5, H. W. Brown 6, S. W. Brown 7, P. D. Hepburn 8, J. R. Norris (first Caters as cond.) 9, A. M. Humphrey 10. First of Caters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Brinklow, Warks.—Oct. 25, 1260 Doubles: Patsy Howes 1, Phillipa Garrard 2, S. Missen, sen. 3, B. Elliott 4, D. W. Mountford (cond.) 5, Olga Howes 6. For Education Sunday; also a birthday compliment to treble.

Burton Hastings, Warks.—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane A. Evans (first quarter) 1, Cynthia M. Wells 2, W. Noon 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5. For harvest gift service.

Bunney, Notts.—July 17, 1260 Bob Minor: H. Evans 1, P. E. Barber 2, A. Simpson 3, J. R. A. Yates 4, R. J. Stretton (cond.) 5, R. A. Metcalfe 6. Also Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles and Rev. Canterbury: H. Evans 1, P. E. Barber 2, A. Simpson 3, J. R. A. Yates 4, R. A. Metcalfe (cond.) 5, L. Gealy (first quarter) 6. For the dedication of the new altar cloth made by Mrs. D. Simpson (ringer); also a farewell compliment to T. H. Kirkman, who has left for Cambridge.

Caerleon, Mon.—Oct. 1, 1500 Grandsire Doubles: Stephanie Rollings 1, R. E. G. Wilkinson 2, Mary E. Owen 3, J. Hankin 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, E. Jane Williams 6. For Harvest Festival.

Caversham, Berks.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: J. S. J. Beaumont 1, Miss A. Osborne 2, J. Milford 3, H. E. Mitchell 4, D. J. Beaumont 5, R. T. Harris 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Burles (Barrow), grandfather of 1 and 5.

Charlwood, Surrey.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Wickens (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Dallison 2, Mary Dallison 3, G. A. West 4, D. D. Atfield 5, K. Dallison (cond.) 6. For the occasion of the enthronement of the Bishop of Kingston.

Chelsfield, Kent.—Sept. 13, 1440 St. Clements Minor: Mary Salmon 1, Jane Seaman 2, Felicity Mussell 3, Mrs. A. Blatcher 4, A. C. Chandler 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Ringers' Sunday.

Chesterfield, Derbys.—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Royal: P. Roper 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, D. Cooper 3, T. Wylie 4, M. P. Phipps 5, P. Flavell (first on ten inside) 6, A. Else 7, H. Wagstaff 8, J. D. Arkwell (first on ten as cond.) 9, D. Hird 10. For Harvest Festival; also a farewell compliment to David Hird, of the local company, leaving for Leeds.

Chiseldon, Wilts.—Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (4 methods): W. A. Farmer 1, A. G. Keen (cond.) 2, Margaret Bowman 3, F. G. Cook 4, Ann Toomer 5, C. Barnes 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Bowman.

Colchester, Essex (St. Peter).—Oct. 4, 1344 London S. Major: W. J. Brunt 1, Doreen Fairhead (first in method) 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, A. R. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey 6, N. Avis 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: Doreen Fairhead 1, Yvonne Towler 2, H. J. Millatt 3, W. J. Brunt (first in method) 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, N. Avis 6, J. Towler (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. On St. Luke's Day.

Easton, Hants.—Aug. 14, 1440 Bob Minor: Jennifer L. Quaife 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, B. J. Fry 3, R. Le Marechal 4, J. P. Colliss 5, R. B. Walton (cond.) 6.

Edgbaston, Warks (St. Bartholomew).—Oct. 18, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: D. Rankin 1, Miss G. James 2, P. W. Dickinson 3, J. S. Hopwood 4, T. H. O. Lewis 5, J. R. White (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Mr. S. E. James.

Exhall, Warks.—Sept. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rogers 1, D. Norman 2, D. Harrison (cond.) 3, H. Curtis 4, G. S. Hall 5, G. Barnett 6. For the visit of Rev. G. Wilkins; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harrison.

Dallington, Northants.—Oct. 18, 1260 Doubles (three methods): K. M. Chown 1, J. C. Parker 2, J. P. Sale 3, C. G. Chiplin (cond.) 4, S. J. Bayliss 5, D. Dean (first quarter) 6. For Evensong on the anniversary of the dedication.

Finchfield, Essex.—Oct. 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Green 1-2, R. Threadgold 3-4, F. Roper (cond.) 5-6. First in hand for all.

Fontmell Magna, Dorset.—Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jeanes 1, A. Woods 2, E. Chant 3, R. Jeanes 4, W. Shute (cond.) 5, A. Martin 6. Wedding compliment to Ineke Latour and Peter Cannell, married this day.

Goring, Oxon.—Oct. 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: Carol Tull 1, N. Tull 2, W. Irving 3, M. Tull 4, I. Judd 5, A. Beaumont 6, S. Franklin (first as cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Patronal Festival. Also Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Irving (first quarter) 1, Carol Tull 2, S. Franklin 3, N. Tull 4, M. Tull 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Harvest Festival.

Great Wymondley, Herts.—Oct. 11, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Judy Forgan (first quarter) 1, L. R. Runnacles 2, D. Perkins 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

Guiseborough, Yorks.—Oct. 17, 1260 Bob Minor: Fiona Crosby (first quarter) 1, Lynnette Banwell 2, L. Franks 3, J. Bramley 4, R. Harris (first inside) 5, P. Wishart (cond.) 6.

Harefield, Middx.—Oct. 21, 1440 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Savory 1, Mrs. R. A. Gage 2, R. K. Russ 3, J. Walters 4, R. A. Gage 5, F. Corke (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss C. Johnson, vergers nearly 40 years and member of the Church for 76 years.

Hartlebury, Worcs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Feather (12, first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Pamela Craven 3, G. Bowen 4, A. W. Glazzard 5, L. F. Smith 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, W. Turner 8. Farewell compliment to Rev. Don Martyn and Mrs. Martyn, returning to Pretoria, S.A., after a six months' tour of duty at Hartlebury.

Higham, Suffolk.—Oct. 17, 1260 Bob Minor: S. D. Pettman 1, J. A. Mayle 2, W. A. Perry 3, J. P. Loveless 4, M. J. Howes 5, R. A. Knight (cond.) 6.

Hintlesham, Suffolk.—Oct. 17, 1260 Minor (720 St. Clements, 540 Plain): R. A. Knight 1, W. A. Perry 2, J. A. Mayle 3, J. P. Loveless 4, S. D. Pettman 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6.

Honiton, Devon.—Oct. 17, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Travers 1, C. Turner 2, K. Clarke 3, F. Stamp 4, P. Davies 5, T. Travers (first in method) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. Also Oct. 18, 1200 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Nex (first attempt) 1, D. Travers 2, L. Stevens 3, W. Sparkes 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6. For Evensong.

Kessingland, Suffolk.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Harrold 1, Mrs. D. Harrold (first quarter) 2, T. J. Brock 3, D. J. Harrold 4, F. R. Wade 5, M. J. Parker (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: Judy Williamson (first attempt) 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Katharine Salvage 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, I. J. Whitehead 6. For United Nations Sunday and Parish Communion.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.—Oct. 12, 1800 Minor (three methods): J. F. Underwood 1, G. E. Feirn (cond.) 2, E. Dallingwater 3, R. H. Hall 4, W. Cox 5, J. Hall 6. Sponsored ring in aid of church funds.

Leicester (St. John the Divine).—Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: F. Watson 1, Carol I. V. Brown 2, S. Harrison 3, M. G. Wood 4, M. P. Brown (first of Minor) 5, J. Harrold (cond., first of Minor) 6. On the eve of Trafalgar Day.

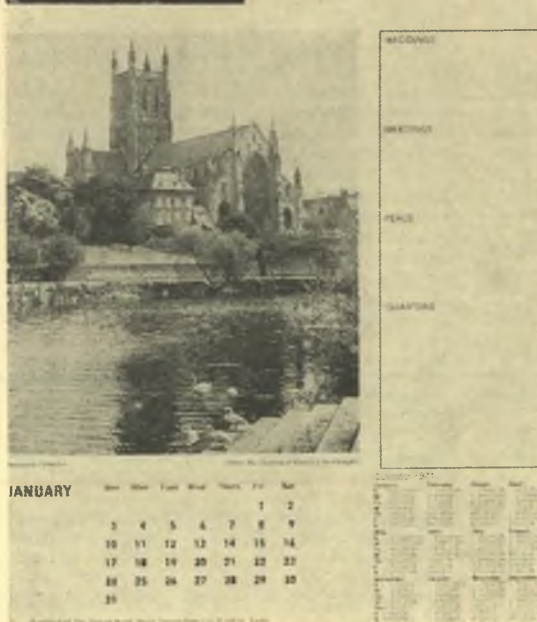
Leyland, Lancs.—Oct. 18, 1272 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Nelson 1, G. Mee 2, D. Lawson 3, D. Marsden 4, J. Sumner 5, J. Nixon (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. France.

