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A STALWART OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE

MR. JAMES R. NEWMAN, of Kempsey, lay secretary of the Worcestershire Association for 30 years, died in hospital on February 23rd at the age of 84.

First elected a member in 1902, his active ringing years were with the Cathedral band. He was never a big peal ringer, having rung 53 and conducted 11, his last being an officers' peal of Stedman Caters at Bromsgrove in the early 1920's. In later years, force of circumstances and a slight physical infirmity prevented much actual ringing, but he more than compensated for this in the time given and work for the Association.

After only three years of membership, and still a comparatively unknown man, he was elected as lay secretary in 1905; an election which might have proved a risk, but was a field in which he excelled. At that time, being largely rural in character, the Association consisted of only a few select bands, but was rich in having a number of shrewd, far-seeing men. One recalls such names as Parsons, Mason, Matthews, Short, Salter, Knowles, James, Bill Johnson and others, but it was Jim Newman who welded them into the team that laid the foundations of the Association as it exists today. Perhaps their biggest task—completed without difficulties and opposition—was the division into Branches and more workable areas in 1911. Jim Newman's own personal contribution was a meticulous care and attention to every detail and a beautiful copper-plate handwriting.

Retiring in 1935, for his services he was elected a "Freeman of the Association," a signal honour which had been suggested and initiated by the then Dean of Worcester a few years previously, and also a vice-president.

In public life he had also given sustained continuity of service. He had been a member of the Upton-on-Severn R.D.C. for 45 years, 26 of them as chairman, and for this he was awarded the M.B.E. He had also been a member of Severn Stoke Parish Council and treasurer of Kempsey Parish Church. His wife predeceased him some years ago and he leaves no family.

The funeral took place at Kempsey Parish Church on Friday, February 27th, and was attended by representatives of all organisations with which he had been connected, and following the service the bells were rung half-muffled. J. D. J.

THE RINGING WORLD

I AM not a bellringer. But one thing I have discovered during my three years at Cambridge University is that if you get two or more ringers together in a room all normal conversation comes to a sudden end, and a bellringers' dialogue about towers,

ringing nights, bell weights (you know the sort of thing I mean) immediately ensues.

For the next three hours.

Even apart from this I had always been a staunch opponent of the ringing world. I didn't mind Sunday ringing so much—at a distance (the walk from Granchester to Cambridge by the river being very pleasant with distant bells)—but weekday practice nights were unbearable. Especially if you were trying to concentrate for an essay on "The epistemology of Descartes" in close proximity to a bell tower. Cambridge is blessed not with one but four towers, three of which are very close to each other and to my college—indeed to almost all the colleges. Practice nights, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, were occasions on which you closed your books, left your vibrating room and escaped to a cinema at the far end of town.

However, as a result of two happy experiences in December of last year, I came to revise my opinion of both ringing and ringers.

I was due to go for an interview in Bristol University and a friend who is a ringer offered me a lift down. But—there was a condition. He would have to call at a church in Bedford for a peal on the way. Not relishing this condition one bit, but happy to be saving train fares, and even happier not to be hitching in terrible weather. I decided to take the risk.

I have never been in a bell tower before and quite possibly will never do so again, but sitting in St. Paul's tower at Bedford, in spite of the freezing cold of a December evening, was a fascinating experience. Three and a quarter hours later I heard my first Yorkshire Surprise Royal and had admired the intensive concentration of ten men ringing 5,040 changes.

But although the skill and technical accomplishment of the ringers made a great impression on me, this was exceeded by the friendliness and remarkable "family feeling," if I may put it that way, which I found to exist in the ringing world and which I was to experience further in Bristol. For here I discovered that a bellringer at the university, hearing that we were coming for interview, although she did not know us personally, had invited us for tea. It seems to me that this friendliness and community feeling which ringers have is something rare in our society and something that should be carefully maintained. It is a pearl of great price.

So I revise my opinions of bellringers'. I admire your skill; but above all I admire the remarkable fellowship that you enjoy.

ALAN BILLINGS.

Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE TOAST OF THE EVENING WAS GEORGE E. FEARN, THE 2,000 PEALER

CONTINGENTS from the Lake District and Newcastle upon Tyne were among those who attended the 77th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on March 6th. The occasion was not so much a reverence for the past but to honour the present and in particular Mr. G. E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, on ringing 2,000 peals. But it was not merely this great achievement but the spirit he had introduced into Birmingham that those present desired to honour in an appropriate toast. This was admirably summed up by an old colleague, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, in a letter to the chairman, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, in which he wrote: "George has brought to Birmingham ringers and ringing a unity that it has never before known in the whole of its long history." This sentiment was heartily endorsed.

Welcoming the company, the chairman said their gatherings had not been quite so large in the last few years as they used to be, and they could understand it as there was now a ringers' dinner almost every Saturday. At one time there were only four in the ringers' calendar — the Henry Johnson, the Bristol, the College Youths' and the Snowdon dinners. The social side had developed among their young people enormously; there were many more dinners and many liked such gatherings to be of a more informal character than their own dinner; nevertheless he felt that the Henry Johnson occupied an important place in the campanological calendar.

Among those who would have liked to be with them that night was their vice-president, Mr. Frank Smallwood. He was sure they were all sorry to read of the passing of Mrs. Smallwood; and another apology was from Edgar Shepherd.

THE CHURCHILL OF RINGERS

Henry Johnson to the majority of ringers was one of the names of ringers in the past. He did not propose to go into a long speech concerning him, but thought it was sufficient to say that he was one of the outstanding ringers of Birmingham. He was honoured by the whole country, and from far and wide people contributed to the memorial erected to him. It seemed that he occupied in his day the same position as Sir Winston Churchill did among statesmen of his time.

As he proposed the toast, he thought of other famous ringers of Birmingham. First of all was Albert Walker, who was for so many years the leading 12-bell Stedman Cinques ringer in the country. He also thought of George Swann, who was an expert in his own field of Stedman Triples, and of Morris J. Morris, who had outstanding ability as a composer and, in the somewhat limited field which composers of his day had, he achieved no little distinction. Birmingham had indeed been fortunate, but there were still ringers there whose names would be remembered from time to time along with those he had mentioned.

The toast was drunk in silence.

Mr. David Beacham, hon. secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, said it was an honour to him to represent his Association on this occasion and propose the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild." They were so close neighbours of St. Martin's Guild that in places their boundaries overlapped. He discussed this overlapping with a friend, who told him that they got a lot of goodwill from these towers, which was very true.

GEORGE FEARN'S FIRST PEAL

No doubt that later on that day reference would be made to the great achievement of their worthy secretary in ringing 2,000 peals. It, however, gave him great pleasure to announce that his first peal was rung at Stone, in Worcestershire—a peal of Grandsire Doubles



MR. FRANK E. HAYNES
This year's chairman

on Boxing Day, 1928. The relationship between their Association and St. Martin's had been very good. The first peal of Cinques for his Association was rung at the Bull Ring, conducted by William Short. In recent times St. Martin's Guild had revisited Worcester Cathedral, and there was another occasion when five of the ringers joined seven of theirs in a Bull Ring peal.

In the matter of peals their Guild was exceedingly prosperous. They had only to look at "the Taylor list" and for tower bell peals George Fearn was at the top and the next were the two Fellows, who were also associated with the Worcestershire Association. He was very glad that two ringers of Bristol had compiled that list. It showed that peal ringing was not confined to a few, because the total was 3,600. Some years ago he had an idea of collecting these statistics but he never got down to it. This was at the time when there was correspondence in "The Ringing World" which tried to divide ringers into two categories—peal ringers and Sunday service ringers. In his opinion there were no such categories. All the peal ringers he knew were Sunday service ringers, but all the Sunday service ringers he knew were not peal ringers.

He sometimes wondered what attracted ringers to Birmingham. There was the high standard of ringing, there was its industry, the University, and the ladies of King's Norton. In the history of Treble Bob, Snowdon refers to Birmingham somewhat contemptuously as "the hardware town," but he (Mr. Beacham) always looked forward to his trips to Birmingham and ringing there whatever Jasper Snowdon might think.

Introduced by the chairman as "among the most brilliant ringers attracted to Birmingham," Mr. Alan Ainsworth, the Ringing Master of the Guild, replied to the toast. He said among the attractions of Birmingham were George and Henry, and that was a cause of the prosperity of the Guild. Their quarterly meetings had been fairly well attended, but he had a big surprise when over 60 people turned up for a practice meeting at Castle Bromwich, a six-bell tower. There was evidently a demand for this type of meeting, which was an innovation of the last three or four years.

The tower to show the most development was Perry Barr, under David Purnell. Erdington Abbey was another good tower, but unfortunately the authorities were unable to give them any time in the week for practice.

PEAL FAILURES

Peal ringing was flourishing in the Guild, and perhaps most of them would think that they were successful in every peal attempt, but at least 25 peals were lost during 1964 and 15 at St. Philip's Cathedral. The most notable failure was the attempt on Easter Monday, when a mixed band came to a conclusion after 11,000 changes of Cambridge Maximus. Provost Sinker had asked the St. Martin's Guild to ring a long peal to mark the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's Church and the 60th anniversary of St. Philip's being made the Cathedral of the Diocese. On May 15th ten of the regular Cathedral band and two from London would attempt 31 courses (16,368 changes) of Cambridge Maximus. It would start at 8.30 a.m. and continue, if successful, to 8.30 p.m.

Another notable event was George Fearn's visit to Washington to open the bells of Washington Cathedral. When he came back he was bubbling over with the news of his experiences. They had had trouble with clappers breaking and they might have noticed a gap of 10 or 12 weeks in their peals at St. Philip's. A new clapper had been made by Mr. Taylor, and since then there had been no trouble. The annual general meeting last January had been one of the most lively in recent years and, judging by the discussion, next year's would be more lively. As for the future, they envisaged more Saturday evening practices and a striking competition in the summer, when all towers would be invited to take part. He assured Mr. Beacham that they were not content to rest on their laurels but would continue for progress in the years to come.

