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### THE BIRMINGHAM HANDBELL TRADITION

THE recent attempt by the Birmingham men to recapture the Stedman Cinqes record has turned our mind once again to the contemplation of the Birmingham Stedman Tradition, and particularly to the impressive run of handbell peals that began just fifty years ago. Recollection was stimulated and encouraged by the glimpse we had at Bath of the forgathering of J. F. Smallwood, F. W. Perrens, and F. E. Haynes, for these three are the survivors of a brilliant company, one distinguished for a remarkable series of performances, some of them feats that may possibly be equalled but can scarcely ever be excelled.

For more than a century the Birmingham men were noted for their Stedman and handbell ringing. Chattell and Perks were competent performers "in hand," and so were many of the later St. Martin's Youths. In the year 1888 The Holt Society rang at Aston, which was not at that time in the city of Birmingham, a handbell peal of Stedman Cinqes. It was the first half-and-half peal of Cinqes to be rung, the second handbell peal of Stedman Cinqes to be performed, and it was conducted by that fine old ringer and conductor Henry Bastable. One of the participants in this noteworthy peal was Thomas Russam, and he lived on to provide a link between that fine band and the equally notable company that grew up during the First Great War.

Fifty years ago this year, on June 15th, 1916, the first handbell peal of Stedman Cinqes in the city of Birmingham was rung in the belfry of St. Martin's Church by F. W. Perrens, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, J. F. Smallwood and J. George. It was conducted by James E. Groves, and it was rung at the fourth meeting of the band. The referee was Thomas Russam, and thus the tradition was maintained. Tom was a sound exponent of Stedman on handbells and in the tower, and those of us who had the privilege of ringing peals with him in his latter years can testify to his abiding skill and a sureness of touch that never left him.

By the end of the Great War the Birmingham men were expert ringers of Stedman on handbells, and in the year 1922 they set their sights on an unusual and difficult target. They decided to ring a peal of Stedman on 13 bells, and seeing that they were so well versed in the anatomy of Stedman on the higher numbers, they anticipated no great difficulty in achieving their aim. For the composition of this unusual thing they went, of course, to the versatile John Carter, who produced for them a

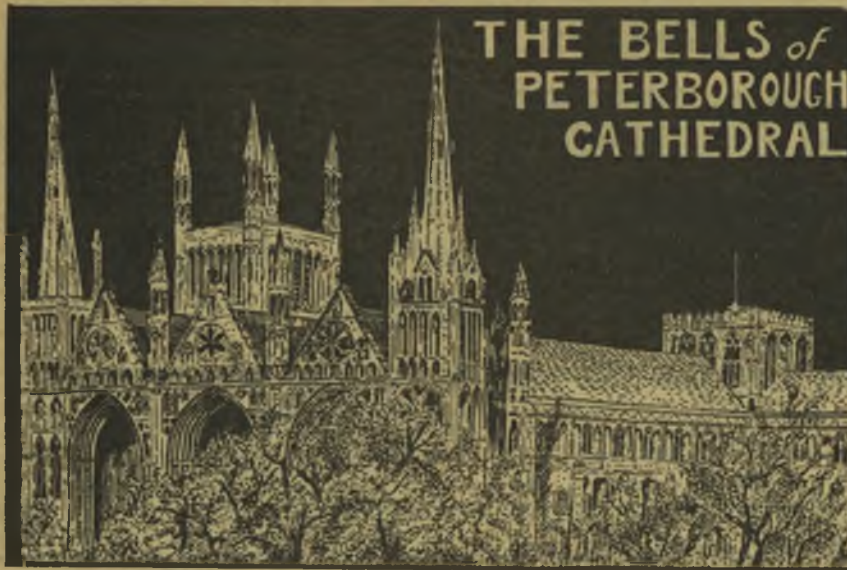
5,055 of what he called Stedman Sextuples. It was a half-and-half composition and the opening course had 13 bobs. The turning course was a most formidable piece of work, for the getting of 7890XET to 8709TEX involved the use of twenty calls. It was the only part of the peal likely to cause anxiety. The peal was rung on June 24th, 1922 and the band sat as follows: T. Russam, A. Walker, P. O. Laffin, G. F. Swann, J. E. Groves, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris. It was conducted by Albert Walker, and he has often related how they neared the half-way turning point with misgiving and how this long and difficult course was rung without the slightest misblow.

The handbell company was now growing in strength and competence. Percy Laffin was incomparable as a ringer and striker, the youthful Albert Norman, known affectionately as "the Pup", had much of the genius of Swinfield and Poole, and Morris J. Morris was rivalled on the back pair only perhaps by his notable namesake Josiah at Leicester. To these must be added that great lover of Stedman Cinqes, Alfred Paddon Smith; and with the coming of Frank Pervin and F. E. Haynes a truly great company emerged.

For more than ten years handbell peals of Stedman Cinqes came in great profusion, and at the meetings of the company it was customary to take turns in acting as umpire for the current peal attempt. Very few attempts failed. On December 15th, 1933 the climax was reached with a really brilliant performance. Agreement on a composition to be rung having been made, six men met, and with the exception of the man reserved for the tenors, each drew from a hat the number of the pair of bells he was to ring. Then, with each man on his merit as ringer and conductor, the peal was rung in complete silence. It was Albert Walker's 100th peal of Cinqes on handbells, and the hospitality at 81 Baker Street afterwards was of a perfection to match the ringing that had preceded it. The performers of this fine feat were F. W. Perrens, G. F. Swann, A. E. Norman, A. Walker, F. E. Pervin, and M. J. Morris.

Other times other manners. Handbell ringing has gone from Birmingham, and a century-old tradition has given place to the founding of another great reputation and the growth of another brilliant company, one highly skilled in the practice of Surprise Maximus. But perhaps the Stedman tradition is only veiled. Birmingham is seeking the Cinqes record on tower bells. It may be that in the coming years there will be a return to the old love.

E.C.S.



By TREVOR A. BEVIS

(Continued from page 426)

Should the tenor bell and parish church clock strike together, a death will occur in the Minster precincts. (Ancient Peterborough tradition.)

For many years regret has been expressed that the bells of Peterborough Cathedral are not rung in the traditional manner. Not unnaturally, city folk were considerably annoyed when the ring of ten, which surely sounded so resonant on the still air, was reduced to the meagre number of five. Not to be outdone, however, despite ominous assertions by leading architects, a gathering of volunteer ringers had an interview with a member of the Chapter, urging restoration of the bells. This gentleman evidently expressed willingness to further the desires of those concerned, but on application to the cathedral architect the opinion was again forthcoming that ringing would very likely endanger the West Front.

However, it seems that some progress was made despite difficulties. A few years later, in 1899, it was agreed that the five bells be quarter-turned and rehung at a cost of £300. But again bad luck dogged the ringers' efforts. Several people arrived at the Cathedral to ring the bells for the first time after renovation, one, Mr. A. J. Abrams, journeying 28 miles from Chatteris on his penny-farthing. He claimed to be the last person to ring the tenor to an extent of Grandsire Doubles. The wedding of a well-known couple was as good an excuse as any to ring the bells, and word had been passed round far and wide that the five would be ringing that particular afternoon. The attendant of misfortune was not far away and this memorable reopening proved too much for him. Architect and the West Front won the day. For 67 years the bells have remained inactive.

The present bells—of good casting—occupy the same positions alongside empty spaces for five more. They have never been rung to a peal. Each bell is suspended from a substantial wooden headstock, and has plain bearings. Wheels and stays are in good order. The steel frame is excellent and practically rust-free. In fact, with the exception that there are no ropes, one would think that the bells were rung only yesterday. To ring them would require a little grease on the bearings, otherwise everything appears to be in very reasonable condition. The ringing chamber is spacious, and leather toe-holds, despite intentions of vandals, still remain fixed to the floor.

Argument against ringing the bells seems a little less feasible when viewing the unequal weight distribution—over four tons—wholly directed to one side of the tower. This could, over the years, weaken the structure; perhaps more so than actually ringing bells which have been scientifically hung. To centralise them or, better still, install a light ring of eight, would not, I think, jeopardise the safety of the fabric. In recent years the West Front—major obstacle as far as ringing is concerned—has been very effectively secured by an elaborate tie-rod arrangement. In the past the bells may well have been too heavy for this type of architecture, but one feels that a ring with a tenor not exceeding 15 cwt. hung perhaps 12 feet lower in the tower would do no harm. The tower is solid enough and shows no tendency to slide back, as does its unfortunate twin, 60 or 70 feet away.

Sympathetic inclinations have been forthcoming from powers that be regarding the possibility of restoring the bells, but the Dean and Chapter are at present heavily committed with urgent restoration work to the fabric. Bell restoration at this stage is therefore looked upon as an expensive "luxury" item. It is hoped that the day is not too far distant when a ring of bells is heard again from the north-west tower of this very lovely building.

The "old five" have been sounded for curfew at 8 p.m. in winter and 9 p.m. in summer, and on Sundays they are "clocked" for ten minutes before each service. It seems ironic, for they are capable of better things.

Footnote.—The writer desires to acknowledge the co-operation of Canon Cartwright, a Cathedral librarian, and Mr. Brook, head verger.

## FARNHAM DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

The striking competition of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Bentley on June 25th, when nine teams entered. A blustery afternoon at the start turned to rain before half the teams had "done their stuff" and the judge, Mr. Frank Darby, with his lady assistant had to complete their duties under the shelter of a good tree in the churchyard. This was good-humouredly remarked on by Mr. Darby after an excellent tea, when he announced the results. Placings were: 1 Farnborough (20 faults), 2 Aldershot "A" (22), 3 Bentley (23).

The District Master, Mr. Tom Page, was in command for the evening ringing, a wide variety from rounds to Surprise catering for everybody.

R. B.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

THE 87th annual general meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. Ringing commenced at the Cathedral at 10 a.m. and attempts were made to cater for all who wanted a ring before the service at 11 o'clock. This was conducted by the Cathedral Precentor, the Rev. T. Pugh, and the sermon was given by the Bishop of Colchester, a vice-president of the Association.

The meeting started soon after midday with Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association, acting as chairman, supported by other officers and approximately 100 members and friends. Proceedings were carried through expeditiously. Mr. P. J. Eves, the treasurer, presented the accounts and it was pleasing to note that an increase of £12 15s. 10d. in the General Account had brought the total realisable assets of the Association to just under £400. Grants totalling £45 had been made to Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Bentley Common out of the Bell Restoration Fund.

The annual report for 1965 (which had been circulated to members) was received for discussion. Criticism of the annual report came from various members and it was pointed out to the Master that a comprehensive check had taken place as to the accuracy of the annual report by two members, and that no less than 118 mistakes had been found. The majority of these mistakes were only small, negligible items but there were some to which the chairman could offer no explanation.

## GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

The Master, in his report, congratulated all the younger members of the Association upon ringing more peals, often of an intricate nature, but he asked that wherever they might be ringing due consideration should be given to the incumbent and local ringers.

The peals secretary, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, in his report, had recorded 106 peals rung, this being the greatest total since 1961, when 112 were rung. A pleasing feature was that the number of methods rung in a peal of spliced had risen to 11 Surprise Major methods and 105 Minor methods, both conducted by J. E. G. Roast. A peal of Stedman Cinques rung entirely by members of the South-Eastern Division at Chelmsford was successfully brought round. The leading peal ringer was James L. Towler, who scored 39, and the leading lady was Miss Lesley Ward, who rang 23. Seventeen members rang their first peal during the year.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Since no other nominations were received, the honorary officers were all re-elected: Master, R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, H. Turner; hon. secretary, P. W. Saltmarsh; hon. treasurer, P. J. Eves; auditors, F. Goddard and D. J. Mayell; trustees, J. Crowley, I. Pantone and D. A. S. Symonds.

It was mentioned that it might not be possible to hold next year's annual general meeting on Whit Monday because the Government was proposing to move the Bank Holiday to another Monday in May. The Master assured the house that the 88th annual general meeting would be held on the official public holiday.

A vote of thanks was given by Mr. Heazel to all those who had been concerned in the arrangements and who had assisted in the meeting: special mention was made of the members of the South-Eastern Division who were preparing lunch and tea.