Landaff, Glam (Cathedral).—Oct. 4, 1287 Grandsire Triples: Susan Redmond (first on 8) 1, Anne Cooke 2, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 3, D. Cornell 4, N. A. James 5, D. J. Llewellyn 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, A. Giblett (first on 8) 8. Also Oct. 11, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Anne Cooke 1, Susan Thomas 2, D. G. Clift 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, N. A. James (first in method) 5, E. N. Thomas 6, J. Clatworthy 7, D. J. Llewellyn 8. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: N. W. H. Simon 1, Anne Cooke 2, F. W. Corney 3, S. Fenwick 4, N. A. James 5, D. J. Llewellyn 6, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 7, J. G. James 8. All for Parish Evensong.

Manchester (Cathedral).—Oct. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, W. Birmingham, jun. 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, I. N. Goldthorpe (first Caters) 5, P. Boucher (first Caters) 6, R. F. Eccles 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 9, D. G. Manby 10. By the Cathedral "service band" for the Cripples Help Society annual service.

Market Drayton, Salop.—Oct. 11, 1264 Bob Major: Brenda Bowler 1, Wendy Tyler 2, T. White 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, S. Hughes 8. Birthday compliment to Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, who was 99 on September 22.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.**CHURCHILL, Som. St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (14 methods: 3 Stedman, New Grandsire, New, Antelope, New Huntspill, Grandsire, Antelope, Union, Rev. Canterbury, St Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin).

- 1 John Chaplin
- *2 Bryan Mills
- 3 John Coombs
- 4 Stanley Lewis
- 5 John S. Walton (Conductor)
- 6 William Warren

*First in 14 methods inside. Wedding compliment to Pam Dodd and Christopher Avery, both ringers at this church, married this day.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**WILMSLOW, Cheshire, St. Bartholomew.**

Wed., July 22, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (14 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (10 methods: Norwich S.; London S.; Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston T.B.; Kent T.B.; Cambridge S.; Oxford T.B.; Plain Bob).

- 1 Susan Davis
- 2 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 3 Stuart Coutts
- 4 Michael Platt
- 5 Timothy Wylie
- 6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

Half-muffled in memoriam Canon E. D. Reeman (rector 1945-68).

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**DUFFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Alkmund.**

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (17½ cwt.)

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by G. Freebrey.

- 1 Timothy Wylie
- 2 Joseph C. Woolley
- 3 George L. Roobottom
- 4 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 5 Jack Chadwick
- 6 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
- 7 Clive Thrower
- 8 Robert Chambers
- 9 Rev. Fred Ross
- 10 Denis R. Carlisle

ALTON, Staffs, St. Peter.

Thur., Oct. 15, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (22½ cwt.)

5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

- 1 Timothy Wylie
- 2 Robert M. Chambers
- 3 Brian A. Tomlinson
- 4 Rev. Frederick Ross
- 5 David W. Parkin
- 6 Denis R. Carlisle
- 7 Gordon A. Halls
- 8 Geoffrey Paul (Conductor)

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**HANBURY, Wores, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (12½ cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Colin Monson.

- 1 Nicholas J. Webber (St. John's)
- *2 Joanna M. Mount (St. Aidan's)
- 3 Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey)
- *4 Jean M. Berriman (St. Hild's)
- 5 Philip Rogers (Van Mildert)
- 6 Colin C. Monson (Grey)
- 7 Peter H. Gardner (St. Cuthbert's)
- 8 Stephen C. Wells (Grey, Conductor)

*First of Surprise. †First of Surprise inside.

Peals**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION****BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts, St. Michael.**

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (17 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

- 1 Donald F. Murfet
- 2 Susan Rothera
- 3 Allen Twyman
- 4 Geoffrey Pearson
- 5 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 Richard H. Youdale
- 8 Alan M. Barber
- 9 Philip J. Rothera
- 10 John G. Gipson

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**GREAT BADDOW, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (14½ cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
- 2 Susan Rothera
- 3 Josephine A. Brown
- 4 Keith W. Brown
- 5 Richard J. Harrison
- 6 David E. Rothera
- 7 Peter G. Brown
- 8 Philip J. Rothera

TERLING, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10½ cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- 1 Philip J. Rothera
- 2 Josephine A. Brown
- 3 Susan J. Rothera
- 4 David E. Rothera
- 5 Joe E. G. Roast
- 6 James L. Towler
- 7 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)
- *8 Keith W. Brown

*100th peal.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**RANDWICK, Glos, St. John the Baptist.**

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(26 120's, 8 240's.)

- 1 Frank Garland
- *2 Martin Kaye
- 3 Leslie Barry (Conductor)
- *4 Richard Ashbey
- 5 Trevor Pritchard
- †6 Rev. Hon. Neill Morrison

*First of Doubles. †First peal.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**BROMYARD, Hereford, St. Peter.**

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14 cwt.)

5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker

- 1 Alfred W. Glazzard
- 2 E. Marion Key
- 3 William Turner
- 4 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 5 Gerald Bowen
- 6 Leslie F. Smith
- 7 John E. Whittall
- 8 John Hicks

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- 1 Alison M. Turney
- 2 Joyce J. Barton
- 3 Frederick R. Harris
- 4 Lawrence T. Mainwaring
- 5 John F. I. Turney
- 6 Robert A. Hatcher
- 7 Leslie Evans
- 8 Stephen W. Barton (Conductor)

In memoriam John D. Rock, some time ringer at this tower, died October 21, 1969.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Stephen.**

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

- *1 Carol Parkhurst
- †2 Dawn Owen
- †3 Rosemary Urban
- †4 Steven D. Chandler
- 5 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*First peal. †First of London.

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

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (32 cwt.)

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

Composed by Norman Smith.

- *1 Rosemary Ellis
- 2 D. Paul Smith
- 3 Alexander Waddington
- 4 Peter S. Muchlinski
- 5 Geoffrey H. Pullin
- 6 Colin J. E. Wyld
- 7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)
- 8 Martin L. Howe

*First of Major.

WYE, SS. Gregory and Martin.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (20½ cwt.)

5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

- 1 C. T. Hillis
- *2 Anne Berry
- 3 Judith Brooks
- 4 G. Pullin
- 5 R. Bagshaw
- 6 P. C. Sinden
- 7 S. A. B. Wigg
- 8 P. J. Bagshaw (Conductor)

*First of Bob Major. 21st birthday compliment to Miss Judith Brooks.

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

Mon., Oct. 12, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (10 cwt.)

5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

- *1 George W. Smith
- 2 Martin J. Kirk
- †3 Robert M. Kilby
- 4 W. Arthur Riddington
- 5 Herrick B. Bowley
- 6 Martin Green
- 7 William J. Root
- 8 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

*First on 8. †First of Surprise.

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

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 4hr. 6min. (82 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

- 1 Neil Donovan
- *2 Nigel Thomson
- 3 Elizabeth Stevens
- 4 Geoffrey C. Sparling
- 5 Martin E. Snape
- 6 Raymond J. Talbot
- †7 Jeremy P. Richardson
- 8 Norman Summerhayes
- 9 Dennis R. Jones
- ‡10 Richard C. Stevens
- 11 Clifford A. Barron
- ‡12 Ernest F. Willcox
- Peter J. Brown

*75th peal. †First on 12 and first of Stedman. ‡100th peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**ULCEBY, Lincs, St. Nicholas.**

Wed., Oct. 7, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clements).

- 1 Colin Applewhite
- 2 Jack Bray
- 3 Ronald Chafer
- 4 William Bains
- 5 John H. Parker
- 6 Michael W. Crowder (Conductor)

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**USK, Monmouthshire, St. Mary.**

Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.)

5024 USK SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Donald G. Clift
- 2 David J. Llewellyn
- 3 Michael R. Meadows
- 4 Tudor P. Edwards
- 5 Paul A. Williams
- 6 Nicholas W. H. Simon
- 7 James Clatworthy
- 8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

First peal in the method. Birthday compliment to Lionel Jones.

USK SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—14.58—58.1236—14—58.14—34.

h.l. 18. l.e. mx. f.c.e. b.

MACHEN, Monmouthshire, St. Michael.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (12 cwt.)

