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A BRISTOL AFFAIR

RECENTLY in Bristol a rather strange affair has occurred which throws some light on the workings of Associations. Though this particular story concerns Bristol and the local Association there is no reason to suppose that it could not, and does not, occur elsewhere.

Nearly a year ago one tower on the fringes of adjacent areas of two Branches decided that it wished to transfer its allegiance from one to the other. Some months later another tower, similarly placed, followed suit. Their reasons for doing this were, no doubt, many and various and fully known only to themselves. Whatever the reasons, one cannot deny them the entitlement of making up their own minds and in each case the decision was a majority one of their members, if not unanimous.

The Branch to which they applied to join, feeling somewhat flattered by the compliment, agreed to have them. It was noted that these towers had been more often represented at recent meetings than others of more long-standing membership. The other Branch, perhaps feeling somewhat slighted, declined to release them and started writing to the Association general secretary about it. Before long the hapless general secretary found himself with a rapidly thickening dossier of correspondence about it from both Branch secretaries; the thickening accelerated by dragging in allusions to the annual subscription, peal booking fees and other topics. The secretary replied as best he could.

A consistent feature of this rather curious dispute throughout has been the search for a definitive decision as to whether the two towers should be allowed to transfer or not. From many lips have come the questions "What did the A.G.M. say?", "What did the Management Committee decide?", "What does the general secretary think?", "What do the rules say?" The last question has been a particularly fruitful field for the lawyers as throughout 1965 the Association had two complete sets of rules to be consulted, those in force to the end of the year and those to be in force thereafter—they were not always in complete agreement with each other. Despite much debate, none of these wise sources could say positively and finally what was right and what was wrong. Indeed the affair had uncovered a weakness in Association thinking.

Whatever else a ringing association is, it is not a legal institution. It is no part of its function or its competence to tell its members what they can or cannot do or, indeed, to pass judgment on what they do. Neither the person nor the property of its members is at stake and it no more has to defend them than it has the right to confine or define its members' actions. Membership in no shape or form can be compulsory. Put one single point of law to any sort of ringing body and you are inevitably asking for an inconclusive answer. As a voluntary association of people joined together to help one another, the infinity of activities it can arrange to that end alone are real.

If there are any basic issues involved in this affair, it is the one to which most ringers subscribe: "any ringer is always welcome in any tower." Furthermore, tiresome though it sometimes is, we subscribe to the view that any ringer is entitled to ring where he pleases. These are principles infinitely worth preserving. There may yet be further majority decisions to come in this Association or any other about matters of this sort, affirm-

ing that towers should belong to one Branch or another. If they conform with a *de facto* situation they are unnecessary, if they do not they are ineffective. One cannot envisage such decisions altering the course to which a ringer bends his steps. P. G.

A HECTIC FEW MINUTES

IT was 8.45 as I passed the church tower and listened to the merry peal of bells. I hesitated and then went into the church, intending to await my fourteen-year-old daughter and escort her home. I tripped gaily up the well-worn steps, pushed open the door and entered the warm and cosy belfry where, rather to my surprise, I found my daughter in action—pulling the bell ropes in quite a professional manner—and, quite amazing, she appeared to be "in the groove." I could see there was method in this madness and as the numbers were called out and the ringers responded, a familiar sequence rang out. It was clear these youngsters knew their ropes.

It was now 8.50 and the session was obviously coming to an end. One or two of the younger fry put on their coats and departed. I chatted awhile with my cousin, the tower captain, and due to his honeyed talk, rather reluctantly agreed to try and ring a bell. Obviously there was nothing to it and I hadn't had much sympathy for our schoolgirl when she had taken up campanology—all those aches and pains and complaints of stiffness—she needed more exercise!

There were two ropes attached to each of these six bells. One was plain—such as we used to climb in the gym when I was a girl: one with a sort of chenille Union Jack wrapped around it kept disappearing through the ceiling.