The Rt. Rev. George Sinker, Provost of Birmingham, proposed the toast of "The Visitors." He said the problem had been propounded as to what attracted people to Birmingham. He had been there for three years and each year he loved it more and more. He must remind them that this was a subject of a competition in the local Press some years ago. The first prize was a week's holiday in Birmingham and the second prize two weeks' holiday!

It had been a joy to him to hear the bells of the Cathedral rung and he was distressed at the failure of the peal attempt last Easter Monday and hoped that on May 15th they would have a better chance of success. Might he make a suggestion? That this year they attempted Oxford Treble Bob Maximus instead of Cambridge Maximus.

Mr. Paul Taylor said the last big occasion he was called to perform in public was at the dedication of the Cathedral carillon in Washington. The Provost asked him to read the lesson. It was the usual lesson at dedications about the trumpets sounding, which he knew by heart. To his surprise the American Bible was different. He commented on this to the Provost, who said the last Englishman to read a lesson there was Mr. Harold Macmillan, who insisted on having his own Bible.

The speech was followed by Miss Muriel Reay presenting a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Sinker.

THE 2,000 PEALS

The great moment of the evening came when the chairman rose to honour Mr. George E. Fearn on ringing 2,000 peals. Mr. Haynes said Mr. Edgar Shepherd, in his apology for absence, had written what he would have liked to have said in desiring to associate himself very sincerely with the congratulations that would doubtless be offered to George Fearn on his splendid achievement.

The letter goes on: "There are many of us who have rung with him in a great number of his peals and will recollect with gratitude the privileges we have enjoyed by reason of his constant help and encouragement. Indeed, his compelling enthusiasm has often led us into enterprises we should never otherwise have considered, and I am sure numbers of my old

Henry Johnson Dinner—continued.

friends will agree that it is in the main due to him that we have been able to enjoy ringing in the higher methods.

"One other important fact is worthy of note at this time. George has brought to Birmingham ringers and ringing a unity that it has never before known in the whole of its long history."

The chairman added that Mr. Shepherd was very interested in the history of bell ringers and had written numerous articles and conducted considerable research into the activities of Birmingham ringers. He would say what Mr. Shepherd said was absolutely true.

OTHER THINGS BESIDES PEALS

At the time he was resident in Birmingham, continued Mr. Haynes, he had often tried to get George to make a speech, but that night he could not get out of it, but they had to wait until he had rung 2,000 peals for him to get on his feet. "I am sure we all admire his achievement very much, particularly as we remember that while he has been ringing 2,000 peals he has taught a large number of people to ring. He has repaired an unlimited number of bell ropes, as one of the things he rather fancies himself as a judge is the lifetime of a bell rope. He will examine a rope just before the start of a peal and will say: 'It will just about last out'—and it did. He has not only been secretary of the Guild for 17 or 18 years, but also served as tower warden and tower keeper of St. Philip's and St. Martin's and is a leading light in their Guild. George is the second bell-ringer to ring 2,000 peals, the other being Ernest Morris, and all being well the day will not be long delayed when George will be the kingpin of bellringers."

A toast to "George, the 2,000 pealer," was drunk with enthusiasm.

A BIG SURPRISE

Mr. Fearn, in reply, said the toast had come as a big surprise to him, as it came from their chairman, who for the last 30 years was his fellow prisoner in crime in peal ringing. Two thousand was just a number; it was no different from 100, and no one could achieve that without the backing and strong support of a good many first-class ringers, and that had always been his good fortune to encounter.

The other essential was that one should have a tower that was free for peal ringing on a certain night of the week, and there again they had been most fortunate in having the tower of Birmingham Cathedral, and also they had a Provost who was very fond of bells and ringers. He thanked them for the way they received the toast.

The toast of "The Ringing World" was proposed by Mr. Sidney O.C. Holloway, who said he was born and bred and learned to ring at Smethwick, and had been a reader of "The Ringing World" for 35 years.

196 CHURCHILL PEALS

The Editor, in reply, said the audited accounts would show that the step taken to increase the price from 8d. to 9d. was justified. At the present time they were about 80 light in their number of postal subscribers. The ringing for the passing of Sir Winston Churchill had been the heaviest since the Coronation and so far had amounted to 196 peals and 487 quarter peals being received. He paid a tribute to the work of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor in preparing the personal peal analysis for 1964, which was an amazing revelation of the extent of peal ringing and that it was not limited to a few.

The Master (Mr. Richard C. Ingram) proposed the health of the Master, and Mr.

Haynes, in reply, recalled that he came to Birmingham on the first Sunday in September, 1929, and, rather terrified, went up the steps to St. Martin's belfry bearing a letter of introduction from the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin, a fine tenor ringer. This he presented to the captain, Mr. James Rose. He stood in a touch of Cinques and afterwards Paddon Smith came up to him and said: "If you keep on trying you might make a good 12-bell ringer!" Except for holidays, he rang for morning service for 35 years. One of the things he missed at Cambridge was the Stedman Cinques of a Sunday rung at St. Martin's. The chairman said he was at Cambridge University with Chris Woolley, Stephen Wood and Wilfrid Hooton. They met on a Friday night for handbell ringing and within a fortnight of starting with them he rang in a peal of Plain Bob Major.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Caters was rung by John Anderson 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, R. W. Pipe 5-6, J. L. Millhouse 7-8, F. E. Haynes 9-10.

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DEDICATION

GADDESBY, LEICS

The lovely old Parish Church of St. Luke, Gaddesby, in the heart of Leicestershire, was filled on March 7th at Evensong for the dedication of the new bells by the Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams, Bishop of Leicester.

The three old bells, together with three new trebles, have been hung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., this having been generously paid for by Captain Ross Wilson, of Gaddesby. After the third Collect the donor, churchwardens, the Vicar (the Rev. Ian Phelps) and the Bishop proceeded to the belfry, where the new bells were dedicated. They were then rung up in peal and rung in rounds by the following officers of the Melton District; J. H. Cook, Mrs. M. Stimson, M. T. Stimson, Miss B. Smith, W. Clamp and R. H. Cook. After the service, touches of Minor were rung. Mr. J. P. Fidler and his son Arthur were present to represent the bellfounders.

SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

The long-awaited Collection of Surprise Methods has now been published by the Central Council and congratulations are due to the Methods Committee for their painstaking work and for the clear, concise and accurate presentation of their matter.

To older ringers it will bring memories of the early endeavours in this field, and younger ringers will note with interest the rapid development of Surprise Major ringing in the 20th century.

Prior to 1901, when that queen of methods, Bristol, was first rung to a peal, only Superlative, London, Cambridge, New Cambridge, Gloucester and Norfolk had been rung. In those days the producing, composing and ringing of a new method was a considerable achievement, and new methods appeared only very infrequently. Some were variations of those mentioned, such as Southgate (Superlative) and Premier (Bristol) but there did follow some really good methods, including at least three which are now standard: Yorkshire, Rutland and Pudsey. Even so, the total number of new methods pealed in the 25 years up to 1926 was only 18—less than one per year.

The next development came around 1930, when expert bands—notably those in Suffolk and Hertfordshire—began to ring peals in new methods almost as fast as they could be produced. The number of new methods so rung grew with increasing speed until the outbreak of war and "the ban," by which time some 110 more had been added to the list. But neither composers nor ringers were content with any method that came out of the computer (in those days human, not electronic). They demanded good music, regular coursing pairs, and freedom from false course heads, and no doubt many hundreds of methods produced on paper were rejected because they lacked those qualities.

This brings the story up to the post-war years, and the phenomenal increase which can only be called a "Surprise Major Explosion" and which has led to the urgent need for this Collection, both for the record of what has been done, and for the avoidance of the duplication which was becoming so frequent.

T. G. H.

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Letters to the Editor

NEW MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Two queries arise out of Cyril Wratten's letter in the issue of February 12th:

(a) The naming of Plain Minor methods to fit in with the names of their "parent" Triple methods; (b) The ringing of Minor Methods with 56 places made without the treble being involved.

I will deal first with query (a). The methods were not deliberately renamed because:

(i) I was not aware of these Triples methods.
 (ii) Even had I been aware of them, the published names would still have stood since I do not accept the extension principle of Plain Bob Minor + Hunt bell = Grandsire Triples as being of any progressive merit. I should like to know how many of the Triples methods which Mr. Wratten cites have been pealed. (Apart from Stansted College, Morris' "istory and Art of Change Ringing" quotes none of these.)

There are several points arising out of the above. There is no case for renaming the methods we have rung, especially as the type-study principle of Plain Bob Minor + Hunt = Grandsire Triples itself involves a change of name. For any renaming to take place it must be established firstly that Plain Bob Minor + Hunt bell = Plain Bob Triples. This would, of course, be unacceptable because we already have a different Plain Bob Triples based on a different principle. St. Clement's and St. Simon's confuse the issue further. I think it can be justifiably stated that if a method is to have a double-hunt then it must have a double-hunt on all numbers of bells, even or odd. Thus St. Clement's Major should be, if the idea is adhered to, as follows: 38.18 x 18 x 38 x 38 x 38 x 38 x 18 x L.H. = 18 2463857.

No further comment!

Secondly, perhaps someone will point out the merits of double-hunt methods for me, since they seem to have no value for progress to other methods, they possess neither musical nor compositional qualities, and they cloud the extension issue. In fact methods such as Grandsire are more or less a waste of three bells, tenor included. It will take a strong argument to convince me and many other ringers, too, that such methods possess qualities unobtainable in single-hunt methods or in Major methods. I might point out here that not all music in ringing is produced with the tenor bumping, or being dragged along behind, as is often the case.