After an excellent lunch in the Cathedral Hall ringing was resumed at towers surrounding Chelmsford until 9 p.m.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On June 11th the Biggleswade District went to Potton for the first time in many years. The attendance unfortunately was rather low, Potton ringers and our District members making the majority. The business meeting was held before tea in the church. Our thanks to the Vicar for the service and his kind permission to use the bells; and the ladies for the sumptuous tea.

L. E.

# KLOKKEN EN KLOKKENGIEIERS

## (Bells and Founders)

By VICTOR SHEPPARD

**DURING** a visit to the Netherlands last winter I was most hospitably received by members of the Dutch bellringing fraternity and given the rare opportunity of ringing at Amsterdam's famous Westertoer. The tower and the church Westerkerk are always spoken of separately, for the ownership of the tower passed to the Municipality during the 18th century, and performances on the 47-bell carillon or chiming the three bells are by permission of the Mayor; they are consequently concerned with civic and state occasions, and only incidentally with the church services; Christmas was one of these occasions.

The carillon recital late on Christmas Eve was a musical experience of a high order, and Mr. Ritter's playing on this four-octave instrument brought forth nuances of expression I had never before associated with the bell. While this was going on people flocked into the great church; they came from all directions, by car, by tram, on foot and on the ubiquitous bicycle splashing through the rain; it was a dramatic sight to witness a multitude converging on the Westerkerk until the deacons shut the doors to latecomers. That great gathering sang to lift the roof. Next morning while it was yet dark I returned to the Wester, where at the invitation of Mr. Hans Waarners I was to join the band. As a special treat we were allowed to climb to the upper gallery and watch Christmas Day dawn over the city.

### CHRISTMAS BELLS

Returning past the bells I noted they were by F. Hemony (24 cwt. and 29 cwt.) and Claud Frey (60 cwt.). Intended for swing chiming they are well tucked up in steel headstocks, indeed the tenor's bearings are half-way down her waist; the wooden wheels are made from solid segments and the rope channel merely a shallow groove without side cheeks; there are of course no stays. Most of the draught of 65 feet is taken up by wire rope and only the final 10 feet in the ringing chamber is of sisal rope, one inch diameter! Fourteen young people had assembled and I took the opportunity of speaking for ten minutes on change ringing before we began chiming—this was carried out in complete ignorance of the rudiments of striking—on these fine-toned bells.

Some days later I was able to visit the village of Aarle-Rixtel and tour Petit and Fritsen's foundry. P. and Fritsen, as they are called, claim to be the world's largest and oldest bellfounders, supplying 80 per cent. of America's needs. Petit was an itinerant French founder, in 1660 he settled in the Catholic south of Holland, and the statue of the Virgin still presides over their largest furnace. The present foundry was erected in 1899, and in 1958 an erecting shop was added. The factory employs 75 people and full use is made of electric welding; headstocks and wheels being fabricated from M.S. plate. The large furnace mentioned above is seldom used, for few bells over 40 cwt. are made now; when it is required the wood fire is lit at 7 a.m. for 4 p.m. casting; smaller furnaces are oil-fired.

One department of this factory is solely concerned with assembling automatic player mechanisms, and a few years ago after a survey of the American market part of the

plant was retrofitted for quantity production of handbells; their output over a range of 49 sizes is impressive. Interesting differences from English handbells are the patent clapper system using a circular leather "tap" washer with a see-saw type spring; the handles of bells over 4½ inches diameter are reinforced with a metal under-strap; whilst the bell's profile with its machined right-angle shoulder is quite distinctive. The importance of P. and Fritsen to the village economy over three centuries was recognised in 1960, when the road to the foundry was named Bell Founders Street and in return the Parish Church received a chime of bells.

### CASTING DIFFERENCES

Ten miles from Aarle-Rixtel is the small town of Asten, home of Messrs. Eisbouts' bell foundry. Here I found Mr. André Lehr, their designer and distinguished historian of the subject. In casting tower bells there are again differences from English practice. The core is built upon a turntable while its strickle board is stationary. On this core the false bell is made in loam and finished with a thin (¼ mm.) skin of wax; the ornaments and letters, also of wax, are easily attached. This foundry's marks are two scenes in the style of mediæval wood carvings depicting the miracle at Cana and the Adoration of the Magi. The cope, a prefabricated assembly of ring sections is now built over the false bell: when baked dry, cope and core are separated and the false bell brushed out. At P. and Fritsen's they provide a by-pass for the liquid metal to run in at the bottom of the mould.

Eisbouts, who do not make handbells, apply electronic tuning to an accuracy of one-hundredth of a semitone. During both world wars it was the practice of the Germans to take bells for munitions and in this way Holland's churches were widely pillaged. Today the Dutch Historical Bell Commission has power to prevent the destruction of any bell made before 1860, thus recasting old bells occurs only once or twice a year.

Few towns in Holland are without their carillon in church or secular tower, and many commercial buildings, schools and hotels are enlivened with automatic chimes of nine or twelve bells, similarly any jeweller's shop of repute is glad to advertise itself with a charming melody four times an hour.

The Dutch society of ringers (N.K.V.) publish "Bell and Clapper" (Klok en Klepel) twice a year: it is invaluable for anyone interested in the carillon, there are articles on old founders and new installations throughout the world, notices of meetings, broadcasts and belfry gossip, too. The editor is Rinus de Jong, Dinkelstraat 2, Enschede, Holland. Membership, including all publications, costs 12s. per year.

**HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On June 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Wellburn 1, M. Kirkham (first quarter) 2 A. Burbidge 3, B. D. Sims (cond.) 4, M. Matthews 5, R. Foster 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Bernard and Sandra Sims.

**TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Rosemary Smith 1, R. Smith 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, M. Heymann 4, A. Perry 5, A. Butt 6. Ring half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Cottle, captain of Timsbury ringers, cremated earlier the same day.

### KEEP 'EM MOVING!

#### 21-Team Entry in Devon Contest

**TUCKED** away in the rolling countryside of the South Hams, the village of Diptford was, on June 25th, the scene of the annual invitation six-bell festival organised by Mr. B. E. Bartlett, secretary of the South Devon Ringers' Association. The team from Modbury was first into the church tower at 1 o'clock and a further eight teams, each ringing the prize peal—60 on Thirds—were to ring by service time at 4 o'clock. In conducting the service, the Rector, the Rev. L. W. Ford, was assisted by the Association's president, the Vicar of Kingsteignton.

With the shortest possible interval between peals, the rest of the 21-team entry followed each other into the tower until Plymstock "A" team brought the bells "down" at a few minutes after 8.30. There had been no pause for tea during the ringing. The judging was by Messrs T. G. Daw, C. J. Rice, R. M. Elliott and A. Tapper. The George Middleton Shield and certificates were presented by the Rector to the six winning teams: Plymstock "A" team with no more than 9½ faults, West Alvington "A" (11½ faults), Down St. Mary (12½), Stoke Gabriel (15), Bigbury (19½) and West Alvington "B" (22½). Mr. Tapper as spokesman, remarked on the very high standard of ringing reached and the excellent co-operation shown throughout the competition in getting such a large entry "through" in such good time.

The financial side of the festival means that approximately £20 will be shared between Diptford and Blackawton Churches, the latter needing funds to "waterproof" its tower.

### OUTINGS

#### PENN, STAFFS

St. Bartholomew's ringers and friends, some 40 in number, enjoyed their annual outing on May 21st, and for Penn ringers the route was unusual.

Leaving Penn at about 7.45 p.m., Hinckley was reached at approximately 9.30 a.m., when we enjoyed some fair ringing. Before leaving for Rugby there was a coffee adjournment. The fine ring of eight at St. Andrew's, Rugby, was not put to good use, but the weight prevented the Penn contingent from giving of their best.

After lunch we wended our way, keeping clear of the main trunk roads, to Uppingham, where the ringing was much more satisfactory. Tea was taken at Leicester, and then we rang on the delightful ring at the Cathedral.

Arriving back at Penn at about 11 p.m., it was agreed a good day had been had by all.

Our thanks to all incumbents and the ringers who met us also to Harry, our coach driver, who has now completed ten years of outings with Penn ringers. C. F. W. E.

#### ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT

A leisurely and very pleasant tour took in five of the best towers in the area of the Cotswolds. Double Norwich was rung at Charlton Kings and Bourton-on-the-Water; at Stratford-on-Avon a ladies' band was made up to ring the bells for a short time. Last tower of the day was Ledbury, where a high standard of ringing was maintained, matching the delightful weather. Mr. John Smith was responsible for the efficient organisation. K. C. J.

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## Letters to the Editor

### CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—I do not propose to reply point by point to the contributions of Messrs. Corby and Ainsworth because the time is inopportune to risk being drawn into a lengthy correspondence. It may well be that either or both have as a secondary motive the purpose of ascertaining whether the new broom has more bristles than hair.

Most of the features had not been unobserved, and in particular the undesirable consequences of having to conduct the business meeting to an inconvenient timetable.

Obviously, the Council is unable to tell its hosts when and how they shall entertain, but I do hope that in future it will be possible for arrangements to permit the Council to give undivided attention to the whole of the agenda.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,  
Secretary,

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

### LOCAL VIEW

Dear Sir,—I feel that some local comment is required concerning the "strict" timetable of the Central Council meeting at Bath. It does seem that an impression has arisen that insufficient time was allotted to the afternoon session of the Council and that it was imperative that the business be concluded as expeditiously as possible in order to enjoy the social arrangements to the full.

The timetable was agreed after careful study of the programme of recent years and, in fact, the Civic Reception was timed for a quarter of an hour later than those of 1965 and 1964 at Northampton and Truro. It was unfortunate that the meeting took place in a building that was open to the public and that the only room available for the reception was that in which the meeting took place. Consequently the Spa Director had to insist that the room be cleared at 4 p.m. so that preparations be made. It was his suggestion that members might like to fill in the intervening period by viewing the Roman Baths. It was possible for the business to continue after the reception and the room was available for a longer evening session if required.—Yours faithfully,

GWILYM SALMON,  
Secretary,  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Assn.

### TUTORS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir,—The ladder to successful change ringing might be said to contain three main rungs:

- (1) Handling a bell.
- (2) Ringing a bell in time with several others, which involves correctness both (a) in dovetailing with the rest and (b) in leading.
- (3) The basic essentials of change ringing itself.

One may say that all this is fairly obvious. In the "Beginners' Handbook," however, whilst (1) and (3) form the main divisions, item (2) is treated as a subsidiary part of (1).

Considering its importance, would it not be more suitable to make this item a separate section, even though a smaller one? My own observations suggest that it would.—Yours faithfully,  
D. MOTTERSHEAD,  
Wilmslow, Cheshire.

### MANUAL FOR TUTORS

Dear Sir,—In the report of the proceedings of the recent meeting of the Central Council it is stated that "There is need for a companion to the 'Beginners' Handbook,' catering for the instructor," and that a Tutor's Handbook was called for. This was realised some ten years ago, and we would draw attention to the fact that such a book, i.e., Part I of the Ringers' Manual of Reference, was first published in 1957 and has run through two editions. It deals with "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing" and is the first exposition of the teaching of the "mechanics" of method ringing, before ringing of the methods themselves is attempted. It caters for beginner and tutor alike, and has been used successfully by tutors of this College in teaching up to the stage when method ringing can be readily performed on learning the structure of the method itself.

At the moment it is out of print, but a steady trickle of enquiries prompts our Administrative Committee to consider a third (again revised) edition. As a non-profit project these publications are a considerable financial responsibility, however, and a firm indication of demand is essential.

The development of progressive ability to ring methods of increasing difficulty is being dealt with in the projected Part III of this Manual series—"An Introduction to Method Ringing on Tower Bells." Six other Parts are planned to follow.—Yours faithfully,

P. and P.R.O.,  
College of Campanology.

Southsea.

### WANTS FRONT PAGE CHANGE

Dear Sir,—The item "Christmas Card Bells" (page 232) seems an appropriate encouragement to "have a go" at the frontispiece of "The Ringing World." I am of the opinion that the time is overdue for change to something more in keeping with the bells used for change ringing.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. TAYLOR,  
Darley Dale, Derby.

