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Shorter Peals would mean Lowering the Standard

WHEN the article by "Rebellious" advocating the shortening of peals was selected, the Editor expected that some pertinent letters on the subject would be received. So far no reader has written supporting the views of "Rebellious."

R. C. Stevens points out that peals today are cheaper and easier to obtain than 50 years ago. Transport facilities are far better and towers which were considered inaccessible without a good deal of walking now receive many visitors because of the motor car and public transport.

"Rebellious" has said that three hours' ringing is too much for the public ear. He has, however, mentioned that many towers have had to install some form of sound control. This can be done in such a way that the bells can be practically inaudible outside, and yet with a slight adjustment, inside the belfry, the bells can be made to sound and drown the entire parish, if desired. This question of disturbing the public can be overcome if the local ringers have their interests at heart.

On the question of length Mr. Stevens says: "Our friend questions why we stick to our forefathers' tradition of 5,000 changes for a peal. Surely a standard was set when peals first started, and ever since that date we have kept to that standard. Are we now to lower the standard set by these people? I trust not. It is my opinion that if people want to ring a shorter touch, they are at liberty to do so. As a peal ringer myself, however, I am very much against dropping our standards. Let the peal remain at a minimum of 5,000 changes, or, dare I say, lengthen it so that the peal is even more sacred than it is now."

Mr. Stevens concludes with this point: "If a peal is to be regarded as anything over 1,260 changes, as suggested, it will in some cases lower the standard of striking. A band will put up with bad ringing for this time, but very few people will ram a less experienced ringer through 5,000 changes."

Samuel J. Harris, of Wigston, Leicester, adds a touch of humour by a postscript: "It seems as if your sacred cow has turned out to be so much 'bull'!" He makes some good points as follows: "This is not the first time this subject has been broached, but isn't the attitude just typical of this day and age? Oh, yes! let's cut down the length and we shall all be in the peal columns without having to do any graft; in fact we shall have practically got something for nothing!"

"I would be so bold as to suggest that the writer of the article has practically answered himself. He goes into details of his gliding achievements for which he is to be congratulated. Let me ask him if he would be satisfied with having gained his 'Silver C' with a couple of 'hops' and a circuit from a winch launch. Of course he wouldn't. So **why** then lower his ringing standards which have been set and maintained for 200 years? I personally would never subscribe to this lowering; I prefer **to earn** my peals."

Robert C. Kippin, of Cove, Farnborough, who describes himself as "one of the many selfish peal ringers accused of annoying the general public," gives a logical answer to "Rebellious." He writes:

"Firstly, let us get the facts straight. True, the majority of towers are in built-up areas, but most of the towers at which peals are regularly rung are either so situated that the sound of the bells does not annoy, or have efficient sound control.

"Secondly, the general public dislike 'touch' ringing more than peal ringing since a continuous noise can become more acceptable to the ear than an intermittent one. Also, the standard of striking in peals is generally far higher than in touches, especially at ringing meetings, where the general standard of striking is appalling.

"Why do we ring peals? Not because it is a feat of endurance, as your correspondent suggests, but because it is the only way that really good ringing can be achieved in many cases. Agreed, 5,000 is an arbitrary number of changes to select as the minimum; when you come to think of it 6,000 or 7,000 would have been just as good. But to fix our 'peal' standard at 720 or 1,260 changes would be to defeat the object of the Exercise, since it is often after the first thousand changes of a peal that the best ringing occurs, especially on an unfamiliar ring of bells.

"What would happen if 'peal' ringing were restricted as is suggested? The best ringers, deprived of their good ringing, would soon drift away from the Exercise, and the Exercise, weakened by the loss of their best ringers, would eventually collapse. So, you see, peal ringing is a very necessary evil if the ringing Exercise is to continue in being at all.

"As far as 'The Ringing World' is concerned the reason that peals take up four times as much room as quarter peals is that the striking is usually four times as good!

"Finally, may I suggest that 'Rebellious' would be better employed ringing a few more peals rather than filling up valuable space in our paper with abstruse questions. The more peals you ring the more you enjoy them."

Queen Mother Present at Aldgate Rehallowing

QUEEN ELIZABETH the Queen Mother, the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Lionel Denny), the Bishop of London and the Archdeacon of London were among the congregation at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, on November 8th for the rehallowing of the church, which was badly damaged by an unexplained fire in August, 1965, and the restoration of the bells, which had been silent for eight years.

The work on the bells was substantial. The front four were cast by Thomas Lester in 1744 and the others also came from the Whitechapel Foundry of Lester and Pack. The sixth bell did not respond to tuning and had to be recast. All the canons were removed and new fittings provided. The existing oak frame, which is over 200 years old, has been replaced by an iron frame hung at a lower level to combat the oscillation, which was notorious.

The contract has been undertaken by the Whitechapel Foundry, the report on the work necessary being prepared by Mr. William Hughes. An innovation to enable the bells to be rung on week-days by electrical motivation has been designed by Mr. Douglas Hughes, the apparatus being set to ring Stedman Triples. The rehanging of the bells was undertaken by Mr. W. Theobald.

RINGING PLANS

Ringing before the service was under the direction of Mr. Philip Corby, and those taking part were Mrs. Corby, Miss Colgate, Messrs. John Rock, E. A. Barnett, Alan Frost, W. Williams, J. Phillips, J. G. M. Prior and Alan Tubbs. It included four-spliced and, as the distinguished visitors approached Aldgate, Stedman Triples. It is hoped to ring the bells each Sunday for the 10 a.m. Communion service, the arrangements being in the hands of Mr. P. A. Corby. On two Sundays a month he is hoping to have College Youths bands and other offers would be welcome.

There were two processions, the first being the Lord Mayor's headed by the City Marshal and including Common Councilmen, Sheriffs and Alderman of the Ward.

Her Majesty and her suite were timed to arrive five minutes later. The Queen Mother was accompanied by Ruth Lady Fermay and Captain Peter Norman. Preceded by the churchwardens, Her Majesty processed along the aisle with the Bishop of London (the Rt. Rev. R. Stopford). Behind them came the Rector (the Rev. Derek Harbord) and the Archdeacon of London (the Ven. Martin Sullivan).

Six hymns were sung during the service, the singing being led by the Renatus Harris organ of 1676, which has been rebuilt as part of the restoration work. The first lesson was read by the Alderman of the Ward, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, a former Lord Mayor, who launched an appeal in 1964 to get the bells ringing again. This lesson was King Solomon's great prayer at the dedication of the Temple. The second was read by the Archdeacon and the prayers offered by the Rector.

SILKEN ROPES FROM ELIZABETH I

The Bishop of London, in his sermon, outlined the history of the church, stating that a church had stood on that site since Saxon times and there were three other churches in London dedicated to St. Botolph, who was a Saxon saint. The Bishop mentioned the links between the Church and the first Queen Elizabeth. In 1553 Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth entered the City through Aldgate and paid 4d. to the ringers. On the Palm Sunday following, Princess Elizabeth was imprisoned in the Tower, and when she became Queen in 1558 she did not forget the bells of Aldgate that brought so much pleasure to her, and presented to the tower silken bell ropes.

ST. BOTOLPH'S
as it appeared in the last century.

The building escaped the Great Fire but in its turn became ruinous by 1740. There was no alternative but to rebuild and the architect was George Dance, the architect for the Mansion House.

As to the work of St. Botolph's today, the Bishop said it was there the City and the East End of London met. In their crypt they had developed work on four evenings a week for homeless men, and also two years ago he inaugurated a series of weekly lunch hour services conducted by a Free Church minister for Nonconformists in the City.

Speaking about the bells, the Bishop said that when the appeal was launched the Queen headed the subscription list and the City Corporation made a valuable and generous gift. The Whitechapel Foundry, which had looked after the bells since 1570, was commissioned to carry out the work.

"We thank God for many things; not merely for a building with so much history that has been restored. In this service we rededicate the building for the worship of God and we thank Him for all the skill of the craftsmen that has gone into the restoration and we pray that God will rehallow this building for His service."

The bells rang out again as the distinguished guests left the church and went to Sir John Cass Technical College for tea. Here a number of presentations were made to the Queen Mother and included Mr. William Hughes and Mr. W. Theobald. Among those present was Mrs. Hughes, the widow of the late Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was a churchwarden of St. Botolph's.

THE BELLS

Tenor.—25 cwt. 7 lb, C sharp, 1764, Lester and Pack.

Seventh.— 19 cwt. 9 lb., D sharp, 1764, Lester and Pack.

Sixth.—13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb., E sharp, 1966, Mears and Stainbank

Fifth.—13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb., F sharp, 1764, Lester and Pack.

Fourth.—10 cwt. 1 qr., G sharp, 1744, Thomas Lester.

Third.—8 cwt. 22 lb., A sharp, 1744, Thomas Lester.

Second.—7 cwt., B sharp, 1744, Thomas Lester.

Treble.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., C sharp, 1744, Thomas Lester.

OSWY STREET CUP COMES HOME

THE fifth Oswy Street contest was held at West Retford on October 22nd. All the eight teams found difficulty with the odd-struck bells and faults were plentiful.

The rules of the contest had been drastically revised by the District Committee to cope with the record entry from four counties. Each band rang a practice piece of 72 changes or less, a test piece of 360 changes and, apart from preliminary rounds, no other ringing at all. To further simplify the contest, penalty faults were entirely removed (under the old rules these could be acquired in no less than three distinct ways).

East Retford had to ring first, as three of their band were tea ladies. Their unreadiness was the conductor's fault; he had spent so long putting the bells to rights in the morning that he was late home for dinner. Judge's comment: "Too many clips, not enough rounds before starting the test piece. 115 faults."

Shelford followed with more Oxford Treble Bob, but in much finer style. "Some chips—not a bad effect altogether. 60 faults."

In the absence of Warsop, Derby Cathedral "A" rang with common consent, as they had a meeting to attend. Cambridge Surprise, rung very slowly; a peal at the same rate would have taken 3¼ hours. "Rather high. 134 faults."

The first closed-lead ringing of the day was provided by Roughtown, who rang the favourite method for the contest. "Scrappy in places. 115 faults."

Derby Cathedral "B" rang Plain Bob and "never really got going. 174 faults." Back to Oxford for Friezland, with closed leads: "Basic rhythm O.K. Faults frequent. 106 faults." Fast Plain Bob from Sawley, whose test piece was a big improvement on their practice: "Good rhythm. Chipping frequent. 83 faults."

Most were at tea when the winners, Warsop, rang their 360 of Oxford. "A pleasure to listen to," said the judge, Harold Chant, and gave them 50 faults

When announcing the results, he said that the ringing had been very interesting to listen to though by no means up to the standard of the recent contest at Gamston.

Accepting the cup from its donor, Mr. Benjamin Street, Herbert T. Rooke, conductor of the Warsop band, said what general satisfaction it would give to Nottinghamshire ringers that the cup had come home at last. In previous contests the winners had always been Yorkshire or Derbyshire teams. Oswy Street himself had been a fine ringer and had done much for ringing in and around Retford. The cup presented by his son served not only to perpetuate his memory but also as an incentive to ringers to improve and be more critical of their standards.

A fine tea was prepared in the Ebsworth Hall by the North Notts Tea Committee and helpers. A raffle for the Diocesan Bell Repair Fund realised £2 5s.

The District chairman, Mr. Harold Denman, expressed his delight at the increased popularity of the contest and hoped for even more entries next year. He moved the votes of thanks. H. P.