I was rather hazy as to whether to grab the Union Jack, but on being told to pull the other one—a six-ton bell was at the end of it—I did so. I knew at once that I hadn't the strength but pulled and pulled hard. The rope went slack and I altered my grip. The Union Jack appeared and disappeared and my rope began to pull me! As my feet left the floorboards, I heard someone say, "Leave go!" I could not. I was petrified and my hands were glued to the rope. The rope was stronger than me—it was comparable to trying to hold a furious barking dog who sees a hated cat making off with his dinner. That rope was alive and kept stretching me towards the ceiling: I couldn't hold it and I couldn't leave go for a while. "Leave go or you will go through the roof." The truth of this was plain to my panic-stricken mind. I abandoned the rope and dropped with a thud to the floor.

My heart was thumping like a sledge hammer, my hat was askew, my coat cuffs were above my elbows, and one or two other garments hadn't been equal to the strain. Oh dear, oh, oh dear! If only the floor would open up and drop me into the peace of the church below. A hastily stifled titter made my cheeks redden—I could predict my daughter's reaction "Mam, you looked a right nit."

It was only 8.55 and I'd endured torture for what had seemed an age. I turned a bright smile on the grinning teenagers and mentally took my hat off to them whilst delving deep into my pocket to reassure myself that my nylons would not turn into ankle socks before their eyes.

Slowly and carefully I made my way down the uneven steps—how easy to break a bone on them—and we were out of the church before the clock struck nine. What an age of experience I had undergone.

As I stretched out in bed that night—muscles which had not been used for years aching and heart still exceeding the speed limit—I wondered about all those church bells—all over Britain—all over Europe—there must be thousands of them! However did they all get themselves rung every Sunday! There must be some gifted people for whom I now have a wholesome respect for their power of mastery over these metal monsters—and believe it or not, I slept as sound as a bell. D. W.

NOTE BY THE TOWER CAPTAIN

The vivid account of the effect of a few pulls at backstroke was written down some days later and is sent in almost unaltered. It was, however, a 6 cwt. bell, not a 6 tonner. H. P. T.

Rang Peal Together on Wedding Day and 50 Years after



SATURDAY, January 15th, saw a gathering of some 50 old and new friends at Tunbridge Wells to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Groombridge. The day started well—despite adverse weather conditions—with Mr. and Mrs. Hairs repeating a performance of 50 years ago at Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, by taking part together in a handbell peal of Stedman Caters. This took place at the residence of friends in Tonbridge, who also recorded some of the peal. The afternoon saw the successful completion of tower bell peals in honour of the event at Tunbridge Wells and Withyham.

Despite dire threats by forecasters, only two of those invited were unable to attend (and they through ill-health). The evening festivities consisted of dinner at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, followed by a social evening, during which Walter Dobbie played back part of the handbell peal and the band rang a short touch in the same method. Entertainment was also provided by Mrs. Gladys Bennett (sister-in-law of Mrs. Hairs) with three songs, and Ray Large and Colin Osbon with songs and monologue respectively, as well as a splendid duet (Offenbach's "The Bold Gendarmes").

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hairs lead active ringing lives. Mrs. Hairs rang some 75 handbell peals, including six of Stedman Cinques, before learning to ring tower bells. Her peal total is now about 320. In 1923 she was the first lady ringer to ring a peal of Surprise "in hand" and she was also the first lady to take part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus. A founder member of the Ladies' Guild, she was for some years secretary of the Central District. For a number of years she was peal secretary of the Sussex County Association and during that time wrote up the Association's peal book. Mrs. Hairs is at present the secretary of the Northern Division of that Association and represents them on the Central Council. She is now the only lady member of the Ancient Society of

College Youths, to which Society she was elected in 1917. Mrs. Hairs particularly appreciated a letter of greeting from the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was the first time in the history of the Society that two members have celebrated their golden wedding.