5120 MACHEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

- 1 Ivor Newell
- 2 Tudor P. Edwards
- 3 Anthony J. Cox
- 4 James Clatworthy
- 5 J. Michael Lakin
- 6 Peter C. Randall
- 7 Paul A. Williams
- 8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

First peal in the method.

MACHEN SURPRISE MAJOR

—56—14—56—36—14—38—1456—

h.l. 58. l.e. mx. c.p.s.

BRIDGEND, Glam, St. Illtyd.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Buerton's 12-part.)

- *1 Susan C. Redmond
- †2 William T. Petty
- ‡3 Richard J. Hall
- 4 Frederick J. Bailey
- 5 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)
- 6 Raymond J. Mayle
- †7 Thomas T. Yeomans
- 8 William H. Harford

*First of Triples. †75th together. ‡First on eight.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.**

Mon., Oct. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (16 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.

- 1 William Birmingham
- 2 David A. Town
- 3 John R. Ketteringham (Conductor)
- 4 Olive L. Rogers
- 5 David C. Brown
- 6 Alan D. Flood
- 7 Keith J. Walpole
- 8 Andrew G. Craddock
- 9 J. Alan Ainsworth
- 10 Harold W. Rogers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**WESTMINSTER, London, St. Margaret.**

Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 3hr. (26 cwt.)

5034 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by G. T. Daltry.

- 1 William Rawlings
- 2 Michael Wycherley
- 3 Dennis Ellsden
- 4 Peter Mackie
- 5 H. Michael Williamson
- 6 John Euston (Conductor)
- 7 Stephen Darvill
- 8 Nigel Thomson
- 9 Jeremy Pratt
- 10 Edward Peett

To commemorate sailing of the "Mayflower" with the Pilgrim Fathers to New England, September, 1620.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.**

Tues., Oct. 13, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (6½ cwt.)

5120 ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Nolan Golden.

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
- 2 Richard Clifton
- 3 David Massey
- 4 Arthur E. Rowley
- *5 B. Stedman Payne
- *6 Alec Jones
- *7 Roger Kendrick
- 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as conductor.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**NORWICH, Norfolk, St. Peter Mancroft.**

Sun., Oct. 18, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (38 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis.

- 1 Martin Cubitt
- 2 David Cubitt
- 3 Janet House
- *4 Carole A. H. Patey
- 5 Peter Adcock
- *6 Gordon K. Terriss
- 7 George Sayer
- 8 Richard J. W. Housden
- *9 James B. Morley
- 10 Martin L. Howe
- 11 David E. House (Conductor)
- 12 H. William Barrett

*First of Stedman Cinques. Rung as part of the Norwich Triennial Festival of Music and the Arts.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

- 1 Janet House
- 2 Adrial Walton
- *3 Robert G. Walker
- 4 Martin L. Howe
- *5 Gordon K. Terriss
- 6 David Cubitt
- 7 Richard J. W. Housden
- 8 David E. House (Conductor)

*First of Cambridge Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary.**

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (10 cwt.)

5056 KIRKCLINGTON S. MAJOR

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

- *1 Bridget Paul
- 2 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
- 3 Raymond A. Vickers
- 4 William J. Chester
- 5 Christopher C. Stokes
- 6 Barry E. Saunders
- 7 Roger W. Smith
- *8 Alan A. Paul

*25th together. First in the method by all and for the guild.

ROTHWELL, Northants, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (21 cwt.)

5184 FOXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Chris Forster.

- 1 Christopher N. Stephenson
- 2 Sally K. Diamond
- 3 Edward C. Buckby
- *4 Alan J. Marks
- 5 Peter J. Blight
- 6 Eric Billings
- 7 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
- 8 Barry R. Care

*25th peal. First peal in the method.

FOXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—16—34—3458—16.34.7.

Group B.

A judicious silence is better than truth spoken without charity.

BELL ROPES**JOHN NICOLL****SEE BACK PAGE**

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

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip.
Thur., Oct. 15, 1970, 3hr. 34 min. (31 cwt.)
5280 GLASGOW LITTLE S. MAXIMUS
Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Muriel Reay
- 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 J. Edward Cawser
- 5 Richard J. Tibbetts
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Terry R. Hampton
- 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 10 George E. Fearn
- 11 Michael J. Fellows
- 12 Peter Border

First peal in the method.

GLASGOW LITTLE S. MAXIMUS
36—56.14.5r—5r.36—14—3r.16—16.38.
(h.l.) g.

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip.
Thur., Oct. 22, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (31 cwt.)
5280 GLASGOW LITTLE S. MAXIMUS
Composed by P. Border.

- 1 Muriel Reay
 - 2 Roderick W. Pipe
 - 3 Norman J. Goodman
 - *4 Enid Lawson
 - *5 Charles A. S. Webb
 - 6 Michael J. Fellows
 - 7 Stephen W. Barton
 - 8 Terry R. Hampton
 - *9 James W. Belshaw
 - 10 George E. Fearn
 - *11 John A. Anderson
 - 12 Peter Border (Conductor)
- *First in method.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.
Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (42 cwt.)
5088 BARFORD SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

- 1 Maurice F. Edwards
- 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- 3 Norman J. Goodman
- 4 Stephen W. Barton
- 5 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 6 Terry R. Hampton
- 7 David J. Purnell
- 8 Michael J. Fellows
- 9 J. Alan Ainsworth
- 10 Clifford A. Barron
- 11 John A. Anderson
- 12 Peter Border

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

**BUCKFASTLEIGH, Devon, Benedictine
Abbey Church of St. Mary.**
Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 47min. (41½ cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

- 1 Katharine J. Maundrell
- *2 Mary E. Elmes
- 3 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- 4 D. Roy Bould
- 5 Graham W. Elmes
- †6 Ross G. W. Robertson
- 7 John L. Anderson
- 8 Edward G. Mould
- 9 John N. Longridge
- 10 Brian J. Woodruffe
- 11 Ronald N. Marlow
- 12 Timothy F. Collins

*100th peal on a 2nd. †First on 12.

TROWBRIDGE, Wilts, St. James.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (24½ cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by John Carter.

- 1 Charles F. Andrews
- 2 Edgar C. Shepherd
- 3 David G. Massey
- 4 George W. Massey
- *5 Peter J. Hardwick
- 6 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
- †7 Norman G. N. Knee
- †8 Raymond E. J. Baker
- 9 Eric J. Hitchins
- 10 Laurence E. Hitchins
- 11 Frederick S. Slatford
- 12 Charles P. Quartley

*First on 12. †First of Stedman Cinques and completes the method from Doubles to Cinques. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

**LILLESALL, Shropshire, St. Michael and
All Angels**

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (9 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge, 2 Oxford
T.B., 1 Oxford Bob, 1 Plain Bob).

- 1 E. Marion Key
- 2 Gerald Bowen
- *3 Leslie F. Smith
- 4 C. Kenneth Lewis
- 5 Christopher J. Jones
- 6 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)

*First in five methods. To mark the closing celebrations of the church's 1,300th anniversary, the start of which was marked by a peal of June 27.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

**KINGSTON-UPON-SOAR, Notts,
St. Winifred.**

Sun., Oct. 18, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Cambridge; Norwich; Kent
T.B.; Oxford T.B.; St. Clements, Buxton
and Childwall; Oxford Bob, Nicholaston and
Rotherslade; Plain Bob).

- 1 Susan M. O'Neill
- 2 Elizabeth J. Dawson
- 3 Robert Preston
- 4 Peter J. Hawcock
- 5 David G. Adams
- 6 George A. Dawson (Conductor)

A welcome to Richard Poppleston, the first child of Anthea and Michael Poppleston, of Wickham, Newcastle upon Tyne, born September 18, 1970.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

FULBECK, Lincs, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (12 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

- 1 Elaine M. Rolfe
- 2 Frederick G. Hooper
- *3 Susan M. Heath
- 4 Stephen J. F. Mitchell
- 5 Frederick Derry (Conductor)
- 6 Derick E. Kirton

*First inside.

GEDLING, Notts, All Hallows.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (3½ Plain Bob, 1 Kent T.B.,
Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, and half extent
St. Clements).

- 1 George A. Dawson (Conductor)
- 2 Elizabeth J. Dawson
- 3 Susan M. O'Neill
- 4 Philip Wild
- 5 John R. Rigby
- 6 Robert Preston

A compliment to Viola E. Collins and Anthony E. Foulser on their forthcoming marriage.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (14 cwt.)
5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Carter.