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RIVALRY BETWEEN ESSEX AND SUFFOLK

FRIENDLY rivalry between Essex and Suffolk in multi-method Minor ringing was a theme at the 13th annual dinner of the Essex Association at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on October 29th. The Master (Mr. R. G. Heazel), who was accompanied by his wife, presided over a company of 120. Guests of honour were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pipe, the Archdeacon of Colchester and Southend and Miss Welch. Also on the top table were Mr and Mrs. H Turner and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Clark.

Following an excellent meal, the toast of "The Queen" was proposed by the Master, who then proceeded to give the toast of "The Church." He spoke with deep regret of the death of the Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Rev F. D. V. Narborough, and mentioned that he had represented the Association at the funeral. On a much more joyous occasion in his capacity as Master he had attended the service in York Minster when Eric Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, was appointed Bishop of Sodor and Man. A suitable response to the toast of "The Church" was made by the Rev. W. N. Welch, Archdeacon of Southend.

The toast of "The Essex Association" was proposed by Mr. George W. Pipe, Master of the Suffolk Guild. Mr. Pipe spoke of the long-standing friendly relationship between Essex and Suffolk ringers. He ventured to comment that possibly one of the reasons for being invited to the Essex dinner was so that certain Essex ringers could get some hot news on how to ring Multi-Minor, following upon the Suffolk Guild's feat of ringing Spliced Minor in 148 methods, beating the previous record held by the Essex Association by three methods.

Replying, Mr. Donald E. Cobb, Master of the South Western Division, congratulated the Suffolk Guild on their recent Spliced Minor accomplishment, but pointed out that the conductor of that series of peals was an Essex man, who had learned to ring in an Essex belfry. The theme of Mr. Cobb's speech was preparing and planning for the future. He spoke of the urgency to recruit and teach new ringers and appealed to all to do their share of fulfilling the task ahead. He hoped that in a few years' time he would be able to come back and speak to a company much greater than at that day's gathering and acclaim the Essex Association second to none.

Mr. Andrew S. Hudson, Master of the South Eastern Division, in proposing the toast to "The Life Members, Guests and Artistes," thanked the life members elected in 1966 for their loyalty to the Association and hoped that they would continue their membership for many years. He thanked the guests of honour, Mr. and Mrs. G. W Pipe and recalled that at a Christmas social in Suffolk where Mr. Pipe was giving a film show on Australian ringing, his impressions of Australia being upside down were quickly confirmed when the first slide of the evening showed a band of ringers standing upside down on the ceiling with the ropes going through the floor. The Glee-Ward Singers, who provided popular tunes in between the speeches, were also thanked by Mr. Hudson. The Ven. A. V. G. Cleall, Archdeacon of Colchester, replied for the guests.

With the speeches over, everyone was free to renew old and make new acquaintances. There was general agreement that the 13th annual dinner was undoubtedly the best.

P. G. B.

North Muskham Captain's 70th Birthday

Charlie Copp, the genial tower captain at North Muskham, Notts, took part in his 70th birthday peal at North Muskham on November 4th. He rang his first peal at his own tower on January 7th, 1950, and the birthday peal was his 75th. Very few ringers who start as late in life continue over the years as Charlie has done.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. HEWETT

Appreciations were ably expressed to the memory of William H. Hewett, of Westminster, in our last issue.

Biographical details have now been received from John Euston. Bill was born at Camberwell on June 4th, 1886, and died on October 30th, 1966. He attended St George's Church and School and learned to ring with Jim Davies. When Jim became tower secretary of St. Margaret's he recruited Bill as a junior to St. Margaret's Society about 1905 and he had been a regular ringer there ever since.

His first peal was at St George's, Camberwell, on April 21st, 1906, and his first at St. Margaret's—Stedman Caters— on July 27th, 1907. From 1916 Bill was in charge at St. Margaret's and the Abbey bells. At 6 a.m. on November 13th, 1918, he was called to prepare the Abbey bells (then only six) to signal the end of World War I. He collected a band and they rang at 11 a.m. Later he organised the first touches on the restored and augmented ring at the Abbey.

Throughout all the years Bill managed to keep together a friendly voluntary band at St. Margaret's, and in 1963 he and Reuben Sanders were each presented with a cheque by the Rector (Canon M. Stancliffe) in recognition of their 'valued services" to the Church.

On Thursday evening, November 3rd, his body was received into St. Margaret's Church by the Rector (Canon M. Stancliffe), who conducted the service, and in a short address commended to the many ringers present Bill's service to the Church. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Mrs. F. Hairs 1–2, W. G. Wilson 3–4, E. A. Barnett 5–6, J. Euston 7–8 F. Hairs 9–10.

Among those present were Mesdames E Deal, E. Davis, E. Sanders and Stiffell, Mr and Mrs. F Hairs, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs W. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bagworth, Mr and Mrs R. How, Mr. and Mrs. H. Oakshett, Miss V. Dupré, Miss H Maltman, Messrs E. Barnett, E. A. Barnett, A. W. Coles H Clark, F. Cullum, H. Audsley, J. Marks, A. Mason, B Baker, W. Grice, P. Spice, C. Kippin, F Darby, J. Prior, J Phillips, J. Lott, R. Overington, J. Rea, W Grainger, F Matthews, H Rogers, M. Meyer W. Wilson, C. Ottley, T. Hawkins, E. Peett E. Furbank and G. Parsons. St Margaret's was represented by Miss F Higginton (secretary), Mr. Sanders (treasurer), Mr. S Sanders and Mr A. Elliott (verger).

The interment was at Camberwell New Cemetery the next day.

GEORGE PULLINGER

Appreciations

As were many members of the Exercise, I was shocked to hear of George's sudden demise. I knew George in the '20's when I was a schoolboy and he an attendance officer. He carried out this job with meticulous efficiency and soon struck fear into the local boys, wrongly, as I later found out. To him I was always Master Hill.

As a choirboy I saw George regularly in his place at least once each Sunday after ringing for service. With the breaking of my voice I was invited to try my hand at ringing. It was the late George Grant who taught me to handle a bell. My first introduction to change ringing was when the band met one short for Grandsire for a special service. I was put on the treble knowing little about it; George steered me through whilst keeping most of the band as well.

After leaving Bishopstoke I cycled to meetings all over the county with George, being pushed into this or that method always with the warning: "If George Williams is there he will want to know if you have looked it up." This psychology worked.

I was tutored in conducting and at 16 called 5,040 Grandsire Doubles and the next year 5,040 Triples (Holt's ten-part) with a local band. George never liked peal ringing—the strain was too much for his one arm—but he was always the first to stand in for someone's "first" and to assist a learner in some way.

Once you got to know him, the dour impression he gave soon went and he was a generous and good-hearted man and in all ways a thorough Christian. The Exercise, the Church and the county is the poorer for the loss of a man of his principles.

JOHN HILL.

G. K. D. writes: "George Pullinger was one of the last of the older members of the Winchester Guild, before Guildford became a separate Guild. A frequent visitor to our part of the county, he was a lifelong friend of Frank Knapp a pre-war captain of the Kingsclere band, and took part in the first peal on these bells—Cambridge Major in 1929, conducted by the late George Williams.

"Whenever we met he showed a lively interest in local ringing. His early years were spent in the gardens of Stargroves, East Woodhay, and his former employer, Sir Frederick Ardagh, has just died at the age of 93. He will be missed by the many who knew him well."

ODD VENTURES

Comments on some touches that are different.

STEDMAN CATERS

290		398	
231456789		231456789	
312456978	1.5S.6.16S.	312654978	1.5S.6.16.
Rounds by bobs at		312456	5S.16.
3.4.6.8.9.10.11.12.13.		Rounds as before.	

The Homing Course

312456978		297135468
	—	2915743
143627589	—	9524137
146738295	—	9543271
— 471862395	—	5397412
— 478213695	—	5371924
724389156	—	3152749
— 723941856		312456789

Here are two handy touches of Stedman Caters. The second is only a simple extension of the first; and, indeed, working from this opening course, it is not difficult to construct a number of longer touches, all leading to 312456978 and then home, as shown here.

The homing course may, owing to the number of calls, seem complicated, but this is not so. The bob at 6 holds the 6th in 9ths place just long enough to enable the 8th to come up to it. With 68 behind it is a simple matter to keep calling bobs until the 9th comes from the front and reaches 6–7 up. The ear will recognise the termination 968 and that will be the signal for a plain six. The bells will run round two rows after 315274968, so that the six-end 312456789 (shown in the touch) will not be reached.

There is another calling that will return 312456978 to rounds, and that is bobs at 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. This will be two sixes longer than the one given here and will not provide such a musical ending, but it is useful to keep in mind as an alternative.

E. C. S.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

German Nurses at Chertsey District Meeting

In spite of unpleasant weather, a very happy meeting was held at Walton on November 5th. Canon Evans, himself a ringing member, gave the 30-odd ringers present a warm welcome, and the excellent tea warmed the inner ringer. We were pleased to have two German student nurses as our guests at service and tea; they originally came to rub brasses but were caught up in the Chertsey District "scrum."

New officers nominated for 1967 were Mr. C. J. Webb, Ringing Master; Mr. J. F M. Maybrey, Assistant Ringing Master; Mr. R. Caporn, District secretary.

Mr. Maybrey expressed the thanks of the District to Mr. R. Collins and Mr. D. Blows for all their work on behalf of the District. Both are moving away—Mr Blows to West Hartlepool and Mr. Collins to Farnham.

New members elected were the Rev. T. Tyler, Messrs. J. Pegley, L. Pirrie and A. Attfield, of Walton. Mr. M. J. Bew was elected a non-resident member.

Meetings for 1967 will be: February 25th, Ottershaw; April 22nd, Horsell; July 8th, Send and Ockham; September 2nd, Old Woking; November 4th, Weybridge.

R. C.

Letters to the Editor

MR. R. B. SMITH REPLIES TO CRITICS

Dear Sir,—It was not my intention in Part VI of my article on Plain Bob to "direct at a privileged minority" as Mr. Jackson suggests. The title of the part was "The influence of Plain Bob on other methods" and quite honestly I believe that the influence on Doubles and Minor is not significant. This does not mean that I consider Doubles and Minor ringing to be insignificant; I am one of those who learned to ring at a six-bell tower. The fact that we only had six bells did not stop six of the band taking part in peals of Cambridge Maximus, and many more have rung peals on eight and ten bells. It, as Mr. Jackson suggests, most people are not prepared to look further than the ends of their noses then they have only themselves to blame.

Mr Jackson suggested that the examples I gave did not fit in with tradition; they were not intended to! There is no point in writing about learning Plain Bob unless you can show why it should be learned thoroughly early in one's change ringing career Little Bob and Double Oxford are backwaters in which people can stagnate; it is so easy to become entangled with the weeds and forget that the aim of most ringers is to be competent in the standard methods

I would further point out that the title "For the beginner" includes many people who do not consider themselves to be "beginners" in the strict sense of the word. We are always beginning new phases in ringing, and Part VI of my article is intended for those who are progressing from Plain Bob to other methods. In this respect each of the articles is intended for people at different stages of learning

With reference to writing an article on Doubles and Minor ringing, I would be quite happy to do this, but there are many people who are better qualified to write on this than I am.

Referring to the letter from Mr. Segar, I would like to make the following points:

(1) He omitted to say that his motion before the Central Council in 1956 deploring the use of X for bobs at 5 in Double Norwich was **rejected.**

(2) His reference to use of lead-head and lead-end can be explained in the following manner:

It is generally accepted by ringers that when the treble leads full at the end of a block of changes (in a treble dominated method) the backstroke lead is called the lead-end The composer, however, finds it more convenient to call this the lead-head (generally speaking) As long as this is understood by both groups it does not matter terribly, as in "spliced" ringing the lead-head and the lead-end are one and the same row. In ringing LXL, for example, the row 14263857 is the **end** of a block of London and the **beginning** of a block of Cambridge or Superlative (sorry about the X!)