Mr. Hairs learned to ring at Clapham about 1904 and has rung nearly 600 peals, some 250 of which have been with his wife. He was Master of the Sussex Association for many years and represented them on the Central Council from 1939-1950, since when he has been an honorary member. A member of the Standing Committee since 1945, he has been on "The Ringing World" Committee since 1951. Since going to live on the Kent/Sussex border Mr. Hairs has built up a local band at Withyham and though now in his 78th year he has far more energy than many a younger man.

Their many friends will wish them continued good health and best wishes for the future.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual general meeting was held at Barnsley on January 8th, when 13 towers were represented. The Rev. P. F. Keeling conducted the service and Mr. Noel F. Moxon acted as organist. An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. Keeling in the chair. At the next meeting—Penistone on February 12th—nominations for president, secretary and treasurer will be received for the adjourned business meeting in March. Mr. Irvin Slack, Horbury, proposed the vote of thanks.

A composition of the bride's father, Mr. Henry O. Baker, general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, was rung at St. Mary-Within-the-Walls, Chester, as a wedding compliment to Miss Anthea Baker and Mr. Bryan Cooper. The bride was formerly a ringer at this church.

BRAY RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER

The Hinds Head Hotel at Bray is reputed to be one of the most exclusive in Berkshire, where royalty, the nobility, film stars and other celebrities come to "dine and wine." On Jan. 15th they were none other than the Bray bellringers, who held their traditional annual dinner at this famous hotel. Invitations to this excellent evening are greatly sought after, for, from past experience, one is assured of a wonderful meal and a very enjoyable evening.

A company of 52 ringers, their wives and friends, which included the Rev. S. W. Doran (Vicar of Bray), Mrs. Doran, Canon Nash, the Rev. S. Kromburg (a former curate), Mr. F. W. Clark (churchwarden) and invited guests from Cookham, Clewer, Cranford, Boyne Hill, Heston, Hitchin and Marlow sat down to an excellent meal of turkey and plum pudding.

The Rev. S. W. Doran, who opened the short speeches with a very humorous story, proposed the loyal toast "The Church and the Queen." He was followed by Mr. R. Clark, who after praising and thanking Bray ringers for their work, and loyalty to their ringing and to the Church, proposed the toast "Bray Bell Ringers." Mr. John Norsworthy (Bray Ringing Master), in his reply, said how fortunate Bray ringers were in having a Vicar and churchwarden who were so interested in them and who joined them in their activities. The Rev. S. Kromburg suitably replied for the guests.

The meal over, everyone adjourned to the hotel annexe, where dancing, games and competitions were held under the direction of Doreen Hague. Bray handbell ringers entertained with tune ringing. Refreshments and drinks were served throughout the evening with the compliments of Bray ringers. So this enjoyable evening, so ably organised by Doreen and John, came to a close all too quickly just before midnight. E. E. G.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The president (Canon A. L. Woodard) presided at the annual general meeting of the Cambridge District at St. Andrew's Hall, which followed a large tea provided by Mrs. Martin and helpers. The service was held in the afternoon at Great St. Mary's, conducted by the Rev. I. Ogilvie.

Mr. B. D. Threlfall, the secretary, reported that the District had maintained activities, had visited 20 towers, had about 100 members, despite the loss by death of Mr. J. Halls (Duxford) and Mr. J. W. Ward (Melbourn). A gratifying result of the August meeting was the attempt now being made to build up a band of ringers at Whittlesford. A list of all the towers, with details of bells, a guide to condition and ringing times, had been circulated to all incumbents and towers. There are far too many unringable towers in the District. Arising from this came a stirring call to action by the president. The donors of the bells that hang unringed and unringable in 21 towers surely intended that they should be heard, reminding people of the Church's activities. Only 17 out of 50 are rung at all regularly.

Elections: President, Canon A. L. Woodard; Ringing Masters, G. Pearson and S. Brown; secretary/treasurer, B. D. Threlfall; District Committee, E. W. Bullman, H. F. Churchman, J. Gipson, D. W. Newman and others ex-officio; District Representatives, E. W. Bullman, B. Horrell; Belfry Repair Fund treasurer, B. Pratt. J. S.