- 1 Melvyn A. Rose (Conductor)
- *2 Joan Carter
- 3 Derek Stainsby
- 4 Brian J. Bull
- 5 John F. Underwood
- 6 Andrew L. B. King
- 7 David Stainsby
- 8 Peter L. R. Hayward

*First on eight inside. First as conductor on eight. To mark the enthronement of Denis Wakeling as Bishop of Southwell.

SUFFOLK GUILD

POLSTEAD, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents.)

- 1 Neil V. Avis
- 2 John A. Mayle
- 3 Jack H. Brett
- 4 Peter Mayle
- 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 6 Walter A. Perry

HALESWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (18 cwt.)
5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

- 1 Walter W. Miller
- 2 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 Leslie G. Brett
- 5 Ernest G. Pearce
- 6 Cecil W. Pipe
- 7 Adrian Knights
- 8 J. Barry Pickup

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (8 methods: Single Oxford,
Beverley, Dtube Oxford, St. Clements, Cam-
bridge, Oxford, Kent and Plain).

- 1 Ernest G. Pearce
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Frank B. Lufkin
- 4 Leslie G. Brett
- 5 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- 6 J. Barry Pickup

Man is at once the glory and the scandal
of the universe. (Pascal.)

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GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (8 cwt.)
5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: 576 Bristol, 384 each Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cray and Cornwall; 132 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Leslie G. Brett
- 2 J. Martin Thorley
- 3 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
- 4 J. Barry Pickup
- 5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
- 6 Cecil W. Pipe
- 7 Michael J. Howes
- 8 George W. Pipe

Most Surprise Major methods yet rung to a peal for the guild. Most Surprise Major methods to a peal except for the ringers of 3 and 4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**ASHTHEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.**

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (13 cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- 2 Nigel Thomson
- 3 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 4 Alan D. Flood
- 5 Norman Summerhayes
- 6 A. Keith P. Poole
- 7 Jeremy R. Pratt (Conductor)
- 8 Robert E. J. Dennis

BEDDINGTON, Surrey, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. (18½ cwt.)

5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by James E. Groves.

- 1 Joyce A. Parsons
- 2 Gillian R. Parsons
- 3 John Chilcott (Conductor)
- 4 Michael V. Chilcott
- 5 Alan D. Flood
- 6 Frank E. Darby
- 7 David E. Parsons
- 8 John W. Stephenson
- 9 Noel J. Diserens
- 10 Philip A. F. Chalk

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD**PAUL, Cornwall, St. Paul-de-Leon.**

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- *1 R. Diane Carter
- 2 John J. George
- 3 Geoffrey W. Taysom
- 4 Anthony J. Davidson
- 5 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)
- 6 W. Reginald Curtis

*First of Minor. For the Feast of St. Pol-de-Leon.

LAUNCESTON, Cornwall, St. Thomas the Apostle.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (32 Grandsire, 8 Plain Bob, 2 April Day.)

- 1 Harry Stacey
- 2 Alan Carveth (Conductor)
- *3 Trevor Hillman
- 4 Anthony Locke
- 5 Anthony J. Davidson
- †6 James T. Gynn

*First inside and on six. †First peal.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY**EASTINGTON, Glos, St. Michael and All Angels.**

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise and 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 2 Richard Gray
- 3 John Pladdys (Conductor)
- 4 Michael J. Platt
- 5 Anthony J. Cox
- 6 Peter C. Randall

First peal of the bells for 52 years and first in the present tower.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.**

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (25½ cwt.)

5075 ERIN CATERS

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

- 1 Graham W. Elmes
- *2 Mary E. Elmes
- *3 Andrew C. D. Mayes
- *4 Nigel Thomson
- 5 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
- *6 Edward W. Colley
- *7 David E. Rothera
- 8 George E. Evenden
- 9 Timothy F. Collins
- *10 Jeremy R. Pratt

*First of Erin Caters.

AMPORT, Hants, St. Mary.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (28 methods: Olney, Walsingham, Lammass and Amport Alliance, Plain and Burstwick Little Bob; Single Oxford, Wight and Nicolaston Bob, Double Oxford, Andover and Winchester College Bob; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; Burslem, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Rosehill, Hanney and Radley College Bob; Plain, Double, Fulbeck and Rev. Canterbury Bob; Plain and Rev. Canterbury Bob).

- 1 Ian M. McCallion
- 2 Barry J. Fry
- 3 Roy Le Marechal
- 4 John P. Colliss
- 5 Derek C. Jackson (Conductor)
- 6 Richard Green

Most Minor methods for the guild on tower bells. Alliance method No. 142: 34,16,—,16, 34,—,34,56. 2nds Amport Alliance.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (21½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (21 extents Grandsire and Plain Bob (alternating)).

- *1 Diana R. Bromley
- †2 Joy F. Butler
- ‡3 Nigel D. Shepherd
- 4 Colin J. Butler (Conductor)
- †5 Maurice J. Butler (Conductor)
- *6 Brian V. Butler

*First peal. †First of Doubles. ‡First on a working bell.

EASTON, Hants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (3 Cambridge, 2 Surfleet, Beverley).

- *1 Roy Le Marechal
- 2 Barry J. Fry
- 3 John P. Colliss
- 4 Richard Green
- 5 R. Brian Walton
- 6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*25th peal. To commemorate the 165th anniversary of Trafalgar Day.

HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.)

5120 KINGSLERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

- *1 Robert J. Crocker
- 2 Reginald W. Rex
- 3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
- *4 Brian W. Hall
- *5 Michael Hatchett
- *6 D. Kay Adkins
- 7 Geoffrey K. Dodd
- *8 Geoffrey R. Drew

*First in method. For the centenary of the church.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**HARTLEBURY, Worcs, St. James the Great.**

Tues., Oct. 13, 1970, 2hr. (17 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's variation.)

- 1 Gerald Bowen
- 2 E. Marion Key
- *3 Lucy A. Key
- 4 Leslie F. Smith
- 5 Howard Howell
- 6 Alfred W. Glazzard
- 7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
- 8 William Turner

*First of Stedman. A welcome home to Rev. W. S. Davies after six months' duty in South Africa.

WORCESTER, All Saints.

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (11 methods: Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Cambridge S., Plain Bob, Kent T.B.).

- 1 Shirley M. Drew
- 2 David Franklin
- 3 Patricia A. Jenkins
- 4 Christopher Hims
- 5 Hugh Evans
- 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcs, St. Andrew.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (12 cwt.)

5152 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- *1 Arthur C. Berry
- 2 John E. Whittall
- 3 Valerie Willard
- 4 Roger H. Hunt
- 5 David G. Franklin
- 6 Gerald C. Hemming
- 7 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)
- 8 Michael J. Uphill

*Has circled the tower.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EARLSHEATON, Yorks, St. Peter.**

Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (13 cwt.)

5040 ST. NICHOLAS BOB TRIPLES

Arranged by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

- 1 Gail Cater
- 2 Patricia North
- 3 Margaret White
- 4 Delwyn B. Tidball
- 5 Robert Cater
- 6 David S. Lockwood
- 7 Ian North (Conductor)
- 8 Douglas Barker

First in the method by all. The last peal on the bells.

When there is nothing more to be said there is always a fool who will say it.

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.

Mon., Oct. 5, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11½ cwt.)

5184 YPRKS SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner.

- 1 Ronald R. Warford
- 2 Margaret Warford
- 3 A. Pattie Clapham
- 4 Gillean R. Cleaver
- 5 Graham J. Jones
- 6 Peter H. Gardner
- 7 John Robinson
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

First in method by all and for the association.

BRIGHOUSE, Yorks, St. Martin.

Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (12½ cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

- 1 Gail Cater
- *2 Robert Cater
- 3 Patricia North
- 4 Ian G. Campbell
- 5 Ian North
- 6 Michael Maughan
- *7 Trevor Tarbatt
- 8 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

*First of Bristol. A compliment to Alan Clifton and Karen L. Wood, married the previous day.

ILKLEY, Yorks, All Saints.

Mon., Oct. 12, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (18½ cwt.)

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

Composed by N. Smith.

- 1 Margaret Warford
- 2 A. Pattie Clapham
- 3 Gillean R. Cleaver
- 4 Graham J. Jones
- 5 Peter H. Gardner
- 6 John Robinson
- 7 Ronald R. Warford
- 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

A wedding compliment to Robert Henry Jordan and Frances Mary Dove, married at St. Andrew's, Starbeck, Harrogate, the previous Saturday.

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, All Saints' Cathedral.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (35½ cwt.)