I am pleased to have had the comments from Messrs. Jackson, Segar and others, which reveal that we have the same object in mind.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER

The bells of St Lawrence's, Bourton-on-the-Water, are not now available for ringing owing to defects in the chiming apparatus. An announcement will be made in "The Ringing World" when the bells are again available for peals and visiting bands.

BELLS IN STOCKHOLM

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Brian Austin's comments in your issue of November 11th, if he has access to "The Ringing World" of August 18th, 1961, he will see a brief account of the bells of Skarpnacks Church (four at the time with a tenor weighing about two tons—have they now been augmented to six?) and of a programme of visits I arranged for the then leader of the ringers there, Mr A. V Jakobsson, who came to this country under the auspices of the British Council to study change ringing. Until recently I had a number of photographs of the tower and bells, which are counter-balanced to make ringing easier, although the tenor requires two men to grip the wheel. As Mr Austin says, the bells are hung in the open at the top of the tower; apparently the architect decreed that they should not be covered in, despite pleas to the contrary. Architects—perhaps I should say non-ringing ones—are evidently the same the world over!

Amongst other functions, Mr. Jakobsson attended one of our District meetings and replied in excellent English to the welcome he received. His knowledge of the language was derived from school only. I doubt if many of us would care to make a speech in a foreign language in such circumstances! — Yours sincerely, E. A BARNETT

Crayford, Kent.

BLUE LINE F.C.H.

Dear Sir,—Mr Beech writes about his confusion at some length and mentions the blue line f.c.h If he and other purchasers of this book will write to me about their difficulties I shall be pleased to help them. Their comments may be helpful if another edition is needed. At present Mr Garner-Hayward regrets he cannot tell me the number in stock.

There is no statement in page 1 having any resemblance to the one Mr. Beech professes to quote. Will he please read it again and write to me direct?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

16, Green Lane, Skegness, Lincs.

TIPS FOR VISITORS TO THE WEST COUNTRY

Dear Sir,—I have just ended a five months tour in the West Country. I should like to extend my sincere gratitude to the ringers of South West Devon for the wonderful reception I received at every one of the many towers I visited. I was taken on many outings and feel most grateful towards the call change ringers who patiently suffered my striking and most apologetic towards the method fraternity for my crossing over in two peal attempts.

May I give a warning to touring bands planning to visit the West Country? Closed lead call changes are rung in the majority of towers, with every effort made towards perfecting striking. Method ringing is regarded as an unnecessary complication. Bad striking is not tolerated when it could be improved by simpler ringing, and many up-country touring bands have made method ringing become unpopular by striking badly. Devon men must wince when they see reported "Ringing ranged from eight-spliced down to call changes . . ."

Ringers when requesting bells for a peal must mention the length of time the bells will be heard. In the West Country a peal denotes any length of ringing. Three hours of bad striking is not soon forgotten when only one hour was expected.—Yours faithfully, DONALD A. BEDFORD.

Crawford, Lanarkshire

ATTEMPT FOR 25,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor an attempt will be made on Saturday, December 3rd, 1966, commencing as soon as possible after 9 a.m., at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, to ring 25,088 Plain Bob Major.

The band will stand as follows: James W. Belshaw (Yardley, Birmingham) 1, Maurice F. Edwards (Yardley, Birmingham) 2, Alan R. Baldock (Eastbourne) 3, George Pluckrose (Lyncham) 4, Ronald R. Warford (Selby) 5, Ronald J Snack (Amersham) 6, Robin Brown (Rothwell Yorks) 7, C. Barrie Dove (Leeds), conductor 8.—Yours faithfully,

Leeds, Yorkshire C. B. DOVE.

MORE ABOUT MORDEN BELLS

Dear Sir,—Evidently Mr. Amey chooses to miss my points about his band's activities at Morden and to poke fun instead. But the facts and injustices remain; the ringers of that quarter peal trod not on my toes, but heavily on the toes of Mr. Amey's colleagues in the Wimborne Branch of the S.D.G.—and then making it worse by taking a lot of credit, in their "Ringing World" article, which did not belong to them.

The tenor was as loose on the stock after Mr. Amey's attention as it was before. (Why else would the ringers, who to my knowledge visited Morden after Mr. Amey's band, have confined their ringing to the front four?) I dislike Mr. Amey's implication that I withheld information of any defects which I knew about from the Rector I did not, although surely it would have been fair to assume that the S.D.G.'s belfry inspector had mentioned the state of the tenor when reporting on the bells at the Rector's request. It is sad that the Rector apparently failed to pass on the information when giving permission to ring.

Morden bells by the way, are of some interest and include two pre-Reformation castings:

Treble.—Added by Warner, 1890.
Second.—By James Wells of Aldbourne, 1807.
Third.—Probably 15th century.
Fourth.—Circa 1400 (a lovely casting but poor in tone).
Tenor.—By Thomas Purdue, 1663.

The bells were tuned and rehung in the present two-tier frame by the Warner foundry in 1890. The crack in the crown of the tenor was probably started then and has spread since, no doubt to ringing loose on the headstock. There is surely little point in recasting the bell in the present circumstances. Its tone has certainly been affected but there is still some resonance—and the other four bells are not particularly musical. — Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Note.—This correspondence is now closed. —Ed.

Sussex Meeting Disapproves New Heading

At the Northern Division quarterly meeting at Lindfield on November 5th the question of practice meetings was discussed at some length but failed to reach a decision as to their usefulness. The matter was left to the annual Divisional meeting in February.

Under "any other business" the new heading of "The Ringing World" was treated to some criticism and a resolution was passed regretting the alteration and suggesting a return to the original design.

The service was taken by the Rev. Michael Stedman, who welcomed the ringers and gave an interesting address. The local captain (Mr A. J Drew) was thanked for his help with the arrangements. The ringing proved to be a little above the usual meeting standard. One visitor who was not very welcome was fog!

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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FOURTH BRISTOL FESTIVAL

THE fourth Bristol Festival of Ringing was held on October 29th and, as has now become traditional the day dawned with bright sunshine, which persisted throughout the day

A bright and early start was made when the bells of the first two towers were raised at 9.15 a.m., despite being advertised as 9.30. It is estimated that about 50 people were present at each of the first two towers, which are situated at extreme ends of the city. Conversation with the multitudes revealed that some people had left home the preceding evening and stayed the night in Bristol. Journeys had been made from Gloucestershire Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Kent, South Wales, Wiltshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Dorset, Oxfordshire and Yorkshire and probably other parts of England and Wales

Bristol's amateur bellhanger, John Slater, had been working to a very tight schedule during preceding weeks in order to put Horfield —Bristol's only ring of five—back on the list of ringable towers. Work was completed the day before and scores took advantage of this, the second occasion that the bells had been rung since 1944—and a very pleasant little five they are, too!

CONGESTED

The late morning towers were so congested that it became a matter of two minute rounds or 40 Grandsire Doubles and out, in order to avoid sending people away without a ring. There was a good cacophony of sound on College Green as the service touch of Stedman Triples mingled with ringing at the Lord Mayor's Chapel—only a couple of hundred yards away —where ringing had extended beyond the advertised time.

A short, well-attended service was held in the Cathedral at noon, which included a short but very appropriate address by the Dean, the Very Rev D E. W. Harrison, about the origins of ringing and reference to bells in the Bible

The organising committee had learned by bitter experience that it is not worth all the work and worry to arrange a luncheon, so everyone was left to make their own arrangements. The afternoon gave a choice of three routes—a country tour and other tours on the west and east sides of the city. The country tour proved surprisingly popular, which will be useful to bear in mind for the fifth festival.

For those who wanted a change from ringing, visits had been arranged to the Cathedral central tower which houses four ancient bells in a massive wooden ten-bell frame, and also to the University tower to see the 9½ ton "Great George." Unfortunately the lights could not be switched on at the latter so it had to be viewed by torchlight

PUBLICITY

Tony Bennett—the festival publicity officer—had by no means been idle, and as a result of his efforts comprehensive reports of the festival were published in local newspapers. In addition, Mark Puckle, of the B.B.C., recorded an interview with Philip Gray, which was broadcast on the Home Service Radio Newsreel at 7 p.m. on the Saturday evening. The programme also recorded short recordings of ringing at Westbury, Horfield and Redcliffe. Television cameras were in evidence at SS Philip and Jacob's, where a film was taken of three people ringing the tower bells, and Dick Bowden ringing the model bell which is hung on the wall.

In the evening a room had been hired upstairs in the Crown and Dove in the Horsefair, Bristol. Again this was well attended, with over 100 people enjoying the evening's light entertainment and renewing acquaintance.

The three foot long hunting horn, a relic of "Wratten's Wringers" peal tour, was produced to herald the arrival of Mr E. F Hancock and part of his family, who gave a demonstration of tune ringing on handbells. Before the handbells were put away a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Reg Hooper 1–2, Jim Taylor 3–4, Albert Tyler 5–6, Ralph Edwards 7–8 and Jennie Taylor 9–10, which left everyone with no doubt in their minds that Ralph prefers 8–7–9–70 roll-ups to 7–8–9–10's!!!

Next, Nick Simon held everyone's fascinated attention by attempting to play a course of Grandsire Royal on the piano. With clockwork precision he proceeded as far as the eighth lead when, unfortunately, his concentration broke. However, this remarkable performance left everyone speculating as to how it was done.

PRESS-UPS

A return bout of press-ups between Bristol and Leicester was the next item on the agenda Bristol being represented by Richard Sweet (formerly known as Cap'n Crunch) and Leicester by their tenor king, Kingsley Mason. Coats were removed and the floor was cleared for the grand contest Over 100 referees echoed a resounding count as both figures strained muscle and sinew, which culminated in a deafening roar as Kingley collapsed at 24. Thus Richard retained the crown he had gained a few months earlier in another Bristol hostelry Shouts of "Send for Cannon" were heard

At 9.30 Philip Gray, chairman of the Bristol City ringers, gave a warm welcome to all who had supported the festival, and thanked the organisers—John Hunt and Richard Sweet—for their efforts A precedent had been set at the previous festival whereby an award was made to the person who had grabbed the most towers during the day. Starting at 20, and decreasing in Dutch auction style, a show of hands was asked for, which revealed that this year's top grabber was (surprisingly enough!) Mr Barrie Dove with 15, though it was later learned that he rang at one or two churches instead of attending the service and sticking to the advertised programme. Mr. Dove walked the length of the room, accompanied by some appropriate applause, to receive the prize of a fountain pen. He also corrected what he considers a vulgar term by saying that he does not grab towers he visits them.

PRIZE WINNERS

A raffle had been held during the evening, the proceeds of which were to go towards the £9 it had cost to arrange the day's events. The first prize of a bottle each of sherry and ginger cordial stayed in Bristol—going to Mr E. F. Hancock of Redcliffe. Barrie Dove was once again in the limelight as he collected the second prize of a bottle of sherry The third prize—a bottle of ginger cordial— went to Mrs. Parker, of Ubley, Somerset

Guest celebrity, Bill Hibbert, of Appleton fame, was retrieved from the "Ladies" to start the community singing by giving his rendering of "The Farmer's Boy." Singing continued until almost midnight, terminating with a Worcestershire folk song and a recitation concerning a certain Arctic Maiden. We were warned to leave the premises swiftly and silently as a party of policemen had booked bed and breakfast for the night!

So ended what must surely be the most enjoyable and most successful Bristol Festival yet It is difficult to gauge with any accuracy how many ringers participated during the day in one way or another, but a conservative estimate is considered to be around the 200 mark. We said in the first place "the more the merrier," and we were proved right.