### ISLE OF THANET WEDDING

There was a big gathering of ringers at St. Peter's-in-Isle of Thanet on June 11th for the wedding of two popular members of the Kent County Association, Mr. John D. Faircloth, former Ringing Master and "Ringing World" correspondent for the Lewisham District, and Miss Mary Taylor.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Prichard, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Major H. Taylor, wore a full-length white rose-designed brocade dress and carried a white prayer book and a spray of red rosebuds.

Mr. Geoffrey Fielding was best man and Messrs. Ian Oram and Tony Lewis grooms-men. Among the ringers present were Kate and Andrew Macve, who had travelled from Buxton, Derbyshire, and Dave Manger and Jennifer Wright from Chelsfield. The reception at the Grand Ballroom Sun Lounge was attended by about 60 guests. In honour of the occasion a peal was rung at West Wickham, where John was a member of the local band for a number of years.

### CORNISH CORRECTIONS

When the Diocese of Truro was founded in 1877 the jurisdiction of the See comprised the whole of the county of Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and three parishes in Devonshire, viz.: St. Giles-in-the-Heath (5 bells) with Virginstow (1), North Petherwyn (6) and Werrington (8). As from April 1st this year North Petherwyn and Werrington have been transferred to Cornwall and that bulge of Devonshire into Cornwall has been eliminated. The line of the River Tamar is the line of demarcation. Thus Cornwall gains a ring of six and a ring of eight to Devon's loss. Owners of "Dove" and peal ringers of the future please note!

Another correction to be made is that the five tubular bells at St. Peter's, Newlyn, have given place to one new bell of 2 cwt. supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Unfortunately the tiny tower will take no more, otherwise the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Hosking, might have done better than this, for when Vicar of St. Mawgan-in-Pydar he completely restored the ring of eight there a few years ago.

Yet one more correction. Dove's Directory lists St. Clether as "Unringable." On Whit Monday the peal band from St. Mary's, Launceston, less the three Central Council representatives who had departed for Bath but augmented by Mrs. Carveth, were guided by Alan Carveth to Laneast (a useful and pleasant six) and from there to St. Clether (a ring of five). Both rings come under the care of the same incumbent, who had given permission to ring them.

On arrival at St. Clether a typed note on the door to the bell-chamber was to the effect that the bells must not be rung until a new frame had been installed, but this must wait for more important undertakings to be completed. The first sight of an almost unused set of ropes was rather surprising. The key was obtained and the bell-frame inspected. Apart from birds having got partly through the wire mesh over one set of louvres, all was remarkably clean and the frame solid and apparently secure with fittings likewise. The bells were rung up singly, and then Alan remained aloft whilst they were rung in rounds. Such is always a moment of suspense, with the fear that tower and bells might momentarily collapse! As all seemed well a six-score of Grandsire was rung, and all that seemed needed was some oil. This will be taken on the next visit.

St. Clether originally possessed four bells, but the tenor was recast into two trebles to make a ring of five. The present fourth and tenor are pre-Reformation bells. The day ended with a visit to a field called Chapel Park not far from the church, where can be found the remains of an altar and the Holy Well and which is the largest well chapel in Cornwall.  
A. S. R.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

#### Ashford District

About 40 people attended the meeting at Appledore on the hot, thundery afternoon of June 11th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. N. Towse, who gave a very interesting address about the history of the church. Tea was enjoyed at the Village Hall, organised by the Appledore ringers. Mr. J. Willis took the chair at the short business meeting at the conclusion of which a comprehensive vote of thanks was expressed by Mr. Phelps of New Romney.

Ringings continued until 9 p.m. but was not of a high standard in spite of the presence of the "Lurker" himself.  
R. J. S.

**BELL ROPES**  
JOHN NICOLL  
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**PIXIES AT OTTERY ST. MARY**

According to legend, the pixies who resided at Pixies Parlour at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, during the 15th century, when the first bells were ordered for the Parish Church, hatched a terrible plot to get rid of those "horrid pieces of copper and tin," for the sound of bells is abhorred by pixies and such folk.

A spell was cast, and the train of horse-drawn wagons bringing the bells to the church was diverted towards the high cliffs overlooking the sea at Ladram Bay. With the first wagon and its precious load about to plunge some 500 feet into the sea, the man leading the horse trod on a thistle and was heard to utter "God bless my soul and St. Mary."

These words were the antidote to the spell apparently, and so at the last possible moment the bells were saved and the pixies defeated. Defeated at least for another year that is, until the next Midsummer Day, when they would be able to try again to rid themselves of the sound of bells.

Each year the local inhabitants have been successful in outwitting the pixies and this year was no exception, although they tried their hardest. At 7 p.m. the bells were ringing merrily but within a few seconds hoards of screaming little folk dressed in yellow and green with funny pointed hats arrived at the church and the bells came to an abrupt stand. The ringers, as if under a spell, emerged from the tower one by one and were immediately trussed up and taken away by the pixies to a cave which they had erected in the town square and where they were to be imprisoned for ever. When all hope seemed gone and the townsfolk were resigned to the fact that the bells of Ottery St. Mary would now be silent for ever, one ringer who was being exceptionally harshly treated by one of the little folk uttered the now famous words "God bless my soul and St. Mary," and so the spell was broken for another year. The ringers escaped from the cave and hurried back to the tower and celebrated their fantastic escape by ringing a quarter peal of Stedman Triples.

Rumours heard by those "in contact" with the little folk during the weeks previous to their celebrations led them to persuade the tower captain, Charles Turner, to leave the town in order to avoid a nasty experience. Normally this man would not let this sort of threat worry him, but even he could not afford to take a chance with the little folk, and it is no surprise that he left early on that very day for his annual holiday.

C. C. T.

**5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

By **STEPHEN IVIN**

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Four times repeated.

First rung at Woburn, April 10th, 1966.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Clevedon St. Andrew's (8) on June 18th. Ringing preceded the service which was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. T. P. Nicholls, and afterwards the company enjoyed a splendid tea.

At the business meeting two new members were elected from Wraxall. Meetings, subject to permission, were arranged as follows: Quarterly, Nailsea (September); practice, Clapton-in-Gordano (July); joint with Frome Branch, Farnborough (August).

Strong criticism was received that the Annual Report had not yet been received. It was stressed that members should have it before the annual meeting to give them the chance to study it beforehand. Excuses for the delay in its production came in for caustic comment.

Further sharp criticism was levelled at the handling of the discussion on Rule 8 (Peal Booking Fees) at the annual meeting. Members pointed out that although the Association supported "The Ringing World" by sending half the booking fee to the journal, this should not be a rule but subject to the decision of each annual meeting. A resolution to this effect was passed, for submission to the next A.G.M.

Two Branch members, both from Long Ashton, were singled out for special mention: Peter Bridle, who had that day taken part in the latest record-breaking peal of Surprise Major in 70 methods, and John Gilbert, for his part in the arrangements for the C.C. meeting at Bath.

J. B.

**OBITUARY**

**MRS. KATHLEEN LOCK**

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Kathleen Lock, widow of Mr. Albert Lock late Ringing Master at Abingdon, Berkshire and a prominent member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Mrs. Lock shared her husband's interests in ringing but had not rung during the past 15 months following an operation. A memorial service will be held in St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon on Thursday, July 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

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**OUTINGS**

**KEELE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY**

THE University of Keele Society's outing to the Lake District began on June 17th as the pessimists predicted, with a thunderstorm followed by torrential rain. Consequently there was a hasty evacuation of the camp site on the following morning for the warmth and shelter of a local cafe.

Starting at Ambleside (8, 32½ cwt.) proved somewhat optimistic; only Plain Bob Major came round, the tenor stubbornly refusing to stay up for the remainder. To make matters worse, the hon. secretary broke a rope during the lower. The next tower, at Langdale (6, 8 cwt.), proved more successful, Cambridge, Original and Spliced Minor coming round. The party then split up for lunch.

At Keswick (8, 14 cwt.), the local organist demonstrated his instrument to those interested, and methods rung here included Stedman, Cambridge and Kent, in which the local Ringing Master joined us. The next call was at Bowness-on-Windermere (8, 13 cwt.), where we rang the only course of Yorkshire of the outing.

En route for Heversham the hired car acquired a flat tyre; the jack provided was useless and so a passing mini owner was flagged down to provide the means out of our difficulty. At Heverham we met Diana Handley and her husband, who accompanied us to the last tower of the day, at Crosthwaite (6, 10½ cwt.) and kindly invited us back to their home for coffee and handbells. Our performance at Crosthwaite had better be glossed over by admitting that the bells were just too much for us.

The following day some of the band rang at Kendal for morning service, and at Hawkshead before departing for Keele.

Grateful thanks are due to the organiser (Philip C. Kimber), to the drivers, cooks, local incumbents, North Staffs ringers, who swelled our numbers sufficiently to make the outing possible, and finally to all those people who met us.

M. J. R.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS**


Leckhampton, Glos. ringers made the most of a halfday outing on June 11th by a prompt start and good timekeeping.

The light six at Siddington are very noisy, and after a brief visit the coach left the county, and passengers enjoyed typical Wiltshire downland scenery en route to Bishop's Cannings said to have the first octave in the county. The bells are impressive, although an alarming bump from the tenor is disconcerting.

Masien's Café, Calne, produced a most satisfactory tea, including the traditional Wiltshire cake. The bells of St. Mary's Church are three times the weight of our home tower, and we were content with standard methods to do justice to these excellent bells.

Feeling more at home at Malmesbury, we caught up c.1 the organiser's selected methods and rang Oxford Bob Triples and Little Bob Major. The six at North Cerney were last, and touches were suspiciously short when it became apparent that refreshment was very close at hand. The final Cambridge Minor was much enjoyed by those ringing and the more thirsty listening!

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# THE 1966 HEREFORD RINGING COURSE



I WONDER how long it takes for an annual event to become a tradition. The week-end ringing course held at Hereford at the end of April was the fourth to be held in this ancient cathedral city and, to judge from the enthusiastic comments of those who attended it, it will certainly not be the last.

The course, held as usual at the Hereford Training College, was directed by Mr. W. F. Moreton with the able assistance of Mr. G. T. Cousins. Lecturers were Messrs. F. Sharpe, N. Chaddock and C. A. Wratten, and the domestic arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. A. T. Wingate. It is to these people that 40 ringers, from a very wide area, owe their thanks for an instructive and most enjoyable week-end. Indeed, when one considers the wide variety of age and ability in the "students," it speaks well of the teaching and organisation that everyone was asking at the end: "Will there be another course next year?"

The syllabus, ranging from the fundamentals of teaching and learning bell control through elementary change ringing on tower- and hand-bells, care and maintenance of bells and tune ringing to composition, was carefully planned to cater for the wide range of abilities and interests. There were also periods of practical work in the tower. In between all these sessions we did however manage to visit a local Chinese restaurant: admittedly this was due to a slight omission in the printed programme—or at least in the copy that was given to the cooks!—but it did enable us to enjoy the novel experience of having a meal in a restaurant without having to face a bill in the end.

But perhaps the outstanding feature of the week-end was the friendliness and enthusiasm that abounded. The lecturers had a sympathetic ear for all problems, a seemingly endless supply of patience and, above all, a dedication to the art that did not fail to inspire even the humblest to greater things. It is difficult to think of any other circumstances where the old, the young and—dare I say it?—the middle-aged work together in such harmony. The Hereford course is to be commended to all: long may it flourish.

M. W.

**LEWISHAM, LONDON.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, J. Machell 2, Miss L. Clarke (first "inside") 3, Miss C. Reed (first as cond.) 4, D. Gebbett 5, P. Royds-Jones 6, D. G. H. Hollis 7, M. Tunnicliffe 8.

## BALDOCK RINGERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

IT WAS 7.30 a.m. on June 11th when the somewhat sleepy Baldock ringers clambered into their coach to journey to Lincoln and the surrounding district for their annual outing. Already on the coach were ringers from Kimpton, Hitchin and St. Ippolyts, as Baldock's outings have always been a District affair rather than just a tower outing.

After two and a half hours' journey we stopped at Sleaford for morning coffee and then sampled the 19 cwt. eight. This ground-floor ring is somewhat unwieldy but when struck at a crisp pace go like the proverbial "tops."

The early morning mist was still lying around Lincoln Cathedral, high on its hillside, when we reached the city from the south side. We had first to ring at St. Giles' on the 18cwt. eight, which are excellent to handle.