5008 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

(3576 Plain, 1432 Little)

Arranged by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

- 1 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
- 2 Gail Cater
- 3 Robert Cater
- 4 Maris C. Stephenson
- 5 Patricia North
- 6 Ian North
- *7 George E. Hancock
- *8 Stephen R. Munday
- 9 Giles C. Galley
- 10 Frederick A. Munday
- *11 Trevor Tarbatt
- 12 Ronald Ducker

*First of Maximus.

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.

Mon., Oct. 19, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11½ cwt.)

5152 XERXES SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. A. Reeves.

- 1 David Hird
- 2 Barrie C. Dove (Conductor)
- 3 Margaret Warford
- 4 Peter H. Gardner
- 5 Graham J. Jones
- 6 Michael G. Dodson
- 7 Ronald R. Warford
- 8 John Robinson

First in the method by all and for the association.

ROTHWELL, Yorks, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. (15½ cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- 1 A. Pattie Clapham
- 2 Margaret Warford
- 3 Suzanne Snack
- 4 Gillean R. Cleaver
- 5 Robin Brown
- 6 John Robinson
- 7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
- 8 Ronald R. Warford

Handbells**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire,
52 Wellington Road.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 7min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1-2 Mrs. C. K. Lewis
- 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 5-6 J. Anthony Beaumont

MARPLE, Cheshire, 43 Leigh Avenue.

Thur., Oct. 15, 1970, 2hr. 1min. (15 in C.)

5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Reeves.

- 1-2 Alan McFall
- 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
- 5-6 J. David Atkinson
- 7-8 Alan F. Scholfield

To welcome Jennifer Hilary Atkinson, born October 8, 1970.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Oct. 19, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (19 in F.)

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (5 methods: 1008 each of Ealing, Londinium, Newgate, York and Yorkshire. with 94 changes of method).

Composed by John R. Mayne.

- 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin
- 7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan
- 9-10 Julia A. Fellows

*11-12 James A. D. Woolford
*First of Surprise on handbells.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road.

Tues., Oct. 13, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (15 in C.)

5096 YORK SURPRISE FOURTEEN

- 1-2 Rupert A. Clarke
- 3-4 David F. Moore
- 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth
- 7-8 Alfred Ballard
- 9-10 John M. Jelley
- 11-12 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
- 13-14 John W. Bramley

First peal of Surprise to be rung on more than 12 bells. A compliment to Pam and David Atkinson on the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Hilary.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, in the belfry of St. Michael-on-the-Mount.

Thur., Oct. 22, 1970, 1hr. 53min. (15 in C.)

- 1-2 Katherine J. Maundrell
- 3-4 Peter C. Randall
- 5-6 John Pladdys (Conductor)

SUFFOLK GUILD PEAL WEEK

The object of our Peal Week is to move around to as many of the lesser known towers in the diocese as possible and also to encourage potential first-pealers and "first as conductor."

The 1970 Week produced 21 peals in 20 different towers in a variety of Doubles, Minor and Major methods. Four people scored their first peal (well done!), whilst of the 13 different conductors two managed their first.

Perhaps in 1971 we shall be able to clear Canon Felstead's list of ringable towers in Suffolk, which has yet to record a 5,000 on them.

Our thanks to the incumbents for their co-operation. G. W. P.

Three peals were printed in R.W. page 860.

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD

CAVENDISH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Neville F. Whittell
- 2 Alan G. Feaver
- 3 Jennifer M. Whittell (Conductor)
- 4 John R. Mayle
- 5 Peter Mayle
- 6 Walter A. Perry

BRAMFORD, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (11½ cwt.)

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

- 1 Jennifer M. Whittell (Conductor)
- *2 Peter W. Archer
- 3 Roger L. K. Whittell
- 4 Neville F. Whittell
- 5 James P. F. W. Hollins
- 6 Roy W. Lockwood

*First of seven methods inside.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.)

5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

- 1 J. Barry Pickup
- 2 Stephen D. Pettman
- 3 Muriel R. Page
- 4 Leslie G. Brett
- 5 Michael J. Howes
- 6 Cecil W. Pipe
- 7 Ernest G. Pearce
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

HENLEY, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements and Plain Bob).

- *1 Janet M. Barnard
- 2 Margaret Egglestone
- †3 Leslie P. Brain
- 4 Laurence J. Parry
- †5 Roy C. Groom
- 6 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

*First peal. †First in seven methods. By the local band.

ROUGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (6 methods: 1 Double Oxford, St. Clements. Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., 2 Plain Bob).

- 1 Arthur F. Ballam
- 2 David Tamberlain
- 3 Christopher R. Nunn
- 4 Brian R. Coley
- 5 Brian E. Whiting
- 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., Sept. 29, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (720 Plain, 4320 Grandsire).

- *1 Roland C. Peck
- 2 Michael Baldry
- 3 Michael J. Peters
- 4 Roger P. Peters
- 5 Trevor Hughes (Conductor)
- 6 A. Harry Archer

*First in more than one method. First as conductor. First by the new Sunday service band and first attempt. A wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and Hilary, also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

FRAMLINGHAM, Suffolk, St. Michael.

Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (16½ cwt.)

5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

- 1 Leslie G. Brett
- 2 Muriel R. Page
- 3 Cecil W. Pipe
- 4 J. Martin Thorley
- 5 Walter W. Miller
- 6 Ernest G. Pearce
- 7 Michael J. Howes
- 8 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

HIGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.)

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

- 1 Walter A. Perry
- 2 John A. Mayle
- 3 Peter Mayle
- 4 Jack H. Brett
- 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
- 6 Neil V. Avis

ACTON, Suffolk, All Saints.

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (24 extents Grandsire, 6 St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob).

- *1 Gordon Adams
- 2 Samuel J. Twichett
- 3 Donald L. Mills
- 4 John P. Loveless
- 5 E. Frank Gilbert (Conductor)

*First peal.

HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard.

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- *1 Theresa R. Orriss
- 2 Amanda R. Richmond
- 3 Arthur F. Ballam
- 4 Sally E. V. Potter
- 5 Brian E. Whiting
- 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

*First attempt.

EXNING, Suffolk, St. Martin.

Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 3hr. (14 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (2 methods: 20 extents Grandsire, 22 Plain Bob).

- *1 Henry J. Miller
- 2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 Mervyn G. Brown
- 4 Charles F. Sargeant
- 5 Roger J. Palmer (Conductor)

*First peal.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED MINOR (14 methods: Hereford, Single Oxford; Ipswich, Cambridge; Thelwall, Childwall; Beverley, Surfleet; Oxford, Kent; Double Oxford, St. Clements; Double, Plain).

- 1 Margaret E. Egglestone
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Howard W. Egglestone
- 4 George W. Pipe
- 5 Leslie G. Brett
- 6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

BUNGAY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (16½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 F. Joan Muxlow
- 2 Amanda M. Richmond
- 3 Sally E. V. Potter
- 4 Arthur F. Ballam
- 5 Brian E. Whiting
- 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

CAVENDISH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and 3 720's Plain Bob).

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

*First in five methods.

KERSEY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (14½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (London S., Beverley S., Surfleet S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Donald L. Mills
- 2 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
- 3 Rev. Brian Redgers
- 4 George W. Pipe
- 5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev
- 6 John W. Blythe

LEISTON, Suffolk, St. Margaret.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (20½ cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

- 1 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Frank B. Lufkin
- 4 J. Barry Pickup
- 5 Bernard W. Fairhead
- 6 Leslie G. Brett
- 7 Ernest G. Pearce
- 8 Adrian Knights

To commemorate the first peal of Surprise Major rung by the Bailey brothers in this tower, September, 1920.

NEWMARKET, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (21 cwt.)

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

- *1 Brian E. Whiting
- 2 Georgina C. M. Carter
- 3 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev
- 5 Maurice J. Rose
- 6 Howard W. Egglestone

*25th peal.

STOKE ASH, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, (6½ cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (7 extents Grandsire, St. Simon and St. Martin and 21 Plain Bob).

- 1 Rev. Brian Redgers
- 2 Kelvin Dakin
- 3 David J. H. Barber
- 4 Peter W. Archer
- 5 Roy W. Lockwood (Conductor)

First as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION**TOTTENHAM, London, N, St. Ann, Stamford Hill.**

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Pritchard.

- *1 William A. Theobald
- †2 Richard C. Offen
- 3 Arthur F. Lewry
- 4 William A. Hughes
- 5 Henry G. Weedon
- 6 Ernest J. Rowe
- †7 Ronald G. Brown
- *8 Trevor N. J. Bailey (Conductor)

*50th together. †First on eight. By members of the staff of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry during its quatercentenary year.

