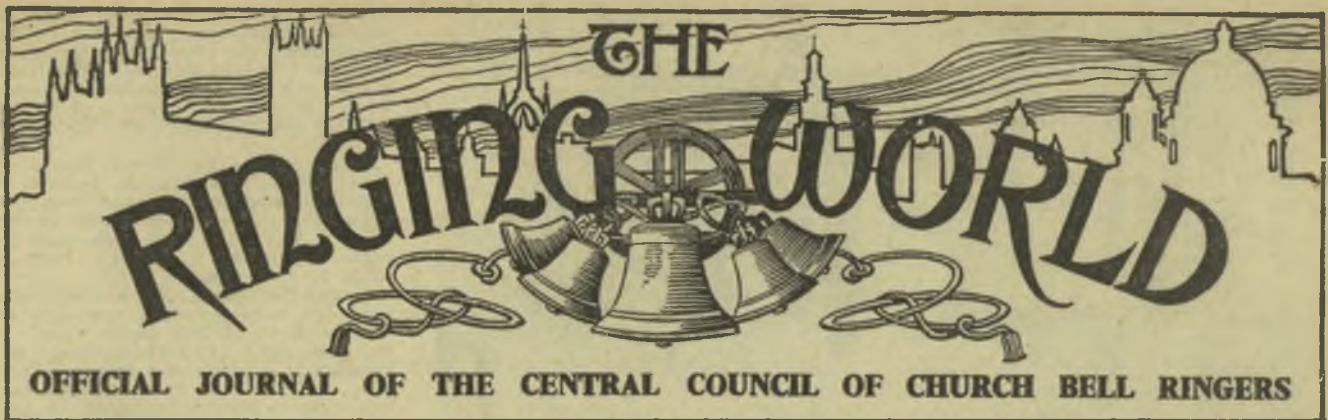




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GREAT RECEPTION FOR ADVENTURERS AT PERTH

Publicity Induces Church Authorities to Approach Lord Mayor for New Bells

GREAT ADVENTURE II had a wonderful send-off at London Airport on Sunday, September 5th. Promptly at 3 p.m. the Boeing 707 set out on the journey to Moscow, which was not reached until it was dark.

The first drink on the plane was on the call of the leader, Mr. Tom Lock. "Success to the Adventure" was toasted in champagne. Supervision was stricter at Moscow than at any other airport. Passports were collected before we left to spend an hour in the spacious transit hall and drink coffee. The shops were not open, but the windows had a fine display, prices marked in dollars. Departure was delayed half an hour owing to a police investigation; happy to say no suspicion fell on our party.

It was a long hop to Delhi. A leisurely beautifully cooked dinner passed the time and most of the party dozed off. But dawn was at 2 a.m. G.M.T. The brilliant golden reflection of the sun over the mountains of white clouds was a sight few will forget. This was within half an hour of Delhi. None of us were ready for the overpowering heat as we left the plane for the transit hall, and the cup of tea was most refreshing. Returning to the plane, we had our first introduction to damp ice-cold cloths. We had a new crew. The Indian air hostesses had a perfect command of English, and their hands held together as if in prayer to welcome travellers entering the plane was impressive.

There was a two-hour break at Bombay. It was a short journey to Madras, again very warm as we left the plane. Leaving, we had a wonderful view of miles of the sandy Malabar coast. Night had fallen when we reached Singapore.

The final section to Perth was 2,514 miles, most of the journey being at a height of 36,000 feet. It was after 1.30 a.m. before we landed. Brian Potts, Laith Reynolds, Jim Carter and many other Perth ringers were waiting for us with Arthur Mason.

Perth ringers were delightful hosts and our party were entertained by the following: Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton with Basil Potts; Mark Damerell with Jacoba Hos; A. Patrick Cannon and L. Stilwell, Helen Whale; Anne Horsford, Mrs. Peterkin, T. J. Lock and A. Mason, Marilyn Chambers; Rev. Malcolm Melville, The Society

of the Sacred Mission; Cecil E. Pipe, Margaret Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. White, Jim Carter; Wilfred Williams, Terry Slee.

It was a very tired party that assembled on Tuesday, and a number had stomach trouble, probably through heavy meals and lack of Exercise. Tuesday's ringing consisted of six touches at lunch time and eight in the evening. They included the first of Cambridge Major on the bells, the first of Plain Bob Major since 1934, and the first of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Marilyn Chambers and John Watson rang their first of Major. Joining in the Tuesday's ringing was Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who had been attending the third Commonwealth and Empire Law Conference at Sydney, and also rang on the new ten at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, and a quarter of Bob Triples at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral. After the practice, Tom Lock presented to the tower a copy of Edgar C. Shepherd's book, "The Sound of Bells." A social hour at the King Edward Hotel finished the day.

CRITICISM OF BELLS

There was a very full programme on Wednesday. The Rev. Malcolm Melville was the celebrant at a Corporate Communion at 10.30 a.m. At noon the party met the Archbishop of Perth (the Most Rev. George Appleton) and the Dean (the Very Rev. James Payne). Mr. Cecil Pipe had previously given a Press interview in which he criticised St. George's bells and the oscillation of the tower. This was followed by a Press cartoon headed "You see, I told you the bell tower was a bit shaky," with a sorrowful assembly of tower debris and broken bells. This focused attention on the needs of the belfry. What St. George's ringers wanted was an augmentation to ten with two new trebles, a reduction in the weight of the tenor and lowering the bells in the tower. The Archbishop and the Dean both discussed this matter and it was also mentioned on A.B.C. television and radio.

A reception was given by the Lord Mayor (Cclr. C. J. B. Veryard) in the magnificent new Council House.

A hasty lunch preceded ringing for the lunch-hour service, at which the Rev. M. Melville gave the address. Some of the party explored the glories of King's Park in the afternoon before settling down to two quarter peals, the idea of a peal being abandoned on account of the general condition of the tower and a number of the

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The band who rang the first quarter of the tour, 1,260 Stedman Triples, on September 8th at St. George's Cathedral, Perth. From left to right: T. J. Lock, Wilfred Williams (conductor), Cecil E. Pipe, Arthur Mason, Malcolm Melville, A. Patrick Cannon, Mark Damerell and Leonard Stilwell.

GREAT RECEPTION FOR ADVENTURERS AT PERTH

(Continued from front page)

ringers being under the weather. An excellent start was made by a good quarter of Stedman Triples conducted by Wilfred Williams and completed in the very fast time of 38 minutes for a tenor of 22 cwt. The band was: W. Williams treble, A. G. Mason 2, C. E. Pipe 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, L. Stilwell 5, R. M. Damerell 6, A. P. Cannon 7, T. Lock tenor. The ringing gave great pleasure and a number of people gathered in the precinct of the Cathedral to listen. Later the band was to be seen in action on television.

Before the band left the belfry the Dean sent his congratulations and it was announced that in appreciation of the visit of the English ringers the Archbishop and Dean had decided to approach the Lord Mayor to issue a civic appeal for £4,000 for the restoration and augmentation of the bells.

Three local ringers were included in the second quarter attempt of Grandsire Triples. The band stood: Miss A. Horsford treble, S. Burton 2, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 3, M. Damerell 4, B. Potts 5, L. Reynolds 6, T. J. Lock 7, T. J. Gregory tenor. The last-named only arrived in Australia about a fortnight ago and formerly rang at St. John's, Crawley. The quarter was successfully brought round in 46 minutes.

Among those who were introduced to the ringers was Mr. Thomas Hodgkiss, now aged 80 and living at the War Veterans' Home, Mount Lawley. He was granted the privilege of pulling a rope and told the company that it was 40 years ago that he last rang a bell, when he was a member of the Woodchurch, Birkenhead, band. There was another social evening later. All the members of the band had been elected hon. members of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers. The Master again expressed

his appreciation and thanks to Perth ringers for a wonderful introduction to Australian ringing, and this was further endorsed at the airport on Thursday, when we were entertained to lunch.

THE TOURISTS IN ADELAIDE

First Peal of Surprise at the Cathedral Town Hall Bells Too Big a Proposition

OUR stay in the beautiful city of Perth was all too short and on Thursday afternoon we were in the plane for Adelaide. Although it was showery, the morning was spent sight-seeing—the Editor and Mrs. White being taken to Freemantle by the Rev. John Williams and Mrs. Carter. Perth ringers had lunch with us at the airport.

Pent-up excitement was clearly visible among Adelaide ringers as we left the plane. Bill Pitcher, the Cathedral captain and editor of "Ringing Towers," had organised a full programme. With him were Brian Cox, David Bleby, Kaye Lynas and Ron Russ with cars to transport us to our hotel. Monica Collins gave Pat Cannon a warm embrace and also the Editor and Mrs. White, who both lived in her home town. Anne Horsford accompanied her to her flat. Pat Cannon and Len Stilwell stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Russ and the remainder at the Grosvenor Hotel.

CLAPPER ADJUSTED

That evening a practice was held at St. Peter's Cathedral, which has the second heaviest eight in the world with a tenor of 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C. The advantage of this ring is that the 7th of 27 cwt. and the 6th of 21 cwt. prevent the tenor from dominating and spoiling the real beauty of the ring. These bells were cast by Taylor's in 1946 and installed in 1947; they are truly a magnificent ring. Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. It was

noted by Cecil Pipe that the tenor's clapper needed attention; assisted by Bill Pitcher and David Bleby the clapper was centralised by Cecil the following morning. After the practice a pleasant hour or so was spent at Toorak Gardens as the guests of Mrs. Lynas and her daughter Kaye, who is secretary of the tower.

That evening Len Stilwell met a former Sussex ringer, Fred Smeaton, formerly of St. Nicholas', Brighton, who had been in Australia since 1949 and is bursar of Poltney School, Adelaide. Fred took part in the bankers' peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, called by Alan Pink.

Financial difficulties arose on Friday morning when the band presented themselves at the National Bank of New South Wales. Drafts on this bank had been sent to the branches at Adelaide and Sydney. The Adelaide draft had not been received; inquiries locally were unsuccessful; finally a call was put through to Sydney, who had received their portions. Payments were accordingly made of the Sydney credits and assurances were given that the Adelaide draft would be awaiting us at Sydney.

UNEXPECTED TAYLOR'S BELLS

The afternoon was spent at two beauty spots—on the seafront at Glenelg, where the English cricketers will stay during their sojourn at Adelaide, and at Mount Lofty, a peak in the range of hills overlooking Adelaide. Near the summit is St. Michael's House of the Society of the Sacred Mission from Kelham.

In the grounds, mounted on four steel struts is a 25 cwt. Taylor bell complete with wheel. This is rung for services and booms across the valley when a fire alarm is necessary. The bell came from the Community of the Ascension at Golburn, N.S.W. The Principal chatted with us and knew a number of friends associated with the Order, among them being the Rev. Alan Butler, who was a founder member of the Roving Ringers.

A Devonshire tea of cream and splits was served at the restaurant at the top of the mountain before we descended into Walkerville for a practice and peal attempt. St. Andrew's Church, Walkerville, was founded about 117 years ago—and the bells (a ring of six) were installed by Mears in 1886 and new bearings provided in 1950. Our peal—one in seven Minor methods—was successful and was the fourth on the bells. It was relatively "easy meat." Pat Cannon conducted and the bells came round with the seventh extent completed in 2 hours and 47 minutes. Len Stilwell, who rang the second, was photographed for "The Advertiser" with Anne Horsford, who was ringing her first of Minor, and the Rev. Malcolm Melville, who rang the third. In the interview Len admitted that he had been ringing for 62 years.

A happy band joined the rest of the party at St. David's, Burnside Rectory, where all were hospitably entertained by Archdeacon J. R. Bleby and Mrs. Bleby. The entertainment included Bill Pitcher showing his film on the production of "Ringing Towers," the quarterly journal of the Association. Bill seemed to combine most of the production duties in his job as editor.