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ON TEACHING STRIKING

(Extract from an Evening Course by the
Stafford Archdeaconry Society.)

FEW will deny that striking is of more importance than method ringing, but in many towers this is still the most neglected aspect of our art. Striking correction is necessary right from the first time a learner rings rounds, and he needs to be taught how to strike just as he is taught to ring methods. Some conductors will tell a learner when he is wrong but will not say anything about striking, when the effect may be the same—a clash or a bad blow caused by either going wrong or merely by bad striking. The latter, moreover, is more likely to be continuous. (Of course, the conductor may be a bad striker himself and does not want to be so hypocritical as to tell others. All the more reason for having conductors who can strike!)

Too often a learner is pushed into rounds before he can handle a bell and pushed into changes before he can ring rounds, and never taught to strike at all. He may then be left to clatter around for the rest of his ringing life unless helped by some kind, experienced ringer or by his own ambition and ability. But the advice of the former may be resented if the learner has never had striking correction in his own tower. A really keen learner will ask about his striking faults and make an effort to correct them next time he rings. The learner's own ability may not be sufficient to cope with faults which are all the more deeply ingrained by habit.

A learner thus should be given as little as possible to master at a time. So often a learner is given the task of struggling with handling his bell, of learning ropesight, of learning leading, of learning to strike—all at once. It is no wonder so many fail the attempt. When possible, then, the faults mentioned below should be corrected in rounds or call changes. For example, one can learn to strike clearly over a large bell in call changes, not when one is struggling with ropesight. Call changes have the additional advantage that the change is repeated and the learner has time to ascertain whether he is striking correctly or not.

These are some of the points for an instructor to look for when instructing a learner:—

- (1). At the front end. A very common mistake is clipping or even striking at the same time as the back and middle bells. The light bell should strike quite clearly over the large bell without any tendency of the notes to merge. Sometimes a learner clears the tenor but clips the middle bells. This is to be avoided also. At a later stage a ringer may over-compensate when following a large bell with a little bell, making sure that he is not clipping. This results in dragging of the front bells, a more advanced fault in front-end ringing.
- (2). On any bell, but particularly on a heavy bell, a common fault is to be too quick on the way up and too slow on the way down. The cause is not making sufficient allowance for the different speeds of hunting up and down.
- (3). On a back-end bell—not being close enough to the light bells. This is usually caused by waiting for the rope of the light bell to go before pulling, when the bells should have been pulled at about the same time. This is more pronounced when there is a wide difference in weight between the front- and back-end.
- (4). Also on a back-end bell, clipping the little bells, particularly in hunting up. Some back-enders seem to think that the little bells are there merely to be belted. This may happen in 2nds place when a large bell is leaving the lead—though sometimes it is the fault of the other bell for being too slow on the handstroke lead.
- (5). Dodges not struck cleanly. Failure to pull in sufficiently in up dodge and to hold up before and after it. Similarly, failure to hold up sufficiently at down dodge and to pull in before and after the dodge. Making fourths at a 3-4 up dodge, or making thirds at a 3-4 down dodge, or merely two blows in 3½'s place!
- (6). Dropping one stroke, particularly back-stroke, i.e. allowing the rope to come down only partially under control.
- (7). Slow in 2nds coming off lead.
- (8). Slow in last blow behind, or on leaving back.
- (9). Consistently slow or quick at one stroke. This may be due to the odd-struckness of the bell which the ringer has not taken into consideration, or may be because of a handling fault—e.g. too quick at hand because the sally is being caught too soon, or may be the result of an earlier handling fault now corrected, but the striking remains the same.
- (10). Incorrect leading usually means too quick at handstroke if the learner has been encouraged not to drag on the way down. Having hunted down quickly the learner needs to leave a gap at handstroke wide enough for one imaginary bell ringing at the same pace. On the other hand the learner may be too eager to leave a space and give too wide a handstroke gap, but this is usually a fault in more experienced learners.