D. J. H.

LAST YEAR'S LEADING PEAL RINGERS MARRY

ON Saturday, October 15th, the marriage took place at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, between Gillian M. Hussey, the Ringing Master at St. Ambrose's, and D John Hunt, the Ringing Master of Bristol Cathedral and popular secretary of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Both Gill and John learned to ring at St. Ambrose's, and it has been a joy to see their friendship, which has stood the test of time and many peals together, blossom forth and finally reach this happy state of marriage.

The church had been decorated most beautifully for the occasion by Mrs. Hussey and her helpers and it was pleasantly full of ringers and friends for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Roger O. Fry

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. F. R Hussey, secretary of the St. Ambrose's band. She was dressed in a full-length gown of white velvet with a train and a three-quarter length veil held in place with a diamond tiara, and carried a bouquet of cream roses and tangerine carnations. She was attended by three bridesmaids in dresses of tangerine velvet, and a page boy. The best man was Mr Richard W. Sweet, and the organist, another old ringing friend, Dr. Tony Bennett.

The bridegroom and best man with many of the guests joined in the ringing before the service, but the service touch was by St Ambrose's band afterwards As they left the church the happy couple were greeted with an arch of handbells and showered with confetti, rice and computer clippings.

The reception was held at the Kingswood Hotel and attended by 70 guests. The honeymoon was spent in London They attempted two quarter peals the following day which unfortunately came to grief, probably due to post wedding nerves. However, later in the week they succeeded in scoring a couple of peals and in doing a little grabbing in the City.

As the wedding ceremony commenced the Bristol University Society started for a peal at Bristol Cathedral and scored a peal of New Cambridge as their wedding tribute, and as the happy couple sped off in the direction of London eight old friends returned to the tower at St Ambrose's and rang a spanking peal of Yorkshire conducted by Tudor Edwards. The band were very sorry that the Rev. Roger O Fry, who had arranged the peal, could not ring because of a torn ligament in his wrist. However he gave the band moral support by listening to the peal and joining them afterwards at the bride's house, where they were entertained most handsomely.

The local band too, showed the esteem with which they hold John and Gillian by presenting them with a set of door chimes and on the Sunday following the wedding by ringing a quarter peal of Bob Major prior to Evensong.

R. W. S.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The annual general meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held at Leicester, a favourite meeting place in bygone years, on October 29th. Ringing was available at the Churches of St. John the Divine, All Saints and St. Mary de Castro and also at the Cathedral.

Lunch was enjoyed at the City Police headquarters in London Road, and the guests included the Assistant Chief Constable (Mr. J. R. Webster) and the Rev. J. Hughes.

At the business meeting which followed lunch, Cheltenham was selected for the next annual general meeting on September 23rd, 1967. The day proved to be most enjoyable.

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GRAND OLD MAN of KENT MISSES HIS CENTURY

EDWARD S. RUCK, THE LAST FOUNDATION MEMBER OF K.C.A

A BRIEF announcement was made in our last issue of the passing of Edward Stephen Ruck, of Willesborough, on November 7th, within less than eight months of his century.

In the church where he had consistently and faithfully worshipped for almost half a century at Willesborough, the funeral service took place on November 11th, conducted by the Rev. G Williams, who in his address spoke of Mr. Ruck both as a ringer and Christian The lesson was read by the Rev. P. T. Robbins of Charing. The service concluded with the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God who liveth," with Mr W. P. Garner as organist.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Rev. P. T. Robbins 1-2, T Sone 3-4, P. A. Corby 5-6, T. Cullingworth 7-8, after which five members of the local band, supplemented by J Cooper of Hothfield, rang a quarter peal of St Simon's Doubles with the bells muffled at handstroke and open at back, in recognition of their old captain's custom and belief, the muffled handstroke signifying the death of the flesh and the open backstroke acclaiming the resurrection and the life of the world to come.

In addition to those already mentioned, ringing friends present included Mr. J. Willis (vice-president of the Kent County Association), Mr A. Berry (secretary, Ashford District), Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth, Messrs T. Sone, F Macey, L Head, B. Baker, N Davies and J. Marsh.

The many floral tributes included a wreath from the Kent County Association and one from the Willesborough band of ringers "In fond remembrance of our Grand Old Man."

"OLD TED"

Edward S. Ruck ("Old Ted," as he was known affectionately, and wished to be called in the latter years of his active ringing life), was born at New Romney, Kent, on June 20th, 1867; in his own words, "a yellowbelly from the Marsh."

He was the youngest son of five children of Edward Ruck of New Romney, a fellmonger by trade, who removed to Mersham, just off the Marsh, when young Ted was only a year old. His father being an able ringer and conductor, young Ted was taught to handle a bell at an early age and was only eleven years old when he first rang for Sunday service.

On May 18th, 1880, he was present at the inaugural meeting of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers and made a foundation member, an event which has proved to be of more significance than any other throughout his long and varied ringing career and for which he will be most remembered.

He rang his first peal, one of 5,120 Bob Major, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Mersham, in 1887, conducted by his father. In 1895 he married Bessie Jell, of St. Margaret's Bay, Cliffe, and settled at Mersham until 1916, when he came to Willesborough. He was the father of two children, one of whom, a daughter (Mrs. F. Newton, of Willesborough), survives. Two of his grandchildren, Molly and "Dick" Newton, he taught to ring at Willesborough. His only son, Edward John, "Jack," as he was known to friends, was the dedicated and popular choirmaster and organist at Willesborough from 1927 until his death in 1952.

CAPTAIN AT WILLESBOROUGH

In August, 1930, then a sprightly 63, Ted conducted the first peal at St. Mary's, Willesborough, one of Bob Minor, just after the rehanging and rededication of the bells, and during the ensuing years, as captain, he built up a band of young ringers, mostly boys from the choir passed on from father to son, capable of ringing many Plain and Surprise Minor methods at the outbreak of the last war. During this period, and again after the war, until his last peal at Willesborough in 1954 at the age of 87, he rang and conducted many peals at Willesborough and in the Ashford District. He was 80 when he last conducted a peal at Willesborough and "turned in" the tenor, not a heavy or awkward bell, but—all tenors need "turning in," as many young ringers discover to their dismay.

He last entered the belfry at Willesborough on the occasion of his 95th birthday, on June 20th, 1962, and rang the treble to Bob Minor. Thus ended an active ringing career of 84 years.

He had been a consistent attender at the meetings of the Ashford District and the annual general meeting of the Kent County Association and also at the meetings of the Romney Marsh and District Guild during its active years down on his home territory on the Marsh.

Although a strict disciplinarian in the belfry and no respecter of persons when the striking was not up to standard, "Old Ted" was always ready to admit when he was wrong himself. After setting his bell he would ponder for a while with his head on one side and then remark "I believe I missed," or "I believe I should have . . ."—and he would often seek advice from one of his pupils whom he considered to have become more knowledgeable in the art of ringing than himself.

Before ringing for morning service he never failed to walk to his pew for prayers, he never seemed to be in a hurry yet he was never late, except in unusual circumstances. By his example in so many ways "Old Ted" must have influenced for the better many persons in his long and orderly life. We thank God for the privilege of having known him for so long.

AN APPRECIATION

It was in the early 1930's, as a schoolboy, that I first became acquainted with Edward S. Ruck. He was a familiar figure in and around Willesborough as he went his rounds as a part-time insurance agent and canvasser for a local drapery store. He walked everywhere, his easy gait being recognisable at quite a distance and, on meeting or passing, a cheerful greeting from him could always be expected.

In 1934, when I first commenced ringing, I came to know him better, even though for a while our relationship was not entirely one of mutual admiration. However, he was a patient man with anyone he thought was striving to improve and as my ringing progressed, in line with a number of my schoolmates whom he was also teaching, so our friendship grew, later on to become one of deep respect.

During the war years, when I served abroad, he corresponded with me, keeping me informed of events on the "home front," and also on my excursions "down under" kept in touch with me until he was no longer able to do so. I still possess most of his letters, which invariably ended with the words "God bless you," and thus it was as if by some divine intent that these should be the last words I heard him say when, in the company of a ringing friend, I visited him at Hothfield Hospital a few weeks before his death. He was then almost blind and deaf. It was characteristic of "Old Ted," a real gentleman, one of nature's best, and a true Christian to the end. God bless him. A. J. L.

ANOTHER APPRECIATION

When the Kent County Association was formed at a meeting in the Chapter House at Canterbury on May 18th, 1880, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Rector of Mersham, was elected secretary. Present at that meeting was Edward Stephen Ruck, who was to celebrate his 13th birthday on the following June 20th. His ringing career was only finally completed on November 7th, 1966, when he died at Hothfield Hospital in his 100th year.

He lived most of his life at Willesborough, the next village to Mersham, and for several years in his great old age a birthday meeting was held at Willesborough, when "Old Ted" would preside at a grand tea party with birthday cake and candles. At the last of these occasions he was helped up the belfry stairs and took the treble for a course of Bob Minor in which another of those taking part was a keen young ringer then 13 years old, who if he lives to old age will be able to recall this link with a founder member of the Kent County Association.

Soon after this "Old Ted" was taken into Hothfield Hospital and was very happy in the loving care he received. Although for the last two years or so increasing deafness and failing sight overtook him, he remained until then his usual cheerful and outspoken self. Always of a philosophical turn of mind, he would often say in these later days, "'Old Ted' is ready to go, but the Lord is not ready to take him."

His whole life was centred around a limited local area, but nevertheless his pupils were to journey to the far places of the earth The number of ringers he taught at Willesborough is legion, and he leaves those who to this day maintain the tradition of regular and competent Sunday service ringing and loyal and cheerful service to the Church.

Another foundation member of the Association, Charles Slingsby, from nearby Aldington, died at the age of 104, and the last but one foundation member, Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, died in 1941, leaving "Old Ted" to carry the torch alone for another 25 years.

He was for long a member of the Kent County Association Committee and just after the war was created a vice-president in recognition of his special status as last surviving foundation member. When he was able to attend the committee meetings he could be relied upon for the provocative remark to sum up a difficult discussion, and when, later, attendance at committee meetings became impossible for him, he always sent a message of greeting with his apology for absence.

The "Young Ted" who became "Old Ted" will be remembered by the Kent County Association for the secure place he has in its history. Eighty-six-and-a-half years' membership is not a record likely to be equalled very often. We thank God for his long and useful life. May he rest in peace.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

About 20 members took the opportunity to ring the little-used bells of the Unitarian Church at Todmorden on November 5th.

The Rev. P. Scholfield, of South Kirby, presided over the shortest business meeting on record.