AT THE TOWN HALL

On Saturday morning came the visit to the octave at the Town Hall (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.). Cast by Warners in 1865, they had not been touched for 54 years until Ron Russ and others started repairs. After preliminary rings the conclusion was that no peal could be rung.

A quarter peal of 1,344 Plain Bob Major was rung and a good standard maintained, the time taken being 46 minutes. The band con-

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sisted of: Rev. M. C. C. Melville 1, A. F. Mason 2, Brian Cox 3, R. K. Russ 4, C. W. Pipe 5, M. Damerell 6, T. J. Lock (conductor) 7, A. P. Cannon 8.

Brig. J. C. D. Veale (the town clerk) met some of the ringers and commented on how pleasant the bells sounded. He admitted that reconditioning was desirable. In the street below, a woman told the Editor that the bells took her memory back 50 years when they used to ring "Good people come to church on Sundays." She had not heard bells rung like that for many years.

WILD LIFE

The barbecue in the afternoon in the National Park was a new experience to the English ringers. Eight car loads went to a beautiful spot. Steaks and sausages were soon sizzling. The birds were a source of endless interest.

In the evening Australian ringers held their annual dinner, at which the English visitors were honoured guests. We were feeding for more than two hours and sampling Australian wines. Bill Pitcher, as Ringing Master at the Cathedral, presided. The Bishop of Adelaide (the Right Rev. Tom Reed) and Mrs. Reed entered fully into the informality of the proceedings. Here is some of the Bishop's verse:

Some diners from the far U.K.,
All being polite had little to say,
But the hosts we find were doing fine,
Chatting away in atrocious time,
And comforting their guests with lots of wine.
Mr. C. Hervey Bagot, president of the Australian and New Zealand Association, had come by coach the 600 miles to give the official speech of welcome and said he was particularly pleased that the opportunity occurred in the premier ringing State! (Hervey was one-time captain of Adelaide Cathedral band.)

Tom Lock appropriately replied and the recorded greeting of Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, was played. The Bishop, in his speech, expressed the hope that when he was next in London, in 1968, he would have the opportunity of drinking a glass of "Thames Water" with Tom Lock.

The first real test of the tourists' peal ringing ability came on Sunday afternoon immediately after the Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral. Hardly any of the party were fit for a big ordeal. Cambridge Surprise Major was chosen with Wilfred Williams as conductor, calling from the treble. A good peal of Middleton's was rung at a steady beat of 23-24 to the minute. The only blemish came within the last few minutes but the trip was righted at once. Widespread congratulations followed, completion being in 3 hours 42 minutes. These included a special message from the Bishop and Mrs. Reed. This was the fourth peal on the bells and the first of Surprise.

Pat Cannon, who has rung four peals on Sherborne tenor, declared that this bell was a harder proposition. The heavy bells were rung well—Tom Lock being on the seventh and Cecil Pipe on the sixth. Before starting, Cecil insisted that the clock face in the belfry be covered; he couldn't bear to see the 222 minutes slowly crawling round the clock face!

FAREWELL GIFTS

Ringers the second was Hervey Bagot, who was captain of St. Peter's Cathedral band from 1957 to 1960. He had never rung a peal on the bells and this was his first peal of Surprise—and well rung, too! A cup of tea in the Bishop's Vicar's residence was most welcome to the band. Afterwards Tom Lock made presentations of Edgar Shepherd's book and an ash tray. The peal band also gave a donation of £5 towards the ringers' pew for the Cathedral in memory of the donor of the bells.

Cars took the party to the airport, which was not without incident—the Editor's case was missing. Fortunately it was found in the hall of the Vicarage and reached the party before they embarked on the Melbourne plane. And so ended three days of happy memories in which new friendships were created,

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Their Own Ground

A SUB-TITLE such as the above does not, perhaps, give a very fair picture of this year's tour, which began on August 21st, as for most of the time we were well out of Cambridge, only returning there to dine, sleep and breakfast. We were comfortably accommodated on "B" staircase of Selwyn College, thanks to the good offices of the bursar, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, and for dining and breakfasting the food was adequate, provided one remembered that most of the staff were on holiday. This opening paragraph seems a good place to mention that we were in Cambridge this year because we always have our tour in Cambridge every fifth year, and this was one of them.

During last year's tour the request was made that the place of the peal attempt which normally opens the week on the first Saturday afternoon should be published in the programme of the week, so that those who wanted to could go along and listen. This was duly done, and the first item on the programme read, "Saturday—Peal—Chelmsford." It therefore came as no surprise that the peal attempt was at King's Lynn. It appears that the bells here disliked either the ringers or the method (Stedman Caters) and decided to go badly, so the attempt was unsuccessful.

For those who had arrived by Sunday morning, there were no fewer than seven towers shown on the programme to choose from during the course of the day—you could even go to two of them twice. Personally, I didn't arrive in Cambridge until the evening—at the same time as the rain—so I did not ring anywhere.

On Monday a.m. a peal of Bristol was rung on the fine bells at Elveden, while the non-pealers visited Horringer and the extremely interesting six at Fornham St. Martin—a splendid ring of bells for those who are prepared to work hard. After lunch there was ringing at Ixworth, Stowmarket and the Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds. In the evening some of us joined the Cambridge Youths at their practice at Great St. Mary's.

I doubt whether anyone who took part in the peal of Cambridge at Foxearth on Tuesday afternoon will ever forget that experience. Proceedings began with a key-hunt, during which we learned that people in the village liked to hear hymns being played on the bells. When we eventually got into the tower we duly obliged on the chiming apparatus. Then two stalwarts in the band took all the ropes up a foot or so on the wheel and applied a liberal dose of castor oil to the bearings, after which we could ring on this melodious anti-clockwise light eight, with a pendulum case in the middle of the rope circle, making rope-sight that little bit more interesting.

The saner part of the day consisted in ringing at Saffron Walden and All Saints', Sudbury, and, for the non-peal band, ringing at Long Melford, Clare and Haverhill.

In the evening we had our business meeting, which fortunately did not last very long. Members were reminded at this meeting that last year a member had requested that the words "This is all" should be used for a touch coming round at hand, "That's all" being reserved for touches coming round at back. As an alternative, "Here's all" and "There's all" were deemed, respectively, permissible.

Wednesday was mainly a Hertfordshire day. We called first at Ickleton, then visited Brent Pelham, Bishop's Stortford, Braughing and Norton. As a concession to this being our "Cambridge" week, the afternoon peal (London) was rung at Trumpington, while, after dinner, in case we had not had enough ringing during the day, the Master coerced us all into going to ring at Great Mary's.

We began Thursday with Corporate Communion in Selwyn College Chapel, the cele-

brant being Canon Thurlow, on his way home from foreign parts. We then journeyed through the fen country to ring at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey (if you open the trap door there you can hear the bells!), and at Peterborough (you can't help hearing the bells there!) After lunch, while some rang at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, St. Neots and Biggleswade, others rang a peal of Stedman at St. Ives. This was Major Freeborn's 100th peal of Stedman. In the evening we rang on the glorious bells of Cambridge Roman Catholic Church.

By Friday, various members had left, and as we had never been more than 20 strong, this meant that there were not enough of us left to have a peal band as well as a "tower-grabbing" band. So the peal attempt at Littleport was cancelled. We had a good day in the sunshine; first we went to Over, where Dr. J. B. Williamson rang the bell he had rung to his first peal in 1912. Then we had ringing at Haddenham, and after lunch we rang at Ely, following this with a journey through more fenland to Hilgay. Our last tower should have been Mildenhall, but as there was no key to be had we did not ring there.

The programme said: "Saturday—Disperse," and that is what we did. Besides the ringing, travelling, eating and sleeping already described, other activities during the week included handbell ringing, buying postcards, taking snapshots, playing darts (on one occasion we were offered six-inch nails for the purpose), playing cards, admiring church architecture, sneaking out of the tower when you hoped the Master was not looking, taking the wrong turning, getting rained on, and even (so I hear) adjourning to nearby hostleries. In short, a good time was had by all. Our thanks are due to all those who worked to make our "Guild Week" the success it always is. W. T. C.

BROMHAM OUTING

On Saturday, August 28th, the ringers of Bromham, Bedfordshire, had their second outing of the year, when a half-day trip was made to Oxfordshire.

At Great Tew the local secretary, Mr. C. Marley, was unable to meet us, but Mr. Clifton was waiting to conduct us to the ringing chamber at St. Michael's, where a very happy hour was spent on the fine ring of eight. Leaving this charming spot, we headed for Hook Norton, where, at St. Peter's Church, we were received by Mr. C. Sole, and the splendid ring of eight proved all that could be desired.

After tea at Deddington, SS, Peter and Paul's Church was visited, and Mr. W. Ivings welcomed us to the belfry.

A journey of about seven miles brought us to Lower Heyford and its beautiful church, St. Mary's, in a perfectly kept churchyard. Mrs. Adams led us to the belfry, and we hope the sound of the bells completed the picture of a typical English village. The last tower of the day was St. Mary's, Bloxham, where Mr. E. S. Hitchcox, who conducted us to this imposing church, expressed his approval of our handling of the excellent ring of bells. The last "pull" of the day was at Banbury and the sole performer was the barman at a well known hostelry! Sincere thanks to the incumbents, to all who contributed to our enjoyment, and especially to Mr. C. C. Clarke of Deddington, who not only helped by arranging tea but obtained a substitute tower at short notice and whose co-operation is warmly appreciated by Derek Hammond, our organiser. A. E. R.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 29th, 1.260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. W. Pipe (cond.) 1. R. Crooks 2. F. E. Wiseman 3. A. Dille 4. R. W. Steward 5. C. Woodard 6. For Evensong, and specially as a farewell to Rev. P. H. Biddlecombe.

Letters to the Editor

WITNEY BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your article on Witney bells interests me, as my family gravitated between the incumbencies of Witney and Chobham for about 100 years. From the article it is not quite clear as to exactly when it was that the Rector took hold. Was the Rev. Cunningham referring in 1868 to the past or present?

My grandfather left Witney about 1854 to return to Chobham, where my father was born in 1855. But my general impression is that things could either not have been in a very bad way at Witney in his time; or, alternatively, that he was the Rector responsible for putting things right, which would be in character.

My reasons are that my family always seems to have had an interest in ringers. My grandfather, certainly at Chobham and, I think, at Witney, always held a ringers' supper in the Vicarage, and, after his death, his daughters gave one of the present Chobham eight.

My parents, when we went to Talland, in Cornwall, in 1890, started a practice of the ringers' supper there, where I learned to ring on the old four.

A cousin, James (Jimmy) Jerram, was well known in Salisbury in his day.

None of this looks very much like trouble in the belfry up to about 1854. It seems, therefore, probable, to me, that the bad times were "got over" by my grandfather and that during the process he acquired a very friendly feeling for ringers, which endured over the succeeding generations. But I'd be interested to know more about those early years.—Yours truly,

C. F. JERRAM.

Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

WILLIAM SNOWDON

Dear Sir,—I am writing to correct a small error in the otherwise excellent leading article of September 17th marking the 50th anniversary of the death of William Snowdon. This refers to him being sent off to the Junior School of Christ's Hospital labelled "passenger to Horsham." No date is given for this journey but I assume it to have been about 1855.

The foundation stone of the school at Horsham was not laid, however, until 1899, and the transfer of the school from the site in Newgate Street, London (where the G.P.O. building now stands) did not take place until 1902. At the time William Snowdon became a Blue the Junior School was housed at Hertford, in buildings where the girls' school of Christ's Hospital now flourishes.

It must, therefore, have been to Hertford that he travelled from Leeds.—Your faithfully,

E. T. BEAUCHAMP.

Edmonton, N.