I have digressed a little, or perhaps too much, from the issue under consideration, so now to return to query (b) and methods with 56 places. Mr. Wratten's incidental remark on this topic is quite uncalled for without further justification. If he had stated reason or reasons why he seemingly disapproves of methods with 56 places, then his last paragraph would have been of some value. As he hasn't given any evidence in the case against the use of 56 places, I will try to provide him with "food for thought" or "tips for his arrows," according to the way he looks at this problem.

Methods with 56 places (i.e., 5ths and 6ths without the treble) are as yet few and far between, and I suppose this is because 65s at backstroke cannot be avoided. This objection might be acceptable if only plain courses of the methods were rung, but, if extents or peals are the significant factors, then this question must be seen in another light. Mr. Wratten must surely know that there are regular methods which can't fail to produce 65s in an extent, and moreover, the C.C. Collection indirectly indicates which these are. It is more than obvious that the question is one of personal tastes and the objection to 65s is for some ringers the traditional "thing to do." Following on from this, one might object to 65s at backstroke in 1-2 and prefer only 56s on the ground that they sound better and are easier to ring. I wonder if many ringers have ever considered whether a method like Double Norwich, to take an obvious

example, would sound better if it had 78s at backstroke rather than at hand?

Nicholaston Bob Minor, the method quoted by Mr. Wratten, has 65s in the plain course. So what? Does one ring methods solely for what the plain course produces? Is it immaterial what places are made in 5-6 when 5 and 6 aren't there together? Are there any reasons for not accepting 56 places? I leave these questions for someone else to answer.

Of the nine methods given in place notation by Mr. Wratten, four have been pealed although three have not yet appeared in print. The fourth, the so-called "contraction" of St. Bride's Pleasure Triples, was rung last November at Langland Court. The unnamed methods we hope to ring in due course.—Yours sincerely,

Swansea.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

DOUBLES—CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RULING

Dear Sir,—The reply to Mr. C. F. Jerram's query ("The Ringing World," 1965, page 165) regarding the callings of peals of Doubles may be found in the "Decisions of the Central Council." The relevant section requires that peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in (i) true and complete 120's; (ii) round blocks of two or more 120's, provided that each of the 120's is itself a true and complete round block; (iii) Morris's and Pitman's 240's; (iv) combinations of (i), (ii), (iii) or any two of them.

The position is thus far clearly defined, but an interesting point arises in that 240's other than the two mentioned are not at present allowed. In "The Ringing World," 1962, page 152, Mr. B. D. Price published two 240's of Grandsire Doubles, with the claim that, together with Morris's and Pitman's, these were the only 240's obtainable in which each change occurs both at handstroke and backstroke. If this claim be correct, there would seem to be no logical reason why the Central Council should continue to refuse to recognise peals of Doubles in which Mr. Price's callings are used.—Yours faithfully,

J. DAVID ATKINSON.

Macclesfield.

HER HUSBAND'S BOB

Dear Sir,—I do sympathise with Miss Grainger ("Ringing World," page 132).

Just after I was married my husband took me to my first bellringing practice. I sat in a corner of the belfry and watched, fascinated. Suddenly my husband yelled "Ba-a-a-arb"! Thinking this was to bellringers what "fore" is to golfers, I ducked, then looked anxiously up waiting for the bell to fall. Nothing happened, and I settled down again to watch and listen. Again he called out "Sin girl." As the only female present, I felt somewhat embarrassed, but as none of the ringers batted an eye, I hoped that if I pretended I hadn't heard the incident would be forgotten.

The end of the story is obvious. I became a ringer and learned to treat these odd commands with as much nonchalance as the rest of the band.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET WRIGLEY.

St. Julians, Malta.

EASTER MONDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—It seems surprising that there has been no comment from the organisers of the two peal attempts at Cambridge or the tower captain concerned! Perhaps it is not too late; but in the meantime we can only hope that they will have the good grace to postpone their arrangements until a more acceptable date.

Whether or not this action will result in the two towers being made available to the Ely Diocesan Association for their annual general meeting is another matter, but to ring peals on that day would certainly be a very unfriendly act towards the Association.—Yours faithfully,

ROSEMARY J. PALMER

Fordham.

"MAURETANIA SURPRISE MAJOR"

Dear Sir,—Through the medium of your columns I would like to thank the following people for pointing out the error in the place notation of the method rung at Knowle, Bristol, on January 30th: Mr. G. W. Massey, Mr. A. R. Peake, Mr. C. A. Wratten, Mr. J. R. Mayne, Mr. E. W. Tipler, Mr. S. Burton and Mr. J. R. Ketteringham. It has been an education to me to learn who keep records of methods rung and could come in very useful on some future occasion.

The notation was, of course, published incorrectly and the amended figures can be found in "Belfry Gossip" of the February 27th issue.

As for Mr. Kench's letter, I can only say that I was horrified when I discovered that the names he mentions are names of British public houses—really! Whatever will people suggest next? Apparently it did not enter Mr. Kench's head that the next method we name could be "Lucetania" or "Queen Mary" Surprise Major. Actually, we intended for a special reason to call it "Mauritania," after a State in French West Africa, but, unfortunately, spelling was never my strongest point!—Yours sincerely,

D. J. HUNT.

Whitehall, Bristol.

HULL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Sir,—After making quite sure of the meaning of the word "quiescent" I feel I must defend the above non-existing Society.

During the session 1962-1963 Hull University had five regular Sunday ringers. Since the Students' Union will only recognise a Society with a minimum of 20 members, such a Society could not be formed. Attempts were made, in vain unfortunately, to obtain the use of our own tower. (St. Mary's, Lowgate, aren't really unringable!)

This session now only sees one regular Sunday ringer, and whoever "fails to locate a correspondent . . ." wants shooting!

Hull University. M. C. F.

LEADING CLERICAL PEAL RINGER

Sir,—The leading clerical peal ringer of 1964 still has some way to go to exceed the Rev. F. E. Robinson's best year total. He nine times exceeded 62 (every year, in fact, from 1902 to 1907). Three times he reached 86 and once, in 1906, he achieved 92. I should think it is unlikely (and I am sure Leslie Paul would think it undesirable) that any of us ringing clerics today will ever exceed the Rev. F. E. Robinson's yearly totals, or, indeed, his gross total of 1,261 peals.—Yours faithfully,

P. T. ROBBINS.

Charing Vicarage.

A POINT OF ETIQUETTE

Dear Sir,—Outing time is upon us and the letters of advice to organisers published in "The Ringing World" seemed to me sound and, if followed, will leave little to be desired by those responsible for giving the kind permission to ring at the various towers.

However, it is not always the organiser who is the leader of the party, and from experience I pass on a thought for the latter.

Usually one or more of the "locals" meet the visitors with a welcome, thus surely it is etiquette to offer a rope in at least one touch, even though they may not be of the "standard" of the visitors. More often than otherwise this offer will be refused in view of the fact that it is a visitors' day, but at least the locals will not feel snubbed.

I write as an organiser, a leader and a local.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton, Bristol.

P.S.—The register idea of organisers would be completely unworkable.—H. A. P.

OBITUARY

CANON C. CAREW COX AN APPRECIATION

From W. C. West,
Hon. Secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.
The Salisbury Guild has suffered a grievous and irreplaceable loss in the passing of its president which will be felt for a long time. The ringer in the far-off country tower as well as in the towns who usually attended the annual festival and hung on to every word he said, will miss him; he was always very generous in his advice and encouragement, whether to a rounds ringer or experienced change ringer; he knew them all and was highly respected in return.

At a memorial service held in Lyme Regis on February 26th the Rev. R. L. Higham paid a great tribute to the Canon, speaking of his faithfulness, his strength of character, his implicit faith in the teaching of the Church, and how he used to draw the love and respect from all with whom he came in contact. Continuing, he spoke of the crushing blow of personal sorrow and loss sustained by his wife; they had been sending to her from their hearts their deepest sympathy in her hour of grief.

QUARTER PEALS

Rung in memoriam Canon C. Carew Cox, President, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Krsmanovic (first quarter) 1, M. J. Hiller 2, I. L. Andrews 3, D. B. Ellery 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, B. Lyons 1, R. W. Bridges 2, F. Bailey 3, J. Saxton 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, A. T. Weeks 6.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. S. C. Brinkworth (first quarter) 1, H. D. W. Bishop 2, Miss J. M. Atkey 3, M. C. R. Vine 4, G. Gorringe (cond.) 5, Rev. C. S. C. Brinkworth 6.

LUDERS, DORSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Crabb 1, M. Hiller 2, John Davis 3, Rev. O. L. Willmott 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, A. Case 6.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Newman 1, A. W. Johnson 2, J. H. Stanning 3, F. Cook 4, D. Lee 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6. Rung by officers of the Marlborough Branch.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tither 1, D. Ellery 2, M. Hiller 3, John Davis 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, R. Ridout 2, T. Bleathman 3, F. Hilliar 4, A. Woods (cond.) 5, Rev. R. N. Lonridge 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. White (first of Stedman) 2, E. E. Norris 3, L. E. Hawkins (first of Stedman) 4, V. Bull (first of Stedman) 5, B. D. Price 6, N. G. Knece 7, P. Roydon 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by band residing locally.

MR. BERNARD S. FISHER

The death occurred at the Gresham House Nursing Home, Olney, Bucks, of Mr. Barnard S. Fisher, at the ripe old age of 95 years.

Born at Weston Underwood, he learned to ring when quite young. On moving to Olney, where he worked in the boot and shoe factory, he joined the local band. A founder member of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he rang about 26 peals.

The funeral service took place in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and interment was in the local cemetery.