Mr. R. Senior thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the ladies for the excellent tea, and Mr. G. Cheetham, who had made all the arrangements. W. M.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (three methods): 1. Wiltshire 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

ALVESTON, GLOS. —On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Coward 1, Miss R. Livsey (first "inside") 2, Miss P. Sturdy (cond.) 3, G. T. Collins 4, D. Livsey 5, A. Tuck 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BARKINGSIDE, LONDON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. Derrick 1, D. E. Cobb 2, D. G. Yeo 3, C. G. Wright 4, J. Brain 5, K. Warner 6, D. A. Hewitt 7, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Nov. 6th, 1,272 Knt Treble Bob Minor: Miss C. Mitchell 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, A. Swatton 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Kent 1, 2, 3, 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. R. Hussey 1, B. Martin 2, J. Collard 3, M. Powell 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds 6, R. W. Sweet 7, J. F. Pedler (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hussey with all good wishes from the local band.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Jeffries 1, Pauline Hillson 2, R. Chapman 3, F. W. Rivett 4, D. A. Hammond 5, R. L. Piron 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. M. Payne 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Donald Thompson, of St. Paul's, Bedford.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: T. Fagg 1, Elidabeth Todd 2, Annie Rayner 3, Rose Wratten (cond.) 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, W. Beeching 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: V. Nutton (cond.) 1, E. N. Thomas 2, R. R. Dyckhoff 3, D. P. Sturge 4, R. H. Youdale 5, C. W. Daws 6, R. M. Damerell 7, K. J. Triplow 8. First of Bristol 3, 4, 5, 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Susan Lloyd 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. J. Barker 3, Susan J. Devey 4, Shelagh C. Guthrie 5, K. W. Price 6, R. D. Baker 7, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 8.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND. — At the Cathedral, on Oct 29th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Edna M. Cooper 1, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 2, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3, D. F. Moore 4, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 5, D. G. Wilford 6, C. K. Cooper 7, J. J. Fox 8. For the wedding of Malcolm A. Phillips and Muriel C. Hastings, which took place at Wigton, Cumberland, immediately after this quarter.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Enid Lawson 1, Ann Lawson 2, T. Cox 3, J. Burton (first in the method) 4, A. Boyd 5, P. Wishart 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, D. Bayles 8.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. H. Turner 1, John H. Harding 2, R. J. Turner 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, C. H. Turner 5, S. J. Harding 6. A 66th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret A. Phelan 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Irene E. Shanks 3, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 4, Rosemary J. Cotton 5, D. Netherton 6, B. J. Imber 7, T. Farmer 8. First on eight for 1 and 6. For All Saints' Day.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Vaughan 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, P. Pitt (first in method) 3, M. J. Howes (first "inside") 4, E. P. Duffield 5, B. W. Fairhead 6, N. V. Avis 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For United Nations service. Also on that day, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, K. Smith 4, E. E. Davey 5, E. Piper 6, A. R. Andrews 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Smith 1, A. E. W. Baines (first "inside") 2, Mrs. B. M. Baines 3, A. W. Fuller (cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Adams (cond.) 1, Janet Hohl 2, D. Adams 3, P. Palmer 4, E. Howes 5, K. Hohl 6, B. Goggie 7, G. Pullen 8. For Confirmation service, in which the grandson of ringer of the 7th was confirmed.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—On Oct. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A Pamela Leigh 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Wagstaff 4, F. A. Staveley 5, G. W. Shanks 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, F. J. Jackson 8. For Flower Festival.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Aslett (first on treble) 1, F. J. Cook 2, R. J. Scott 3, A. I. Pett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Sear 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain Bob): M. G. Wills 1, M. Suzanne Carrick 2, L. D. Smith 3, R. H. Roberts 4, R. Allison (first as cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. First in two methods 1, 2 and 4. For jubilee service of the Cub section of the Scout Movement. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan V. Banks (first quarter) 1, R. H. Roberts 2, L. D. Smith 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

HALSE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Wheller 1, A. Cooke 2, R. Colman 3, R. Trickey (cond.) 4, F. Taylor 5, H. Taylor 6. For conductor's birthday.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Aug. 21st, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. Foster 1, R. M. Rawlings 2, A. E. Fellows 3, N. Mallett 4, S. G. Ponting 5, J. A. Woolford 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell 1, Brenda I. Wilkinson (first Triples "inside") 2, C. J. Champion 3, R. P. Wood 4, H. D. Butler 5, H. Clark 6, R. M. Cox (first as cond.) 7, H. C. Weaver 8.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Colman 1, C. Webber 2, A. Cooke 3, R. Trickey (cond.) 4, F. Taylor 5, T. Farthing (first quarter) 6. For christening of daughter of ringer of 6.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): D. R. McLean 1, J. G. Hallett 2, Ann Harris 3, Caroline Stewart 4, S. Humphrey 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung by Nottingham University.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Johnston (first on eight) 1, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis 4, R. Chambers 5, C. Poulson 6, E. Cracknell 7, W. Jarvis 8.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Stephens 1, A. P. Smith 2, W. R. Curtis 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. S. Pryor 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, B. Butcher 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Family Communion.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Kerly (first of Minor) 1, H. Rumens 2, W. T. Perrins 3, N. Skelton 4, R. N. Marlow 5, M. B. Tyers (cond.) 6.

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, WILTS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cuss 1, G. Newman 2, F. Read (cond.) 3, A. Palmer 4, A. Keen 5. To mark the baptism of Carolin Gill Emms.

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. N. Harrison 1, J. Crowther 2, J. E. Anderson 3, H. Byrom 4, R. W. D. Wetenhall 5, G. Deas 6, L. Boumphrey (cond.) 7, B. Street 8. To mark the retirement of the Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Sloman 1, Penny Halliwell 2, S. Halliwell (first in method) 3, P. Sadler 4, B. Sadler 5, G. Bacon 6, D. Sloman (first as cond.) 7, G. Eve 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, R. J. Cann 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Harris 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, C. W. Bragg 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Shirley A. Cox 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. H. Thompson 3, R. L. Coles 4, I. P. Cox (first as cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. With best wishes to the tenor ringer, entering hospital for an operation. Also on Oct 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Thompson (first of Major) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, Shirley A. Cox 4, D. J. Barnett 5, T. J. Milsom 6, I. P. Cox (first of Major "inside") 7, R. L. Coles (first of Major) 8. The first of Major by local band.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Susan Thomas 1, A. J. Slade 2, D. Hawkins 3, M. C. Austin 4, I. L. Dear 5, E. T. Newnham 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, D. E. Cobb 9, R. Durrant 10. To mark the christening this day of Lucy Anne, daughter of Don and Sally Cobb and god-daughter of the conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We are victims of another peal hoax—at Feltham (on page 763). Will those concerned delete peal from records.

With the peal at Armley Mr. R. H. Dove has rung peals in all the eleven towers in Leeds and is the first ringer ever to do so. It has taken 32 years to complete!

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, ringers can take a just pride in the peal recorded this week, which is the first on the bells for 18 years. The ringers of the front six were members of the local band.

Those who watch the B.B.C. TV series of "Blue Peter" on Mondays and Thursdays at 5 p.m. will have seen John Noakes, the programme presenter, have a ringing lesson at Kingston upon Thames. There was also some ringing on the ten bells.

Congratulatory peals have been rung in two towers for local ringers having completed 50 years in the art—Charles Ball, captain of Barton Stacey, Hants, and Isaac W. Smith, of Fairfield, Buxton. Best wishes to them both for many more years of ringing.

A correspondent asks if Shoreham, Kent, ringers were supporting the commuters in their protest against their usual train not stopping there. A Press report reads: "Wives of the 'rebels' were there with car headlights blazing and hooters blaring. Church bells rang in the distance."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

THE EARL AGAIN

"The Ringing World" gains notoriety by again appearing in the weekly column of the Earl of Arran in the London "Evening News." The Ladies' Guild is singled out for the following extract:—

"The reporter (a lady?) wrote: 'We expected a challenging address, but we were more than a little startled when the preacher announced his text: "With my body I thee worship. . . . We listened with absorbed attention while Mr. Scott presented an aspect of ringing some of us had not considered before. It was a most memorable service."

Comments the Earl: "I'll say it was. Does this explain the "pair of shoes found in a belfry near the second rope after the peal on July 23rd"?

From our post-bag we gather that many of our readers enjoy his column as much as the Earl does our pages. One suggests that appreciation should be expressed by conferring honorary membership of the Central Council upon him, and another that he should be invited to contribute a column to the brighter "Ringing World."

WILLIAM H. HEWETT

"We hope to put some form of memorial in the tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster, as a reminder of the church service of William H. Hewett," writes John Euston. His association with St. Margaret's dates from 1905, and here he conducted his last peal—Stedman Caters— on January 17th, 1959, for Reuben Sanders' 85th birthday. It may be for the memorial we can have his collection of reports and "Ringing Worlds" bound and a bookcase made. Donations may be sent to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham S.W.16.

ROPE BREAKS AS NEW RECTOR TOLLS

During the induction of the new Rector of Chedburgh, Suffolk, between Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill, the bell rope broke. As the bell was silent when the Rector went to toll, the Archdeacon, a Rural Dean and a churchwarden went to assist. But the bell remained silent and finally the rope broke.

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. Leslie Brown), who carried out the institution, recalled that a similar happening occurred at his first service as a deacon when he went to toll for evening prayer.

Raven's book shows that Chedburgh has one bell—by T. Osborn, 1797.

BATHWICK PROTEST AT PEAL

With reference to the front page article of November 4th concerning a "Code of Conduct for Peal Ringers," the Vicar of St. Mary's, Bathwick, Somerset, certainly believes in one of the points recommended. In the November parish magazine he published the following under "Notes on the Calendar":

"Saturday, Nov 5th.—Anglican/Methodist Conference—as a further inducement to attend the conference, let me warn you that a **peal of bells** will be rung from St. Mary's Church some time during the morning for about three hours non-stop. Personally I can't stand this sort of racket and I am only too glad to get away from it. I like bells when they ring for a service, or to celebrate a wedding, or ring in the New Year, or things like that, but a 3-hour peal just for the fun of it is too much of a good thing."

Despite the above warning, during the peal a nearby woman resident collected 200 signatures of protest which she showed to the tower captain and said she would present to the Vicar!!

BUXTON RINGER'S 50 YEARS IN BELFRY

The peal rung at Fairfield, Derbyshire, on October 29th was specially as a compliment to Mr. Isaac W. Smith of the local band. This year marks his completion of 50 years as a Sunday service ringer.

Mr. Smith began his ringing at Elton, near Matlock, a village with a melodious ring of five, but he later moved to Buxton, where he joined the band at Fairfield (then a ring of six) Here, when work permitted, he became an active and faithful member not only of the ringing team but also of the church. When the six bells were augmented to eight in 1949 he mastered the awkward step to the higher number of bells and rang the treble to the first peal of Major on the new bells in 1950. In more recent years occasional visits to Stratford-on-Avon have enabled him to try his hand on ten bells.

He has always been very interested in ringing and has set an example to many by his attendance for Sunday service ringing. For a number of years now he has spoken of giving up ringing and constantly exhorts the youngsters in the tower to "stick to it." But "Ike" enjoys his ringing and will, we hope, stick it himself for a long time yet.

After the peal of Little Bob Major on October 29th a small celebration took place in the belfry, Ike expressing his appreciation and thanks, and the ringers wishing him many enjoyable ringing times to come.

EASTBOURNE'S RINGERS REMEMBER THE FIFTH

"Gunpowder, treason and plot" were certainly not forgotten by youngsters of all ages at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, who combined on the traditional day to celebrate the demise of one Guido Fawkes.

To a chorus of "Ooohs" and "Aaahs" fireworks ranging from the humble sparkler to ear-splitting whistle-stops and super-rockets were despatched Unkind weather brought the evening to a premature close, but not before piping hot soup and hot dogs had been served in the blaze of a monumental bonfire built on the chalky side of the South Downs. H. R.

COMMENTS

"Please put the bells back on 'The Ringing World,'"—Peter D. Niblett (age 7), Canterbury.

"I don't like the 'new look' but if we can have the reading inside, that's all."—John Euston.

"What an uninteresting 'new look,' and apparently the result of six months' thought It is enough to make dear old Jack Goldsmith haunt those responsible for the rest of their days. The sooner we get the old distinctive heading back with those towers where so much ringing history has been made, the better."—A. D. Barker, Wexham, Slough.

"Shall be sorry if we don't have the bells, ropes, wheel and towers back again on 'The Ringing World.'"—Claude Rush, Felixstowe.

"I am afraid I am old-fashioned enough to lament the passing of the London silhouette on our front page; the replacement is not very exciting, is it?"—A. V. Davis.