After lunch, ringers gathered at St. Hugh's tower. When the ringers reached the ringing chamber, after climbing a mere 126 steps, they were extremely pleased to find the bells up. Here was a fine ring of 12, but due to the numbers of learners in the party only rounds were accomplished, but Stedman was obtained on the ten, and all enjoyed this musical ring.

Back to the coach, and now on to Newark, where the tenor of this ten brought beads of perspiration to the forehead of even Jack Dear—no easy bell this, although with the help of two local ringers Cambridge Royal was achieved. Tea followed.

Our last port of call for the day was Caythorpe. The new incumbent informed us that a rope had broken, so we could only have seven bells. Inspection revealed that the third indeed had no rope at all, but searching in the belfry brought a rope to light, which was then fitted to the bell. We now proceeded to ring this 10 cwt. eight up in peal, but, alas, the third refused to go more than halfway: still closer inspection showed that the Hastings stay was too long, and speedy removal of the offending stay permitted ringing to start. These bells are tuneful and reasonably easy going, but lack of use and disrepair may soon render them unusable.

It was a weary but satisfied party of ringers that eventually disembarked in Baldock at an early hour on Sunday morning after a stop at Grantham. A truly excellent outing, well organised as usual by Eddie Buck, to whom, together with the incumbents, we extend our sincere thanks.

J. K. O.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Shroton on June 18th. The bells were rung to a variety of methods, ranging from rounds to London Surprise Minor, before the service, conducted by the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. N. Longridge, with Mr. F. Greenway (also a ringer) at the organ. The Rector, Rev. Dr. R. M. Taylor, gave a most helpful address, his theme being that we as Christians are all members one of another. Afterwards 30 members and friends, including visitors from Yeovil and Lyme Regis, sat down to a sumptuous tea, served by ladies of the church. At the business meeting eight new members were elected, including three under 17. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to those who had made the Branch so welcome. Further ringing was enjoyed both there and at Childe Okeford.

## Marlborough Branch

Musical honours were accorded the Rev. R. Keeley at the monthly meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Chisledon on June 18th, when it was discovered that the day was his birthday. Roger officiated as Ringing Master for the afternoon and evening ringing.

Mr. G. Bowman (lay reader) conducted the service, with Mr. W. Drewitt as organist. A lavish Chisledon tea prepared and served by Mrs. Court, Mr. Bob Court and helpers was enjoyed.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. G. Newman, a hearty welcome was given to the visitors, who included Mr. Tony Peake, fresh from another record-breaking peal of 70 different Spliced Surprise Major methods accomplished that morning at Stratton St. Margaret.

Next three monthly meetings: Overton, Aldbourne and Burbage-with-Milton (subject to permission). Branch outing: September 24th, Lymington area of New Forest.

## LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY

On June 18th upwards of 50 ringers from Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk, Cambs, Lincs, Staffs and London attended the Lavenham ringing anniversary, the bells being kept going from 2.30 to 9 p.m., methods ranging from Plain Bob to Yorkshire Surprise. This also coincided with the Church Flower Festival, which attracted over 9,000 visitors during the week-end.

## ELEGY—FOR A SOLEMN PARTING

(Sung on the departure of the Rev. Peter Bond from St. Augustine's, Gillingham)

There's a large clergyman we all very well know:  
Singing Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter!  
Three years he has been here, and now he must go.  
Singing Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter!  
Our hearts being broken, no tongue can express  
The sorrow that fills them. Yet we must confess  
The place will be quieter, nevertheless,  
Without Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.

The nylon surplice must go on its way  
With Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter;  
The fishing-net underwear washed every day  
By Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.  
Of instruction on bell-ringing we are bereft.  
To mend our clocks there's none so deft.  
To talk of diets there's no one left  
Like Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.

Now Gussie's slips gently back into its doze  
Without Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.  
A notable chapter we finally close  
About Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.  
We suffer no longer that back-slapping zest:  
"Believe you me!" troubles no longer our rest;  
But a laugh we may hear when the wind's west-nor'-west  
From Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.

The Missions to Seamen are in for a shock  
From Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter,  
Where the angel flies over Tilbury Dock  
Above Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.  
When the chaplain sets foot in a rather small boat,  
We must all hold our breath: will it still stay afloat,  
Or a splash and a wave and some bubbles denote  
That was Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter?

When at length Peter's called from this valley of woe,  
Crying Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter,  
To his heav'nly reward we trust he will go  
Flying Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.  
But we doubt not that, should he at length reach the gate,  
Saint Peter himself will be forced there to wait  
While our Peter explains seven times why he's late—  
Knowing Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter

To be sung to the tune of Tit Willow (from "The Mikado"), Gilbert and Sullivan.

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### SEVENTY-SEVEN AND BACK IN HARNESS

Ringers in East Devon will be extremely pleased to learn that the Branch vice-chairman, Mr. John Arbury (77) is back ringing again after an extremely serious operation. It says much for his physical and mental ability that only two and a half months after undergoing the operation he celebrated his second visit to the tower by ringing the treble faultlessly to a quarter peal of Stedman Triples.

Brother James (75) on the tenor contributed much to this quarter by setting an excellent beat which was maintained throughout. When asked why he is able to set such a cracking pace, James attributes his fitness for most things to a regular pinch of snuff,

### PEAL BAND CHANGED

It had been intended in the peal of Stedman Cinques at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool, to ring it for the University of London Society, but one of the band was taken ill and felt he would not last the peal. Mr. David Wilford, of the Liverpool University Society, stood in at an hour's notice and the band is very grateful to him for doing so.

**CLITHEROE, LANCs.**—On June 6th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Wright 1, P. Norman 2, F. Price 3, J. Pilkington (cond.) 4, J. P. Jenkinson 5. To mark the election of the Mayor, Mr. T. Robinson.

### AN AMERICAN QUERY

Mr. Rick Dirksen points out that the quarter peal of 1,260 Doubles in two methods rung on Easter Day at Calgary, Alberta (page 279) was not the first quarter rung in North America in more than one method. He states that one in three methods was rung at Washington Cathedral on June 1st, 1965. He inquires if this was the first.

"Let me say I always look forward to 'The Ringing World' and have no grumbles."—A Cornish reader.

Mr. Roy H. Jones informs us that the peal at Marston on January 15th was his 100th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and not his 100th.

Among interesting "plural" orders received for the new book "Method Structure in Change Ringing" are those from New Zealand and from the County Librarian, Norfolk Education Authority, for seven copies. They already have several copies of Part One of this series, "The Ringers' Manual of Reference."

Mr. F. Reed, R.A.F., Little Rissington, Glos, writes correcting the claim that the peal of London Surprise Royal at East Retford on June 4th (page 400) was the first in the method on the bells. The first was rung on August 26th, 1950, for the Yorkshire Association, conducted by the late James C. E. Simpson.

**BURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. H. Whittell 1, S. Christian 2, L. J. S. Parry 3, R. C. Groom 4, S. J. Hammond 5, M. J. Howes (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

### BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the sixth in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Marple (page 471) was Alan F. Scholfield and not as submitted.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Bulwell on May 1st was 5,152 changes and not 5,040, as submitted.

Thirteen-year-old Timothy Hollis, son of the Vicar of Rotherham, rang the treble of the back eight there to his first peal on June 25th. He is the 40th pupil of Mr. Norman Chaddock to reach this standard, almost invariably in separate peals.

At Ruishton, Taunton, a birthday quarter peal was rung on June 22nd to Mr. R. F. Arcscott. His ten-year-old daughter, Sylvia, and 12-year-old son, Adrian, both took part while father kept a measured beat on the tenor.

We regret that details of a quarter peal of T.B. Royal at Southwark Cathedral on March 23rd had either been lost or overlooked while we were moving offices, as it was an engagement compliment to Deborah M. Hopkins and A. S. Bishop, who have both done much for the advancement of ringing in Metropolitan Surrey and S.W. London.

An interesting point about the peal at Croydon Parish Church on June 25th is that the last all-local peal was in 1953 and that it was the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the present bells, the previous one being in 1927 on the old eight. Incidentally, the local Society are proud of their title—The Ancient Society of Croydon Parish Church Bellringers (Est. 1730).

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### THE REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA'S JUBILEE

The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, who now lives in retirement at Penzance, celebrated the jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on June 28th. Father Trehwella has had a lifelong interest in bells and ringing and, apart from serving his title at St. Margaret's, Barking, has spent all his ministry in Cornwall. He returned to his native county in 1918, when he went to Truro Cathedral as curate of St. Mary's Parish. After further curacies at St. Paul's, Truro, and St. Agnes, he became Vicar of Zennor and then returned to St. Paul's, Truro, as Vicar before moving to Crantock.

Father Trehwella has done much for ringing in Cornwall in his own quiet way. When curate of St. Paul's, Truro, he found a fund still in existence from the sale of a set of ten tubular bells, and persuaded the Vicar to install a beautiful 12 cwt. ringing bell by Taylors. Unfortunately in recent years the wheel has been dismantled because of fears for the safety of the tower.

At Zennor, Father Trehwella found three ancient bells and he at once had these restored and augmented to six. At Crantock he took over six bells of which the tenor only was hung for ringing, and had the whole restored as a usable ring. All this work is a sign that for over 30 years the Truro Diocesan Guild had a secretary whose interest in the bells of Cornwall never flagged and, further, Father Trehwella is one who can pride himself upon having rung on all the rings in the county capable of being rung.

In honour of the occasion a quarter peal of Bob Major was rung at Probus on June 18th.

### MR. CHADDOCK'S WORK FOR YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Chaddock, who, due to pressure of other commitments, recently gave up his vice-presidency of the Yorkshire Association, served six years in this office, nine on the General Committee and 16 on the District Committee.

Mr. Chaddock has trained 65 of his pupils from handling a rope to ringing their first 720 to qualify for membership of the Yorkshire Association. Most of these have gone on to ring a quarter peal and 40 to ring a full peal, all these performances being conducted by their tutor. Some of these ringers have constituted bands at four previously silent towers near Rotherham and some of them have taken part in recent outstanding achievements in Yorkshire ringing.

### UNDER THE HAMMER

Sold in Northampton Auction Galleries on June 20th, Lot No. 277, one ship's bell.

"What for it?" asked the auctioneer. "£5 may I say?" Reply: "Yes, £5 I've got. Any advance on £5? Yes, £6 over there; £7 to the lady; £8 to the gentleman on my left; £9 to a fresh bidder; one more to you, sir? Yes, £10. Any advance on £10? £11; any advance on £11? Yes, £12. I'll take 10s. if you like! £12 10s. I'm bid. One more to you, sir? Yes, £13 he says, and I'm selling at £13—any advance?" Hammer down at £13. P. A.

### STOWMARKET BELLS AT THE FOUNDRY

Stowmarket bells were lowered last weekend and are now at John Taylor's foundry, Loughborough. In charge of the removal of the bells was Mr. Eric Fowler and he was assisted by a 19-year-old apprentice, Stephen Key. A picture of the lowering of the 24 cwt. tenor appeared in the "East Anglian Daily Times" on June 22nd. Two of the bells are to be recast and the rest retuned and to have new clappers. Except for the pre-Reformation Sanctus bell, the tower will be silent for the best part of the year.

Stowmarket bells were last rehung in 1894, and the ringers have been wanting the bell chamber to be restored for the past 20 years. The work is estimated to cost £1,600 and nearly all this sum has been raised by parish efforts plus a grant of £250 from the Barron Bell Trust. One bell (the fourth) is 500 years old.

### RETURN VISIT FROM GROTON

Two quarter peals were especially arranged for Mr. Thurston B. Clarke, Groton, Yale, and now of New York City, in England for a short visit. He was here previously in 1962 with Russell S. Young's party from Groton School.

Hillingdon.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Thurston B. Clarke 1, Miss R. M. Myllys 2, Miss P. A. Copas 3, J. Sexton 4, M. W. Seymour 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, J. Hill (conductor) 7, W. H. Coles 8; for Evensong.

Stoke Poges.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Coles 1, Miss R. M. Myllys 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, Thurston B. Clarke 4, Miss P. A. Copas 5, M. J. Palmer 6, J. Hill 7, R. Lister 8.