In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to his favourite method—Grandsire Triples. M. C.

MR. L. A. TIDY

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, was the home of Leonard Arthur Tidy, tower captain at St. Andrew's Church. Now he has gone to his rest, after a life-span of almost 83 years. His death on March 1st occurred only six days after that of his wife, Ellen.

Mr. Tidy enjoyed the distinction of being the only parishioner to have held office continuously at St. Andrew's—where he and Mrs. Tidy were married in June, 1914—since its consecration in 1896. Already in the choir at the time the foundation stone was laid, he was successively choirboy, chairman and ringer. By 1911 he was vice-captain of the resident band, which altogether rang 202 720's in that year. He became tower captain in 1913 and remained actively so until January of this year. An able conductor, he kept no personal record of peals rung but regularly took part in peals locally and with visiting bands.

The funeral service for Mrs. Tidy was on February 26th; for Mr. Tidy on March 6th. On both occasions the church was thronged with relatives and friends, many of whom last met in June last year on the happy occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Tidy's golden wedding anniversary. The Rev. P. M. Haynes, addressing the bereaved family on February 26th, referred to the wonderful and lasting legacy of happy family life, bequeathed to them by Mrs. Tidy, who was a loyal member of the Mothers' Union. Many friends, ringing and otherwise, have come to feel that they share in this legacy because of the warmth of interest and friendship which was characteristic of both partners.

On March 6th the funeral service for Mr. Tidy was preceded by half-muffled ringing. Other ringers from further afield joined members of the resident band in the tower as the cortege began its journey from the church to the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

R. W. S.

MR. J. GORDON

Jim's sudden passing on March 3rd in his 49th year, probably of little consequence to present-day ringers, came as a shock to those privileged to remember and to really know him. His loyal service to the Exercise and in particular to Hagbourne, albeit a short span of time, knew no parallel.

Not to be discouraged by the war-time ban on church bells, Jim mastered change ringing entirely by handbell practice, making in his own words a "shocking mess of things" when the time came to handle a tower bell. We well remember, too, the manner in which he impeccably ironed out that shocking mess to a perfection crowned by calling Holt's Original.

Jim took leave of ringing some ten years ago for various reasons, sort them out as we will, but he left by a front door which he knew to the last remained ever open for his return. We were so sure of that return. As it is, thanks for happy memories, Jim.

GEORGE.

MR. G. C. WOODLEY

The sudden death of Mr. Charles Woodley, of Woolbrook Farm, Sidmouth, Devon, on February 13th, came as a great shock to his family and his ringing friends in East Devon. Although 82 years old, he was extremely active and regularly attended Sunday ringing and practice nights at Sidbury—in fact he was ringing on the Sunday before his death and only a month ago took part in a quarter peal.

Charlie started ringing some 70 years ago in his native village of Talaton, but came to live in Sidmouth in 1900, where he learned method ringing by walking to Harford on practice nights—some four miles each way. In 1904 he returned to Talaton and was subsequently responsible for forming a change ringing band there in the early 1920's.

Once again he returned to Sidmouth, this time for good, in 1929 and remained unattached until 1938, when he joined the Sidbury band. For 12 years he represented the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on the Central Council and was chairman of the East Devon Branch from 1953 to 1962, when on his retirement he was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

Fortunately the name Woodley will not be lost in East Devon ringing circles, for his son, Reg, and daughter-in-law—to whom we extend our deepest sympathy—are carrying on the good examples set by Charlie in promoting change ringing coupled with good striking (he was a stickler for good striking) in East Devon.

C. C. T.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sixty members and friends representing 13 towers attended a service and the annual meeting of Hereford District held at St. Nicholas' Church and Institute, Hereford, on February 13th.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Heath, and the organist was Mr. G. Bailey. At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar of Peterchurch, the Rev. J. C. De La Tour Davies, the secretary, Mr. R. G. Powell, reported there were 102 ringing members.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. T. Woods (Hereford Cathedral); joint Assistant Ringing Masters, Mr. M. Powell (Kingstone) and Miss J. Caligari (Credenhill); secretary, the Rev. H. C. Sell (Fownhope); auditor, Mr. J. Worsley.

As far as is known, 17-year-old Miss Caligari is the first lady Assistant Ringing Master and the youngest in the history of the District. Four new members were elected to the Guild.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of 1964 Meeting

MINUTES of the Second Session of the Twenty-fifth Council (67th annual meeting) held in the Town Hall, Truro, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1964.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor, Councillor Eric A. Brown, the Lord Bishop of Truro, Dr. J. M. Key and the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Mr. Alan Carveth. The president replied on behalf of the Council.

A presentation was made to Mr. Frederick Sharpe in recognition of his services as president from 1957 to 1963.

PRESENT

LIFE MEMBERS.—Canon A. G. Thurlow, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. F. Sharpe

HONORARY MEMBERS.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mr. W. A. Osborne, Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Mr. G. W. Pipe, Mr. H. L. Roper, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. T. W. White, Mr. J. Willis.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. F. Smallwood, W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed and H. J. Sanger.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Miss A. D. Edwards and Mr. J. Scott.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish.

Derby Diocesan Association: Messrs. G. A. Halls and M. Phipps.

Devon Association: Messrs. B. Bartlett, T. Darch and H. Pidler.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck. Durham and Newcastle Association: Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. I. Rarry, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. D. A. R. May, S. G. Ponting, W. H. Viggers and J. F. M. Maybrey.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers: Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett and Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. Cousins and P. Morgan.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss J. Beresford and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite and J. P. Partington.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett and N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Miss S. R. Collins.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. C. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, C. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chadcock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. R. B. Morris. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie and Dr. D. E. Sibson.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association: Mr. J. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. D. Clarke and W. L. Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Miss A. E. J. Lester and Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. N. S. Bagworth, F. E. Collins and W. Parrott.

Sussex County Association: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard and W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett, A. J. Davidson and A. Lock.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. J. Hartless.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and W. F. Moreton.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 60 Societies were affiliated with 165 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total possible membership of 196. There were five vacancies among honorary members and two among representative members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. H. O. Baker, T. A. Bevis, E. Billings, L. G. Brett, P. I. Chapman, J. W. Clarke, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mr. J. R. Cooper, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, E. H. Edge, J. H. Edwards, J. P. Fidler, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Messrs. N. Golden, F. E. Hawthorne, F. E. Haynes, A. A. Hughes, R. Leigh, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. D. H. B. Millward, G. McKay, T. G. Myers, R. H. Newton, C. W. Ottley, A. J. Pitman, T. H. Radford, F. W. Rogers, G. Salmon, D. J. Smith, L. Stillwell, C. G. J. Watts, J. J. Webb, W. C. West, R. St. C. Wilson, H. Windsor and A. T. Wingate.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. T. Darch and H. Pidler (Devon Association), J. F. M. Maybrey (Guildford Guild), P. Morgan (Hereford Guild), J. P. Partington (Lancashire Association), W. L. Weller (Sussex Association), A. J. Davidson and A. Locke (Truro Guild).

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER

Mr. A. A. Hughes was elected, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Mr. G. W. Pipe and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, were re-elected, and Mr. F. A. White was elected, on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

It was agreed that Mr. John Betjeman be approached with a view to becoming an honorary member.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence:—

Messrs. A. C. Hazelden (1930—63); E. H. Lewis (1908—63, president of the Council 1930—57); D. Ogden (1963); W. Rose (1946—56); H. Stalham (1954—62); T. H. Taffender (1900—63); and Canon R. F. Wilkinson (1929—37). Tributes were paid to the memory of all the deceased.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in "The Ringing World" of March 20th, 1964, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

REPORTS

These have been published in "The Ringing World" as shown:—

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(May 29th, 1964, page 355)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

(June 5th, 1964, page 376)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe. It was agreed that "Village Bells" should not be reprinted.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 5th, 1964, page 370)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(May 29th, 1964, page 355)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. D. Hughes, seconded by Mr. G. S. Morris.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 372)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The secretary reported that Mr. D. Hughes had been co-opted to the committee under Rule 12 (ii).

"THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 370)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. Mr. Smallwood informed the members that he had retired as convener of the committee and that Mr. Anderson had taken over.

Mr. J. E. Jeater, who for many years had kept the accounts of the paper, was introduced to the meeting amid applause. Mr. Jeater expressed thanks for his reception.

The secretary gave notice on behalf of the Standing Committee under Rule 7 (ii) that the election of Mr. Smallwood as a life member under Rule 7 (i) (b) would be proposed in 1965.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 373)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 374)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 372)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. It was agreed that the committee could spend up to £500 on the production of a comprehensive book on the preservation, etc., of church bells.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 371)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. D. A. Bayles.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Viggers, seconded by Mr. J. Willis. Mr. W. Parrott was added to the committee. It was noted that Mr. T. J. Lock had become convenor.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 375)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

OVERSEAS RINGING COMMITTEE

(June 12th, 1964, page 397)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Pipe, seconded by Mr. A. V. Sheppard. It was agreed that the terms of reference of the committee should be:—

"To keep in touch with and report to the Council on the activities of ringers and ringing outside the British Isles; to provide all possible information and assistance, when requested or when thought desirable, and when practicable to establish contact with visiting overseas ringing."
Mr. G. W. Pipe gave a report on the Washington visit.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 375)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 377)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. T. Blagrove. It was agreed to refer the method rung to a peal as Burslem Delight Major to the Southwell Diocesan Guild, requesting them to ask the conductor to change the name as it was not a correct extension of the Minor.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 376)
Adopted as amended on the proposition of Mr. F. T. Blagrove, seconded by Mr. J. R. Mayne.