MOST METHODS TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—The most methods to a peal for the Salisbury Guild are 50, rung at Mildenhall, Wilts, on June 23rd, 1963; the footnote to the peal rung at Holt on July 13th, 1965, is therefore not correct.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon, Wilts.

RECENT COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Although I agree with G. B. T. that it is wasteful if compositions are published more than once, surely it is natural, after waiting six months for publication, to resubmit the composition assuming that it has been mislaid. It is not, I feel, unreasonable to expect compositions to be published as soon as possible after submission, e.g. Skelton Surprise Major published in the issue for September 3rd together with the peal report. I suggest that a section be reserved each week for the sole purpose of clearing the backlog of unpublished compositions, and that, in future, compositions should not be used merely as useful space-fillers.

I cannot accept G. B. T.'s comment on the unoriginality of the Bristol. It was seen by Stephen Ivins prior to submission and, although it varies only slightly from his composition, there is only a 5,280 by E. A. Barnett in existence with these particular qualities.

Referring to the final paragraph of G. B. T.'s article it would appear inadvisable to use Singles in Lincolnshire, but I expect someone will attempt to prove me wrong!

Finally, would it not be possible, for the benefit of new recruits to the Exercise, for articles to be signed in full? I'm sure that not everyone will know that G. B. T. stands for Giles B. Thompson.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Note.—The occasional duplication of an item, be it a peal or a composition, is, we regret, probably inevitable if submitted twice. If with our readers' help we could double our circulation we should have both space to print contributions speedily and cash to afford the necessary staff for checking. So long as we are given his name, we accept that some of our contributors prefer publication over their initials only—they risk not being recognised.—Ed.

RINGERS' HOSPITALITY

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a holiday in London, I would like, through the courtesy of "The Ringing World," to thank the ringers I met whose hospitality and fellowship made my holiday so enjoyable.

Thank you, ringers of Bushey, Isleworth and Putney, whose practices I attended, and Chelsea and Fulham, where I rang on Sunday.

I would add a special note of thanks to the tour party from Norwich and Southampton, who on Saturday afternoon so kindly allowed me to join their party and, with them, to "grab" five towers. This sort of fellowship is the stuff the Exercise is made of.—Yours sincerely,

TERENCE M. FITZGERALD.

Great Crosby, Liverpool.

VETERAN SECRETARY'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to write and thank you very much for your many kindnesses to me during my 33 years as Eastern District secretary of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers in inserting notices of meetings, etc., in "The Ringing World" so promptly every time.

I have just retired from the position and have been very happy in my job; and you have been very good in helping me in my work. Many thanks.—Yours sincerely,

HORACE S. MORLEY.

Selby, Yorkshire.

We very much appreciate Mr. Morley's kind letter.—Ed.

DOUBLES—UNTRUE COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Recent rechecking of certain Doubles variations reveals that the methods named by us as Quantum, Xerxes and Yttrium have no true composition for a 120. As a result we are obliged to withdraw a quarter at Leighton Bromswold, May 31st ("Ringing World," page 419); a peal at Breadsall, July 31st ("Ringing World," page 550); two quarters at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, August 22nd and September 5th; and 10,080 at Babworth, September 9th. Our apologies to all concerned.

In answer to Roy Jones' letter ("Ringing World," page 624) I would point out that if, as he claims, he has rung two of these methods under other names, he would be advised to revise his peal lists also.

To Mr. Cattermole's letter on the same page, the reply is that the first three methods have no true composition, and the fourth uses a standard 3-bob calling, providing it does not end with a bob.

In view of the fact that these errors have gone unnoticed, in spite of considerable checking of similar methods, for nearly four months, and having heard of another Doubles ringers' efforts recently coming to grief, I would exhort those trying to expand the field of Doubles variations not only to take care in checking their work, but also constantly to revise their methods and principles of checking, to ensure that they are still valid for the methods being used.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HARRISON,
E. ANDREW HARRISON,
MARTIN J. KIRK.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

About 35 attended the service and tea at the Ashford District meeting at Bethersden on September 11th. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. O. Albin, who, in his address, paid tribute to Mr. W. C. Marshall and Mr. Peter Jarvis (both of whom have died this year), for their loyal services to Bethersden ringing. Mr. J. Spree, secretary of the local band, was at the organ, and the lesson was read by Mr. L. Sweatman. The offertory amounted to £1 15s., and was allocated to Pluckley Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall, and was followed by a short business meeting. On behalf of the visitors, Mr. A. Phelps thanked the Rector for permission to ring the bells and for conducting the service, and Mr. Spree for his invaluable services.

Ringing on this fine six (tenor 15 cwt.) ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor. The striking was, on the whole, good, everybody being inspired by the thought of retribution (in the shape of the dreaded "firing-at-meetings" correspondent) lurking within earshot. Mr. Ring did actually venture as far as the church, but on being recognised decided discretion was the better part of valour, and beat a hasty retreat! Expectant visitors were thus disappointed of receiving any practical (as opposed to literary) benefits from his advice.

C. T. H.

PEMBROKE, PEMB.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Norris 1, S. Rogers (first "inside") 2, E. Lingard 3, P. R. Huntbach 4, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 5, Miss N. M. Rosen 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, I. Russant 8. First of Triples for all the band. For Evensong. Rung on the eve of the 12th birthday of 2, and as a compliment to Miss Susan Stevens, who is entering Cardiff Training College.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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OBITUARY

MRS. MARY BARKER

Mrs. Mary Barker, of Finchley, died on September 12th, within a month of the death of her husband, Fred, who was a Finchley ringer for 60 years. Although not a ringer herself, she will be remembered by many for her hospitality and friendship to ringers. A. F. W.

MR. G. FAIRALL

In the early hours of September 12th George Fairall passed away after a short illness. He started to ring at Portsmouth Cathedral in 1913 after learning at Ryde, Isle of Wight, while in his teens, under the guidance of Mr. Coombs. Always cheerful, he will be greatly missed by the Cathedral ringers, and his place in the belfry will never be filled.

At the age of 15 he joined the railway and retired after 50 years' service. The funeral was on September 15th at his local church. The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled for an hour that evening. A. A. J. B.

MR. H. A. PRICE

In Memoriam

The untimely death of Bert Price, the well-known captain at Yatton, Somerset, came as a great shock to all those of us in the Chew Deanery who rang with him over the years and knew him as a man devoted to his church and to his tower.

What he did, he did well; whether as lay preacher, chorister or ringer, and similarly in his wider services to the community as parish clerk and special constable.

His pride in Yatton bells was evident to all who rang with him, and he was instrumental in the recasting and rehanging which produced the fine eight which we ring today.

Triples were his joy, and under his guidance Yatton could ring Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Court Bob, often to the surprise of visitors from afar. If he could end the practice by conducting one of his special touches of Stedman, followed by a good lower, he was more than content.

Bert's peals were few, although he was particularly proud of a peal of Caters at Wells Cathedral in 1949, when he rang the tenor. His main pleasure, apart from the wonderful outings he organised, was to ring his own bells for services as often as possible, and in this he set us the example of what a good tower captain should be.

In extending our sympathy to his wife and family we can only endorse the words spoken by Prebendary Beechey, the previous Vicar of Yatton, at the funeral service: "His faith was simple and strong . . . he was friendly, always ready to help, and happy; he was always faithful to his church and his Vicar, and he is going to be very much missed." J. B.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): L. Boxell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Poolman 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, D. Heath 4, E. V. Williams (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6, W. J. Poolman 7, W. R. Trickey 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Crawley, former churchwarden, who died the previous week.

MR. JOHN E. PRICE

The news of the death of Mr. John Price, of Putney, came as a great shock to us all. He died after being involved in a car accident on the Grantham By-pass on Sunday, September 5th. With him was his fiancée, Miss Gerda Baresel, who is at present recovering from an operation in the Harlow Wood Hospital, Mansfield, Notts.

John was a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Putney, and rang his first peal there on April 6th, 1963. He was a well-liked person and did invaluable service as a driver on our various outings.

The funeral was held at his home town of Knighton, Radnorshire, on Thursday, September 9th. Amongst those who attended the service were ringing friends and representatives of the Air Ministry, where he had been employed since 1960, including two years in the R.A.F. A half-muffled peal was rung at Putney on the same evening by those unable to attend the service. A further attempt for a peal on Saturday, 11th, by other friends came to grief.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and fiancée; he will be greatly missed by us all. C. F. M.

MRS. B. M. SANFORD

The sympathy of many ringing friends is with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Last, of Hoxne, Suffolk, on the death of their only daughter, Mrs. Bertram M. Sanford, at the early age of 37. She passed away at Hartismere Hospital, Eye, on September 11th, leaving her husband and three children.

The funeral service and interment took place at Harkstead, Suffolk, on September 15th. Mr. A. G. Harrison, of Diss, represented the St. Mary's, Diss, ringers. Mr. Last, besides being a member of the Diss ringers and the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, is the hon. secretary of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung on Diss bells the following evening. A. G. H.

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TANFIELD, 1965

"There's nothing under Heaven so blue,
That's fairly worth the travelling to."
(Robert Louis Stevenson).

CERTAINLY the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, who gathered at Tanfield on Saturday, July 17th, for their annual cricket encounter, considered the journey worthwhile, as conditions for the occasion proved the best yet. In contrast with last year's downpour, the sun put his hat on and came out all day and we had the additional luxury of enjoying the facilities of the Stanley Urban Council's playing field. Good fortune also smiled on the president, Mr. E. P. Rock who in the last year of his triennial period of office was able to lead a team for the first time.

Wickets were pitched shortly after 2.30 p.m. and in consideration of the claims of the other attractions of the day—the tea table and the belfry—it was agreed to restrict play to 12 overs a side. Umpires Bill Tyson (Consett) and Fred Cooke (Darlington) took up their positions and the game was on. Winning the toss, the president elected to bat and in the presence of an expectant gathering of members, Messrs. Arthur and Harrison opened to some hostile bowling from the Lan Chester and Whickham contingents. Some good hitting by Harrison soon brought runs, but with the departure of the openers the innings closed at 38 in the prescribed spell. Losing no time, the home side went to the wicket and, despite several bowling changes by the visitors, Harry Thompson and his men maintained a steady scoring rate and reached 35 in 11 overs for the loss of six wickets. With only four balls remaining, the winning "hit" was made with a 4 bye, and the honours were thus retained by Tanfield for another year.

As Tanfield parish is still without a church hall, the members of the Mothers' Union had requisitioned the sitting room of the Pack Horse for tea arrangements, and when all the perspiring players and spectators had been transported thence, a meal that gladdened all hearts was laid before us. The president offered congratulations on victory and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Ellery, and the Tanfield protagonists.

Adjournment was made to the Church of St. Margaret, where a special form of Evensong was held. The Ringing Master read the lesson, and the Vicar in an address stressed that our ringing should be not only a call to others to worship but a continual rededication of ourselves to Christ and the work of His Church. The tower and bells now came into their own and members were able to enjoy many good touches and an abundance of traditional fellowship until 9 p.m. K. A.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mr. Hallett 1, S. Lewis 2, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 3, J. Coombs 4, J. Lambard 5, G. Kingdon 6. Rung after the marriage of Mr. R. Ballam (ringer at this tower) and Miss C. Fairclough.