### PROGRESSIVE STEPS

Following the appointment of Mr. T. Timms as Ringing Master of the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild just over a year ago, regular monthly practices have been held at different towers throughout the Branch. Another innovation, starting at Burford on June 18th, is a series of quarter peal attempts with the object of giving members an opportunity to ring their first or first in the method. The performance on the 18th enabled a first of Triples to be scored.

### OXFORD GUILD FOUNDER MEMBER'S BIRTHDAY

Sexton at St. Mary's Church, Banbury, for over 20 years and a founder member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Frederick Selwyn, of 33, Castle Street East, Banbury, celebrated his 95th birthday on June 24th. Mr. Selwyn was taught to ring at Bromsberrow, Glos, and was an active ringer until a few years ago.

On the eve of his birthday a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following members of the tower: J. M. Stretton 1, C. T. Wightman 2, Mrs. D. Bentley 3, J. E. F. Eastley 4, Mrs. M. O. Gillett 5, R. P. Bentley 6, H. H. Alexander (conductor) 7, C. F. Herbert 8, H. Hyde 9, K. H. Bolton 10.

### EXCITING NEW GROUND IN RINGING

Headed "Scientific—but Attractive," Canon Gilbert Thurlow gives a comprehensive view of Wilfrid Wilson's book "Change Ringing" (Faber, 63s.) in the July issue of "The Norwich Churchman." He writes:

"Although it is a scientific textbook, it should prove attractive to the general reader—to anyone who wishes to exercise his mind on a mathematical subject. Much of it is already familiar to the practised ringer, but chapters have a habit of attracting and encouraging the reader by their familiarity, and then of leading him on to exciting new ground.

"And Mr. Wilson has a happy knack of making abstruse matters seem easy. This is because he is himself thoroughly at home in all branches of the art. He has in the past written many valuable articles and books on ringing, and has proved a brilliant and popular lecturer at ringing courses—which are becoming increasingly popular at educational and youth centres. . . . Everywhere the reader is led to explore further for himself."

### SALTER STREET, WARKS

Eventually there is a first peal by most local bands. To the many must be added that at St. Patrick's, Salter Street, Warks, where the first by the locals was scored on May 15th. Miss B. E. Jessop, the tower secretary, writes telling of the progress during the past four years, when a very small band was only able to ring plain courses. Encouraged by the captain, Mr. R. H. Hicken, and Dr. A. J. Collings, these recruits progressed and eventually a band was formed that could ring touches of Grandsire.

Unfortunately Mr. Hicken and Dr. Collings left the district but under a new captain, Mr. J. H. Upton, the band carried on by gaining experience through ringing in other churches. In reaching their ambition they were fortunate to have Mr. Hicken to return and ring in the peal with them. St. Patrick's has now 12 regular ringers, all of whom are under 21 years of age. It is the peal ringers' desire to train the others to peal status.

### A HYMN FOR RINGERS AT DEDICATION SERVICE

Words by Percy Amos. Tune, A. & M. 38.

Hallow Lord our bells to Thee,  
Given to Thy service be.  
Those who ring and those who hear,  
Ever to Thyself draw near.

Blest, appointed by Thy hand,  
Sound their tongues throughout the land,  
Guard their use from acts profane,  
Rendered only to Thy name.

Consecrate the hands that ring,  
To the church all people bring,  
Use them as the holy dove,  
Tell forth Thy redeeming love.

Love of Thee, their God, their Lord,  
Graces send with one accord,  
To the sick, bereaved and lone,  
May they, Saviour, be Thine own.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Parker (first quarter) 1, R. Woodvatt 2, J. Whittall 3, Julia Reardon 4, A. Morgan (cond.) 5, H. Homans 6. By the Sunday service band.



**TOWER BELL PEALS**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
**MILBORNE PORT, Som.**—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist  
 On Sat. June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.  
 Gillian M. Hussey ... Treble | Andrew Howard ... 5  
 Michael H. Gregory ... 2 | John C. Slater ... 6  
 Richard W. Sweet ... 3 | D. John Hunt ... 7  
 Dennis Chapman ... 4 | Ralph G. Edwards ... Tenor  
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by D. John Hunt  
 \* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

**THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**ORMESBY, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.  
 On Sat. June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 18 cwt 14 lb. in E.  
 \*Susan Roach ... Treble | Thomas M. Cox ... 5  
 Ann Lawson ... 2 | †James Burton ... 6  
 Margaret Lawson ... 3 | Jack Roach ... 7  
 Enid Lawson ... 4 | Kenneth Lawson ... Tenor  
 Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.  
 \* First peal. † First "inside."

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 15½ cwt.  
 Christine Andrew ... Treble | Dennis Latham ... 5  
 Sidney Hough ... 2 | Giles B. Thompson ... 6  
 Neil D. Lomas ... 3 | Jeffrey Brannan ... 7  
 Kenneth Davenport ... 4 | Denis Mottershead ... Tenor  
 Composed by S J Ivin. Conducted by Denis Mottershead

**THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**KENILWORTH, Warwickshire**—At the Church of St. Nicholas.  
 On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
 Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's  
 Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Kent T.B and Childwall.  
 Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F sharp.  
 \*E. Anthea M. Sparshott Treble | Anthony J. Cox ... 4  
 †Shirley E. Jones ... 2 | †Christopher J. Royal ... 5  
 †Paul S. Reading ... 3 | Peter S. Bennett ... Tenor  
 Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.  
 \* First peal of Minor. † First of seven Minor methods "inside."  
 Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the great siege  
 of Kenilworth.

**THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
**STAVELEY, Derbyshire**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.  
 Fred A. Adams ... Treble | John Ford ... 5  
 \*Marjorie Yarnold ... 2 | Timothy Wylie ... 6  
 Malcolm P. Phipps ... 3 | †John D. Arkwell ... 7  
 Verena Simpson ... 4 | Edward Mould ... Tenor  
 Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps  
 \* First peal attempt. † First of Major.  
 Rung at the Rector's request to mark the 100th anniversary of the  
 centenary of the restoration of the church Also a birthday com-  
 pliment to the ringer of the second.

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**  
**NORTH PETHERWYN, Devon.**—At the Church of St. Paternus.  
 On Thurs. June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.  
 D. Roy Bould ... Treble | Wilfred C. Boucher ... 4  
 John Mitchelmore ... 2 | George Mudge ... 5  
 Thomas G. Myers ... 3 | Arthur Sandy ... Tenor  
 Conducted by D. Roy Bould.  
 Rung in memoriam Horace Hicks, of Launceston.

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**  
**DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.**—At the Collegiate Church of  
 St. Cuthbert  
 On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 18 cwt.  
 Janet Cooke ... Treble | Thomas M. Cox ... 5  
 Fred Hodgson ... 2 | Ernest Pannell ... 6  
 \*Stanley Hardy ... 3 | Roland Park ... 7  
 Janet Warwick ... 4 | Thomas Cooke ... Tenor  
 Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Fred Hodgson.  
 \* First peal  
 To commemorate the centenary of the augmentation of the bells  
 from six to eight.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION,**  
**CHELMSFORD, Essex.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the  
 Virgin, Peter and Cedd  
 On Mon., June 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES**  
 Comprising 20 courses Tittums and 18 courses Handstroke Home in  
 four parts Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.  
 Claire Hudson ... Treble | Christopher K. Cooper ... 7  
 Peter G. Brown ... 2 | Ian R. Panton ... 8  
 Andrew S. Hudson ... 3 | Dennis A. S. Symonds ... 9  
 Edgar C. Shepherd ... 4 | George W. Pipe ... 10  
 Joe E. G. Roast ... 5 | Howard W. Egglestone ... 11  
 Richard J. Harrison ... 6 | James L. Towler ... Tenor  
 Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.  
 Rung as a compliment to the Very Rev. W. Eric Gordon, Provost  
 of Chelmsford Cathedral, upon his appointment as Bishop of Sodor  
 and Man.

**PRITTLEWELL, Essex.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.  
 On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**  
 Tenor 18½ cwt  
 Terrance I. Jones ... Treble | Roy D. Tomlin ... 6  
 Frank B. Lufkin ... 2 | \*Frank C. May ... 7  
 Harry Turner ... 3 | Alfred J. House ... 8  
 John W. Stephenson ... 4 | Ian R. Panton ... 9  
 James L. Towler ... 5 | Bernard C. Sadler ... Tenor  
 Composed by John Freeman. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.  
 \* 100th peal  
 Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lufkin on their  
 30th wedding anniversary; also to David Sloman and Susan Rothera  
 on their 21st birthday

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.  
 On Sat. June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES**  
 Tenor 50 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb in B  
 William Hibbert ... Treble | Philip J. Rothera ... 7  
 Susan Rothera ... 2 | Patrick I. Bird ... 8  
 Maryl R. Crossthaite ... 3 | Tudor P. Edwards ... 9  
 Albert M. Tyler ... 4 | Frederick Shallcross ... 10  
 Richard S. Starkie ... 5 | Rev Roger O. Fry ... 11  
 Kenneth J. Hesketh ... 6 | John H. Fielden ... Tenor  
 Composed by J. E. Chilcott. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**  
**ALDERSHOT Hampshire.**—At the Church of St. Michael.  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr 16 lb in A  
 \*John C. Davidge ... Treble | †Peter G. Smart ... 5  
 Beryl R. Simpson ... 2 | †Dennis G. Blows ... 6  
 †John L. Hayns ... 3 | G. Kenneth Williamson ... 7  
 Alan J. Smith ... 4 | Tom Page ... Tenor  
 Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Tom Page.  
 \* First peal of Surprise † First in the method ‡ First of Surprise  
 Major.  
 Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert  
 Harman.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**BURGHILL, Herefordshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 21 lb  
 William F. Scudamore ... Treble | Peter G. Holden ... 5  
 Vernon Green ... 2 | Brian W. Hall ... 6  
 George T. Cousins ... 3 | D. Kay Adkins ... 7  
 Peter Pearce ... 4 | Frank Reed ... Tenor  
 Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**  
**OLDHAM, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
 On Sun., June 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES**  
 Tenor 35 cwt 4 lb. in C  
 Tudor P. Edwards ... Treble | Margaret E. Fort ... 7  
 F. John Nelson ... 2 | Christine Andrew ... 8  
 Edward Jenkins ... 3 | Cyril Crossthaite ... 9  
 Jeffrey Kershaw ... 4 | Neil Bennett ... 10  
 J. Colin Ashworth ... 5 | Derek Butterworth ... 11  
 Philip J. Crossthaite ... 6 | Jeffrey Fox ... Tenor  
 Composed by J. E. Chilcott. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.  
 Rung with the best wishes of the band to Basil Jones and Mariorie  
 Blundell, who were married the previous day at Hope Congregational  
 Church, Denton; also to Tudor P. Edwards, who is shortly leaving  
 the district to return to South Wales.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., June 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.	
Christine Andrew .. .. Treble	Neil Donovan .. .. 7
Edward Jenkins .. .. 2	Jeffrey Kershaw .. .. 8
Patricia Rogers .. .. 3	Derek Butterworth .. .. 9
Kathleen Higgins .. .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. 10
Tudor P. Edwards .. .. 5	Stuart Armeson .. .. 11
Margaret E. Fort .. .. 6	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.  
On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 London and Rutland and 320 Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E	
*David Chadderton .. Treble	Derek Butterworth .. 5
*Christine Andrew .. 2	Neil D Lomas .. 6
Neil Bennett .. .. 3	*Jeffrey Brannan .. 7
Edward Jenkins .. .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods.

WALTON-LE-DALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.  
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, being 2,624 of Yorkshire and 2,432 of Cambridge.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.	
Margaret E. Fort .. Treble	Tudor P. Edwards .. 5
*Roger Barnes .. .. 2	Jeffrey Kershaw .. 6
Christopher Watson .. 3	Frank Reynolds .. 7
Dennis McCormick .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite .. Tenor

Arranged by N. Smith. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.  
\* First peal of Surprise.