AMENDMENT OF RULE

Rule 9 (Meetings of the Council) was amended by substituting the words "at a previous meeting" for "at the previous meeting" on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett on behalf of the Standing Committee, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. This was to permit meetings being arranged more than one year ahead if desired.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. K. Arthur:

"That this Council shall no longer recognise as regular any even-bell method on six or eight bells which has four places made between successive rows on more than one occasion in the half-lead."

A proposition by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, that the matter be referred to the Methods Committee for investigation and report was not carried. The motion was lost.

(b) Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. K. Arthur:

"That this Council investigate and report on the possibilities of systematic nomenclature for methods."

After discussion the Council proceeded to the next business on the proposition of Mr. J. Freeman, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

(c) With the permission of the Council the following motion not on the Agenda paper was proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, and carried:

"That this Council urges all ringing associations to press for proper insurance of all ringers, preferably under a group accident policy."

PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the Coventry and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds to visit Coventry and Northampton respectively. It was decided by a majority to accept the invitation to Northampton.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. C. K. Lewis reminded members of the Standing Committee's recommendation in 1963 that ringers should mark the forthcoming retirement from Parliament of Sir Winston Churchill.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the president, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Truro, the Bishop of Truro and the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild for their welcome; to the Dean of Truro for the use of the Cathedral for the Holy Communion service; to the president, the hon. secretary (the Rev. A. J. Vincent), the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Burnett) and other members of the Truro Diocesan Guild for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of the bells.

After the meeting the members were the guests of the Truro Diocesan Guild at tea.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Members	
	Societies Present	Absent
Wholly represented	26	61
Partly represented	26	61
Not represented	8	—
	60	122
Life members	—	4
Honorary members	—	14
	140	50

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the Devon Branch was held at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on February 27th. Good ringing was enjoyed and included method and call changes. The service was conducted by the curate.

The meeting was held at St. Budeaux Church, where there was ringing in the evening. Five new members were elected. Visitors came from Truro.

It was proposed that meetings should be held at Lypstone and Littleham on July 10th, and Launceston on October 9th, all subject to permission.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Some very good ringing was enjoyed at the Bingham District's well attended meeting at Orston on February 13th. The service was taken by the Rev. L. G. Levette (Vicar), who gave an interesting talk on the bell and the pomegranates. Tea was served in the Church Hall. The Rev. F. W. Stephens presided. Two new members were elected—Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. M. Jefferson (Orston), and Mr. G. Dexter (North Luffenham) was proposed a non-resident life member. Mr. B. Box was transferred from Bottesford to Whatton, and Mr. R. Larkin from Bingham to Pierrepont.

Next meetings: Cotgrave, March; and Cropwell Bishop, April.

LOAN OF ROPES WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am in the process of trying to restore the bells of a London church. I have now reached the stage where I must try and ring the bells. Alas! The church has only one rope and I must have seven others before I can get any further. It would be quite unfair at the present stage to ask the church authorities for seven new ropes—the bells may finally prove unringable. In my travels around the county I have seen many old secondhand ropes. I would like to appeal to readers of "The Ringing World" to spare one of their old secondhand ropes. Without the ropes the bells must remain for ever unringable. Please do what you can.—Yours sincerely,

TONY CLAYTON.

78, Franciscan Road,
London, S.W.17.

P.S.—I am quite willing to pay for the purchase of any ropes sent, but would prefer not to!—T. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Christopher T. Osenton rang his 50th peal on the bells of All Saints, Frindsbury, on February 27th and completed the circle to peals for the fifth time.

Through a typographical error it was suggested in our front page article last week that Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe had only rung ten different handbell peals. Ten times ten would be nearer the mark. The error is regretted.

"I would like to praise a few men who take turns to cheer me every Sunday morning by ringing the local church bells. This simple service brings to many the joy and purpose of living"—T. H. Graham, Alnwick, Northumberland. ("Sunday Citizen.")

The peal of London Surprise Major at Wincanton on January 23rd received at the time a special mention in our "Gossip" column. It now transpires that this took place exactly 30 years after the previous "residents' band" peal in the method on January 23rd, 1935.

St. Peter-at-Gowts (Lincoln) band could not let the 84th birthday of an esteemed member, Mr. C. Popple, pass unnoticed. While he rang for Matins on March 7th he did not feel well enough to attempt a quarter in honour of the birthday, but he is assured that his friends wish him many more happy years in the tower.

On a tour of Europe, an American, Mr. Roger Armstrong, visited Stratton, Cornwall, and recorded the bells. Mr. H. Stacey has just received a card from him stating: "One of the highest pointers of my six months' tour of Europe was the tape recording of Stratton bells; it is one of the outstanding chapters of my visit."

The bells of St. Andrew's, Whitchurch, Devon, which have been unfavourably commented on for years, although of a pleasant tone have been removed to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough. They are to be one-eighth turned, retuned and completely rehung at a cost of £1,500

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PETER CROOK'S 60 YEARS AS RINGER

This week Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, completes 60 years as a ringer, having rung over 500 peals. It is hoped to fittingly celebrate this "diamond" occasion with a peal at Farnworth.

Now in his 80th year, Mr. Peter Crook started ringing at Bolton Parish Church in 1905, but after a few years he moved to Deane and rang there. With the installation of the new bells at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, in 1919, he was invited to join the company. For the past 40 years he has been Ringing Master. He has also been closely associated with the Lancashire Association in various capacities and for two periods served on the Central Council.

It was 27 years ago that Police Sergeant Crook retired from the Bolton Police Force, but he still maintains his connection with the law by his office as usher to Bolton Quarter Sessions. He is featured in "The Bolton Journal" and his photograph appears with a model church bell, which was bequeathed to him by the late Canon Elsee, who was at one time Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. His son and daughters are both ringers and "The Ringing World" was happy to publish from his pen the story of his visit to British Columbia and the monks in Westminster Abbey, Mission City.

RUSHALL NOW IN THE PEAL LIST

The peal of Bob Minor at Rushall, Staffs, on March 6th, is notable in that it was the first for many years in which members of the local band took part. Visitors have been few, and it is to the credit of the ringers of the treble and second that they have reached this standard. Our thanks are due to Sid Larcombe (from Little Aston), who has been a faithful supporter even when things looked really grim, and who was to have rung in the attempt but was prevented by illness. Practice is on Thursday at 7.45. Visitors are always welcome, writes M. S. B.

WANTS CATHEDRAL RECORDINGS

Captain William H. Talbot, of 449, Rathgar Avenue, Suite 3, Winnipeg 13, Manitoba, Canada, who appeals for tape recordings of Cathedrals and other churches, is a Worcestershire man and has been helped in his request by his brother Sidney and brother-in-law and nephews, who are "The Fellows" of Stourbridge. Captain Talbot writes: "For 55 years, since coming to Canada, the greatest thing I have missed are the rings of the Cathedrals and churches. With the availability of portable tape recording machines the rings can be recorded and preserved, and I am trying to get as many recordings of Cathedrals as I can."

LORD MORRISON

With the news of the death of Lord Morrison of Lambeth, it was particularly fitting that he should be remembered in his old constituency, South Hackney. Apart from the special prayers said for him at St. John-of-Jerusalem Church, the young band rang half-muffled both morning and afternoon, as they had done only five weeks previously for Lord Morrison's political rival, Sir Winston Churchill.

FIRST PEAL A LONG TIME COMING

A peal has now been rung on the six bells at Offton, Suffolk, but it has been a long time coming. In 1959 the bells were completely restored and a new treble added. A new band was formed under Mr. G. R. Goodship, who previous to dedication had been teaching recruits to handle at the neighbouring village of Barking. It was decided to ring the first peal with a mainly local band, and Mr. R. C. Lester, of Barking, was invited to call it.

The first attempt was made on the anniversary of the dedication in 1964 and two more unsuccessful attempts have been made, the last being lost through a missed call in the last 360. The band would like to associate Mr. W. Minns and Miss C. Steward, of the local band, with the successful attempt on February 20th, as they had stood in previous attempts.

COLLEGE YOUTHS APPRECIATE

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on March 2nd (to quote a letter from the secretary): "Great appreciation was expressed of the excellent Sir Winston Churchill Memorial issue. It was then agreed that a donation of one guinea be sent to 'The Ringing World' from the Society's fund." The letter and donation are greatly appreciated by the Editor and the Editorial Committee.

CUMBERLANDS ACTIVE

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths report two notable performances this week—a silent and non-conducted peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, umpired by Mr. P. A. Corby, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Spliced Surprise peal was the first silent peal in the method for the Society.

A NOTTINGHAM RETIREMENT

Friends of Mr. Frederick A. Salter will be sorry to know that, owing to ill health, he has resigned as Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Nottingham. His record of service to his tower is second to none. He joined in 1923, became steeple keeper in 1925 and Ringing Master in 1948, never missing a service or practice except for ill-health or the occasional holiday. As a token of their esteem, his friends at St. Peter's have presented him with a cheque. They look forward to ringing with him again as soon as the warmer weather comes. He is always pleased to see friends at 64, Randal Street.

COMBINED TRIBUTE

The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at North Bradley as a tribute to the late Canon C. Carew Cox was rung by members of the combined Surprise practice band, which includes ringers belonging to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association who live in the Bath-Frome area, and members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild who live in the Warminster-North Bradley-Melksham areas. The peal enabled Mr. Frederick Slatford to complete the circle of the tower three times.

SOMERSET VETERAN RETIRES

Churchill tower has lost the services of its oldest ringer with the retirement from ringing of Mr. George Gilling, on medical grounds. Born in 1884, George joined the Bath and Wells Association in 1905 and a lifelong connection with local ringers led George to all the towers in the area. A mason by trade, George was one of a family of ten, seven of whom are still living, with a total of 538 years to their credit. After serving in World War I George settled at Upper Langford in 1920 and is still there. As a tribute to his work for ringing, a peal was rung at Churchill on February 13th with three local ringers in the band. George is popular among ringers and all his friends hope he will enjoy the social activities of the Branch for many years to come.