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LONG LENGTH

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 10th. 2,100 Doubles (in 63 methods/variants): K. S. Morton 1, P. D. Sell 2, D. M. Morton 3, J. F. I. Turney 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5. Rung by the Hereford Cathedral School Society.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Eckley 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, M. Smith 3, R. Stephens 4, S. Edwards 5, R. Horsington 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled in respect of Mrs. Lewis, wife of George Lewis, Deputy Leader, following her interment earlier this day.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Sept. 6th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Pryor (first quarter), 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Kaye W. Lynas 3, J. O. Goulter 4, D. J. Bleby 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, R. K. Russ (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. Rung for Synnod Evensong.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (treble leading, tenor covering): Miss S. Bailey 1, T. Gilligan 2, G. Newman 3, H. Craig 4, A. Palmer 5, A. Keen 6, F. Read (cond.) 7, F. Cuss 8. For Evensong.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Southey 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, T. J. Clark 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Cook 5, R. W. M. Clouston 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, W. S. Gilks 8. Rung with best wishes of the band to Betty Inwood, a local ringer, following her marriage at this church.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Paton 1, Miss A. Butcher 2, Mrs. M. Stevens 3, Miss B. Jones 4, Mrs. J. Tyler (cond.) 5, Miss G. Mitchell 6. To celebrate the engagement of Miss B. Jones to Mr. D. Burt.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Ketteringham 1, Susan E. Smith 2, A. R. Millidge 3, Jean M. Egerton 4, G. W. Shanks 5, K. Warner 6, D. Hewitt 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of John E. Price, of Putney.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary. Bathwick, on July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Craner 1, Miss M. Stubbs (first "inside") 2, Mrs. J. Stubbs 3, K. G. Harrison 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Avery.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Benn 1, Allison M. Mann 2, Jean Henderson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, A. R. Millidge 5, D. C. Brookes 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of John E. Price.

BIRLINGHAM, WORCS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): Carol Vaughan 1, A. Berry 2, J. Firkins 3, J. Clements (cond.) 4, I. Lloyd 5. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Parsons, on his retirement.

BLAISDON, GLOS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Paton 1, Mrs. M. Stevens 2, Mrs. J. Tyler 3, A. Paton 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung following the marriage of Barbara Jones and David Burt.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth W. Smith 1, Anne M. Smith 2, Valerie J. Meadows (first of Minor) 3, A. G. Stevens 4, K. C. Knight 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Thomas 1, J. H. Thomas 2, J. Bedford 3, J. Clements (cond.) 4, R. Bethel 5, G. Corbett 6.

BROMESBORROW, GLOS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan Doubles: W. E. Spicers 1, L. Smith 2, R. Chew 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, R. Coppin 6. Rung for the church fete.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Sept. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, Miss S. R. Collins 2, R. Stannard 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, E. H. Mastin 6, C. Cousins 7, W. Goodship 8, N. V. Harding 9, H. Doel 10. For Evensong, also birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Moore.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maxine Lush 1, Wendy Coombes 2, E. Amey 3, I. Vardy 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5. A 91st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Stedman, of Wyke Rigis.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Blatcher 1, Ann Galloway 2, P. Lane 3, Jennifer Payne 4, R. Hinde 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: Susan Heyworth (first in the method) 1, R. A. Partridge 2, Angela M. Ayres 3, W. Irving 4, J. N. Money 5, J. Beaumont 6, T. W. Palmer 7, G. K. Cook (first in the method as cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Angela Ayres, who is taking up a post in London.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (8 covering): O. Claxton 1, A. G. Harrison 3, F. Sutton 4, C. Catchpole 5, R. Churchill 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, E. G. H. Maynard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Barbara Mary Sanford, aged 37 years, wife of Ernest Sanford and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Last, of Hoxne.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Freeman (first quarter) 1, A. R. Cope (first of Triples) 2, R. A. Partridge 3, Susan Heyworth 4, M. C. E. Hodge 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, A. J. Howes (cond.) 7, W. Thame 8. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Griffith 1, A. House 2, Mrs. D. Belcham 3, P. Perkins 4, D. Belcham 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Carol Griffith.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Minyon Sutton 1, M. Presland (first quarter) 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, R. D. Bellamy (first as cond.) 4, A. K. Peck 5, D. J. Prescott 6. First quarter by local band for approximately 30 years. Rung for Patronal Festival.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Taylor 1, W. Robson 2, J. Hedley 3, T. Sewell 4, K. W. Cheeseman 5, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 6, K. Arthur 7, P. Reavely 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Sewell, for their silver wedding.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,310 Doubles (two methods): G. Gooding (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Morse 2, Miss M. Haslum 3, A. Howard (cond.) 4, D. Haslum 5, F. Sheldon 6. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. O. Coleman 1, Sarah Byford 2, J. Mussell 3, H. Juhkental 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, R. Sparey (first quarter) 6. For the Patronal Festival service.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Horton 1, R. Jordan 2, V. Beaumont 3, R. Hawtree 4, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 5, R. Sharp 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire: Doubles: Annette Taylor (first quarter) 1, I. S. Merry 2, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 3, R. A. Gilliver (first "inside") 4, R. Clayfield 5, J. L. Merry 6. Rung for Evensong.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, S. Christian 2, M. H. Whittell 3, R. W. Lockwood 4, R. J. Southgate 5, R. L. K. Whittell (first as cond.) 6. For Matins.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDY.—On Aug. 8th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: Jeannette Felton 1, Patricia Rogers (first as cond.) 2, Felicity Pocock 3, June Creak 4, C. H. Rogers 5, H. W. Rogers 6, D. M. Boniface 7, R. Collis 8. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. Collis (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Carol Pacey (first of Stedman Caters) 2, Patricia Rogers (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, H. Blagden (first of Stedman Caters) 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, P. N. Felton 7, C. H. Rogers 8, H. W. Rogers 9, N. Felton 10. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: June Creak 1, L. Carole Andrews 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, D. W. Struckett 5, C. H. Rogers 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, D. M. Boniface 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Price, ringer at Putney and Knighton (Radnor), killed September 5th, 1965, in road accident.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Norton 1, E. C. Baker 2, W. H. Neath 3, R. J. Luxton (cond.) 4, A. E. Harris 5, W. T. Baker 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. T. Price, a local ringer.

KIRK ELLA E. YORKS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Wilson 1, H. C. Palmer 2, G. K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson 6. Rung silent and non-conducted.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Fenwick 1, H. Pickering 2, F. G. Reed 3, J. G. Hobson 4, D. V. Stipetic (comp. and cond.) 5, M. Harding 6. A compliment to the Rev. M. H. Hunt (Precentor) and Joyce Kitching, on their engagement, also a 21st birthday compliment to H. Pickering.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Miss J. M. Wood 1, Miss L. Baguley 2, G. Allcock 3, M. Kirk (cond.) 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Also on Aug. 8th, 1,270 Kirkby Doubles: Miss M. Green 1, M. Kirk 2, G. Allcock 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Davies-Havard 1, Miss P. Ann Freeman 2, J. Barton-Plumb 3, N. W. Hughes-Simon 4, N. A. Crowther 5, C. J. Aldridge 6, M. Pilgrim 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Aldridge, of Cardiff. Also a compliment to Miss Margaret Ann Ladd, and Mr. R. A. Large, who were recently engaged.

LEEK WOOTTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. C. Randall 1, A. J. Cox 2, S. Royal (cond.) 3, A. J. Collings 4, P. Bennett 5. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. C. Nettleship.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. E. Sibson 1, D. Ellisdon 2, C. A. Hughes 3, Miss S. Davis (first in method) 4, K. Warner 5, D. Hewitt 6, W. G. Wilson 7, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 8. Rung for the Michaelmas Ordination of Deacons, and the best wishes of the band are extended to E. J. Sibson, brother of D. E. Sibson, who was ordained as deacon at this service, which was conducted by the Bishop of Barking.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Bunting (nee White) 1, Mrs. R. Deal 2, Mrs. A. Tonge 3, C. Hughes 4, D. Ellisdon 5, A. White 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Sept. 11th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Devall 1, Miss J. M. Yardley 2, Miss J. D. Woolgar 3, M. Matthews 4, B. D. Sims 5, M. F. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung by the St. Mary's, Handsworth, band on tour.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', Strand, on Sept. 12th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Adrienne Gibson 1, P. J. Munday 2, Sally Parrott 3, R. J. Cooles 4, W. Parrott 5, C. W. Munday 6, W. J. Munton 7, J. C. Davidge 8, D. J. Hereschell (cond.) 9, G. W. Stevens 10. First of Stedman Caters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10. First of Caters as conductor. For Evensong.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Cunliffe 1, W. Barwell 2, J. Harvey 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, C. Geary 6. First of Doubles "inside" 4. For Evensong.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Rice 1, M. G. Dodson 2, M. Hebden (first of Minor "inside") 3, G. Jones 4, G. Hebden 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Piper 1, A. Chalk 2, M. Gliddon 3, R. Corney 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, R. J. Hicks 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late R. L. Badcock.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Richardson 1, D. Atfield 2, Joan Hanning 3, K. G. Game 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. Dunn (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Attwater 1, Marion Dallison 2, W. Dunn 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, K. Dallison 6. For Evensong.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Bailey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Broadbridge 2, Jo Munday (first in method) 3, Mrs. V. Smith 4, J. Bailey (first in method and first as cond.) 5, Joan Smith 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: Miss J. Griffith 1, P. Perkins 2, Mrs. E. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, A. House 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First method 2 and 3. For Evensong.

HUGH MAKINS' TOUR

Young Ringers' Profitable Week

Organised by Hugh Makins as a learners' tour, and sponsored by the Warwickshire Education Committee, a party of young ringers from Warwick, Kenilworth and Southam set out on Sunday, August 22nd, for a week's ringing in Somerset and Dorset. The writer, who had agreed to act as the party's instructor, was surprised to find that five of them were already able to ring London Minor!

Transported by van to Frome, the party took to cycles and headed for Croscombe. In an unscheduled stop at Shepton Mallet, Mr. J. Rose, a local ringer, joined us in ringing for evensong on a fine-sounding eight. The six bells at Croscombe went well, and some good Spliced Minor was rung.

Next morning, a liberal allowance of time enabled us to ring at Binegar. Our first course of London was rung on the good light six, and the instructor introduced Original with Bobs and Singles. Chewton Mendip's famous octave lived up to its reputation. A sense of anticlimax was felt at Litton, and we moved on to Hinton Blewett, where we found a tuneful five. Compton Martin has an interesting Norman church with a pigeon loft over the fine vaulted chancel. A steady touch of six-spliced was enjoyed. At East Harptree we rang on a very long-rope six.

On Tuesday we rang first at Cheddar on the rather difficult octave before setting off for Axbridge, where a good quarter of Minor was rung on the 20 cwt. six. Later, cycling through the town, we were hailed from a stationary car and complimented on our ringing by its driver, himself a ringer.

From Weare we went to Compton Bishop, where some good ringing was enjoyed on an excellent 12 cwt. six. Rain setting in, a damp band reached Loxton, where the light ring of six is rung from the floor of the tower, which forms the south porch. The doors were shut to exclude the rain and the bells raised in almost total darkness. Later it was decided to reopen the doors as ringing in semi-darkness was found to be not very successful.

Going on to Bleadon, the six there—anticlockwise and with a long draught—were rather difficult. Mr. Toogood, the ringer who stopped us in Axbridge, joined us and invited us to ring at Uphill in the evening, offering to meet us by car at the Youth Hostel at Hutton. After supper we were transported to Uphill, where we spent an enjoyable time ringing in an unusual tower, the base of which is used for seating and is also the main entrance to the church. Ringing takes place among chairs and with visitors passing through the circle of ropes.

Miss M. Legg, the Locking tower secretary, offered to take us to ring at Weston-super-Mare, but there we found a silent tower, practice having been cancelled, so we were whisked off to Wick St. Lawrence, in the depths of the marshes, where we rang some good Doubles.

The captain at Brent Knoll let us ring the excellent 21 cwt. six, and at Mark we were joined by two local ringers in Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Wedmore's 30 cwt. octave proved rather too much for us. At Meare, the sounds of Oswald Delight attracted the attention of Mr. W. Deason, of Hampton, Middlesex, who came in and rang with us. Miles of flat marshland brought us to Ashcott, obviously the home of a keen and enthusiastic local band. After ringing on the excellent six we stopped at Walton, where we found a pleasant 16 cwt. five, rung from an indescribably dark boiler-house. In the evening, at Street, we rang Triples, helped by two local ringers and Mr. Deason. On Friday, Somerset's 20 cwt. six went well to Original, and at Kingsdon some very slow London was rung with great dignity. West Camel provided a delightful 12 cwt. five, and we rang Orpheus Doubles. The ride to our next tower involved some complicated map reading and the discovery of a short cut to Milborne Port. The good old octave were rung before departing for Stalbridge, where some good Minor, including 12-spliced, was rung.