West Wickham, Kent.—Oct. 18, 1320 Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, Jackie Allen 2, A. S. Richards 3, K. Gamm (first inside) 4, S. H. Gay 5, M. A. Gay (cond.) 6.

Wollaton, Notts.—Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Gillian M. Collard 1, Jane M. Burrows 2, Lydia Richards 3, J. D. Scott 4, A. J. Boulton 5, P. E. Jones (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new headmaster of Nottingham High School (Dr. D. T. Witcombe) by the school society of ringers.

Wraxall, Som.—Oct. 20, 1274 Bob Triples: A. Parry 1, I. Newell 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, J. Evered 4, B. H. Goodliffe (first B. Triples inside) 5, R. Perry 6, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 7, N. Bull 6. First Bob Triples 2, 3, 4 and 8.

HUDSON'S NEW LIGHT

(R.W., September 28, 1945)

"March 24, 1843. On Tuesday the Sheffield St. Peter's Company of Change Ringers ascended the steeple and rang 5600 of Hudson's New Light on Treble Bob Major in the time of 3 hours and 46 minutes, being the first in that method ever rung by any company of campanologists. The band was stationed as follows: Wm. Hudson (sen) 1, Thomas Whaley 2, Isaac Lomas 3, Geo. Hudson 4, John Lomas (jun.) 5, Thomas Crossland 6, James Firth 7, Wm. Hudson (jun.) tenor. In the above method of ringing treble bob the plain course contains 800 changes, and the peal was rung with only bobs. Composed and conducted by Mr. Wm. Hudson (sen.), who has received great praise for his work."

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SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK VETERANS

The seventh annual get-together of the veterans took place this year on October 7 at Debenham (Where better, they said!) And what a delight to see them all again, listen to their ringing and the yarning afterwards. A good-looking crowd, too, for only 1,206 years at over 80 apiece!

The ground-floor ring of excellent bells sounded well over the pretty village, and to quote the 19th century peal boards, Grand-sire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung "in masterly style." At one stage we had Ernie Ambrose (92) and George Symonds (95) ringing together, and the stories those lads know would fill *The Ringing World*.

Anglia TV filmed them in "Look East." ("Ah!" said Ernie Whiting, "providing we don't go West.")

Tea was enjoyed at The Angel and good wishes sent to Charles Sedgley, Ted Jenkins and Lester Gray. Another memorable afternoon, and God bless 'em.

G. W. P.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.

ST. MARGARET'S ON TOP

The annual striking competition was held on October 3 at Countesthorpe, following a meeting of the Leicester District. Six bands took part and St. Margaret's, Leicester, were adjudged the winners.

The competition was judged by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beamish, Mr. Len Trevor, of Chilvers Coton, and Mr. Frank Reynolds, general secretary, Lancashire Association.

In his remarks, Mr. Beamish commented on the very high standard of ringing in general, and said that the ringing had been very good. Faults had been difficult to discern in the performances of the higher placed bands, and had occurred mainly in leading. Mr. Beamish then announced the results: St. Margaret's, Leicester (18½ faults), Earl Shilton (20), Sapcote (40), Countesthorpe (50), All Saints', Leicester (99), and Thurnby, who, unfortunately, broke down, but until then had been ringing extremely well.

Mr. Beamish said that it had been a great pleasure to adjudicate and Mrs. Beamish then presented the shield to Mr. John Jelley, captain of St. Margaret's band, and congratulated the band.

The guild secretary writes: "I would like to thank the bands for taking part in the competition, and on behalf of the guild to congratulate the ringers on the very high standard. I hope these six bands have set an example for others in the guild (and there are many capable) to come next year and make an even greater competition. It provides an opportunity not only for each band to try to show itself better than the next, but to demonstrate the level of enthusiasm and high standard of ringing that exists in the guild today.

I would also like to tender the very sincere thanks of the Leicester Guild to the judges, who gave their time and travelled a long way to help us.

R. D. H.

Handbells

RANDWICK FESTIVAL, 1970

"Randwick" deserted its usual setting this year for an equally delightful one, namely, the Severn Vale Secondary School, Quedgeley, Glos. This year's organiser, Mr. Richard Page, and his helpers must be considered very fortunate to have managed this change of venue so well and for having picked a fine day, so that tea could be taken outside if one so wished.

It was nice to see so many youngsters taking part, all performing quite admirably, with little help from hard-working tutors. The young band from Bredon (under J. Pullin), Whitminster School (D. Berry), Stone with Woodford (R. W. Hayes) with their wonderful "lapping," Longford School (B. James) with their very nice bells, and the 1st Castlefields Girl Guides (W. Gibbard) all came into this category.

The band of experts from Charnwood (J. Bowley) come next to mind. What can one say of such ringing?—except "More, please." The operators of the very large bells were a joy to watch; the timing was excellent and their whole performance fully justified the hours of practice which must have been put in. Their "Palais Glide" still rings in the memory!

The Black Country Ringers (Miss M. Tromans) come next. Real expertise here: good top bells, not too heavy harmony with beautiful timing. Weston-super-Mare must also be mentioned. Their "Gavotte" and "Caller Herrin" were well worth hearing. The Bisley Ringers (Mrs. C. E. Abbey) were pleasant to listen to but would have been better without the tape-recorded piano, which did not add a thing to their performance. Mr. Page's own band from Hardwicke showed good harmonies.

Having picked out those who impressed and apologising for not having mentioned every band and leader by name, we now give a few remarks about the ringing in general. Firstly, some of the timing left a

lot to be desired. Timing is very important. It is all too easy not to keep the correct number of beats for the notes at the end of the lines but to rush on with the next line. Many tunes were spoiled this way. Again, when there is a "quick hit" to ring, ring it **quickly**; don't slow up—everybody is singing it in their mind with you, so keep the correct beat going. When you are harmonising, strike your "tune" note and harmonies **together**, otherwise the piece becomes ragged and unrecognisable. Do not over-harmonise as this also makes the music hard to recognise if it becomes "every-note-a-heavy-chord." The tune is often swallowed up in the blast of lower bells. All these examples were evident at Quedgeley, and listening to it on tape seems to have made them sound worse. This is intended only as constructive criticism.

Finally, thanks everyone for a good afternoon and evening's entertainment, which was a very agreeable landmark in our lives. A word of praise to a very pleasant announcer, Mr. Frank Barnett, who bore patiently with all our shortcomings, such as not being ready when he called on us, and who made us all feel so welcome. Then there are the people who laid on the teas—much hard work was put in here.

THE BANDS

Berrow Church Handbell Ringers—Mrs. Wadley. Bredon—youngsters and old boys—J. Pullin. Whitminster School—Duncan Berry. St. George, Williton—R. F. Arscott. Maisemore Handbell Ringers—Rev. P. McConnell. Stone-with-Woodford Handbell Ringers—R. D. W. Hayes. St. John's Handbell Ringers—D. J. Gray. "Rich's Ringers"—Richard Page, Hardwicke. Charnwood Handbell Ringers—J. Bowley. W. Gibbard and his handbell ringers and the 1st Castlefields Girl Guides—W. Gibbard. The Joybells—L. Mills. Burnham (Bucks) Parish Church—C. T. Blundell. Warminster Handbell Ringers—N. G. Knee. Bisley Handbell Ringers—C. E. Abbey. Longford School Handbell Ringers—B. James. Black Country Ringers—Miss M. Tromans.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTHBy **W. T. COOK**

(Continued from page 883)

Haworth also took part with the College Youths in the first peal on the bells at Marlow, Bucks, on Whit Monday, June 14, 1843—again Grandsire Triples. Of this peal and the one they rang next day at Wooburn, Haworth writes: "On Whit Sunday, June 13th, 1843, eight Members of the College Youths Society went to Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and rang a good peal of Grandsire Triples on the Monday following, being the first peal on the bells.

"On the Tuesday following, seven Members of the above Society and one of the St. James's Society rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Wooburn, about 5 miles from Marlow; it was a St. James's peal. The church is about five hundred years old, and it was said that the peal was the first rung on the bells. After ringing the peal and having refreshments at the Bell Inn, we set off for Maidenhead, and passed through Cookham, where we stopped and rang an 120 on the bells of that church. We arrived at Maidenhead at about half-past eight on Tuesday night and got into the train for London, where we arrived about ten o'clock."

Next month, Haworth had another interesting outing, this time into Kent.

"On Sunday, July 31st, 1843, some members of the Society of College Youths started for Leeds in Kent, and went as far as the Maidstone Road Station by the Brighton Railway, which is 46 miles from London. From that place it is eleven miles to Maidstone, and we had to walk six miles before we could get any conveyance. We got to Maidstone and there met with Mr. Pooley, the host who was to provide us with necessities at Leeds—with a van, which took us to our destination. There we had a good dinner, which made amends for our fatigues, and soon after we ascended the tower to try that peal which brought us to Leeds, which was Kent Treble Ten In. We rung 4,000 and got into trouble and were obliged to set our bells. We came down; after a certain time we retired to bed.