"How the new 'lay out' of 'The Ringing World' caught my eye last Thursday: Made me think of the day when I was working in a house and walked into a bathroom. Everything was there (standing beside the bath) but all the **trimmings** were missing."—E. W. R., Yeovil.

NORTH BERKS ANNUAL DINNER

The second annual dinner of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wantage on October 28th The function was well attended, over 130 members, wives and friends being present Guests included the Guild Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) and Mrs. Wigg, Rev. J. H. Schaufleberger, Vicar of Wantage, and Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, of Newbury Also present was the Rev. M F. Giles. Branch chairman, who gave us another sample of his entertaining after-dinner speaking

The after-dinner entertainment included Miss Peggy East's "rustic revue," songs by Eric Fulbrook and Alf Webb, and some excellent ringing by the Appleton Handbell Ringers, including a superb display of "lapping" with a touch of Stedman Caters. M. B.

SURREY ASSOCIATION FAVOUR POSTAL ADDRESSES

The committee of the Surrey Association has considered the redesignation of peals rung within the area administered by the Greater London Council and is in favour of the standardisation on a national basis of the descriptions of the localities in which peals are rung. They are not, however, in favour of introducing the new boroughs for Greater London peals "Although no formal decision was made, postal addresses seemed the acceptable method," writes Mr. W. Parrott, the hon. secretary.

BELLS AND THE P.C.C.

In a small parish on the Northants-Rutland border, the P.C.C. has informed the new Rector that the Council had made a "rule" that at no time shall the bells be rung for more than an hour.

Our correspondent asks "Has the P.C.C. the legal powers to decide how the organ shall be played, which hymns or psalms shall be sung or the length of the sermon? If not, why the bells?"

There are no houses near the church and the bells are not so noisy as to constitute a real nuisance. The last peal here was two years ago and, before that, in 1945 One of the three peals in the 1930's was notorious. On the very stroke of 5,040 changes down came the fifth rope as the conductor shouted "That is all." And certainly it was only just all!

RANG HIS SECOND PEAL AFTER 31 YEARS

When a person rings his first peal he does not think that he will have to wait 31 years to ring his second. This has happened to Mr. Jasper Newman of Old Whittington, Chesterfield.

Thirty-one years ago Jasper rang his first peal—Grandsire Doubles at Old Whittington—to celebrate the silver jubilee of the late King George V and Queen Mary. This was for the old Midland Counties Association. Since then the Midland Counties Association has been disbanded and Jasper is now vice-chairman of the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesan Association.

On Saturday, October 29th, he rang his second peal. This time it was Kent Treble Bob Minor, at Clay Cross, in memory of the victims of the Aberfan tragedy. This peal was also memorable for other members of the band. For two it was their first peal of Treble Bob Minor another two their first peal in the method, and for the conductor, Malcolm Phipps, it was his first peal in the method as conductor and also his 100th peal. M. Y.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MARKET WEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., Norwich S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St Clement's C.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt

Linda Sherwood	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	4
Elizabeth Foster	2	George A. Dawson	5
*Peter J. Church	3	F Neville Pailing	Tenor

Conducted by F. Neville Pailing.
* First peal "inside" on six bells and most methods to a peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt

Denis Heapy	Treble	Gerald Moorhouse	5
Brian Schofield	2	*Barry Corbishley	6
Christopher Jones	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Felicity Webber	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by G. Davies. Conducted by Barry Corbishley
* 25th peal in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Joyce Grainger	Treble	Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	*Geoffrey R Gardner ..	6
Felicity T. Webber	3	Richard C Brown	7
Harold Dowler	4	Paul Atkins	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner
* First peal in the method.

PREES Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Double Oxford, two extents St Clement's and four extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt

*Olwen Evans	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst ..	4
Christopher J. Jones ..	2	Geoffrey Green	5
Michael Thomson ..	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal in three methods
Rung as birthday compliments to E. V. Rodenhurst, W J. Chester of Helmdon (October 30th) and Henry Parker of Northwich (November 1st).

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

KESWICK, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

John H. McTear	Treble	Robert F. Grisdale	5
*Mrs. B. Street	2	James Butterfield	6
Harry Byrom	3	Brian Street	7
Roger W. D. Wetenhall	4	Leslie Boumfrey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey
* First peal of Bob Major "inside."
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Thomas Bloomer D.D., Lord Bishop of Carlisle for the past 20 years.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

June Knight	Treble	Richard E Liggins	5
Percy Stone	2	Alfred J. Hinde	6
John W. T. Taylor	3	Hubert E. Ashley	7
Geoffrey Pratt	4	L. Michael Callow	Tenor

Composed by John R Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Anthony Elson, past member of the local band.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt 25 lb. in E flat.

Jane Foster	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Rosamund M. Rawlings ..	2	Kenneth Newman	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	James A. D Woolford ..	7
Peter M. Wilkinson ..	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

BOVEY TRACEY, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Peter Paul and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Fri., Aug 26, 1966 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr 26 lb in F sharp.

Joan Beresford . .	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Rosamund M Rawlings ..	2	Kenneth Newman	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	James A D. Woolford ..	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Anthony R Kench. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

EXMINSTER. Devon.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Stanley G Ponting	5
Rosamund M Rawlings ..	2	*Clive G. Bryant	6
Martin F. Lock	3	Frederick W Wreford ..	7
Norman Mallett	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Michael S Bruce Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Surprise Major

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct 8 1966 in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 110 changes of method Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Vivienne M. Rigby	Treble	Roderick W Pipe	5
Diana M. Chapman ..	2	Peter Bridle	6
Elisabeth A G Bowden ..	3	Denis R Carlisle	7
B. Gillian Schofield	4	Robert C Kippin	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W Pipe.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct 29. 1966. in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb in F sharp

F. Martin Stanway	Treble	Herbert E. Taylor	5
Henry Kirk	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	7
Eric Ellison	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Composed by E. H. Lewis Conducted by Brian J Woodruffe.
Arranged as a compliment to Mr. Isaac W. Smith a member of the local band, on completing 50 years as a Sunday service ringer.

CLAY CROSS Derbyshire.—At the Church of St Bartholomew.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb in A

*Marjorie Yarnold	Treble	†Edward G Mould ..	4
*John D. Arkwell	2	†Timothy Wylie	5
*Jasper Newman	3	Malcolm P Phipps	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor † First in the method The conductor's 100th peal and first in the method as conductor
Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966. in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt 1 qr. 15 lb in E.

*George E. Thoday	Treble	Joe E G Roast	6
†Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	David E. Rothera	7
Brian J. Howard	3	†Peter G. Brown	8
Ian R. Panton	4	Dennis A S Symonds .	9
Alfred J. House	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley (Circuit A-W). Conducted by J. E. G. Roast.
* 475th peal. † First of Royal in the method.

COGGESHALL. Essex.—At the Church of SS Peter ad Vincula.
On Sat., Oct 22, 1966. in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Joe E G. Roast	Treble	George W Pipe	5
Joan Beresford	2	John Armstrong	6
Ian R Panton	3	Dennis A S. Symonds .	7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	4	Dennis Beresford ..	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK Essex.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966 in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

Marion R. Panton	Treble	Peter S. Bennett .. .	5
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	6
Yvonne A Murray	3	James L. Towler	7
Keith W. Brown	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
LEYTON, London, E.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in A flat.

Charles A. Hughes .. Treble	*Colin G. Wright 5
*Frederick W. Ellis 2	Kenneth Warner 6
Frank V. Gant 3	*Dennis Ellisdon 7
*Roy D. Tomlin 4	Dennis A. Hewitt .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam of those who died in the two Great Wars.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1966 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative and 1,312 of Bristol with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
*Sara K. D. Woolley .. 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
†Keith J. Walpole 3	Gerald Penney 7
Peter F. Windley 4	Roger Baldwin .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Gerald Penney
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of four-spliced Surprise.

BENGEO, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Eric Edmondson .. .. Treble	*Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 5
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 2	A Rowland Tysoe .. 6
*Keith J. Walpole 3	George W. Debenham .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Gerald Penney .. .. Tenor

Arranged by George W Debenham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., S. Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb in A flat.

D. Joseph Goodman .. Treble	Brian M. Barker 4
Augustin V. Good 2	Keith D. Waples 5
Walter Ayre 3	Peter W. Harper .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter W. Harper.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966. in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp

Lucile M. Corby .. .. Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis 5
John Pladdys 2	Edward J Jenner 6
Peter S. Muchlinski 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Andrew J. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton (C.C.C. 3). Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,728 London, 1,152 each Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 122 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis .. .. .. Treble	Ralph Bird 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Ian H. Oram 6
D. Paul Smith 3	Peter M. Fleckney 7
Richard G. Crosland .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
Rung on the Feast of St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr.

SMARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb in E.

Ian H. Oram .. .. .. Treble	*Anthony J. Leeves 4
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 2	Ralph Bird 5
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 3	Tony Lewis .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis
* First peal of Minor and in the method.
Rung in memoriam Edward S. Ruck, last serving founder member of the Kent County Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Christine Andrew .. .. Treble	J. Henry Fielden 7
Richard S. Starkie 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Neil Donovan 9
Derek Butterworth 4	John H. Fielden 10
Edward Jenkins 5	Stuart Armeson 11
W. Eric Critchley 6	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

FLIXTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt

William Riddle .. .. .. Treble	David Walker 5
Sidney Hough 2	Denis Mottershead 6
David Vincent 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Alan Sharples 4	Neil D. Lomas .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
Rung to mark the rededication of the church organ.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew .. .. Treble	Derek Butterworth 5
James W. Belshaw 2	Peter J. Wycherley 6
Jeffrey Brannan 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Denis Latham 4	Neil Bennett .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1966, int 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*Kevan Dean (10) .. .. Treble	Roger Leigh 4
Douglas Deakin 2	Michael Bell 5
Raymond Helliwell .. 3	Anthony Helliwell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives at Aberfan.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

Martin Green .. .. Treble	*†John A. Howard 7
*Howard C. Palmer 2	Shirley Burton 8
Derek M. Sawyer 3	††Frank H. Hicks 9
John M. Jelley 4	Martin L. Howe 10
Christopher T. Osenton 5	Brian S. Chapman 11
†Murray A. Coleman .. 6	William J. Root .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal on 12 bells. † Have completed peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus ‡ First of Surprise Maximus.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

William B. Dawson .. .. Treble	John Freeman 5
John P. Morriss 2	Walter Tomlinson 6
Philip H. Reynolds 3	Harold Gibson 7
Beryl N. Reed 4	Robert Howard .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. B. Carpenter. Conducted by John Freeman.
First peal of Oxford Bob Triples by all. Tenor 8 cwt.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catharine.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents Plain Bob and 38 Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Raymond J. Mayle .. .. Treble	D. Walford Davies 4
Thomas E. Hiddins 2	William T. Petty 5
D. R. Lynn Jones 3	Harold Preece .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1966. in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Frederick R. Scott .. .. Treble	Henry J. Rossell 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	J. Keith Ward 6
Charles Coles 3	David P. Hilling 7
Alan E. Bagworth 4	Alan R. Patterson .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CHESHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	John Hill	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	David P. Hilling	7
Alick Cutler	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by W Harrison. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all except the ringers of the fourth and tenor. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.
Rung in memory of William Hewett.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
LODDON, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G

Frederick C. Gunton	Treble	Roger E. Peckham	5
Antony H. Roberts	2	J. Ian Margetts	6
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Stephen F. High	7
Thomas J. Brock	4	J Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung as a belated 94th birthday compliment to Mr. R E. Browne, and as an engagement compliment to Judy Groome and Graham Townshend, all ringers at Loddon. Also a compliment to John Sampson of Kessingland and Eunice Pitcher on their marriage.