HALEWOOD, Liverpool.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Friday, June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.	
*David F. Moore .. Treble	Richard J. Parker .. 5
Julie E. Lethbridge .. 2	David G. Wilford .. 6
Rupert A. Clarke .. 3	Phillip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
†James H. White .. 4	Richard S. Starkie .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.  
\* 125th peal. † First peal of Surprise Major.  
Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to James H. White.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire. — At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sun., June 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
Johnson's Variation.	
Thomas W. Smith .. Treble	‡Michael Thompson .. 5
*James Andrews .. .. 2	Albert Greenhalgh .. 6
†Alan Keene .. .. 3	§Joseph Thornley .. 7
Harold Worrall .. .. 4	John Ashcroft .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.  
\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Cambridge Major. § First of Surprise "inside."  
A compliment to Rev. H. W. Hewitt, M.A., lately Rector of Droylsden, who has left this diocese after 28 years' ministry.

GOOSNARGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
Miss J. Reynolds .. Treble	J. Pilkington .. .. 4
*Miss P. Gardner .. .. 2	D. H. McCormick .. 5
J. Ashcroft .. .. 3	R. Barnes .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. M. McCormick.  
\* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.  
On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp

*Percy J. Spice .. Treble	*Ian H. Oram .. .. 4
†Peter S. Muchlinski .. 2	†D. Paul Smith .. .. 5
†Michael H. O'Callaghan 3	‡Tony Lewis .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.  
\* 25th peal together. † First in the method.  
Rung with the best wishes of the band to John D. Faircloth and Mary S. Taylor, who were married at St. Peters-in-Thanel on June 11th, 1966.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.  
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.	
Martin Green .. .. Treble	William A. Lacey .. 6
Malcolm E. Wade .. 2	Samuel J. Haines .. 7
Derek P. Jones .. .. 3	John E. Cook .. .. 8
Joseph William Cotton .. 4	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 9
W. Ernest Rawson .. .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

SOHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E	
*Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble	†Keith R. Davey .. 6
Beryl E. Cawser .. .. 2	Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 7
†Alan G. Payne .. .. 3	‡J. Martin Thorley .. 8
§Alfred Ballard .. .. 4	Russell S. Morris .. 9
§J. Edward Cawser .. 5	E. Alan Jacques .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

\* First peal of Royal † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ 100th peal together. § 50th peal together. First of Yorkshire Royal in the County.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.  
On Thurs., June 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 MEASHAM COLLEGE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.	
William F. Woodward .. Treble	Roland Beniston .. 5
Joseph W. Cotton .. .. 2	Gordon H. Lane .. 6
*Edwin Deakin .. .. 3	Norman W. Attaway .. 7
Arthur E. Rowley .. .. 4	Derek P. Jones .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.  
\* 50th peal. First in the method (C.C.C. Plain Major No. 279).  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. J. Day, Vicar, and for the 11th anniversary of his induction to the benefice of Measham.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.  
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 1½ cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.	
Thurstans'	
James Linnell .. .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. 5
R. Kingsley Mason .. .. 2	Charles E. Truman .. 6
William A. Yates .. .. 3	Derek P. Jones .. .. 7
Barry E. Saunders .. .. 4	William F. Woodward .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.  
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 20 lb.	
David J. Midgley .. Treble	Charles S. Ryles .. 6
Leslie T. Waley .. .. 2	*Denis J. Pitstow .. 7
*Caroline Stewart .. 3	Andrew Thompson .. 8
†Eric Young .. .. 4	†G. Arnold Moore .. 9
Geoffrey Fothergill .. 5	William Watkin .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by G. A. Moore.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 40th peal together.  
Rung for the wedding of Patricia Durber and Harry Chadwick.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLEACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.  
On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.	
Edward Howes .. .. Treble	Shelagh R. Collins .. 4
Wallace W. Cousins .. 2	Claude Cousins .. 5
Leslie W. Houghton .. 3	Norman V. Harding .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.  
Rung for the wedding, which took place the same day at the Parish Church of Seething, Norwich, between the Rev. J. H. Bloom, Vicar of Castleacre, and Jill Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. C. E. Scott, Vicar of Seething, and the late Mrs. Scott.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.  
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.	
Terence J. Hester .. Treble	*Frederick W. Soden .. 5
Brian W. Hall .. .. 2	Frank Reed .. .. 6
Peter G. Holden .. .. 3	D. Kay Adkins .. .. 7
Peter Pearce .. .. 4	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.  
\* 100th peal.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.**—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., June 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

*Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	Reginald W. Rex .. .. 5
*Jillian Pike .. .. 2	David L. Wilcox .. .. 6
*Mrs. A. D. Smith .. .. 3	Reginald F. Crook .. .. 7
*Roger B. Pike .. .. 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.  
\* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

**WENDOVER, Bucks.**—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.	
*Douglas K. Whitlock .. Treble	†Leslie F. Floyd .. .. 4
*Diane W. Presdee .. .. 2	Ronald J. Snack .. .. 5
Brian J. Edwards .. .. 3	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First peal off cover bell.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

**CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey.**—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Margaret A. Bould .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 5
Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 2	Peter M. Wilkinson .. .. 6
M. Jane Foster .. .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 7
Joan Beresford .. .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.  
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hallett, of Bathaston, on their golden wedding. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr 26 lb. in F sharp.

**TURNERS HILL, Sussex.**—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sun., June 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In eight methods, comprising 864 Rutland, 672 each of London and Pudsey, 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 608 Adelaide, 544 Brighton and 384 Bristol, with 146 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.  
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Yvonne Edwards .. Treble	*Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Ann Jenner .. .. 2	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 6
Joan Beresford .. .. 3	Stanley Jenner .. .. 7
Sheila M. Dobbie .. .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.  
\* First peal of eight-Spiced.

**GUILDFORD, Surrey.**—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., June 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5056 MILFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

Rosamund M. Rawlings Treble	David J. Tubbs .. .. 5
David D. Smith .. .. 2	C. Martin Press .. .. 6
Tom Page .. .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. .. 7
Stanley G. Ponting .. .. 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.  
First peal in the method. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

**MILFORD SURPRISE MAJOR**

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 34 x 58 x 1236 x 38, i.e. 12. 18674523.  
f.c.e. 24365. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 57.

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

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.	
Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 7
Norman J. Goodman .. 2	John C. Eisel .. .. 8
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 3	Peter J. Stretton .. .. 9
Richard S. Starkie .. .. 4	Martin D. Fellows .. .. 10
J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. 5	Clifford A. Barron .. .. 11
George E. Fearn .. .. 6	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

**GUILDFORD, Surrey.**—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 22 cwt. 38 lb. in E.	
J. Alan Ainsworth .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows .. .. 6
Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 2	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
James Inley .. .. 3	George E. Fearn .. .. 8
Michael J. Fellows .. .. 4	Clifford A. Barron .. .. 9
David J. Purnell .. .. 5	Peter Border .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

**GUILDFORD Surrey.**—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb.	
George E. Fearn .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows .. .. 6
Roderick W. Pipe .. .. 2	David J. Purnell .. .. 7
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	Peter Border .. .. 8
Michael J. Fellows .. .. 4	Clifford A. Barron .. .. 9
James Inley .. .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE'S YOUTHS.**

**UPPER CAM, Gloucestershire.**—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
John H. Taylor .. Treble	Michael H. Gregory .. 4
Roger FitzGeorge .. 2	Allan Tubb .. .. 5
Ronald J. Cox .. .. 3	Andrew Howard .. Tenor

Conducted by Allan Tubb.

First peal for the newly-formed Society.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

**HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.**—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.	
Edward R. Fairbrother .. Treble	Philip R. Johnson .. 4
Cyril T. Collins .. .. 2	Norman W. Attaway .. 5
Rev. Peter N. Bond .. 3	*Derek P. Jones .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

\* 700th peal.

**THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**

**PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Patrick.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.	
Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 5
Elizabeth J. Foster .. 2	Michael Armstrong .. 6
*Peter J. Church .. .. 3	†Simon Humphrey .. 7
Robert C. Hawtree .. 4	George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Arranged by S. Humphrey. Conducted by George A. Dawson.  
\* First peal of Major "inside." † 75th peal.

Birthday compliments to Miss Susanna Poppleston and P. J. Church.

**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**MELKSHAM, Wilts.**—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's 8 part. Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.	
*Robert J. Purnell .. Treble	Norman G. N. Knee .. 5
Charles F. Andrews .. 2	Eric J. Hitchins .. .. 6
Charles P. Quartley .. 3	Frederick S. Slatford .. 7
Edgar C. Shepherd .. 4	Laurence E. Hitchins .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

Rung to mark the birth of twin sons to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hitchins.

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.**—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.	
Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	R. Brian Mills .. .. 5
Mary C. Poyner .. .. 2	Peter Wakefield .. .. 6
Christine L. J. Mills .. 3	Colin W. Reed .. .. 7
Beryl N. Reed .. .. 4	William L. Exton .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by William L. Exton.  
First peal in the method by all on the bells and for the Guild.  
First of Surprise Major as conductor.

**SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.**—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.	
Ruth Blackshaw .. Treble	*Elizabeth J. Foster .. 3
*Robert Marsh .. .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
George A. Dawson .. Tenor	

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire as conductor.  
In memoriam Percival Tomlinson.

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**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**  
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**CROYDON, Surrey.**—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**  
 Parker's 12-Part (7th Obs.), Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.  
 Roydon Davies .. .. Treble Richard C. Stevens .. 5  
 \*Christine Snelling .. .. 2 Kevin Taber .. .. 6  
 Norman G. T. Steere .. 3 Frederick E. Collins .. 7  
 †Norman D. Brown .. .. 4 †Andrew J. C. Brown .. Tenor  
 Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.  
 \* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. 100th peal as conductor.  
 Rung at the request of the Vicar to mark the Patronal Festival  
 (on June 24th).

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
**KEYMER, Sussex.**—At the Church of SS. Cosmos and Damian.  
 On Tues., June 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.  
 \*Wendy B. Everest .. .. Treble Catherine M. Powell .. 4  
 Edna M. Everest, .. .. 2 John R. Norris .. .. 5  
 †Roger E. Peckham .. .. 3 Michael J. Bew .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by Michael J. Bew.  
 \* First peal. † First of Minor.

**THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.**  
**LIVERPOOL, Lancs.**—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,  
 Pier Head.  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**  
 Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.  
 Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble \*Timothy G. Pett .. .. 7  
 Yvonne Edwards .. .. 2 Martin C. Faulkes .. .. 8  
 Diana M. Frost .. .. 3 John Hill .. .. 9  
 Davil G. Wilford .. .. 4 Philip Mehew .. .. 10  
 Alan F. Thirst .. .. 5 Alan J. Frost .. .. 11  
 \*Anthony H. Smith .. .. 6 Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.  
 \* First peal on 12 bells. First 12-bell peal as conductor.

**AUGHTON, Lancashire.**—At the Church of St. Michael.  
 On Tues., June 21, 1966, in 1 hour and 57 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
 Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.  
 Richard S. Starkie .. .. Treble †Malcolm A. Phillips .. 4  
 Julie E. Lethbridge .. .. 2 David F. Moore .. .. 5  
 \*David G. Wilford .. .. 3 Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor  
 Conducted by David F. Moore.  
 \* First peal of Plain Bob. † 50th peal.  
 Rung as a farewell from the Liverpool University Society to  
 Tudor P. Edwards, an honorary member.

**BRISTOL.**—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount.  
 On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**  
 Being seven different extents.  
 Pauline Bligh-Cheesman (Bristol) .. .. Treble  
 \*Christine Webb (Bristol) .. .. 2  
 Derek B. Williams (Bristol) .. .. 3  
 †Gillian M. Brearley (Bristol) .. .. 4  
 K. J. Darvill (Cambridge) .. .. 5  
 Richard O. Humphries (London) .. .. Tenor  
 \* First peal of Minor "inside" † First of Surprise Minor.  
 To mark the completion by the Rev. Vyvyan-Jones of 31 years as  
 Rector of St. Michael's and to celebrate the graduation of Miss P.  
 Bligh-Cheesman, K. J. Darvill, D. B. Williams and R. Havard (Wales).