"Three of us, Tolladay, Stockham and Haworth, were to go to London to be at St. Martin's, on account of the Queen going to open the National Gallery at 12 o'clock on Monday. We had to be up at 5, to get to Headcorn at 7, which we did with quick walking; at Headcorn we got into the train and was soon on our road to London, which was 56 miles distant. We arrived there between ten and eleven and set off immediately for St. Martin's, where we arrived in time for ringing." From Sunday morning at 10, Tolladay, Stockham and Haworth had travelled 102 miles by Railway, and walked 26 miles.

GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN AND KENT

In those days almost the only methods ever rung to peals were Grandsire, Stedman and Kent (which had recently superseded Oxford), and Haworth's peals were nearly all in these three methods, so I propose only to comment on the peals in which he took part which were of particular interest. One such was a muffled peal rung by the St. James's Society on January 3, 1844, at St. Clement Danes', Grandsire Triples, in memory of Thomas Tolladay, who had been such a mainstay of the St. James's Society, the Junior College Youths and, later, the Ancient Society of College Youths. Another was a visit to Hythe, Kent, on Monday, July 28, 1845, at the invitation of Mr. John Friend, a notable ringer of that town. The College Youths rang 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Friend from the

tenor, with Haworth on the sixth, and, according to the College Youths' peal book, "The Peal was heard by several of the oldest and best Composers and Ringers in the above County who pronounced it to be the most superior performance they ever heard on 8 bells."

On January 27, 1846, the College Youths rang the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in London, at St. Saviour's, Southwark. Haworth rang the seventh to this peal, which took 4 hours and 21 minutes. He also rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques on the same bell in December, 1849. On August 19, 1850, he went with a band of College Youths to Windsor. Before ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church they rang a touch of Grandsire on the eight in the Julius Cæsar tower of the Castle.

At this time there was rivalry among the leading twelve-bell companies in England to obtain the record length of Stedman Cinques. The Birmingham men had rung 7,392 changes in 1848, and on Monday, January 6, 1851, this was beaten by a peal of 7,524 changes rung by the College Youths at Cripplegate in 5 hours and 24 minutes. Haworth rang the seventh in this peal, which was composed and conducted by John Cox. Next year, on Monday, April 5, 1852, Haworth took part in another long peal, 7,127 Grandsire Caters, rung by the St. James's Society at St. Clement Danes'. In this peal Haworth rang the ninth.

NEW BELLS OPENED

On May 24, 1855, Haworth went with a band of College Youths to open the new bells at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, where they "rang various touches during the day. Ringing during the day conducted by Mr. Haworth." Earlier that year, on February 24, Haworth called his first peal (which was his 44th)—Grandsire Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. In 1857 Haworth was on a visit to Lancashire—perhaps staying with his relations who lived in those parts. He called a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Chad's, Rochdale, on July 11.

Meanwhile the Painswick band had gained the Stedman Cinques record with a peal of 8,448 changes, which the College Youths attempted to beat on Easter Monday, April 5, 1858. They went for a peal of 8,551 changes at St. Saviour's, Southwark (Haworth was, as usual, on the seventh), "but after ringing 6 hours 10 minutes, the person bringing the candles caused the party to get out. Nearly 8,000 was rung."

In that same year, between May 23 and October, Haworth travelled extensively in England, Scotland and Ireland—for what purpose is not clear, though he seems to have been on holiday. Attached to the front cover of the book is a sheet of paper showing "J. R. Haworth's travels by walking, steamboat and railway, in England, Scotland and Ireland." Briefly, he went from London to Leith by steamboat, stopping at Newcastle on the way, walked from Edinburgh to Glasgow, went across to Londonderry by boat, then set off on a walking tour to Belfast, Dublin, Cork and back to Dublin—a total of 528 miles. From Dublin he returned to Liverpool by boat, and eventually, after visiting several places in Lancashire, returned by rail to London.

The next peal of interest (No. 53 in Haworth's book) is described in a newspaper cutting as follows: "On Saturday the 17th December, 1859, six members of the St. Clement Danes Harmonic Society of Change-Ringers rang at Mr. Houghton's, the Punch Bowl, Carey Street, a fine peal of Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 5,037

changes, in three hours and twenty-five minutes." This peal was called by Haworth, who was ringing 1-2.

On Saturday, April 27, 1861, the College Youths succeeded in scoring the record peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill. James Dwight, in his well-known song about the peal, said:

"Robert Haworth rang the seventh,

And well he played his part:

He has rung so many peals you'd think

He knew them all by heart."

In fact this was Haworth's 58th peal.

Two years later, December 19, 1863, the College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, the tenor of which weighed 53 cwt.. This was the first peal on the bells for 23 years, and, according to a newspaper cutting, "will reflect great honour upon the performers, considering the great weight of metal and the beautiful striking from beginning to end." In this peal Haworth rang the fifth.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CARLISLE

In 1865 Haworth took part in another opening of a new ring of bells—this time at St. Stephen's, Carlisle. Of this visit, Haworth wrote: "On Tuesday morning, May 30, 1865, eight members of the College Youths went by the North-Western railway to Carlisle, Cumberland, to open a peal of bells in the tower of St. Stephen's Church, built at the sole cost of Miss Burdett Coutts, who kindly paid their expenses. They rang Holt's Long Course Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, on Wednesday morning, in 2 hours 58 minutes, and returned to London on Thursday morning, highly pleased with the journey. They also rang a course of Grandsire Cinques on the handbells, in the presence of Miss Burdett Coutts at the County Hotel, who afterwards liberally ordered refreshments for them." The peal was claimed as the first in the County of Cumberland.

On December 27 of that year the same band rang the same peal on the newly-restored bells of St. Mary's, Whitechapel. This band—Shury, Haley, Jameson, Cooter, Ferris, Haworth, Wood and Dwight—met a third time for opening a new ring of bells in the following year.

"College Youths at Leith, Edinburgh, Scotland. On Friday evening, Dec. 7th, 1866, at 9.15, from the Great Northern Railway, King's Cross, eight members of the above Society started to open a new peal of eight bells at St. James's Church, Leith. They travelled all night and arrived at Edinburgh at 8.30 in the morning—400 miles—the longest distance from London that a peal of bells has been opened by London ringers. . . . The railway fare was £26 8s. They returned on the Sunday evening following, having travelled 800 miles. The ringers were received by Mr. Jackson, the clergyman, at the Parsonage, in a kind manner; and after refreshment several touches and firing were performed on the bells, much to the gratification of an attentive audience. In the afternoon the handbells were rung in Mr. Jackson's house before some of the principal ladies and gentlemen of the neighbourhood."

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R.A.F. BELLRINGERS.—It is proposed to hold a meeting at Odiham in January, 1971, for the purpose of forming the R.A.F. Association of Bellringers. Interested person to contact: J. D. Sankey, 72 Sqdn., R.A.F. Odiham, Basingstoke, Hants. 129

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—10-bell practice, Duffield, Fri., Nov. 13, 7.30–9 p.m. 118

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., Nov. 16, 6–8 p.m. All welcome. 148

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8), Wed., Nov. 18, 7.30–9 p.m. See also display advert.—A. L. Pearson. 138

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hedon (8), Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 3.30–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing.—R. W. S. 116

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting Sat., Nov. 14. Bells available: Clay Cross (6) 3–4 p.m.; North Wingfield (8) 4–5 p.m. and after meeting. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Davis, 48, Carmel Crescent, Dunston Estate, Chesterfield. Tel. Chesterfield 51175.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 9994

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Hathersage, Sat., Nov. 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring your own food.—T. Wylie. 9983

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, East Grinstead, Sat., Nov. 14. Ringing: Hammerwood, 3–4.15; East Grinstead, 4.15–5. Tea in the tower room 5 p.m. (please bring own food—cups of tea provided). Service 6 p.m., followed by business and further ringing until 8.30. Tickets (30s. each) for the annual dinner on January 9 will be available at this meeting or from E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge Wells. 9947

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and **ESSEX ASSOCIATION** (North Western District).—Joint meeting, Nov. 14, at Ickleton, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, short business meeting for Cambridge District members. Evening ringing also at Ickleton. 9900

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch, Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 9916

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, East Molesey, on Sat., Nov. 14. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Matravars, 47a Walton Road, East Molesey, Surrey, please. 9890