NORTON SUBCOURSE. Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Godfrey G Walpole	4
*Diane Toone	2	Roger E. Peckham	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Stephen F. High	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal "inside" in six methods.
Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RICHMOND BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Roy Woodruff	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Valerie Willard	2	George W. Holland	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	William Birmingham	8
Peter J. Heritage	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
Sydney M. Bailey	5	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

RICHMOND BOB ROYAL
Notation: —10—10—18—10—50 l.h. 573920486 (2nds). Bob 4ths.

KIDLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's six singles. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Martin J. Turner	Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
Walter F. Judge	2	John H. Napper	6
Edward R. Venn	3	Victor Griffin	7
John W. T. Hibbert	4	Edgar J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung half-muffled, remembering the 61 men of Kidlington who lost their lives in the two world wars.

NUTFIELD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Frances Oglesby	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	4
Robert J. Cooles	2	Noel R. Waite	5
Howard Oglesby	3	Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLD HIGHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London Surprise, Single Oxford, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Barry E Saunders	Treble	Richard J. Danby	4
*Delia M Langton	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	Roger W. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Roger W. Smith
* First peal "inside." First of Minor as conductor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Frank Taylor	4
Roger N. Scholes	2	J Charles Hudson	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung for the Fallen

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
LLANDILO, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Teilo.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Benjamin J. Williams	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
J. Arthur Hoare	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Minor on the bells. First of Surprise Minor in the county and for the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDBOURNE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods on the back six, being ten extents of All Saints, ten of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E flat.

*Heather L. Jones	Treble	Allan G. Keen	4
Frederick J. Read	2	George A. Newman	5
T. Arthur Palmer	3	John Cuss	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr and Mrs. T. A Palmer on their 34th wedding anniversary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	*Edwin A. Barnett	6
*Yvonne Edwards	2	*John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	*Derek E. Sibson	8
*Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Roger Baldwin	9
*Peter M. Fleckney	5	*Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal. First of Bristol Surprise Royal for the Society.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Peter A. Sharpe	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	7
George E. Feirn	2	Geoffrey Paul	8
Richard C. Stevens	3	Colin W. Reed	9
Beryl N. Reed	4	James W. Raithby	10
John Freeman	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Harold Gibson	6	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Arranged by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by John Freeman.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

HARBY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966 in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire,
Tenor 7 cwt. 21 lb. in B flat.

*Christine L. J. Mills ..	Treble	F. William Midwinter ..	3
Maurice W. Harrison ..	2	R. Brian Mills	4
William L. Exton	Tenor		

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Charles J. Copp	Treble	Margaret E. Chilton ..	4
Katharine Burchnall ..	2	F. William Midwinter ..	5
Grace Burchnall	3	William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 75th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles J. Copp.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

*Barry S. Haywood	Treble	Leslie D. Mills	5
Mrs. Leslie Mills	2	*Brian G. C. Clampin ..	6
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale ..	3	*David W. Brooks	7
†David J. Reeve	4	Donald L. Mills	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.
Rung as a welcome home to Miss Janet Spurgin on her return from Canada.

WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
J. Barry Pickup	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
*Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
*Michael J. Howes	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HURSTPIERPOINT, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Nov. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*Sheila A. Harfield	Treble	John R. Norris	5
Harry W. Brown	2	*Bernard J. Harfield ..	6
Stanley W. Brown	3	George Francis	7
Anthony M. Humphrey	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal. First on the bells for 18 years.
Rung in thanksgiving for a successful Christian Stewardship Renewal Campaign in this parish.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

L. Stilwell (R.F.A.)	Treble	F. S. Macey (R.A.S.C.) ..	5
T. E. Sone (R.A.M.C.) ..	2	F. I. Hairs (R.N.A.S.) ..	6
R. E. Lambert	3	H. E. Audsley (R. Sussex)	7
R. T. Lambert (K.O.R.R.)	4	F. J. Cullum (R.N.)	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by F. J. Cullum.

Rung half-muffled. All the band served in H.M. Forces in the 1914–18 War except the ringer of the 3rd, who replaced W. J. Rawlings, R.E., who met with an accident a few hours previously.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

Jack C. Wimlet	Treble	*Philip Taylor	4
*Robert Crocker	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Frank R. Tonge	3	Terry R. Tarrant	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor.
Rung by members of the Andover District as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mrs. B. Dobson, local ringer for many years.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Frank R. Tonge	Treble	Philip Taylor	4
Michael S. Holbrook ..	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Paul G. Holmes	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung to celebrate 50 years as a ringer by Charlie Ball, the local tower captain.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Martin D. Fellows ..	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Peter L. Bill	6
Arthur C. Berry	3	*Robert Edwards	7
*Martin W. Powell	4	Michael J. Fellows ..	Tenor

Composed by William Burton. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIRKBURTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 832 each Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey and 768 Bristol, with 123 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Trevor Tarbatt	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Ronald Ducker	6
Gibson Jackson	3	David Johnson	7
Richard E. Price	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

Rung fully muffled in memory of Mr. E. Burton, formerly a ringer at this church.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Sedman H Steel	Treble	Derek J. Jones	5
R. Joy Watkin	2	Kenneth B. Sissons ..	6
Michael D. Staniforth ..	3	A. W. Alan Leggett ..	7
Alan E. Hartley	4	*Bert Sutton	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by A. W. Alan Leggett.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz.: (1, 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3, 4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	John Potts	4
Ronald H. Dove	2	Robin Brown	5
Allan Sheppard	3	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 125th peal for the Association. Rung after meeting short for Major.

BRADFIELD, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*John Hiner	Treble	David Hunter	4
Geoffrey Pilkington ..	2	Peter Carbutt	5
Arthur Dunn-Birch ..	3	Michael King	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Carbutt.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., Nov. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
29-course block reduced. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin (cond.) ..	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	Anthony R. Mann	7–8

First peal in the method on handbells.
Rung as a farewell to Heather and Tony Mann, who are emigrating to Australia.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At 354, Ashton Road.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Neil Bennett	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*David F. Moore	7–8
†Derek Butterworth	9–10		

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First of Treble Bob Royal on handbells.
Rung after meeting short for Maximus as a wedding compliment to Malcolm A. Phillips and Muriel C. Hastings.

HALF PEAL

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 22nd, in the Ebsworth Hall, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: W. L. Exton 1—2, B. M. Buswell 3—4, R. E. Mills (cond.) 5—6.

DATE TOUCH

BATH.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Nov. 5th, 1,966 Stedman Triples (composed by J. Topp): E. Naylor (cond.) 1, S. A. Read 2, R. G. Beck 3, G. Salmon 4, A. P. Beck 5, D. H. Mackay 6, E. Chivers 7, E. J. Targett 8.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D Maddock 1, F. J. Jackson 2, H. Bell 3, H. Johnson 4, L. E. Venables (cond.) 5, G. W Shanks 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Aberfan.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. J. C. Cannon 1, A. Swatton 2, D. C. Hawkins 3, P. J. Devrell 4, J. E. Newman (cond.) 5, G. J. Taylet 6. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. B. Pidgeon 1, S. Cox 2, R. M. Stubbs 3, K. Harrison 4, J. E. Newman (cond.) 5, M. J. C. Cannon 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Rea 1, C. M. Meyer 2, Miss R. J Henderson 3, F. A. Benn 4, Miss R. J. Cotton 5, Miss S. C. Thexton 6, J. R. Pratt 7, R. J. Cooles (first of Major as cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A Robinson (first quarter) 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, R. Jean Henderson (first as cond.) 3, R. L. Jones 4, J. R Pratt 5, D J. Carter 6. To mark the appointment of the Vicar (the Rev. Neville Gill) as Rural Dean of Battersea.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. C Sinden 1, Rachel Sinden 2, A. Bourner 3, B. Marks 4, A. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Anthony Finn and Jacqueline Davies.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles: Joanna Gollins 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. Tipper 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, L. Wilson 3 Carol Gosling 4, E. Brazier 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. In memoriam Aberfan.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hudson 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, J. W. Priest 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Flood 6, G. Coldman 7, K. Mumford 8. For Evening Eucharist.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, J. Walton 2, H. Hooper 3, P. England 4, S. Smith 5, J. Baker 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Ralles 1, G. C. King 2, Miss J. A. Pullen 3, Mrs. V. A. Copleston 4, D. E. Potter 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6, R. E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 5. First Bob Major for all except the conductor. Rung for the christening of Robert Giles Armstrong.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison I. Walker 1, P. Mary Beach 2, F. G. Faulks (first in the method) 3, Helen M. Simpson 4, P. Nix 5, Caroline E. Tyler 6, D. J. Beach (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. W. Hodgkinson 8. First of Triples 1, 4 and 6. To mark the dedication of the new vestry.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hall (13, first quarter) 1, J. Mills 2, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 3, Miss A. Harlow (first "inside") 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Sanderson 1, A. Mynott 2, F. Harper 3, D. Newjman 4, B. Horrell 5, W. Pye (first as cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. N. Jennings 1, M. J. Harbord 2, D. Leach 3, F. K. Williamson 4, R. B. Walton 5, R. J. Corke 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, C. W. Chennell-White 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: July Camfield 1, Hilda J. Oakshett 2, Elizabeth E. McGibbon (first "inside") 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, J. W. Smith 5, D. Paul Smith (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynne Ferguson (first quarter) 1, Dorothea Robotham 2, Diane Gazeley 3, J. R. Goodenough 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, A. Warren 6. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gazeley (first quarter) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Pauline Gearing 3, D. Rothera 4, G. Ellis (cond.) 5, Ruth Foreman 6. Both for Parish Communion.

QUARTER PEALS

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hawtree (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Moss 2, R. Horton 3, K. Gatman 4, R. Hawtree 5, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hawtree 1, Miss A. Thompson (first "inside") 2, Rev. F. Ross 3, M. Maughan (cond.) 4, R. Horton 5, K Gatman 6. Both for Patronal Festival.

HIGH HAM, Langport, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Southwood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Fox 2, E. R. Rapley 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, D. Laker 5, J. Smith 6, M. Reed 7, L. Bourne 8. For Harvest Festival.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1965, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles (on back six): Sheila A. Harfield 1, S. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, J. R. Norris 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Kathleen E. Forecast 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, S. W. Brown 3, P. Hepburn 4, J. R. Norris 5, Carol W. Hunt (first quarter) 6, H. W. Brown (cond.) 7, S. J. Osborne 8. 50th quarter together 3 and 5. An engagement compliment to Kathleen Forecast and David Anderson; and Carol Hunt and Kenneth Dulliford. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, Ann E. Sharpe (first of Triples) 3, S. W. Brown 4, N. J. Wright 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, S. J. Osborne 8. For the opening of the Christian Stewardship Renewal Campaign. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Sheila A. Harfield 1, J. R. Norris 2, R. E. Peckham 3, M. C. Wooldridge 4, P. Hepburn 5, S. J. Osborne 6, H. W. Brown (cond.) 7, A. M. Humphrey 8. 50th quarter together 2 and 7. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell compliment to Stephen Osborne, going to Barcombe.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Mynott 1, F. Harper 2, B. Hurrell 3, P. W. Newman 4, W. Pye 5, J. G. Gibson (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memory of Fred Dickerson, church clerk and ringer of 48 years' standing.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): R. N. Bagshaw 1, J. L. Anderson 2, Rev. P. T. Robbins 3, D. H. M. Bradford (most methods) 4, P. J. Bagshaw (first as cond.) 5, B. Haley 6. For the wedding of Janet Skinner to Stuart Lonie.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, W. E. Pye 3, J. G. Gipson 4, H. S. Brown 5, S. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Judith A. Southwood (first of Major) 1, A. R. Pink 2, R. M. Heyworth 3, S. F. Royal 4, H. J. Rossel 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, N. Alnatt 7, B. Wakefield (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Tipper 1, D. Hatherley 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton 5, H. deCombe 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance service.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Trinder (first of Treble Bob) 1, Josephine Harris 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, A. R. Agg 4, A. C. Harris 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Single Oxford Bob Major: Miss F. Lacey 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, F. Lacey 3, W. Bains 4, D. Micklethwaite 5, M. Lings 6, H. Judd 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8. First in method for all except the conductor. A farewell to Mr. M. Rose, of Belton, in the Isle of Axholme, leaving for Derby, with band's best wishes.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Short 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Pamela Leigh (first of Surprise "inside") 3, H. Scott 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, G. W. Shanks 6, F. J. Jackson 7, G. Jackson 8.