Our last full day's ringing began on the excellent six at Sturminster Newton, where Single Court on this fine ring of bells was the best ringing of the week. The old Mears' six rung from around the font at Child Okeford went to Grandsire Minor and Spliced Beverley and Cambridge. Shillingstone Church has an easy-going six. A local ringer at Okeford Fitzpaine joined us in Double Court. On Sunday morning we rang a quarter of Bob Minor for service at Hilton, and in the evening, some 130 miles away, joined the local band for evensong ringing at Droitwich, where each bell rope has a sally of different colour.

All seemed agreed that the tour was a useful experience in ringing on heavy sets of bells and long draughts of rope. Some 20 different Minor methods had been rung, including their first touches of Oswald, Worcester, Boatrace, Hereward, London, Single Court, College Bob and Original by most of the band. One of the party rang her first quarter—well-struck Bob Minor, at Hilton.

We are grateful for the kindness shown by local incumbents and ringers, and we would like particularly to thank Mr. Toogood, of Uphill, and Miss Legg (Locking) for arranging extra ringing for us and providing transport. Hugh Makins deserves congratulations on his selection of first-class rings of bells and his ready help in all emergencies. P. C.

BRISTOL CITY STRIKING CONTEST

The recent increase of activity and enthusiasm in the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association reached a climax on Saturday, September 11th, the occasion of a striking competition held at St. Mark's, the Lord Mayor's Chapel. It was the first time such an event had occurred in Bristol, and it was organised on a city basis rather than a branch one.

Eight teams took part, namely Kingsdown, Redcliffe, Cathedral, St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, Stoke Bishop A, Stoke Bishop B and an all-comers' team. Each band was allowed one minute of practice followed by the test piece: two minutes of rounds and 120 Grandsire Doubles. The judges, comfortably installed with paper and pencil in the nearby College of Commerce, were warned of the start of each test piece by two blows of the treble. Marshalling of the competitors and supervision in the tower were ably carried out by John Slater and Albert Tyler.

When all eight teams had performed in order as drawn by ballot, they assembled in the vestry of Christ Church-with St. Ewen's, where the Vicar had kindly arranged for a tea to be provided. Philip Gray, president of the branch, then introduced the two judges, Albert Diserens and Frank Smallwood, to the competitors, after saying that the effects of the striking competition had been noticeable in the city long before the day itself.

Mr. Diserens announced the results of the adjudication, pointing out that he and Mr. Smallwood were unanimous in their marking, and making a few remarks about each team's performance, expressing the hope that these criticisms would be taken as constructive comment.

Mr. Smallwood congratulated the officers on their enterprise in organising the event; encouraged the teams with poor marks to take heart and try again; and said he was impressed with present day ringing in Bristol. He gave full marks for cunning to the two teams who had used their one minute of practice ringing to best effect by ringing changes rather than rounds.

Handsome certificates were then presented to the conductors of the three placed teams: First, Cathedral (4 faults); second, St. Philip's (8 faults); third, Stoke Bishop A (13 faults). After tea and an informal discussion everyone climbed the stairs to the belfry for an hour's general ringing on the ten bells to round off the day. J. R. T.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Southampton on August 7th Robert C. Kippin rang the sixth and Noel J. Diserens the tenor. (See also "Belfry Gossip" page 611.)

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor rung half-muffled at Bethersden, Kent, on August 22nd, was in memory of Peter Jarvis, "whose faithfulness to the Bethersden band will be long remembered," writes Mr. John E. Spree.

The band that rang the peal of Minor at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, September 18th, would like to thank 14-year-old Gwen Bidgood for ringing at very short notice, she being asked at 7.45 a.m.; the peal started at 10 a.m.

Two peals rung on September 18th for the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association brought the Branch's total of peals this year to 36—easily a record for any year. The number of peals rung for the Association this year is so far 43—only seven short of last year's total, which was a record.

It has been discovered that a peal of St. Clement's College Bob Minor has already been rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and the claim is therefore retracted that the peal in this method rung at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 21st, was the first in the method for the Guild. (See "The Ringing World," page 616.)

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PARTING GIFTS

For their latest meeting the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association met at Ospringe. Always a very happy place for meetings, this one had an air of sorrow. It was to be the last meeting for Wilf and Eileen Palin, of Faversham, who with their three young children, were shortly leaving for Western Australia. Always a popular couple with ringers wherever they went, they will be sorely missed by all. Wilf had been a Ringing Master for the District and had been responsible for getting many ringers to meetings by arranging coaches, and both he and Eileen had done much for the District. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, there being a break for a wedding (the happy couple thus getting a free wedding ring!) A service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist was Miss N. Taylor, an old friend of Eileen's.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, the members being the guests of the Ospringe ringers. A short business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, and the collection was voted towards the cost of repairing the tower of the church. A message was sent to Mrs. Eric Eades, who was unfortunately in hospital. Mrs. F. Farnsworth and her helpers were thanked for preparing the tea and seeing to everyone's needs. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a cheque to Wilf and Eileen, a slight token in recognition of all they had done for the District. To take with them they also have a set of handbells given them by another old friend, Mr. Harry Manuel, formerly a ringer at Throwley. Following tea the handbells were brought into use, and further ringing took place at the Parish Church.

Cheerio, Wilf and Eileen; you have all our good wishes for the future and our very grateful thanks for all you have done.

B. J. L.

BRISTOL'S NEW LOOK

Certainly there is a new look in this famous city. Twenty-five years ago it was lying in ruins as a result of enemy action. To-day it is being rapidly rebuilt, and fine new buildings are rising phoenix-like from the ashes. Even St. Mary Redcliffe has been cleaned and is mothering the city, and looking more beautiful than ever.

Ringing has also taken on a new look. All the old misunderstandings, jealousies and quarrels are gone. There is now a very strong group of attractive and capable young people full of enthusiasm and energy who are determined to put Bristol amongst the leading centres of ringing in this country. Under the wise leadership of Philip Gray, J. Taylor and John Hunt they are forging ahead rapidly. Typical practices at the Cathedral disclosed them ringing various Surprise methods, concluding with a touch in eight Sliced Surprise Major methods. At Christ Church a recent practice saw them ringing Spiced Surprise Royal in four methods.

A striking competition (the first in Bristol) was organised with eight teams competing, and a rota system has also been arranged whereby four or more experienced ringers attend the practices in towers where help is needed. Truly Bristol has a new look and the best wishes of all worthy ringers will go out to those who are working so hard and enthusiastically.

JAFUS.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK, ON TELEVISION

The ringers of Hartest, Suffolk, were surprised on their practice night on September 15th by the arrival of a B.B.C. television camera team. Richard S. Seabrook, a local ringer and farmer, was being featured in a farming programme. Bellringing, being his main interest, aroused the producer's curiosity; the ringers were filmed, with close-up shots, whilst ringing a touch.

Bob Minor was recorded amongst difficult conditions with the small ringing chamber inundated with camera men and very bright lights. Anyone in East Anglia can see the B.B.C. programme, "Farming Club," on Sunday, October 3rd, at 1.45 p.m. There will be background sounds of the bells during interviews, shots of the church and recordings in the ringing chamber.

R. H. R.

YOUTHFUL RINGERS AT PEMBROKE

Simon Rogers, of Pembroke, who has been ringing for two years, rang his first quarter on the treble six months ago. He then said it was his ambition to ring "inside" before his 12th birthday. This he managed to do, as he was 12 years old the following day. Miss Susan Stevens, also of Pembroke, has been a ringer for about 18 months, during which time she has regularly attended practices and been a Sunday service ringer. The band are very sorry to lose her and hope that she will continue ringing in Cardiff.

LADIES' GUILD Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Chewton Mendip on September 11th. A good number of members and friends gathered to enjoy these grand bells, and even the men were heard to pass favourable comments on the service "touch"—a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples by an all-ladies' band.

The service was conducted by the Rev. L. Wilson, Rector of Litton, in the unfortunate absence of the Rector of Chewton Mendip through indisposition. After the service in the church, beautifully decorated for harvest festival, members adjourned to a nearby guest house for tea, at the conclusion of which the president proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and tower master of Chewton Mendip for their hospitality, to the Rector of Litton for taking the service and allowing members to ring at his tower in the evening, and to Mr. Battin, organist at Corston, who had kindly played for the service.

At the short business meeting a report was given on the annual meeting at Eastbourne, and one new member was elected, Miss J. Dodd, of Wrington. Attention of members was drawn to practice meetings at Wrington, Warmley, and St. Michael's, Bath, and to the next meeting (the annual) at Portishead.

After the meeting members went to Litton, where further ringing up to London Minor was enjoyed.

M. de J.

ST. DUNSTAN'S (CANTERBURY)

A consistently blue sky made the annual outing of the St. Dunstan's ringers one of the most enjoyable yet. For the first time a full day was selected and a goodly number of ringers and friends took advantage of this innovation. Our first stop was at St. Margaret's, Barming, where the light six (9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.) have fairly new ropes and the stretch in these was noticeable; the ringing was, however, tolerably good. At the elegant Palladian style Church of St. Lawrence, Mereworth, the 9½ cwt. six sound rather strangely in the fine tower. Methods up to Cambridge were rung.

We then proceeded to our only central tower, in the impressive Victorian Church of St. Giles, Shipbourne, where there is a rough ring of six (10½ cwt.) by T. Lewis, who, we are told, was an organist, and in order to obtain this maiden ring cast no less than 30 bells! An hour and a half break awaited us in Tonbridge, where some individuals partook of their first meal of the day! Then came the extremely pleasant six (8½ cwt.) at Hever, where Cambridge was achieved again but London fired up successively twice. Tea was taken in the appropriately named "Henry VIII," Grace being said by Canon A. L. Lawler, Vicar of St. Dunstan's, whose regular and cheerful presence is always much appreciated. Thanks were accorded to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, the organiser of the outing, by Mr. B. J. Luck. After spending more time in the grounds of Hever Castle, the party was on its way to the interesting tower of Cowden, which is entirely of wood resting upon massive wooden joists carried to the ground. The light six (8 cwt. 2 qr. in A) were soon ringing out, and more than one person noticed that, in spite of the good "go" of the bells, the tower sways visibly during ringing.

Our last call was at St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield, Sussex, where a notice informed us that after the six bells (12½ cwt. in F sharp) had been hung by Chapman and Mears in 1782 the fifth changed its tone with the weather! It was found to be cracked, and recast in 1783; it is still noticeably out of tune. After a quick trip to the local it was homeward bound to the strains of several well-known songs.

D. L. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A successful joint meeting of the Chew and Frome Branches of the Association was held at Chew Magna on September 18th. The bells were kept ringing in various methods and the service touch was rung by an all-Frome Branch band.

After the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball), a company of nearly 60 enjoyed a buffet tea prepared by the ladies in the nearby Church Hall. The Vicar welcomed those present, and in reply Mr. E. J. Chivers, secretary of the Frome Branch, said he hoped to arrange a return visit next year. Further ringing took place at Chew Magna and Chew Stoke during the evening.

J. B.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Christine Andrew Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner 5
Joyce Grainger 2	John A. Booth 6
*G. Richard King 3	John Robinson 7
Derrick A. Davenport 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by John Robinson

* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey R. Gardner.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

William Davidson Treble	Andrew Cradock 5
M. Elaine Murcott 2	James Crowther 6
Frank J. Lee 3	Michael Maughan 7
George S. Deas 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivie.