NOTTINGHAM TO HAVE A TWELVE

Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, have been commissioned to overhaul the bells at St. Peter's, Nottingham, and add two trebles to make a ring of 12. The old and insecure wooden frame will be replaced by one of iron. This work is being done in conjunction with the strengthening of the tower foundations made necessary by road alterations.

RAINHAM'S BIRTHDAY BOOK

There were omnibus congratulations behind the quarter peal at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on February 27th after a peal attempt had come to grief. To Mr. and Mrs. M. Callaway it was a silver wedding compliment, and to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cheal, captain and secretary respectively, it was a seventh wedding anniversary. So many birthdays occur among the ringers and learners that it was agreed to include all in one attempt. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Diana Southam and a 10th for her sister Helen. In January there were those of the Vicar and the Misses C. Major and C. Hart, and in February that of Mr. P. Thomas, vice-captain.

KINGSTON CELEBRATES

Kingston-upon-Thames tower captain, David Wilkins, and his wife, Elizabeth, had barely announced the arrival of their first-born daughter, Janette, when yet another little girl was born in the area—Joanna, daughter of Ken and Sue Newman. To fete them both, a quarter peal of Spliced London and Cambridge Royal was rung at Kingston Parish Church.

108 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Mr. R. G. Blackler for the proof of the impossibility of obtaining a touch of this length, in reply to my recent inquiry, and am glad he has confirmed the finding of Mr. H. W. Frigate some 48 years ago.

May I also thank Mr. W. J. Davidson, of Newcastle, for his letter to me on the same subject.—Yours sincerely,

Crayford, Kent.

E. A. BARNETT.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Brian J. Luff	6
John N. Diserens 2	Alap R. Pink	7
Albert Diserens 3	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	8
Patricia Diserens 4	Ronald F. Diserens .. .	9
Frank W. Lewis 5	Noel J. Diserens Tenor	

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor size 13 in E.

Rev. C. J. B. Marshall Treble	Trevor A. Cross 5
*Raymond P. Selway .. 2	Albert W. Dyer 6
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 3	H. E. George Jeanes .. 7
Derek S. Beaufoy 4	William E. Turner Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pitchard. Conducted by William E. Turner.
 * 100th peal. 100th peal as conductor. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 13 in E.

Harold Turner Treble	Trevor A. Cross 4
Gilbert W. Rendle 2	H. E. George Jeanes .. 5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
 Rung for the wedding at this church this day of Miss Sylvia Wills to Mr. Michael McBryde. Tenor 14 cwt.

PILTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

Being ten extents of Stedman, ten extents of Grandsire, 12 extents of Plain Bob and five 240's of Grandsire.	
Percival H. Hull Treble	Gwilym Salmon 4
*A. Thomas Harris .. 2	Harry Smith
*Sheila Y. Hallett .. 3	Ronald Talbot Tenor

Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.
 * First peal in more than one method.
 A compliment to Gwen Boyce, a ringer at Pilton, and Richard Baber, whose wedding preceded the peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Mar. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
 Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb in D.

Stephen Ivin Treble	Keith R. Fleming 6
Mary E. Edwards 2	Robert L. Piron 7
Alan S. Smith 3	Philip Mehew
Arthur Gibbs 4	Bryan Pattison 9
C. Michael Orme 5	Rodney H. French Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Stephen Ivin Treble	Gerald Penney 5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Roger Baldwin 6
Christopher W. Woolley	Alfred E. Rushton .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
 Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of H. Douglas Harris.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Being an extent of St. Clement's Bob, two Kent T.B., and four Plain Bob.	
Keith Goldthorpe .. Treble	Joan Gray
*Eve Rimer 2	Christopher L. D. Munday
†Graham E. Drew .. 3	Richard D. Gibson .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson.
 * First peal. † First in three methods.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Transposed from Thurstans'.	Rung silent and non-conducted.
S. C. Walters (Pembroke) Treble	W. J. Ridgman (Queen's)
B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. 2	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 4	S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. Tenor

Umpired by R. W. H. Hayes (Caius).

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) Treble	J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	4
G. H. Jones (St. John's) 2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) ..	5
S. P. Darvill (Downing) 3	F. C. Hobson (St. John's) Tenor	

Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.
 First peal in the method for all the band, and for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEAL

CAMBRIDGE.—At B 17, Angel Court, Trinity College.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Tenor size 13 in E.

B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) 1—2	J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 5—6
V. Nuttop (Selwyn) .. 3—4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.
 First peal of Stedman Triples "in hand" by all the band and for the Guild.
 Rung to welcome Clare Nicola, daughter of Delia and Robin Heppenstall.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Derek F. Yates Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Harold C. Lonyon 2	*Martin L. Howe 8
Basil Jopes 3	Alan McFall
Frank Osbaldiston .. 4	Ernest Bennett 10
Robert J. Warrilow .. 5	William H. Dowse 11
John Worth 6	†Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
 * 250th peal. † 600th peal.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

John Robinson Treble	Basil Jones
Robert B. Smith 2	Alan McFall
*Derek F. Yates 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
*David Wilcox 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
 * First peal in the method.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAW FORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Bourne Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.	
Andrew K. Putnam .. Treble	*Arthur R. Wright 4
*Raymond D. Hart .. 2	*Geoffrey Pratt 5
George P. Hammond .. 3	David J. Allen Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.
 * First peal in eight Minor methods.

CHURCH LAW FORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Mar. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Being seven extents.	
Arthur R. Wright .. Treble	F. Mark Robotton .. 4
David J. Allen 2	K. Fredrick Gardner .. 5
Raymond D. Hart .. 3	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
 Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

Joe E. G. Roast Treble	Walker H. Dobbie 7
Howard W. Egglestone	Peter J. Eves
Sheila M. Dobbie .. 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 8
Thomas H. Francis .. 4	Derek E. Sibson 10
*James L. Towler .. 5	Dennis Beresford 11
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 6	Peter Beresford Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 5).
 Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
 * First peal of Stedman Cinques.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church. On Sun., Feb. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Cumberland Youths peal, including S. Kathleen M. Baldwin (Treble), Joan Beresford, Ronald F. Diserens, Derek E. Sibson, Edwina A. Barnett, Roger Baldwin, Stanley Jenner, and Dennis Beresford (Tenor).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Rung silent and non-conducted. Umpire: Philip A. Corby, Ancient Society of College Youths. The first silent peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Society.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

PLYMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Maurice.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Devonshire Ringers peal, including D. Roy Bould, Alan Carveth, Herbert C. Spencer, Margaret A. Bould, Frank D. Mack, Arthur F. Burley, Colin Reeves, and Robert A. Southwood (Tenor).

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Robert A. Southwood. First peal of Major on the bells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. FENHAM, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association peal, including David J. Marshall, Jennifer Sceeny, John E. Anderson, M. Elaine Murcott, William Davidson, William G. Wilson, Kenneth Lawson, and Eric N. Harrison (Tenor).

Conducted by Eric N. Morrison

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Table listing names and positions for the East Grinstead and District Guild peal, including Harold W. Evans, Graham S. E. Winter, David J. M. Cox, Edward J. Jenner, D. Paul Smith, and Brian E. Jeffrey (Tenor).

Conducted by Brian E. Jeffrey.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Essex Association peal, including Alan R. Andrews, Jennifer M. Andrews, George N. Orman, Frederick A. Harvey, Arthur G. Button, and Edward E. Davey (Tenor).

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

Rung after the wedding of Miss Wendy Jean Welham and Michael Alexander Mills.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association peal, including Jennifer M. Taylor, John H. Taylor, Gillian M. Hussey, Michael J. Hobbs, Alan Tubb, John C. Slater, D. John Hunt, and James R. Taylor (Tenor).

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN AND SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 3,600 Plain Bob, 1,440 Cambridge, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Upton St. Leonards peal, including Jennifer M. Taylor, Alan Tubb, Gillian M. Hussey, Michael J. Hobbs, John H. Taylor, James R. Taylor, John C. Slater, and D. John Hunt (Tenor).

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Feb. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortuna, St. Augustine, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Hilda, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Kennington, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pelasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Campion, Southrepps, Reverse Caterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Hereford Diocesan Guild peal, including John W. Hope, Robert A. Hatcher, Robin L. Hughes, and W. John Clayton (Tenor).

*Reginald Preece. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

* First peal in 21 methods

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Hertford County Association peal, including D. Kay Adkins, Robert N. Harris, Eric Edmondson, David A. H. Bennett, David A. Carpenter, Vernon Green, Roger Baldwin, Christopher W. Woolley, Gerald Penney, and Kenneth R. Dunstan (Tenor).

Composed by G. E. Symonds. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Winchester Surprise Royal by all the band except ringer of the eighth.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Bushey peal, including Kenneth R. Dunstan, John Faircloth, David A. Carpenter, D. Kay Adkins, Vernon Green, Roger Baldwin, Gerald Penney, and Christopher W. Woolley (Tenor).

Composed by Ernest Bennett. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Table listing names and positions for the Kent County Association peal, including Joan A. Hayward, Christopher T. Osenton, Charles T. Davidson, David S. Osenton, Brian R. Trill, Barry J. Couzens, Terence Barton, and Cyril S. Jarrett (Tenor).

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal. † First of Triples "inside." Rung as a wedding compliment to John Edward Fingis and Jill Margaret Terry, members of the choir of this church.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5408 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising: 1,024 London, 800 Watford, 768 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Pudsey and Dorchester, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 124 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Table listing names and positions for the Gillingham peal, including Judith M. Corby, Andrew J. Corby, Cyril S. Jarrett, Robert W. Hinde, David S. Osenton, Christopher T. Osenton, Bernard F. L. Groves, and Martin L. Howe (Tenor).