TERLING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Josephine A. Quilter 1, Yvonne A. Murray 2, P. J. Rothera 3, P. G. Brown (cond.) 4, K. J. Hesketh 5, J. L. Towler 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): W. F. Sear 1, Christine Smith 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Rowley 5, J. Sinfield (cond.) 6, F. J. Cook 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Jill Gordon 1, G. Avent 2, R. G. Bell 3, G. W. Seaman 4, R. G. Smith 5, R. D. Bell 6, S. J. Laud 7, B. B. Hullah 8, D. Laud (cond.) 9, W. G. Paul 10. A welcome to the new lecturer, Rev. David Mowbray.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Janet Gamble 1, Helen Gamble 2, D. Hewitt 3, D. Wright 4, P. Chapman 5, T. Coles 6, K. Warner 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8. In memory of the late Mrs. E. Holman. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gamble 1, T. Coles 2, P. Chapman 3, D. Wright 4, K. Warner (cond.) 5, E. Holman 6, C. Wright 7, D. Hewitt 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pamela Denney 1, C. N. Stephenson 2, L. Toseland 3, B. P. Morris (cond.) 4, Hilary Knight 5. Rung in memoriam Rev. C. R. Norcock, Rector of the parish, 1939-1953, and chairman of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Guild, 1945-1953.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Thornton 1, Penny Miller 2, B. Mosley 3, D. Crossland 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, W. Ratcliffe 6. Rung half-muffled with sympathy for Aberfan.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: W. P. Garner 1, J. Cooper 2, R. J. Carlton 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, —. Sharpe 6. Half-muffled after the funeral service of Edward S. Ruck.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. Burne 1, M. Bangham 2, Miss E. Zass 3, Mrs. D. Bishop 4, A. Bishop 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. Madge 1, Mrs. D. Bishop 2, Miss A. Mann 3, Miss L. Rawlings 4, A. Bishop 5, Miss E. Zass 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, M. Burne 8.

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BIRTH

HORSEMAN.—To Monica and Michael at St. Clement's, Clutton Hill, Clutton, Bristol, on November 15th, 1966, a sister (Susan Elizabeth) for Mark and Christopher. 390

DEATH

ALSOP.—On November 14th, 1966, at home, 12, Armoury Street, Ebbw Vale, Rachael Annie, aged 83, friend of Llandaff and Monmouth ringers. 376

PERSONAL

What's it all about, Jamie? Perhaps late of Birmingham but why so, nay not at all, at Salford. — A. Belshawt. 377

"The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of old men is the grey head." —Proverbs xx, 29.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DUKES.—The postal address of Fred E. Dukes, General Secretary, Irish Association, and Editor, "Irish Bell News" ("Irish Bell News," published quarterly at 3s. per annum), has been changed to: Meadow Cottage, White Cross, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Telephone (unchanged) Drogheda (STD. 041) 8848. 386

GALLEY.—The Rev. Giles Galley now resides at The Clergy House, Leeds Parish Church, Leeds 2. Dial OLE–2–22036. 380

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The practice on December 6th will be at St. Michael's, Cornhill, NOT at St. Paul's Cathedral.—J. G. A Prior. 411

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—Owing to major repairs to fabric there will be no Sunday or practice ringing until further notice.—S. H.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS A PROBLEM? Why not headed notepaper? Special offer of 150 printed Duke size sheets with 50 matching envelopes, in box; 21s. incl. postage. — F. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. 207

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY. — Practice meeting, Monks Kirby, November 26th. Bells from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please note change of date. 385

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The rehung ring of eight bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Birkenhead on Saturday, November 26th, 1966, at 3 p.m.

Names for tea essential to Mr. M Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, near Warrington, Lancs. All welcome.

J. C. Breese, Tower Captain. 295

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—The annual meeting of the Cathedral Society will be held at the Pilgrim Hut on Thursday, December 8th, at 7.45 p.m. 408

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guild members are asked to note the following dates:

March.—Guild Committee meeting (Reading).
April.—Guild Striking Competition.
July 1st.—Annual Festival at Oxford.
October—Autumn general meeting (Reading).

M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 3rd

Lockington (6)	14–3–0	1—3 p.m.
Castle Donington (6)	17–1–6	2—4 p.m.
Diseworth (6)	10–2–13	3—5 p.m.
Melbourne (6)	15–1–24	4—6 p.m.
Aston-on-Trent (6)	9–3–15	5—7 p.m.
Shardlow (6)	12–0–0	6—8 p.m.
Alvaston (6)	17–1–3	7—9 p.m.

All ringers will be welcome to come and help in our celebrations. 288

THE BELLS of St. Mary's, Felpham, are now open for ringing and the work just carried out, following the construction of the new ringing chamber three years ago, has altered them from a very difficult ring to a pleasant good going six. 412

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—There will be no practice on Wednesday, November 23rd. Normal 7.30 p.m. practice will be resumed as from Wednesday, November 30th. 370

"RINGING WORLDS" WANTED. — A compete set, in order to continue work on history of the Exercise and to complete work for the Records Committee. I need 1911 to 1946, but would buy a complete set. Details to F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor 313

THORVERTON.—On Saturday, December 3rd, rededication, on the completion of the rehanging and tuning, of Thorverton (Exeter) Parish Church bells. Service 6 p.m. Tower open to visitors from 7 to 9 p.m. 369

MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, November 26th. Bells 3 Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss A. C. Hardman, 129, Knott Lane, Hyde, Cheshire, before Friday, November 25th. — C K. Lewis, Sec. 327

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of ringers' war memorial at Evensong, 4 p.m., November 26th, in Chelmsford Cathedral. Tea in G.F.S. Hall, Cottage Place. Bells after tea. Names for tea to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford (Tel. Writtle 491). 329

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants. (Aldershot 24968.)—Mrs. B. R Simpson, Dis Sec. 297

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch —Quarterly meeting at Castleacre on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr W Houghton Castleacre, King's Lynn 327

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs Swift, 26, Fieldway, Chalfont St. Peter. — Miss Hague. 265

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 334

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District and E. DERBYS and W. NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Warsop (6), Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. T Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield, Notts.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 345

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District. —Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Guild committee meeting in church at 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D Coltman, The Angel Inn, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester. 319

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — Practice meeting, Saturday, November 26th, 6.30 p.m., at Buxhall (6).—H. W. H. L., Dis-Sec. 364

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—**Correction:** Quarterly meeting, **Heathfield**, Saturday November 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. and 6.15–7 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting will be held either after tea or after ringing in the evening. Names for tea to me at 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 355

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Practice meeting at Ilkley (8) on Saturday, November 26th, 6 to 8 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 271

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Taunton, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (12) 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton 349

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Wraxall (8) on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 317

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30. **Numbers for tea, please**, to R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil, by November 30th. 392

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 3rd, Odell. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea .5 p.m. **Names essential** by Thursday.—C. Payne, 32, George Street, Clapham. Tel. Bedford 68379. 403

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Snitterfield, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after. Names for tea to Rev. J. B. Woodward-Court, The Vicarage, Snitterfield, Stratford-on-Avon (Tel. S-on-A 263).—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 398

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Saturday, December 3rd Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to F. Mack, 7, Bapton Road, Exmouth, by November 30th. 382

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Stokesay, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec., All Stretton, Salop. 401

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth (10) December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way. Tel. Rickmansworth 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis Sec. 402

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Offley (6), December 3rd, 6 p.m., also Norton (8), Thursday, December 1st, 7.30 p.m. This is a District practice; everyone welcome.—C M Orme, Dis. Sec. 278

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Rochester District. — By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, December 3rd Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Tomsett, Cowstead Farm, Stockbury, Sittingbourne, Kent, by previous Wednesday please.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. and after tea Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. —Brian Tomlinson Branch Sec. 379

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m.—H. A. Preston, Hon. Sec. 391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Lancaster on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available: St. Peter's, 2.30 to 5.30; Priory, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 407

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Leicester, December 3rd. Bells (12) 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. No business. Coffee and biscuits will be available in the vestry after the service. Further ringing in evening. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 347

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, November 28th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 28th, to the Rev. E. R. G. Harris, The Rectory, Barrowby, nr. Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 400

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 3rd. Barnes (8) 3 to 4 p.m.: St. Luke's, Chelsea (10) 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Mortlock (8) 3.15 to 4.30 p.m.; Putney (8) 4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service in St. Mary's, Putney, 5 p.m. Names for tea, in Parish Hall, to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts, by December 1st. 353

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Stoke on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Burton, Barn Cottage, Bagnall Road, Light Oaks, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 393

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich, NOR 60 Z. No name no tea.—N. P. J. C. 396

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Evening practice meeting, Witchampton (6), Saturday, December 3rd, 7–8.30 p.m.—J. A. Robertson. 325

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 3rd, St. James', Devizes. Bells (6) 3 p.m. St. John's (8) after 6 p.m. Names for tea by December 1st to Mr. A. Weeks, 1, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Goole, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, before November 30th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 388

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Handbell competition and nomination meeting, Thames Ditton, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Competition 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, other than competitors, to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by previous Tuesday. Entries to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. Thames Ditton bells in evening. Special methods: Beverley and Killamarsh. 399

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual general District meeting, Sketty, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.), please, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by November 26th. 337

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stratton ringing festival, Saturday, December 3rd. All local towers open from 10 a.m. Service at Stratton 6 p.m. Book lunch and tea now from Phillips House, Church Street, Stratton.—H. Stacey. 397

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, December 3rd. Christchurch (12) 3–4.45, followed by meeting in belfry; Bournemouth (St. Peter's) (8) 7.15–8. Please make own tea arrangements.—L. F. Cobb, Sec. 378

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting, Hallow (8), December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. Also Grimley (6) from 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, November 30th. 365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Bampton, Tuesday December 6th, 7 p.m. 387

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Surprise Major practice at Southam on December 10th, 6–9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Special methods for experts are Watford and Wembley for 10-spliced. Only Surprise will be rung. 381

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East.—Annual District meeting, Hintlesham (6), Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. **Members**, this is **your** meeting. Come and air your views and elect your officers. All wishing for tea please write to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk, no later than Wednesday, December 7th.—W. Lockwood, Sec. 389

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Pontefract on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles', 4 until the service, which is at 4.30, and in the evening until 8.30. Tea will be at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Ropergate. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, December 7th, to Mr. J. H. Lenton, 2, Westfield Avenue, Pontefract.—R. J. Lumbley, Dis. Sec. 395

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Murphy, 209, Osborne Road, Newcastle 2. 410

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Histon, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's and Annable's London. 409

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Evening meeting, Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, December 3rd, 6-9 p.m.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 406

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M. at Prestbury (8), Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in Church Hall. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples. Ringing afterwards at Bishop's Cleeve (8) from 7 to 8 p.m. Names to R. Dowdeswell, 23, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, by Tuesday, 6th. 414

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