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

Rung as a compliment to Elaine Murcott and Frank Lee, on their recent engagement.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G
Alan R. Patterson Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 5
George S. Deas 2	James Crowther 6
*Robert C. Woodward 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
William Davidson 4	Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal of Surprise.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Elaine Murcott and Frank Lee, whose wedding took place at Monkseaton the previous Saturday.

CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 (C.C.C. 50, 55, 58) and four extents (C.C.C. 31, 32).

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

William A. Thow Treble	William Davidson 4
*Stephen J. Pardoe 2	Michael Maughan 5
Robert C. Woodward 3	Alan R. Paterson Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal "inside"

Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the present church, which took place on September 11th, 1865.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HATFIELD BROAD OAK Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Sept. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
*Rosemarie Frith 2	George E. Thoday 6
Ian R. Panton 3	James L. Towler 7
Michael J. Cowling .. 4	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

* First peal of Major. 50th peal and first of Major as conductor. Rung with the best wishes of all the band to Philip and Susan Rothera, married on September 11th, 1965, at King's Norton, Birmingham.

EPHING, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt

*Ian L. Dear Treble	David E. Belcham 5
Kenneth Warner 2	Frederick W. Ellis 6
Dennis Ellidson 3	Dennis A. Hewitt 7
Michael C. Austin 4	Donald E. Cobb Tenor

Composed by N. Pitslow.

Conducted by Dennis Ellidson.

* First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D

*Jill M. May Treble	†Dennis G. Blows 6
†Genebeth C. Webb .. 2	†Peter G. Smart 7
*Alan D. Elsmore 3	*Roy Collins 8
†David J. Herschell .. 4	†John F. M. Maybrey .. 9
†Christopher D. J. Webb 5	*Douglas A. R. May .. Tenor

Composed by John Cox

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First of Royal. First of Royal on the bells.

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Anthony Walker Treble	†Martin Morris 4
†Peter J. Munday 2	John C. Davidge 5
†Sally Parrott 3	David J. Herschell Tenor

Conducted by David J. Herschell

* First peal. † First of Minor ‡ First "inside."

Rung by members of the Leatherhead District.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 384 each of Rutland, London, Superlative, Ashted, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Cassiobury, Uxbridge, Lindum and Cambridge, and 192 each of Cray and Cornwall, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Diana M. Chapman .. Treble	*Bruce Wakefield 5
Michael J. Hobbs 2	*Peter Bridle 6
James R. Taylor 3	Victor Griffin 7
Anthony R. Peake 4	*Gordon W. Land Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First of Major in 14 methods. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower." The most methods to a peal on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Janet S. Evenden Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 7
*Leonard Manning 3	John W. Coleman 8
Alexander Waddington .. 4	Martin L. Howe 9
David S. Osenton 5	George E. Evenden Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

Rung as an engagement compliment to the conductor and Valerie Jean White.

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

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Frederick J. Hogan .. Treble	†John W. Gander 5
*Thomas E. Sone 2	†Norman R. Mattingley .. 6
Martin L. Howe 3	John W. Coleman 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 4	*Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivie.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 100th peal together † First peal in the method.

HERNHILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 HERNHILL IMPERIAL MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Percy J. Spice Treble	Arthur S. Richards 5
Ann Jenner 2	Dennis A. Chapman 6
Stanley Jenner 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Ralph Bird 4	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 320)

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt in F sharp.

Ian H. Oram Treble	Richard G. Crosland .. 4
*Michael H. O'Callaghan 2	D. Paul Smith 5
John Manley 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal "inside"

Rung in the octave of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	J. Barry Pickup 5
Jeffrey Kershaw 2	Edward Jenkins 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	J. Colin Ashworth 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4	Richard J. Parker Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Cambridge and six Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt

*Maurice Gibbon Treble	Walter E. Wilkinson .. . 4
Mary J. Smith 2	Norman Smith 5
Neil Margerison 3	Richard J. Parker .. . Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET BOSWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Alfred Ballard Treble	Geoffrey M. Brewin .. . 5
Malcolm E. Wade .. . 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. . 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. . 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Brian S. Chapman .. . 4	Martin C. Faulks .. . Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Kingsley Mason (the band's tenor king!) for a speedy recovery from illness.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 37 extents Plain Bob and five St. Simon.

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

Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. 3
Cyril Wright 2	Denis A. Frith 4
H. Reginald Woods .. . Tenor	

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.

First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung in memory of Rev. A. S. Hudson, Vicar of this parish, who died on the Matterhorn in 1865, and who donated the bells to the church.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Thomas A. Relf Treble	David J. Hopkinson .. . 4
William H. Dale 2	Roland W. Morant .. . 5
Denis A. Frith 3	Graham J. N. Colborne .. Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints

On Tues., Sept. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SHENLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A

William S. Deason Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Christopher W. Woolley .. 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	John R. Mayne 7
Susan E. Smith 4	David J. Taylor Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

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

On Thursday, Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A

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

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*Mandi McCallion Treble	Eric Young 6
*Barbara Johnson 2	David J. Midgley 7
*Caroline Stewart 3	Raymond Ballard 8
Charles S. Ryles 4	Andrew Thompson 9
T. Leslie Walley 5	G. Arnold Moore Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. Trotman. Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal on ten. First peal of Plain Bob Royal by all the band except the ringer of 8.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Helen Moore and William Packer.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six scores and 1,240. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

William Watkin Treble	*David J. Midgley 4
G. Arnold Moore 2	*I. Leslie Walley 5
*Caroline Stewart 3	Eric Young Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Arnold Moore has "circled the tower" three times as conductor. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of George W. Fletcher and Evelyn Pye.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

Paul R. Davis Treble	Frank Osbaldiston .. . 5
Diana Reeves 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. . 6
Pamela E. Powell 3	Michael W. Coleman .. . 7
Ernest G. Jones 4	Robert A. Reeves Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the sixth. Rung as a farewell to Frank Osbaldiston, who is leaving the district.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Sue M. Heyworth Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt .. . 4
Angela M. Ayres 2	Geoffrey K. Cook 5
Roger M. Heyworth 3	Robert A. Partridge .. . Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

The ringer of the third has now "circled the tower."

Rung as a farewell to Angela Ayres, a ringer at this church, and with the band's best wishes to Susan Howes and Robin Dyke, who were married this day.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

E. Ann Sadler Treble	J. Martin Thorley .. . 4
Keith R. Davey 2	Alan G. Payne 5
Christopher J. Groome .. . 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A farewell peal for Christopher J. Groome, who is going to Canada.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRISTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods viz: (1) Childwall Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Robert D. Quartley .. Treble	†Andrew Howard 4
†Charles P. Quartley .. . 2	†Alan Tubbs 5
†David Huddleston .. . 3	Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

* First peal of Minor. † Most methods to a peal. ‡ First of Minor "inside" and most methods to a peal of Minor

PRESHUTE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Alfred W. Johnson .. Treble	†Allan G. Keen 4
Derrick P. Bailey 2	Richard A. G. Inglis .. . 5
*Colin C. Hillier 3	Rev. Roger Keeley Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
APPLEBY MAGNA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
 On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
 Gordon Griffiths Treble Cyril Griffiths 4
 John A. Roden 2 Charles F. W. Eyre 5
 Gillian Griffiths 3 Barnabas G. Key Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

First of Minor by all except the conductor.
 A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Griffiths, on their 28th wedding anniversary.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
 On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 FINBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.
 Ernest G. Pearce Treble *Neville F. Whittell 5
 Roger L. K. Whittell 2 H. William Barrett 6
 Howard W. Egglestone 3 John R. Mayne 7
 Harold W. Leather 4 George W. Pipe Tenor
 Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
 * 100th peal. The first peal in the method—E. W. Tipler's B 10/1.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
TROWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
 On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.
 George A. Dawson Treble Peter R. Humphrey 4
 Margaret E. Chilton 2 Michael Poppleston 5
 Charles W. Towers 3 Simon Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by Michael Poppleston.

First peal in the method for all the band.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Grace Burchnall Treble Harold Denman 4
 Katharine Burchnall 2 David D. Parsons 5
 A. Harry Hawcroft 3 *Alan Friskney Tenor

Conducted by Grace Burchnall.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret, daughter of ringer of the 4th, to Philip Holmes, which took place at Retford on September 4th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Mon., Sept. 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Childwall Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Bob (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob, all being differently called. Tenor 2½ cwt.

Susanna Poppleston Treble Margaret E. Chilton 4
 William L. Exton 2 George A. Dawson 5
 Peter R. Humphrey 3 Michael Poppleston Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the methods for all the band and for the Guild.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
 On Tues., Sept. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8½ cwt.
 Clifford R. Lovett Treble †Frank B. Lufkin 6
 Ernest G. Pearce 2 Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
 Robert E. Lester 3 *Brian J. Vaughan 8
 *Neil V. Avis 4 Walter Arnold 9
 *Peter G. Pitt 5 Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Royal, † 50th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Pipe and E. G. Pearce.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. James.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.
 Roderick W. Pipe Treble Edward E. Davey 6
 *Janet I. Rogers 2 J. Barry Pickup 7
 *Robin H. Rogers 3 H. William Barrett 8
 Edwin R. Goate 4 Trevor N. J. Bailey 9
 Harry D. Lister 5 George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside."

In memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell, September 12th, 1953.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
 Julie S. Armstrong Treble David C. Brookes 5
 Christopher F. Mew 2 Rev. Anthony E. Clayton 6
 Alison M. Mann 3 Michael J. Uphill 7
 Alan R. Millidge 4 Alan E. Bagworth Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew

Rung half-muffled in memory of John E. Price, whose funeral was held at Knighton, Radnorshire, earlier this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.
 Lucile M. Corby Treble Ernest J. Ladd 5
 *Judith M. Corby 2 William Rogers 6
 Ann Jenner 3 Andrew J. Corby 7
 Doris E. Colgate 4 Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method "inside."

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Stanley T. A. Russell, for many years ringer, chorister and vergier at this church; also in memoriam Mr. C. Hudson, church worker, who died the previous day.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 25 cwt.
 *Patrick J. Bird Treble †Royston Blackler 7
 †David J. Marshall 2 Anthony R. Kench 8
 †John T. Parsons 3 †Peter T. Hurcombe 9
 †Nicholas W. H. Simon 4 Brian J. Wylde 10
 John C. Baldwin 5 *Frank D. Mack 11
 Derek M. Sawyer 6 Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First of Maximus.
 Rung for the baptism of Edwina Mary, daughter of the Succentor of this Cathedral, and for the engagement of Peter Hurcombe to Kathleen J. Churly.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
 Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris's 240.
 Tenor 9 cwt. in G.
 *John E. Mitchell Treble †S. Alan Scott 4
 †Gillian M. Boyd 2 Alan H. Sturgess 5
 †Jennifer M. Tyack 3 †John W. Stevenson Tenor

Conducted by Alan H. Sturgess.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung by members of the Fareham band to mark the institution and induction of the Rector, Rev. A. H. Watkins, M.A., formerly Vicar of Fareham.

FINBOROUGH S. MAJOR:

—58—14—56—16—34—58—16—16. 58
 2nds place i.e. 4ths place bob.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Roland H. Cook Treble	J. Edward Cawser 6
*Sheila Parsons 2	Alan Evans 7
Beryl E. Cawser 3	B. John Hodgetts 8
Joseph W. Cotton 4	†E. Alan Jacques 9
W. Ernest Rawson 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by James George. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal. † First of Royal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, London, Wells, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

David S. Johnson Treble	Ronald Ducker 4
Iris Lemare 2	Howard C. Palmer 5
Frances Fairbank 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Jack L. Millhouse 1—2	Geoffrey R. Parker 5—6
Margaret A. Parker 3—4	Peter A. Sharp 7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STONELEIGH, Surrey.—At 53, Bradstock Road.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Susan M. Newman 1—2	†Michael J. Bangham 5—6
William H. Jackson 3—4	*Kenneth Newman 7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William H. Jackson.
* First peal "in hand." † First "in hand" on eight bells.