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of 9-spliced. First peal of 9-spliced as conductor. Ringer of the third has now "circled the tower."

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Table listing names and positions for the East Farleigh peal, including Charles T. Davidson, David S. Osenton, Shirley Town, Peter S. Muchlinski, Norman R. Mattingley, and Christopher T. Osenton (Tenor).

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E. flat.

Table listing names and positions for the Lancashire Association peal, including Tudor P. Edwards, Susan Funnell, David J. Allen, Ian R. Pantom, Philip J. Rothera, C. Martin Press, James L. Towler, and Kenneth J. Hesketh (Tenor).

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

*100th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

Derek M. Sawyer Treble	E. Alan Jacques 7
Peter J. Staniforth 2	Brian S. Chapman 8
Derek J. Tranter 3	Alan E. Hartley 9
*Roland H. Cook 4	Herrick B. Bowley 10
*Malcolm E. Wade 5	Russell S. Morris 11
Shirley Burton 6	William J. Root Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band except the ringers of 2, 6, 7 and 10.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Mar. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Being seven 720's.	†William Johnston 4
John A. W. Bailes Treble	Michael E. Brown 5
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor
*James H. Pannett 3	

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal. † First of Surprise "inside."
Rung as a thanksgiving to God for the safe arrival of Janet Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

George R. Dawson Treble	Ronald C. Noon 5
George W. Massey 2	Cyril R. Burrell 6
*Denis Woods 3	Brian Harris 7
*Derek J. Jones 4	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Bristol.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Three different callings.	Richard Hunt 4
Graham J. N. Colborne Treble	Michael R. Rooney 5
Peter A. Slight 2	David R. Baxter Tenor
David J. Hopkinson 3	

Conducted by Michael R. Rooney.

First peal as conductor. Average age of ringers 18 years.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Mon., Mar. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

In seven methods, being extents of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.	Roger D. Bailey 4
Yvonne Edwards Treble	Anthony H. Smith 5
*Robert E. J. Dennis 2	Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor
Timothy G. Pett 3	

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of seven Surprise as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

In ten methods, comprising 576 of Rutland, 544 each of Chesterfield and Pudsey, 512 each of Adelaide, Cambridge and Lindum, 480 each of Brighton and London, 448 of Superlative and 416 of Bristol, with 135 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.	J. Richard Castledine .. 5
Jack S. Dear Treble	John Hill 6
Joan Beresford 2	Thomas J. Lock 7
Claudia A. Critchley 3	John R. Mayne Tenor
Alick Cutler 4	

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Ian G. Campbell Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone 5
John R. Ketteringham 2	Clive W. Simpson 6
Rosemary M. Rich 3	Leonard J. North 7
*David E. Rothera 4	Robert J. Moore Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

* First peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Mar. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton Treble	Dan S. Pont 5
Roland Beniston 2	Roland H. Cook 6
Gordon H. Lane 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middletop.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CATFIELD, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Mar. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

In seven methods, being two extents of Grandsire, four each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas. St. Simon and St. Martin, and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Henry Tooke Treble	Roger B. Lubbock 3
Gilbert E. Larter 2	Thomas E. Spight 4
	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

STOKE-UPON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 18 lb. in B flat.

*Ruth V. Hawkins Treble	*J. Michael Pepper 5
B. Margaret Burton 2	J. Leslie Shenton 6
*Margaret Booth 3	J. Michael Jack 7
*Margaret Ridgway 4	J. Geoffrey Burton .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by J. Geoffrey Burton.

* First peal.

Rung in memory of the Ven. Percy Hartil, Rector and Archdeacon of Stoke and President of the North Staffs Association for 21 years, and to commemorate the open of the new Stoke St. Peter's Junior High School.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE POGES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Wilfrid G. Wilson Treble	Michael Hatchett 5
E. S. Thomas Farr 2	William Birmingham .. 6
Arthur D. Barker 3	John Hill 7
*Rosemary Rich 4	A. Charles Tovey Tenor

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TWYFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Bernard C. Castle Treble	Mrs. B. C. Castle 5
*Jillian H. Pike 2	William J. Parker 6
Mrs. H. Smith 3	Harold Smith 7
†Michael J. Smith 4	Walter Hunt Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Walter Hunt.

* First peal of Major. † First attempt for a peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
 Roland Biggs Treble Percy Newton 5
 Joyce I. Barton 2 Arthur Newton 6
 *Robert H. Newton .. 3 †John Young 7
 Sydney M. Bailey 4 David A. Cornwall .. Tenor
 Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
 * First peal in the method. † First of Surprise "inside."

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.
 Norman Leslie Treble Frederick Sharpe 6
 William Hibbert 2 Frederick C. White 7
 Derek Jewell 3 Francis A. White 8
 Fredk. A. H. Wilkins .. 4 Brian R. White 9
 Dennis Leslie 5 Edwin Drewitt Tenor
 Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
 Rung for the 147th anniversary of the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.
 Joan Beresford Treble Geoffrey E. Watson 5
 Murray A. Coleman .. 2 J. Richard Castledine .. 6
 Claudia A. Critchley .. 3 Jack S. Dear 7
 G. William Critchley .. 4 John R. Mayne Tenor
 Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F. sharp.
 *Frederick S. Slatford .. Treble Edgar C. Shepherd 5
 *David A. Burt 2 *Bryan C. Stirland 6
 *David J. Orledge 3 Laurence E. Hitchins .. 7
 *Norman G. N. Knee .. 4 Eric J. Hitchins Tenor
 Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.
 * First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor.
 Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, President of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

YATESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents, 10 callings and Morris' 240. Tenor 12 cwt.
 Valerie L. Preston .. Treble Pamela A. Osborne 3
 *Richard S. Fisher (15) .. 2 K. Barry Osborne 4
 Derrick P. Bailey Tenor
 Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.
 * First peal "inside."
 Rung in memoriam Canon C. C. Cox, President of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation). Tenor 11½ cwt.
 Frederick G. Beddow .. Treble Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 5
 Bessie Carter 2 E. Marion Key 6
 Frederick A. H. Cattell .. 3 Barnabas G. Key 7
 Frederick Leach 4 Frederick Owen Tenor
 Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
 Rung to welcome the Rev. F. N. Lewis, who was inducted as Vicar the previous Sunday.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
RUSHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.
 *Nicholas White Treble †Peter J. Barker 4
 †Rosemary White 2 Roger W. Barker 5
 †John D. R. Smith 3 Michael S. Bruce Tenor
 Conducted by Michael S. Bruce.
 * First peal, first attempt. † First "inside." ‡ 25th peal for the Society.
 Rung for the christening of Ian Bruce, son of the tenor ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter,
On Mon., Mar. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.
 Sydney Foskett Treble George A. Dawson 6
 Mrs. M. I. Foskett 2 William L. Exton 7
 Harry Poyner 3 *David R. Ingram 8
 Donald J. Beach 4 *Charles W. Towers 9
 F. Neville Pailing 5 *David Stainsby Tenor
 Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by William L. Exton.
 * First peal of Grandsire Caters.
 Rung to mark the retirement of Frederick A. Salter, as Ringing Master at St. Peter's.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
 Grace Burchnall Treble William L. Exton 5
 F. William Midwinter .. 2 W. Neville Brown 6
 Margaret E. Chilton .. 3 John R. Pratchett 7
 Katharine Burchnall .. 4 George A. Dawson Tenor
 Conducted by William L. Exton.
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winston S. Churchill, K.G.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

OFFTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
 Robert E. Lester Treble Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4
 Sandra L. Goodship .. 2 E. James Lockwood .. 5
 Gilbert R. Goodship .. 3 Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor
 Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam William C. Steward.
 First peal on the bells since restoration and augmentation in 1959 and believed to be first ever rung in the tower.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MORTLAKE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
 Christopher F. Mew .. Treble Alan R. Millidge 5
 *Julie S. Armstrong .. 2 †Alan R. Patterson 6
 Robert J. Cooles 3 Alan E. Bagworth 7
 Brian J. Bull 4 Michael J. Uphill Tenor
 Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
 * First peal, first attempt. † 150th peal.
 Rung to welcome Joanna Margaret, a daughter for Susan and Ken Newman, born February 21st, 1965.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 25½ cwt.
 B. Gillian Schofield .. Treble †Harold B. Schofield 5
 *Susan Rhodes 2 S. Barry Schofield 6
 Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3 Roderick W. Pipe 7
 Peter A. Kirkby 4 Adrian C. Boorman .. Tenor
 Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
 * First peal of Grandsire. † First of Grandsire "inside."

PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.
 Graham K. Smith .. Treble *David S. Johnson 5
 *Howard C. Palmer .. 2 *Ian G. Campbell 6
 *Richard D. Gibson .. 3 Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
 Rev. Fred Ross 4 Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor
 Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
 * First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE GRESHAM'S SCHOOL SOCIETY.
HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.
On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Paul Royds-Jones 3—4
 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 5—6
 First peal as conductor. First of Minor for all the band and for the Society.

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MARRIAGE

ROGERS—PORTER.—On March 13th, 1965, at Sutton-on-Hull, Yorkshire, between Robin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers, of Grafton Regis, Northants, and Janet, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. Porter, of Sutton-on-Hull. 6472

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—George Harry Myers, of Plymouth, who died March 14th, 1960. Remembered always with love by his family. 6475

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ROGERS.—The new address of Robin and Janet Rogers is now 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. 6471

TUBBS.—From March 1st new address 2, Amhurst, St. Cross Road, Winchester. 6466

PERSONAL

N. A. C.—Meet you in Bath, Sunday.—Auntie (Kidderminster). 6459

BOWEN.—Will Mr. V. Bowen, whose address was Shouldham, King's Lynn, please forward his new address to this office. His "Ringing Worlds" have been returned.