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sheppard, 19, Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 101

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HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING (Middlesex, Oxford and Ladies' Guilds, London County Association). Nov. 14. Ringing at St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3–4.30 and after tea; St. Mary's, Hayes (near Uxbridge Road) (8) 2.30–4. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea in St. John's Hall. Social evening in the hall from 8.—C. H. Rogers, Middlesex District Secretary, 25, Windsor Drive, Ashford, Middlesex. 9998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By Meeting, Barming, Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Gunner, 472, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone. 9976

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Nov. 14, Ambleside. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Please note change of tower. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. F. Metcalfe. 127

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly ringing meeting, St. Iltyd, Llantwit Major, Sat., Nov. 14. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge, CF7 7YX. 9928

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Gedling (6), Nov. 14. Bells 3.0. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30. Names for tea to J. Dawson, 33 Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts. 9937

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Goring (8), Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvenden Road, Goring. 128

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District Meeting at Beccles on Nov. 14. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Nov. 11, to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk. Worlingham (5) also available 7–8 p.m.—T. I. J. B. 9999

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Curry Rivel, on Sat., Nov. 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential.—R. J. Dean. 124

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Eynesbury, on Sat., Nov. 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 149

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting Sat., Nov., 21, at North Ockendon (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea early please to Mrs. Livermore, Castle Cottages, Ockendon Road, North Ockendon, Upminster. Further ringing after tea and meeting. 9948

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Wonsersh, Nov. 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names by Tues., Nov. 17, to Mrs. Enticknap, "Ockleigh," Guildford Road, Wonsersh. Tel. Bramley 2308. 106

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A.G.M., Sat., Nov. 21, at St. Mary's, Marlborough. Ringing 2.30–7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Lee, 4 Poulton Crescent, Marlborough, by Tues., Nov. 17. 9969

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Sat., Nov. 21. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. to 4.25 p.m. and after tea. Committee meet in nave at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 18 latest please, to Mrs. J. Jones, 81, The Crescent, Tettenhall Wood, Wolverhampton. Tel. Wolverhampton 753549.—C. M. S., Gen. Sec. 9763

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Easton, Kingsworthy and Owslebury, Nov. 21. Kingsworthy 2.45–3.45, Easton 2.30–4.15. Service, tea, business meeting. Owslebury 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to I. M. McCallion, 4, Hursley Court, Hiltlingbury Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants, SO5 1NN.—I. M. M. 9964

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. —Eastham, Nov. 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxtan, Birkenhead (Tel.: 051-652 5192), by Thurs., Nov. 19. 154

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. —Meeting, Eynesbury, Sat., Nov. 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 150

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—An advanced practice will be held at Farnborough on Mon., Nov. 23, at 7.30 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich or any of the Surprise methods.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 153

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Sat., Nov. 21, North Muskham. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to P. Raithby, 205 London Road, Balderton, Newark.—P. R. 161

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Nov. 21, Wivelsfield, 3-5 p.m.; Keymer 6-8 p.m. Enquiries re tea: pleas ring Hurstpierpoint 3735. 151

Obituary.**ALAN R. BRIDGES**

It was with deep regret that Alan's friends learned of his death on Tuesday, October 27. He had not enjoyed good health for a number of years, but he rarely allowed illness to keep him from the belfry for more than a few weeks at a time before reappearing at practices and meetings and in the occasional peal. Alan had held office at district level in the Suffolk Guild and was report editor for the last two years. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife and daughters at this time.

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**MASTER WEDS**

The master of the St. Albans Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, Mr. Gerald Penney, and one of the members, Miss Janet Lesley Pearson, were married on October 10 at St. Albans Cathedral. During the service, which was conducted by the Sub-Dean (Canon P. J. Pasterfield), a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung in hand.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of embroidered satin with a lace train and a short headdress edged with matching lace. She carried a bouquet of orchids, white and yellow roses, lilies of the valley and stephanotis. She was attended by Miss Diane Richards, Miss Lesley Ewer and Miss Caroline Pearson, whilst Gerald had Mr. Eric Edmondson as best man.

Gerald and Janet are the fourth couple (and the 11th and 12th members of the society) to be married in the past few years.

After the reception, the couple left in a highly decorated car for a honeymoon in Jersey, stopping for a short while to hear the start of the successful peal of Stedman Cinques at the Abbey rung by friends and members of the society.

**PRESENTATION**

At a recent joint meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild and the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Gray, vice-president of the latter, presented Mrs. Richardson with an Astro lamp and a brooch, as a token of regard and appreciation of her 43 years' service as hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire Branch).

Mrs. Richardson, obviously very moved, expressed appreciation of the gifts and said she had enjoyed working for the branch.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for
November 9, 1945

The late Mr. Joseph W. Parker, whose death had recently been announced, was written of in the leader as "the most distinguished member of that small number of men who have added lustre to the story of the Exercise . . ."

At Berkeley, Glos, seven of the ten ringers rang their first peal (Grandsire Caters), which Arthur Prince conducted from the treble.

Walter F. Judge, ringing the 3rd at Banbury, scored his 300th peal, and Richard A. Post his 125th and his first as conductor of Royal.

The first peal on Vancouver Island (Grandsire Triples) was rung by D. Boniface, Miss M. Izard, F. Weatherby, A. King, E. W. Izard, A. B. Lomas, E. F. Salmons and E. Lake. Mr. Salmons conducted and it was the first peal for 1, 2 and tenor.

Among the letters to the editor were those from T. Groombridge, jun., of Notts, on the question of Minor with a cover; from H. L. Martin (Cambridge) on the question of first peals in a method by a ringer who "drums behind"; and the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna) about riding his cycle up Cleeve Hill in the Cotswolds.

The Yorkshire Association officers rang a peal at Ilkley on November 3 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of its foundation, and each member had rung 100 or more peals for the association.

50 YEARS AGO

November 12, 1920

" . . . when surrounded by comparatively young and virile societies it (the College Youths) maintains its place in the forefront of ringing organisations."—Leader

The Gofton family rang the first peal of London on handbells by four brothers. A previous peal, the first of London, was rung by G. R. Pye, William Pye, E. Pye and W. Keeble.

At Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, Lancs, the bells were rededicated in the church porch before being raised to the bell chamber. The restoration followed a fire the previous year.

Miss Hilda Mills was elected hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and Miss A. Fisher, Miss M. Nye and Miss Avenall elected to the committee.

Arthur T. Morris tapped and conducted 5056 Bob Major on October 29, and again a week later, there being witnesses on each occasion.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Oswestry was for the birthday of E. V. Rodenhurst, and, at Stokesay, Daniel T. Matkin conducted Grandsire Doubles, his first as conductor on tower bells.

There was an attendance of 230 at the 333rd anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths held in London last Saturday. The oldest member present, Mr. George Symonds, joined the society in 1898—72 years ago!

COMPOSITIONS

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

By CHRISTOPHER FORSTER

23456 M 3/5 B W H

52364	—	SS		
36245	—	SS		
64352	—		x	
52436	—	SS	(— —)	
23564	—		x	

Repeat five times, calling bracketed bobs in 3rd and 6th parts only 132 c.r.u.'s.

First rung at Norton, Herts, Aug. 4, 1970.

Conducted by Keith Walpole.

Computer proved.

5376, 5184 WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. T. PERRINS

23456 M W H

65432	—	—	—	PWP
24536	—	—	—	PWP

52436	—	—	—	PW
46253	—	—	S	PWP
32654	—	—	—	PWP
64235	—	—	S	PWP

26435	—	—	—	PW
54632	—	—	—	PWP
23645	—	—	—	PWP
56342	—	—	—	PWP

24365	—	—	—	PWP
53462	—	—	—	PWP

25634	A
42356	A

Repeat twice.

5184: In one part, instead of the singles and all in between, just call a bob.

P=Portsmouth; W=Winchester.

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5088 OXFORDSHIRE S. MAJOR

W M H 2345678

—	—	—	—	43652
—	—	2	—	24536
—	S 3rds	—	—	(2437856)
—	S 5ths	—	—	4625378

2	—	—	—	25346
—	—	—	—	32654
—	—	—	—	65324
—	—	2	—	45623
2	—	2	—	32546
—	S 3rds	—	—	(3247856)
—	S 5ths	—	—	2635478

—	—	S	2	23465
—	S	—	—	43526
—	S 3rds	—	—	(4327856)
—	S 5ths	—	—	3645278

2	—	—	—	45236
—	—	—	—	2345678

Rung at Hughenden, Bucks, July 18, 1970.
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