POINTS FROM PEALS

By REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

This article deals with peals during the first seven months of this year, with one or two from last year which were published late. Thus, we shall then be up to date for once!

The number of unpealed towers gradually diminishes as time goes on. Thus now that Liverpool Cathedral and Guildford Cathedral have had peals, there would appear to be no unconquered 12's or 10's. I think 20 8's have still to have a peal, but nine of these are said to be unringable. I expect other reasons prevent the remainder from having a peal attempt on them. They are Irtton and Silloth in Cumberland; Barnstaple, Exeter, St. Mark, Ilfracombe, SS. Philip and James, Kingsbridge, in Devon; Barkingside in Essex; Alcester and Ullenhall in Warwickshire; Pocklington in Yorkshire; Denbigh in Denbighshire. Actually, this last period under review is unusual in having first peals on a 12, a 10 and an 8. The first two have already been mentioned—the 8 is Culmstock in Devon. There are still some hundreds of 6's and 5's which have not had a peal—mostly in Devon and Cornwall, so there is still plenty of opportunity for those who like to be the first in the field. The number is being reduced by about 20 to 30 a year, so I think there is a 30- to 40-year supply at that rate! This time I support the claim of the following towers to have had first on the bells (apart from the three above): Blyton, Kingskerswell, East Chinnock, Langport, Rowington, Cury, Kimbolton, Pluckley, Bale, South Benfleet, Chute Forest, Oulton, Clovelly, Combe St. Nicholas, Holford, Pitney, Scole and Morval. Also Haslingfield seems to have had its first peal although it was not claimed as such. In a slightly different way, Oxford, Carfax, has also had its first peal. I say that because there was one in 1945 which apparently proved to be false.

As for numbers of peals, Loughborough Bell Foundry has already passed its first 100 towards its second thousand. Apart from that, the only tower passing a milestone greater than 100 is North Stoneham which completed its 300th peal. Centuries were reached by Burton-on-Stather, Trowbridge, Bedford, St. Paul, Kirby-le-Soken (as claimed) and Wicken. I thought Milnrow was also amongst this list, but I find (through not looking up the old peals there) that it must have reached the century in 1963 and that I missed the occasion. The 50 mark was achieved by Stratton St. Margaret; Oakham; Neath; Skipton in Craven; Beckenham; Cambridge, St. Andrew; Sutterton; Retford; Bournemouth, St. Peter (as claimed); Bristol, St. Michael; Creswell; Penistone; Bottesford; North Elmham; West Deeping; Husborne Crawley; Rawmarsh.

In my last article I said I would mention Birmingham Cathedral this time. The reason for doing so is that the position at the top

of the league table has changed, which doesn't happen very often. Crayford for a long time was top, after taking the lead from Erith, St. John, in 1944 at the 405 mark. It was the first tower to reach 500 peals in 1952, some six months before even the Loughborough Bell Foundry did so. It was in February, 1953, a year after the 500th peal, that the Bell Foundry overtook it and has held the lead ever since, of course! But Crayford remained the church with most peals until Erith caught up again in May, 1957, since when it has kept second place behind the Foundry. But now, after a very long time in the lead—at least 30 years at a guess—Erith and Crayford have been separated as far as peals on church bells are concerned, for Birmingham Cathedral has now passed the Crayford total and so becomes second to Erith. We don't see many peals at Crayford these days and it may be that one or two other towers will catch it up in the next few years. But even so, it will always go down to history as the first tower with 500 peals.

Whilst still on numbers of peals, there have been one or two occasions where I have not agreed with claims. Hornchurch I made 59 peals, not 50; Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter, I made 299 not 300; and Old Swinford I made 76 not 75.

Now the usual list of rare visitors to the peal columns. The peal at South Mymms was the first this century, as claimed. Only two peals had been rung here previously, both in 1899. Both Peterston-super-Ely and Winston had their only previous peal in 1905, 60 years ago. Two towers also were last heard in a peal in 1912—Radyr (which also had two peals in 1911) and Church Lench (as claimed). The only previous peal at Covehithe was in 1913 and at Floore in 1915 (as footnote). It is rather unusual for a tower to have had its only previous peal in the middle of the Great War. Most readers will have realised that the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, appears very rarely in the peal columns, so it was an event to see it again after a lapse of 40 years. Before the 1924 peal there had been three—one in each year 1902, 1903 and 1904. As stated in the footnote, the last (and only) peal at St. Athan previously was in 1925. Both Walton-on-Thames and Devizes, St. Mary, last had peals in 1927. Peals were not uncommon at the former before the 1914 war—ten were rung from 1885 to 1910, but the 1927 one was the only one between the wars. Only two other peals had been rung at Devizes—in 1908 and 1923. As mentioned at the time, Brighton, The Good Shepherd Church, had its last previous peal in 1929. There was also one in 1923. The claim at Leigh (Surrey) was also correct—last peal in 1931 (previous ones here in 1900 and 1905). Geddington likewise was last in the peal lists in 1931. Five peals were

rung here from 1908 to 1914 and also one in 1926. Malling and Llanbradach last appeared in 1932. The former has only had four peals in all now (1930, 1932 (two) and 1965), but the latter had 16 peals from 1911 to 1932—about one a year disregarding the war years. Peals are rare at Castle Bromwich and Haringworth—both heard last in 1933. Before that there had only been one at the first tower—in 1925, and two at the second—in 1913 and 1932. The only previous peal at Chirton was in 1935, but Worlingworth (last peal in 1936, as claimed) was a popular tower in the 1920's. Five peals were rung here when it was a 6-bell tower from 1891 to 1893. After augmentation, 27 peals were rung from 1908 to 1914 and no less than 44 in the eight years from 1919 to 1926 (12 of them in 1921). Then peal ringing suddenly dwindled—one peal in 1927, two in 1929 and one each in 1930, 1933 and 1936 (the last). So although the tower reached 50 peals in 1921, its total is still only 84 (I see a second peal has been rung recently, so perhaps we shall see the name more frequently again). Beeston has a similar history, its heyday being just before the first war. In the last century there were 15 peals from 1878 to 1898, then 20 from 1902 to 1914. Nine more were rung from 1919 to 1927 and then single peals in the years 1932, 1934 and 1937 (the last until now). The peal at Upwell on May 1st last was claimed as the first since 1896. I fear this was wrong. I have no record of a peal in 1896, to start with, and there have been two peals before this year—one in 1926 and the other in 1937. Also last heard in a peal in 1937 is Wanstrom. Before that year there had been five peals from 1919 to 1935. Finally, in this section, I confirm that the last peal at Aberdare was in 1938. The first peal was in 1911 and there were four rung from 1936 to 1938. All have been Triples (including this year's)—four Grandsire and two Stedman. So what about a peal of Major!

Finally, a few other items of interest. I confirm that the peal of Yorkshire Major was the first of Surprise Major at St. John's, Cardiff. There are several surprising points about this tower. The one just mentioned is since the peal total of the tower is 152. There has only been one peal of Surprise before—Cambridge Royal in 1952. There have only been 16 peals in even bell methods, viz. (apart from the two just mentioned), seven of Bob Royal, four of Bob Major and three Kent T.B. Royal. The remaining 136 peals are Grandsire Caters 76, Triples 36; Stedman Caters 19, Triples 4; Erin Caters 1. The peal at Plympton St. Maurice was not the first of Major. Double Norwich was rung there in 1895—first peal on the bells. I confirm the peal at Huntsham as the first of Surprise. The only Major previously has been Kent T.B. in 1875 and 1878. Grandsire Triples was rung in 1874. (1875) (two), 1877 (two), 1880, 1883, 1884, 1923 and 1946, and Stedman Triples in 1879. Total for the tower now, 14.

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"S" continued.

ST. WERBURGH DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

ST. WILFRID

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 46532.
William Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.

SALISBURY BOB

See York Delight.

SALTWOOD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

SAM JEACOCK

See St. Asaph.

SANDAL DELIGHT (I)

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 36245.
In William Woodcock's notebook.

SANDAL DELIGHT (II)

See Duke of Norfolk.

SANDAL TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

SANDIACRE SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

SANDIACRE TREBLE BOB

See Trinity Sunday.

SCAWTHORPE ALLIANCE

See Swancombe Alliance.

SCHOLES DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 6ths 65243.

SEATON DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 4ths 64235.

SEDLSCOMBE SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 14 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

SELBY DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 6ths 34625.

SELKIRK COURT BOB

x 14 x 16.34.5. 6ths 46532.
Handbells, November 16th, 1964.

SEPULCHRES DOUBLE

See Bala Bob.

SETTLE DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 4ths 35642.

SHALFORD DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 3. 2nds 35264.
Single change method.

SHAMROCK TREBLE BOB

See Waterford.

SHARNBROOK ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

SHEFFIELD SURPRISE

An arrangement made in 1903 by A. Nash, of Wath-on-Dearne, which unfortunately turned out to be false. The middle sections (identical with Ludlow) were always retained as Sheffield S. when building up new methods in the Wath-on-Dearne tower.

SHELLEY DELIGHT

See Waltham Delight

SHENFIELD ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

SHERBORNE DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

SHIPWAY'S PRINCIPLE

	Reverse
123456	123456
214365	214365
124635	124635
142653	142653
416235	416235
461253	461253
642135	413652
624153	143562
261435	415326
216453	145236
	412563
126543	
215634	421536
251643	241356
526134	423165
562143	243615
651234	426351
615243	246531
162534	425613
	245163

In Shipway's book of 1816. Based on Stedman's Principle.

SIBSEY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961. See, however, Gosberton S.A.

SILKSTONE DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 45362.
Addy's notebook, 1865.

SILKSTONE TREBLE BOB (I)

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 4ths 35642.

SILKSTONE TREBLE BOB (II)

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 4ths 45362.
According to A. Gill.

SILK WILLOUGHBY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961

SILVER BELLS

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 34625.
William Woodcock's notebook.

SINGLE BOB (MINOR)

See Plain Bob and Double Bob.

SINGLE COURT

x 14 x 12 x 1. 6ths 35264.
Nottingham Trebles and Doubles in "Campanologia," 1677; London Single Bob early editions of "Campanologia," 1702, changed to Court Single Bob in later editions; London Single in Annable's notebook; not mentioned in "Clavis" but Court Bob in "Shipway" 1816; Court in C.C. Collection, 1907, and later editions.

SINGLE ONEORD

x 14 x 12 x 1. 2nds 56342.
See Oxford Bob.

SKIPTON DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 6ths 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Linden.

SLEAFORD SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 42563.

SLAITHWAITE TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 42563.

"S" to be continued.

QUARTER PEALS

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Howard Meek 1, W. Spiers 2, L. Smith 3, J. Harpur 4, E. Penn 5, D. Bowers 6, K. Tyler (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. 4, 6, 8 cover, Rung for Evensong. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Bevan 1, L. Smith 2, Howard Meek 3, A. Paton 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Howells, churchwarden.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. Waller 1, E. H. Smith 2, R. A. Henbest (first "inside") 3, G. F. Henbest 4, F. G. Henbest (first as cond.) 5, G. A. Waller 6. First quarter 4 and 6.

SKILLINGTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, R. W. Morant 2, D. J. Hopkinson 3, J. Jordan 4, G. J. N. Colborne 5.