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.**—At the Church of All Saints.  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 NORFOLK BOB DOUBLES**  
 Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
 Charles Ball .. .. Treble Philip Taylor .. .. 4  
 Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. 2 Albert Green .. .. 5  
 Peter Furness .. .. 3 Charles Taylor .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.  
 First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**LEEDS, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Peter.  
 On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 HUNSLET BOB ROYAL**  
 Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.  
 George Pluckrose .. .. Treble Kenneth B. Sissons .. .. 6  
 James S. Webb .. .. 2 Ronald R. Warford .. .. 7  
 Allan Sheppard .. .. 3 John Potts .. .. 8  
 Ronald J. Snack .. .. 4 C. Barrie Dove .. .. 9  
 Adrian C. Boorman .. .. 5 Ronald H. Dove .. .. Tenor  
 Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
 The first peal of Hunslet Royal.

**WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.**—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS**  
 Tenor 14 cwt. in F.  
 \*John R. Knight .. .. Treble †Arthur Dunn-Birch .. .. 6  
 †R. Ann Johnson .. .. 2 George Hancock .. .. 7  
 Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 3 J. Henry Fielden .. .. 8  
 Peter Woodward .. .. 4 John E. Kirby .. .. 9  
 Linda Banks .. .. 5 R. Gordon Corby .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.  
 \* First peal. † First on ten bells. First on the light ten.

(Sheffield and District Society.)  
**HANDSWORTH, Sheffield.**—At the Church of St. Mary.  
 On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.  
 \*John Wood .. .. Treble Herbert O. Chaddock .. 5  
 Iris Lamare .. .. 2 David Nichols .. .. 6  
 Richard Tibbets .. .. 3 Neil Donovan .. .. 7  
 John N. D. Chaddock .. 4 Norman Chaddock .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by David S. Marshall. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.  
 \* First peal.  
 Rung to welcome a grandson to Horace and Dorice Kelly, of  
 Handsworth.

**ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of All Saints.  
 On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.  
 \*Timothy Hollis .. .. Treble George S. Lee .. .. 5  
 Elsie Chaddock .. .. 2 David Nichols .. .. 6  
 Stuart Armeson .. .. 3 John N. D. Chaddock .. 7  
 Neil Donovan .. .. 4 Norman Chaddock .. .. Tenor  
 Composed by David S. Marshall. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.  
 \* First peal.  
 Rung by the Sunday service band.

**LEEDS, Yorkshire.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.  
 On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**  
 Forty-two extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat,  
 C. Barrie Dove .. .. Treble \*Olivia A. Marshall .. .. 4  
 \*Josephine M. Haskins .. 2 Kenneth B. Sissons .. .. 5  
 Ronald H. Dove .. .. 3 Brian J. Lambourne .. Tenor  
 Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.  
 \* First peal of Doubles.

**NON-ASSOCIATION.**  
**SALTER STREET, Warwickshire.**—At the Church of St. Patrick.  
 On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**  
 Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.  
 Jane L. Barton .. .. Treble Beryl E. Jessop .. .. 3  
 R. H. Hicken .. .. 2 M. F. Bissell .. .. 4  
 J. H. Upton .. .. Tenor  
 Conducted by J. H. Upton.  
 First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.  
 Rung to welcome the Rev. A. St. J. Lemon.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
**LIVERPOOL, Lancs.**—At Derby Hall, Liverpool.  
 On Fri., June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**  
 Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1-2 Richard J. Parker .. .. 5-6  
 David F. Moore .. .. 3-4 Phillip J. Crossthwaite .. 7-8  
 Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

**HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.**—At Bettyfold.  
 On Fri., June 24, 1966, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**  
 Being one extent Grandsire, two extents Windsor Single Bob (II) and  
 four extents Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.  
 Joseph Whalley .. .. 1-2 Mary Whalley .. .. 3-4  
 \*Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6  
 Conducted by Kevin M. Price.  
 \* First peal of Minor in three methods.  
 Rung for St. John the Baptist's Day.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.**—At Cleatham House Farm.  
 On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**  
 Comprising 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 736 Cambridge and 704  
 Superlative, with 120 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.  
 A. Robin Heppenstall .. 1-2 John Freeman .. .. 5-6  
 George E. Feirn .. .. 3-4 Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 7-8  
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John Freeman.

## QUARTER PEALS

### HALF PEAL

**COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.**—On June 15th, 2,592 Plain Bob Major: P. Woolven 1, Ann Harris 2, D. R. McLean 3, R. C. Woodward 4, J. G. Hallett 5, S. Humphrey 6, I. V. J. Smith (first half of Major) 7, D. R. Ingram (first as cond. for the Society) 8. First half peal 1, 3, 4 and 8. By the Nottingham University Society.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At St. Nicholas', on June 24th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. P. Halling 1, M. J. Hiller 2, J. R. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson 4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5, M. C. E. Hodge 6. Rung by the Abingdon School Campanological Society.

**ADDINGTON, SURREY.**—On June 19th, 1,320 Netherscale Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins (first "inside" in method) 2, Wendy Wallace (50th quarter) 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Maceve 6. First in method 3 and 5. For Evensong.

**ALDBOURNE, WILTS.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Bailey (first of Triples) 1, G. Newman 2, H. Craig 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, T. A. Palmer 5, F. J. Read (cond.) 6, A. K. Peake 7, J. Cuss 8. To mark the dedication of the rebuilt organ by the Bishop of Salisbury.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (unconducted): Diana M. Gough 1, S. W. Brown 2, Valerie Mephram 3, Ann E. Sharpe 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pamela R. Gough 6. Rung by past and present captains of Aldrington as a compliment to Valerie Mephram and Thomas Haxton, Burntisland, Fife, on their recent engagement.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On June 26th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Newton 1, Angela Williams 2, Catherine M. Powell 3, Janette Kinling 4, F. Rowsell 5, D. P. Snowswell 6, A. W. Bond 7, M. J. Bew (cond.) 8. First of Major "inside" 2 and 4.

**BRIGHTWELL-cum-SOTWELL, BERKS.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Heyworth 1, A. Cope 2, C. Corderoy 3, J. Berry 4, M. Bishop 5, R. Heyworth (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank C. Castell, sexton and tower captain of this tower, who was buried the same afternoon.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, T. W. Timms 2, J. Benfield 3, P. R. Coveney (first of Triples) 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, W. J. Dixon 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8.

**BURMARSH, KENT.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Knight 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, L. Sweatman 4, B. Johnson 5, E. Clifton 6. First in method 1, 4 and 5.

**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. King 1, Penelope Raine 2, A. J. Ede 3, P. Raine 4, E. Brazier (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. For Confirmation service. Also on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Wickens 1, W. King 2, Carol Wickens 3, A. J. Ede 4, E. Brazier (cond.) 5, B. Ede 6.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Privett 1, Miss J. Collins 2, Miss P. Hill (first "inside") 3, J. W. Priest 4, Miss A. Pickering 5, C. K. Hill 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Parish Communion. Also on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Blows 1, G. Goldman 2, Miss J. Collins 3, Miss P. Hill 4, Miss A. Pickering 5, A. Harman 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, P. J. Privett 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, on their golden wedding (June 24th).

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Paul Barrett (first of Minor) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, R. Fisher 3, B. Osborne 4, C. Hillier 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**DEWSBURY, YORKS.**—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. V. Bottomley (cond.) 1, D. Archer 2, Ruth Richardson 3, H. Marsden 4, V. Bottomley 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. First quarter 3 and 8.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. J. Cordier 1, N. Tuffin (first "inside") 2, Miss M. Lush (first as cond.) 3, Miss B. J. Dyke 4, R. H. Duke 5, I. R. Meiklejohn (first on tenor) 6.

**FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.**—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sally Reed (first quarter) 1, H. Reed 2, S. Reed (first in method) 3, Beryl Simpson 4, C. H. Kippin 5, G. S. G. Joyce 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, Jessie M. Kippin 8.

**HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.**—On June 5th, 1,272 Minor (Kent T.B. and Kent and Oxford combined): F. Hodgson 1, J. Roach 2, E. Jackson (cond.) 3, T. Cox 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Cooke 6. For the annual service of the Dunelm Lodge of Freemasons.

**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lilley (first quarter) 1, D. Cobb (cond.) 2, D. Heath 3, D. Ellison 4, A. Crowson 5, K. Warner 6, C. Wright 7, D. Knewstub 8.

**KELSTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): R. Hillman (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. J. Owens (first as cond.) 3, M. R. Brain 4, K. G. Weeks 5, B. K. Lewis 6.

**KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Cox 1—2, S. F. Royal 3—4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5—6. First hand-bell quarter by all the band.

**KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shirley E. Jones 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott (first of Minor "inside") 2, A. J. Cox 3, S. F. Royal 4, P. S. Reading (first as cond.) 5, C. J. Royal 6.

**KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Taylor 1, M. J. Wilson 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, G. K. Smith 5, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

**LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.**—On April 8th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods/variations): A. J. Cox 1, P. C. Randall 2, S. F. Royal (cond.) 3, C. J. Royal 4, G. W. Randall 5. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

**LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Spence 1, Mrs. E. Taylor 2, A. Newman 3, T. Stevens 4, A. Pendlebury 5, E. Taylor 6, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. For Evensong.

**LONDON.**—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on June 19th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bower 1, R. Dennis 2, D. Elderkin 3, D. J. Stoter 4, D. L. Cawley 5, J. Pladdys (cond.) 6. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. for Matins. First quarter rung from the new ringing chamber.

**LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Claire Skellern 1, Penny Raine 2, Judy Weekes 3, R. V. Clarke (cond.) 4, P. Raine 5, H. Burton 6.

**LYMPNE, KENT.**—On June 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Brooks 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. Birch 5, R. Gemmill 6. For Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Wratten 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, D. B. Cox 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherton 6. For Mothers' Union Festival. Also on June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Sargeant (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmill 6. For Evensong.

**MARCH, CAMBS.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Anderson 1, P. Langton 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis 5, D. Feek (first as cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer. Also birthday compliment to J. Moore (82), and Mrs. M. Hayes and Mrs. R. Durrant (22), twin daughters of the ringer of 4.

**NAIUSA, SOMERSET.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob: Mrs. R. Short 1, C. Kortwright 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, J. Mitchell 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6.

**PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Cooper 1, T. F. Collins 2, Maxine Lush 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

**PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Gillian M. Boyd 2, Renee Sturress 3, F. E. Fagg 4, R. K. Hawkins 5, G. Love 6, A. H. Sturress (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. For the bicentenary service of thanksgiving for the life and work of John Pounds and rededication of John Pounds School.

**POUNDSTOCK, CORNWALL.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Chapman (cond.) 1, M. J. Crowell 2, Margaret Chapman 3, C. F. Mutton 4, R. A. Large 5, H. Stacey 6. First in three methods 2, 4 and 5.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Laurence's Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Howes (first quarter) 1, P. Norman 2, G. Colbourne 3, M. G. Ingram 4, R. E. Stillwell (first quarter as cond.) 5, V. Cherrill 6. A farewell compliment to Ruth Howes, who is leaving Reading upon gaining her degree.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On June 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Knipe 1, Christine Snelling 2, K. G. Game (cond.) 3, C. M. Foster 4, A. P. Cannon 5, I. Wickens (first of Caters) 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. Inwood 8, A. Streeter 9, Joan Hanning 10. For Evensong, and for the birth of a son to Alan and Freda Streeter.

**ST. KEA, CORNWALL.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Dunstan 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6.

**SALFORD, LANCS.**—At Sacred Trinity, on March 6th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: R. L. Coley 1, C. R. Calton 2, Margaret Whitehead 3, A. S. Taylor 4, D. J. Jukes 5, J. W. Gander 6, E. A. Harrison 7, D. J. Baker (cond.) 8. Also on May 8th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: S. Taylor 1, D. J. Baker 2, D. J. Jukes 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, A. S. Taylor 5, P. Coddington 6, J. W. Gander 7, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 8. Also on May 29th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: D. J. Baker 1, Margaret Whitehead 2, D. J. Jukes 3, A. S. Taylor 4, J. W. Gander 5, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 6.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.**—On March 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,480 Treble Bob Royal (Cambridge S. and Oxford T.B.): Deborah M. Hopkins 1, Alison M. Mann 2, Diana M. Frost 3, P. A. Brand 4, T. G. Peit 5, M. R. Ashmore 6, M. J. Uphill 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. H. Rogers 9, A. R. Paterson (cond.) 10. A compliment to the ringers of 1 and 8, on their recent engagement.