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MISCELLANEOUS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, King's Head Hotel, Matlock, Thursday, April 1st, 7.30 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Secretary. 6482

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 450th Anniversary.—It is hoped to ring for Founder's Day service at Manchester Cathedral, June 1st. Any interested Old Mancunians please write to J. Gibbons, at the school. 6460

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6448

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Crimbleham on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6431

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—At Tewin on March 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea essential, please, to R. Brown, Dis. Sec., 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Bury (3), on Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 6465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting at Coleorton on March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Church Rooms, no names required. 6415

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—On Saturday, March 20th at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (Holloway Road—Piccadilly Line) Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6443

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 20th at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Miss Burchnell, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent.—B. N. Reed. 6443

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by 25th to Mr. A. Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, Bletchley, Bucks. 6468

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, March 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mrs. E. V. Parker, Stanley Hall Farm, Disley.—C. K. Lewis. 6491

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Evening meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (10) from 6 p.m. and after short business meeting at 7 p.m., to elect a new District Secretary and two representatives for the Guild General Committee. A good attendance, please! 6486

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Laughton, 95, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. 6467

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Warwick, 69, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 6483

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Ingatestone, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100), by Thursday, March 25th. Visitors welcome. Note corrected date. 6340 0189

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield. 6432

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Norton, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 24th to P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec., 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos. All welcome. 6477

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice, March 27th at Much Wenlock. Bells (8) available 6.30-8.30 p.m.—Joan Bennett, Hon. Sec. 6476

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, March 27th, All Souls' heavy eight, afternoon only from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Evening only at St. George's. Come and try your skill on this tricky but majestic eight. A challenge to the Surprise men of the county! Names for picnic at this meeting, final.—Thornley, Sec. 6489

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley District) and LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).—Joint meeting, Leire, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. Dove, Main Street, Leire, Rugby, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 6469

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Marlow, Saturday, March 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please let me have names for tea by Tuesday, 23rd.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holnport, Maidenhead. 6457

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Helmdon on Saturday, March 27th. Names for tea by the 23rd to Mrs. K. Webb, Wappenham Road, Helmdon, near Brackley.

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**SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN
GUILD**

A very satisfactory meeting was held at
Baglan on March 6th and the attendance was
surprisingly high, especially after the bad
weather experienced during the previous two
days. Ringing was of high standard and
ranged from rounds to London Surprise.

The Rev. D. Islwyn Lewis (Vicar) con-
ducted the service and in his address gave a
warm welcome to the lovely Church of St.
Catherine. An excellent tea was provided by
the ladies of the parish, who were sincerely
thanked.

The business opened with the Vicar in the
chair. The statement of accounts was pre-
sented, and the District secretary reported a
very unsatisfactory position of the subscrip-
tions received from towers. Some of them,
however, have since paid their outstanding
subscriptions.

The September meeting will be held at Gor-
seion, and an invitation to Eardisland for a
joint meeting was accepted; July or August
was suggested. Four new members were
elected, and the meeting ended with a vote of
thanks. J. A. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The hard-going six at Offley were put to
good use, both by experts and beginners, at
the Northern District's evening meeting on
March 6th. Under the "ringingship" of Eddie
Buck, methods ranged from Bob Doubles to
Beverly and London. At the conclusion of
this most successful meeting, ringers adjourned
to the Bull and other similar places to round
off a most pleasant evening. J. K. O.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

A warm welcome was given to the Guild
from the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Shelley,
at the meeting on March 6th. Mr. J. Buxton,
in reply to thanks offered by Mr. J. Leaver
and Mr. E. Lord, said how happy he was to
have the company to enjoy their bells and
beautiful scenery. New members elected were
Mr. C. A. Moxon (Cawthorne), and Miss A.
Rayner, Masters S. Rayner, A. Whiteley and
J. Whiteley (all of Bradshaw). Ringing, in-
cluding Double Court, Double Oxford and
London Surprise, was enjoyed until nine
o'clock, when another successful meeting
closed.

Cambridge Major is the method for the
Queensbury meeting. W. M.

QUARTER PEALS

SULIHULL, WARWICKS.—On March 7th, 1,259
Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, T. J. Warner 2,
R. J. Cann 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, Christine
McLaren 5, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 6, G. Palmer
7, P. D. Warren 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 6th, 1,260
Plain Bob Minor: P. May 1, K. Whittell 2, C. J.
Sedgley 3, R. Kersey 4, N. F. Whittell 5, R.
Steward (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment
to Maureen Mee and David Ling.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire
Triples: Ruth Fairbrother 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.)
2, E. Fairbrother 3, Jennifer Beech 4, F. R. Wiggin
5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech 7, C. J. Evans 8. First
in method 1, 3, 4. For evening service.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On March 6th, 1,440
Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Cowley 1, J. Marlow 2,
D. Pearson 3, E. Buckby 4, F. E. Cooles 5, P. M.
Fleckney 6.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,264 Plain
Bob Major: Mrs. R. Reynolds 1, Miss M. J. Morris
2, R. Howard 3, J. P. Morriss 4, N. B. Fovargue 5,
T. Cummins 6, W. B. Dawson 7, P. H. Reynolds
(cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. J.
Morriss.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On March
2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Blackman (first
quarter) 1, Miss R. Taylor 2, D. Towers 3, C.
East 4, E. J. Evans 5, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 6.

The University of London Society have been
particularly successful with their quarter peals
at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, for Sunday
morning services. On January 24th, 1,296
Surprise Minor (Norwich and Cambridge);
January 31st, 1,320 London Surprise Minor;
February 14th, 1,296 Kent and Cambridge S.;
February 28th, 1,296 Surprise Minor; March
7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain).

The band who rang the peal at Rushall,
Staffs, desire to associate with it the name of
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was prevented by illness from taking part. He
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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIO-
CESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—
A meeting of the Branch will be held at Slim-
bridge on March 20th. Bells available from
3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Minors,
Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Northampton Branch. — Practice meeting at
Bugbrooke on Saturday, March 27th. Ringing
3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 approx. Ringing
again after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday
previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue,
Northampton. 6428

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salis-
bury Branch.—March 27th, practice meeting,
Codford. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names
by Tuesday, 23rd, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West
Street, Wilton. 6473

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mans-
field District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 27th,
Warsop. Bells (6) 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday
previous to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace,
Warsop, Mansfield, Notts. Everyone welcome.
—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6490

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.
—Practice meeting at Sedlescombe (6) on
March 27th. Ringing 3-4.30 and 6-8. Service
4.30. Tea (at "The Waterfall Tea Lounge")
5.15. Please help your new Secretary by send-
ing names for tea to Mr. G. Fitzhugh, Sec.,
36, London Road, Hailsham.—I. Smith, 6416

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Eastern District.—Meeting, Tuesday, March
30th, at Broxbourne, 7.30 until 9 p.m. 6380

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District. —
Supper and social in the Village Hall, Dan-
bury on Saturday, April 3rd, 6.15 for 6.45.
Tickets 6s. from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore
Cottage, Danbury. 6411

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford
District.—Meeting at Tenterden, Saturday,
April 10th. Bells (8, 27 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Relf, 3,
The Bungalows, Shrubcote, Tenterden, by
previous Thursday.—C. T. H.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIA-
TION.**—Annual meeting, April 24th, Berkeley.
Bells available later. Meeting 2.15 p.m. in
Town Hall. Tea 4.30 at Berkeley Arms,
Berkeley, Glos, price 3s. 9d. must be paid in
advance to F. S. Browning, Berkeley Arms,
Berkeley, Glos. Send address with cash, tickets
will be posted back as receipt, but must be
produced at the tea. Nominations and notices
of motion must be received by me on or
before Saturday, March 27th. Nominations re-
quired for Master and Central Council repre-
sentatives (4).—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42,
Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 6462

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Notice is hereby given that the following
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QUARTER PEALS

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Oct. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Jacoba Hos 1, Laura Beeny 2, Michael Page 3, Brian Lawes 4, Basil Potts (first of Minor as cond.) 5, Laith Reynolds 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 6. A farewell to Laura Beeny and Basil Potts.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 3rd, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. M. A. Bould 2, D. Wheeler 3, J. W. Perkins 4, W. Theobald 5, H. F. Myers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8, T. N. J. Bailey 9, W. Marks 10. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters (half-muffled): Miss R. J. Marks 1, H. Millford 2, D. Wheeler 3, D. R. Bould 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. F. Myers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, R. Southwood 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. Marks 10. In memoriam Sir Winston Churchill for civic service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Gerda Baresel 1, Alison M. Mann 2, A. S. Bishop 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. R. Millidge 7, A. R. Patterson 8. First in method 6, 7. For Evensong.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Mrs. G. Evenden 2, F. J. Cheal 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, B. R. Jemmett 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, G. Evenden (cond.) 7, R. Pearce 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Rowland 2, F. Markham 3, D. Heath 4, W. Poolman (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6. Rung for Confirmation.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Little Bob and Plain Bob): Ann Whitworth 1, B. Whitworth 2, S. Hodgkins 3, H. Richardson 4, A. Gibbs 5, L. Priestley (cond.) 6, T. Cose 7, C. Whitworth 8. For Evensong.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. J. G. Wilson 1, G. A. Rees 2, Rev. A. J. F. Tomlinson (first "inside") 3, Mrs. J. N. E. Rees (cond.) 4, C. G. Alban 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: W. W. Ring 1, J. Richards 2, J. R. Cooper 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, T. Cullingworth 5, M. W. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William C. Marshall.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. R. M. Johnson 1, Katherine Maundrell (first in three methods) 2, C. W. Daws (cond.) 3, W. G. Young 4, R. H. Youdale 5, R. A. Orme (first quarter) 6.

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