STOKE ROCHFORD, Lincs.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. J. Hopkinson 1, R. W. Morant 2, J. Jordan 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, G. J. N. Colborne 5.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret A. Boul 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, A. E. Bissett 3, H. Heard 4, H. Stacey 5, H. Trewin 6, D. R. Boul 7, J. A. Howard (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to Margaret Ladd and Raymond Large, also for the birthday of Henry Trewin, and the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Crowell.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,184 Cambridge S. Major: M. Penny 1, Miss J. Davidge (first of Surprise) 2, B. Bladon 3, Miss P. Lansley (first of Surprise Major) 4, E. W. Ford 5, M. A. New (first in method) 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, G. W. Land 8. A farewell to Michael D. Penny, who is leaving Swindon for Marlborough College.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Betts (first quarter) 1, T. Frost 2, R. Leavett (cond.) 3, K. Griggs 4, J. Clarke (first of Doubles) 5, A. Palmer 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss D. Betts, on entering Derby Teachers' Training College.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Angela W. Burgess 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, L. T. Pope 3, Hilary A. Swallow 4, G. Fry 5, J. C. Carpenter 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, D. W. Woodcock 8. First in method 1, 4, 5, Rung as a compliment to Margaret A. Ladd and Raymond A. Large, on their engagement, and to Hilary A. Swallow, for her 21st birthday.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Anne Pearce (first on eight) 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, Mary Carveth 3, A. Locke 4, G. D. Carter 5, D. A. Trethewey (first on eight "inside") 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, A. Carveth 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Dean of Truro and Mrs. Lloyd.

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NOTICES

BIRTHS

BARTHOLOMEW.—On Tuesday, August 31st, 1965, at the Watford Maternity Hospital, to Mary (nee Carnochan) and Donald, twin daughters, Sandra Jill and Helen Ruth, sisters for Linda and Andrew. 7653

BLAGROVE.—On Sept. 11th, 1965, at Salisbury, Rhodesia, to Monica and Frank, a son, Ian. 7660

GILBERT.—On September 22nd, 1965, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Barbara (nee Tarrant) and John Henry, of Long Ashton, a 7½lb. daughter, Joanna Helen. 7696

HANDBELLS WANTED

URGENTLY WANTED.—Set of handbells for tune and method ringing. Please send particulars of description and price to Mrs. Catlin, Lymington Secondary School, Lymington Road, Dagenham, Essex. 7693

FOUND

A GENTLEMAN'S WRIST WATCH was found at the Peterborough Diocesan Guild summer festival in the Brackley area on Saturday, September 4th. Would owner please contact the Guild Secretary, E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 7683

ADDRESS WANTED

Will Mr. D. W. Bailey, late of Coton House, Churchover, near Rugby, please notify "The Ringing World" of his new address, as his "R.W." copy has been returned?

PUBLICATIONS

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF GUERNSEY. ALDERNEY AND SARK." price 8s. 9d., post free, to be obtained from the author, Mr Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester Oxfordshire. 7259

"THE THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING." by A. W. I. Cleaver; 3s. (3/6 post free), from Hilton, 19 Lonewood Way Hadlow, Tonbridge Kent A few copies are also available of "Joseph Hatch, the Ulcombe Bell-founder," 1/10 post free. 7543

MISCELLANEOUS

ASHFORD, KENT.—The rehung ring of eight bells (tenor 21½ cwt.) will be rehallowed at Evensong on Sunday, October 3rd, by the Bishop of Dover. All ringers welcome to 6.30 p.m. service; general ringing should be available after the service. 7662

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, will be holding a Tower Sunday, first Sunday in October. Ringing from 5 p.m. until the service and after harvest service. All ringers welcome. 7635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner and dance at Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names and remittance of £1 1s. per person to Mr. P. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot, by October 16th. 7635

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Will members please note that the practice meeting due to be held at Wrington on October 7th has had to be postponed to October 28th, when bells will be available from 7-9 p.m. 7671

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The Society welcomes all new members of the university and invites them to contact the Secretary, John L. Riley, at 28, Montreal Road, Blackburn Lancs, as soon as possible. 7635

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Service ringing, Sunday, October 10th, 10 a.m. St. Mary Magdalene. 10.30 a.m. St. Ebbe. Business meeting, Tuesday, October 12th, 8.15 p.m., North Lecture Room, St. John's. All freshmen welcome.—R. M. Heyworth (University). 7605

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Flower Festival, October 1st-4th, 1965. Bells (8) available Saturday, 2nd. 2.30-8.30 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Light refreshments available on Saturday. 7651

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Would all freshers coming in October please contact Michael Bew, Norwich House, University of Sussex.—Falmer, Brighton, Sussex. 7709

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, EXMOUTH, DEVON.—Ringers' Evensong, 6.30, Sunday October 10th. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All welcome. Lightest six at 7, Bapton Lane, also available. 7664

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Othry, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (5) 3 and 6.30-8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Moorlynn (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea a must.—K. Prime, Ashcott. 7634

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 2nd, Sharnbrook (6). Bells 3.30 till tea. Bletsoe (6) after meeting. Names to Mr. R. Lucas, 31, Normans Road, Sharnbrook, or phone Bedford 68379. 7665

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be held at Radway on October 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea also. It is hoped that Oxhill bells will be available in the evening. Names for tea to P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon (S-upon-A 5701). 7636

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Dudley, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea must be forwarded to me. Netherton (8) will be available in the evening, if required.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7583

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Stevenage on October 2nd at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on October 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and Meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea. Please, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 7593

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everyone welcome.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 7680

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, October 2nd, at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows (8), 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Mawdesley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 7625

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Ratby, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—A. J. Poynton, Dis. Sec. 7646

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. Canon H. P. Laurence, The Vicarage, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7625

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—"Riverside Ringing Festival," Saturday, October 2nd. Shepperton (5) 2-3 p.m. Sunbury (8) 3-4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Hampton, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing at Hampton (8). Names for tea to me, please, at 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7592

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Horton on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea (at 7s. 6d. each) to Mr. W. H. Heath, Horton Lodge Bungalow, Heath House Lane, Rudyard.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 7691

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be held at Wokingham, Berks, on Saturday, October 2nd. Meeting in the Masonic Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4. Service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Please park in Hall car park and not on road. Tea tickets (3s. 3d. each) on application to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. Ringing arrangements will be sent out with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. Names for tea.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7546

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Cottingham (5), October 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at East Carlton (6) with ringing afterwards. Names, please, to Mr. H. Balshaw, Two Chimneys, Middleton.—M. A. C. 7710

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Hazelbech, Saturday, October 2nd. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard. 7694

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (4s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastington, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7689

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone and Wortley, Saturday, October 2nd. Penistone bells 3 till 5; Wortley bells 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Champion, 32, Church View Road, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 7643

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, October 2nd, Wingfield (6). 6.30-9 p.m. Ringers also invited to ring before and after the induction service for the Rev. W. G. Muir at 2.30 p.m. Teas can be reserved by applying to Mr. C. Brown, Church Road, Wingfield, Diss. Norfolk.—L. E. L. 7591

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(Northern Division).

Joint meeting with the Western Division,

Saturday, October 2nd,

WARNHAM.

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Bells 6-7 p.m., followed by social in Village Hall. All ringers welcome.

Names to G. Francis, 35, Friday Street, Warnham. 7639

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsclere, October 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Pares, Priory House, Kingsclere, near Newbury Sydmonton bells after tea. 7627

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields' (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, October 4th, at 7 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Elkstone (5) on Wednesday, October 6th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Homfray, Branch Sec. 7612

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Cuns of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 7707

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Harptree, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Talbot, The Bungalow, East Harptree, near Bristol.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7686

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 9th. Stotfold. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. onwards. Usual arrangements. Everyone welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 7678

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with Cambridge District and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY at Longstanton on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30 p.m. 7667

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Rayleigh on October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, by Thursday, October 7th. 7642

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.15 followed by tea Names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 7652

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Oakford on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 7690

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ringing after meeting Names for tea to L. J. Hart, Hazeldene Hemyock, by October 6th.—R. C. Woodley Sec. 7640

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Minety on October 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only in schoolroom 5.15 p.m.; bring food. Oaksey (6) 6-8 p.m.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 7640

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), October 9th. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 7699

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual General District Meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8, 25 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7650

LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at Launceston, Cornwall. St. Thomas' (6) 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, October 4th.—Mrs. P. Burnham, Branch Sec., 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. 7657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 7681

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, October 9th at Kegworth. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. 7661

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Wanlip on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. T. C. Belton, 68, Elmfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, by Friday, October 8th.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7666

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Blaenavon, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Jones, "Nantllechan House," High Street, Blaenavon, Mon. 7669

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—October 9th, St. Mary's, Church Road, Battersea, 2-3 p.m. St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, 3.30-4.30 p.m. St. Mary Abbots', Church Street, Kensington. Business 6 p.m. Ringing after.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7692

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 7700

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 7697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Brackley, Saturday, October 9th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7673

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Davenport, Saturday, October 9th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road, West, Davenport, by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 7658

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Doyle on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing, Wadenhoe, in evening. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 5th to Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough. 7682

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Handsworth, October 9th. Striking competition to commence at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 7708

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available: Ryton (5), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Stockton (6) 3 to 4.30 and from 6 to 8; Sutton Maddock (5), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service at Stockton 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for teas must be sent to Mrs. H. F. Evans, 5, Cheswardine Lane, Norton, Shifnal, Salop, by Wednesday, October 6th. No names no teas.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7695

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Granby, October 9th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45. Service 6. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 7706

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts.—Meeting at Laxton on October 9th. Names for tea to D. Chambers, Dovecote Cottage, Laxton, by Thursday, 7th. 7701

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Annual General Meeting at West Stow (6). Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please do help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 6th. 7641

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Mortlake on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Richmond (8). Names for tea to B. Bull, Asst. Sec., 68, Gowan Avenue, London S.W.6, by October 5th. 7565

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, October 9th, at Petersfield. Bells 6.30-9 p.m. 7698

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee in Church House, Leicester, Monday, October 11th, at 7.45.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7705

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Bredenbury, October 16th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 14th at latest, please. 7668

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7702

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Quarterly meeting, October 16th. Bells: Narborough (6) 2-2.30; Whetstone (6) 2.30-3; Blaby (5) 3-3.30; South Wigston (8) 3.15-4; Aylestone (8) 4.25 and after meeting. Service St. Andrew's, Aylestone, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) 5, British Legion Hall, Middleton Street (almost opposite church). Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, by October 13th. —B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7703

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, October 16th, at Enville. Bells (8) available 3-4.25 p.m. Committee meeting 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing during evening. —C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7589

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Preston Candover, not Crawley, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, by Wednesday, October 13th. 7676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Winchester D.G. will be held at Crawley and Sparsholt on Saturday, October 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday, please. 7644

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Jasper Snowdon Dinner at the Co-operative Restaurant Rotherham, on October 16th at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (16/6 each) from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3, by October 2nd, stating all names, please. Towers open for ringing: Handsworth (8) 11.30-12.30, St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row, Sheffield (8) 1.30-3, Sheffield Cathedral (12) 3.15-5, Rotherham Parish Church (10), 4.30-6. The well-known Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers will entertain. Out-county visitors will be particularly welcome.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert. 7655

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—Dedication of new treble bell on Sunday, October 17th, at 11 a.m. Matins, by Ven. W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Bells now a light ring of six (tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.) available 12 noon until 6.30 Evensong. Lunch available, 2 mins. walk, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Please notify Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, before October 14th. Everybody welcome. 7684

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner and Social in Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, October 23rd, 6 for 6.30. Chief guest the Provost of Leicester. Tickets (18/6) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester, by October 16th. Bells: St. Mary-de Castro's (8) 2.30-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30-4.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7704

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 1965, at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. Entertainment after dinner. The Guest of Honour will be the President of the Central Council. Bells: Cathedral, 3.30-5 p.m.; All Saints', 4.30-6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d. from Gen. Sec. and Branch Secs. until October 18th. —D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7675

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: K. Underwood 1, Miss J. Cleve 2, Miss C. White 3, W. Savile 4, J. Collier 5, P. Sherwood 6, D. Tubbs (cond.) 7, C. Syfield 8.

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