**STAVELEY, DERBYS.**—On June 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Adams 1, Marjorie Yarnold (first "inside") 2, M. P. Phipps 3, H. Paddison 4, J. Ford 5, T. Wylie 6, J. D. Arkwell (first of Major) 7, E. Mould (cond.) 8. Rung for a special service attended by 16 former curates to mark the 100th anniversary of the restoration of the church.

**STEEP, HANTS.**—On May 25th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Wilson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, R. A. Routh 3, A. P. Reeves 4, D. W. Struckert (cond.) 5, Miss C. C. Roberts 6. A birthday greeting to Julie-Ann Eley, born on May 9th, 1966.

**STRATTON, CORNWALL.**—On June 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, M. J. Crowell 2, C. F. Mutton 3, Margaret A. Ladd 4, R. A. Large 5, C. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey 7, T. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for Fathers' Day, and 6th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chapman.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob), 7 covering: Celia Chandler 1, Lavina Mumford 2, Katharine Burchhall 3, Susan Moxon 4, Grace Burchhall (cond.) 5, Eleanor Rose 6, A. Wilson 7.

**SYDLING, DORSET.**—At St. Nicholas', on June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. G. Grandfield 1, J. Cooper 2, Maxine Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—At the Cathedral, on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gay Meyrick (first quarter) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, D. A. Trethewey 4, A. J. Davidson 5, G. F. Dunstan 6.

**UPHILL, SOMERSET.**—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Banwell 1, B. G. Williams 2, H. R. Toogood 3, S. Lewis 4, G. Prescott 5, P. J. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung for St. George's Day, and the wedding of D. C. Osborns and Miss J. Pitt.

**WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.**—On June 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Stacey 1, M. J. Crowell 2, Margaret A. Ladd 3, C. F. Mutton 4, R. A. Large 5, T. Chapman (cond.) 6. First of Minor 2 and 4. Birthday compliment to Margaret Chapman.

**WELLAND, WORCS.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lawrence 1, Susan Price (first quarter) 2, B. Spiers 3, E. D. Wilson 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Lawrence 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. Robinson.

**WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Martin 1, Jennifer Coombs 2, A. Dando 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, J. Powell 6. For the baptism of Marijn John Powell, son of the tenor ringer.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): F. Clarke 1, Miss Vivien Cross 2, E. Leggett 3, B. Lord 4, D. Culham (cond.) 5, H. Warren 6. Rung half muffled in memoriam D. H. Boggis Rolfe.

**WORPLESDON, SURREY.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. Gumbrell 1, C. Slyfield 2, K. Underwood 3, R. Tickner 4, J. Avenell 5, J. Collier (cond.) 6. R. Jordan cover. An 80th birthday compliment to Dr. G. Cranston.

**WORTH, SUSSEX.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Buron 1, M. Jennings 2, Judy Weekes 3, P. Raine 4, R. V. Clarke (cond.) 5, G. Jennings 6.

**WRINGTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Anne Kingcott (first in the method) 1, G. Prescott 2, Hilda M. Kingcott 3, P. J. England 4, M. M. Collins 5, A. E. Cox 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, E. T. Lee 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kingcott.

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**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Cricket Match at Tanfield on Saturday, July 16th. President's XI v. Western District XI. Meet at Tanfield Lea Post Office from 2 p.m. to start game at 2.30 prompt. Tea at Tanfield Vicarage about 4.30 or 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m., followed by ringing. If raining, meet at Tanfield Church. Names for tea in good time, please, to Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, Church House, Tanfield Village, Tantobie, Newcastle upon Tyne. 9443

**GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.**—Ringers' Sunday on July 10th at Gaywood Parish Church. Bells (6) available 3 p.m., Tea 5 p.m. Ringing for Evensong and ringers' service at 6.30 p.m. Preacher the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. All ringers and wives welcome. Numbers for tea, as soon as possible, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 9398

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### MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Radstock (6), Saturday, July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. F. Carter, 39, New Bath Road, Radstock.

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Killamarsh on July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. Special methods: Double Oxford and London S. Minor.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Slaugham on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at Turner's Hill 6.45-8.30 p.m.—B. E. J. 9394

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Stapleford and Little Shelford, Saturday, July 9th. Stapleford (6) 3, followed by service at 4.30. Tea 5, Little Shelford Church Hall. Bells (6) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 9430

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District. — Evening meeting, Saturday, July 9th. Burwell (8). Bells from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Stedman and Double Norwich. 9433

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting Chertsey (not Old Woking), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea following. Names to Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage,, Chertsey. 9394

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Redbourne, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourne. 9410

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting, Aston, Saturday, July 9th. Bells: Aston (6) now 5-6.30; Walkern (6) 6.45-8.30 p.m.—P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 9434

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Lenham. Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9369

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Langdale meeting on July 9th cancelled. Please note meeting now at Broughton-in-Furness on July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9449

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting and Branch ringing competition at Chipping, Saturday, July 9th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Bus No. 10 from Preston Coach Station 1.40 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 9454

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Luton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. R. G. Butler, Victoria House, Luton, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Sec. 9402

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Saturday, July 9th. Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, W.5, 3.30-5 p.m.; St. Mary's, South Ealing Road, W.5, 6.30-8 p.m. Own tea. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9418

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M. Banbury (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury. 9389

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shabbington, Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 9409

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Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London. S.W.15. 9336

**SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).**—Joint meeting July 9th. Great Wakering (6), 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. Prittlewell (10), 3 p.m. Service. Prittlewell 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell.

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Bingham District. —Meeting, Gedling July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts. 9337

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting, at Staunton (5), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Staunton Hall. Names essential to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 9400

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Striking competition to be held at Thakeham (6) on Saturday, July 9th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. General ringing after the contest. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 9417

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southampton District. —Quarterly meeting, East Tytherley, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Mottisfont bells (5) 2.45-4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. T. H. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton. 9314

**LADIES GUILD.**—Western District. — Practice meeting, Colerne (8), Wednesday, July 13th. Bells available 7.30-9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 9437

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bolton Branch.—Evening meeting at All Souls', Bolton, on Wednesday, July 13th, 7-8.30 p.m. Methods: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge Minor.—M. E. Fort. 9453

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Harefield, July 15th Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome. 9363

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.** — Glaston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Butleigh (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea by previous Tuesday.—P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 9446

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farnon, Saturday, July 16th. Eve of Rushbearing Festival—Decorated Churchyard. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester, by Thursday, July 14th. 9459

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. W. Worrall, 33, Riddings Lane, Hartford, Northwich, by Thursday previous. 9442

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea important by July 13th. Committee meeting at Five Burges, Coventry, on July 8th at 8 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 9427

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Brampton (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9467

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — Meeting, Tibshelf, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. T. H. Radford, 35, High Street, Tibshelf, Derby by Thursday previous. Morton bells available 6 p.m to 9 p.m. 9458

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting to be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) (7th unringable, cracked) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos. by Friday, July 15th. All welcome. 9462

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.**—Stroud Branch.—Practice, Cranham, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 9441

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—South Mimms, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening. North Mimms, S.M.: Hertford Surprise. Names for tea, please, to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mimms, Potters Bar.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9439

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Albury, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Brent Pelham. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clappgate, Albury. Much Hadham.—D. Kingston. 9460

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Minster Abbey, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leworthy, 20, Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 9397

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — Half-annual meeting on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing, St. Philip's, Hulme, 2-4 p.m. Dedication of handbell cupboard in Cathedral ringing room 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in refectory. Town Hall bells available from tea until 9 p.m. No ringing at the Cathedral. — J. Brannan, Branch Sec. 9450

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, near Brigg, Saturday, July 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: York Surprise and Bastow Little Court.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9457

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** —N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Finchley, Saturday, July 16th. Ringing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9453

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Northern Branch. — Meeting at Marsham, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. H. F. Carter, Clovelly, Buxton Road, Avsham, Norwich NOR 07Y.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9382

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** —Peterborough Branch. — Summer meeting, Saturday, July 16th. West Deeping (6) 3-4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. and evening ringing at Maxey (6). Names for tea essential to R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 9452

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puddletown, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Knight, 43, High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 9386

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, West Overton, Saturday, July 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9461

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hawley on July 16th, 6.30-8.30.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9455

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Sherborne St. John, Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Monk Sherborne bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke by Tuesday, July 12th. 9392

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District), CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES.**—Joint meeting, Ormesby (8), July 16th. Bells from 2.30. Council meeting 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. Tom M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Avenue, Middlesbrough. 9469

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwell on Saturday, July 23rd. Learners 3 p.m. General ringing 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon. 9440

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. S. Leach, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 9445

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Baddow on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after tea at Danbury (6) until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Pantou, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827).

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Mid-Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Ipplepen on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names to A. B. Shingler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth, Broadhempston 6.15-7.15 p.m.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Canon J. Frank, The Rectory, Aldington, Ashford, by Thursday, July 21st.—A. P. S. B. 9387

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Southern Branch. — Meeting at Pulham St. Mary on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify C. F. W. Phillipino, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR 01X, by Wednesday, July 20th. 9435

## QUARTER PEALS

**HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.**—On June 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor (all singles): A. C. Banton (cond.) 1. T. W. Brighton 2. Susan Mitchell (first of Minor "inside") 3. Jennifer E. Pearce 4. Susan E. Thompson 5. Mary I. Hildred 6. Ringers of 1 and 6 have now "completed the circle" to quarters; the conductor has also conducted a quarter from each cell. For Evensong

**HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.**—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mrs. S. A. Harfield 1. Miss P. R. Gough 2. B. J. Harfield 3. J. R. Norris (50th quarter on the bells) 4. H. W. Brown 5. S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. A. M. Humphrey 7. S. J. Osborne 8. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. M. Humphrey 1. Mrs. S. A. Harfield (first "inside") 2. H. W. Brown 3. B. J. Harfield 4. S. W. Brown (cond.) 5. S. J. Osborne 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son, Jonathan Paul to Anthony and Angela Humphrey.

**LONDON.**—At St. Clement Danes', on June 12th, 1,277 Grandire Caters: Susan Davis 1. Mrs. W. Oatway 2. C. A. Hughes 3. M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4. Jennifer K. Murphy (first of Caters) 5. A. M. Stacey 6. R. Mitchell (first of Caters "inside") 7. W. Oatway 8. J. Porter 9. A. H. Fulwell 10. Also on June 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Deborah Hopkins 1. Julie Armstrong (first of Caters) 2. Mrs E. Bagworth 3. B. Bull 4. A. E. Bagworth 5. A. S. Bishop 6. M. Parry 7. N. S. Bagworth 8. M. J. Uphill (first in method as cond.) 9. R. E. J. Dennis 10.

**NEWINGTON-next-HYTHE, KENT.** — On June 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Sweatman 1. Rachel I. Sinden 2. H. Deacon 3. A. Berry 4. E. Clifton (first of Minor "inside") 5. B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: John Arbury 1. K. T. Clarke 2. Mrs Y. L. Woodley (first of Stedman Triples) 3. E. J. W. Manley 4. C. C. Deem 5. R. C. Woodley 6. C. C. Turner (cond.) 7. James Arbury (first of Stedman Triples) 8. Rung to welcome John Arbury (77) back to the tower after a serious operation, also for Pixie Day celebrations.

**PROBUS, CORNWALL.**—On June 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Duck 1. D. A. Trethewey 2. G. F. Dunstan 3. W. C. Boucher (first of Major) 4. A. Locke 5. A. Carveth 6. Rev. A. S. Roberts 7. A. J. Davidson (arr. and cond.) 8. Rung on the jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella.

**SAWLEY, DERBYS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Sandra Jacklin 1. Stella Browne (first of Minor) 2. C. Geary 3. G. Browne 4. A. Humphrey (cond.) 5. J. Harvey 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

**SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.**—On June 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Kenward 1. Jane Foster 2. Joan A. Hayward 3. N. Bearne 4. G. A. Naylor 5. P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. S. B. Dobbie 7. R. Finch 8. First of Surprise Major 3 and 4. A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. S. B. Dobbie.

**SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.**—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Claire Skellern 1. Penny Raine 2. Judy Weekes 3. H. Burton 4. R. V. Clarke (cond.) 5. P. Raine 6.

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