All these faults are caused in ringing by following the ropes with the eyes and not using the ear. The learner should try to place his bell correctly in the rhythm, but of course if many of the above faults are present there will be no rhythm anyway, so the first thing to do is to see about correcting these faults.

P. G. K. D.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE
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AT the annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild, tributes were to the memory of that very fine ringer, Alfred Paddon Smith. Mr. Frank Haynes and the chairman (Mr. Richard Ingram) both referred to his work for the Guild, which included 20 years as hon. secretary, and his exceptional ability to handle and strike both a small or a large bell. Tributes were also expressed to John Bragg, a ringer at Solihull for 60 years, Graham Palmer (Solihull), Herbert Langdon (London) and Keith Taylor (Coleshill). The members observed a moment's silence in respect to their memory.

New members included the Rev L. B. Hutchings, Mrs. L. M. Hutchings, Miss B. Sawden, G. Cox and T. Kedge, of Knowle, Miss P. Fearn, R. Aldington, M. Jones and E. Spence, of King's Norton, Miss S. Chapman, of Yardley, Miss J. M. E. Dixon and Miss M. Pryor. The tower elections, as life members, of the following ringers were duly ratified: J. D. Chamberlain (Lichfield), J. Alexander (Coventry) and R. C. Stevens (Croydon).

The annual accounts, presented by the secretary, disclosed a healthy financial position and the number of new members was encouraging.

The name of Mr. John Pinfold was added to the list of vice-presidents in recognition of his work for the Guild, which comprised several years as Ringing Master.

The following officers were re-elected for 1966: Master, Mr. R. C. Ingram; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Ainsworth; trustees, Messrs. S. O'C. Holloway and B. D. A. Woolley; auditors, Messrs. H. H. Fearn and S. O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, Messrs. G. E. Fearn (re-elected) and J. A. Ainsworth in place of Mr. F. E. Haynes, who has left Birmingham to live in Cambridge; librarian, Mr. W. G. Chaplin, elected instead of Mr. D. R. Ingram, who wished to resign due to his absence from Birmingham whilst attending Nottingham University; secretary, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Many divergent opinions were expressed concerning a proposition that Guild members should have a distinctive badge, and the matter was left in the hands of a small committee to consider a suitable design.

For the next meeting the Guild received an invitation to Aston, to take place on April 2nd.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 22, Castleton Grove, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Hall (first quarter) 1—2, A. G. Craddock 3—4, R. A. Yeates (cond.) 5—6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Holden (first quarter) 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6.

Letters to the Editor

THE BOOK

Sir, — Now that we have had the expert critical reviews of Mr. Wilson's book "Change Ringing," will you allow me to express the views of a very ordinary, ignorant ringer of many years' standing and still of no importance!

My first reaction after I got to the end of it was that, if only we had had it 60 or 70 years ago, I might have amounted to something. It is the most fascinating book on any academical subject that I have ever come across, and holds its interest from beginning to end.

We have had, and still have, many bits and pieces, and as a general text book of course we had Troyte. But most of them leave me, anyway, with a sense of bewilderment and the feeling that it is all too difficult for my limited brain.

I do not know how it will strike the super-expert, some of whom seem to set themselves out to make it all more difficult by using expressions and signs which only they, and presumably other experts, can understand or guess the meaning of. But for 99 per cent. of ringers and non-ringers interested it is invaluable.

From page one onwards it takes you forward step by step, each of which can be understood by any ten-year-old until he finds himself conducting, in theory, the most complicated of peals.

Compare Troyte's "explanation" of In and Out of Course, which he dismisses by saying that must must accept the fact that changes are of two natures, but that he has not the foggiest notion as to what they are, with Wilson's clear and admirable summary.

I am not sure that your latest reviewer is right in saying that there should not be a tower copy because it would remain in the hands of one man. I think myself that a brief glance through it would make every ringer determined to possess a copy of his own. To anyone who takes any interest in ringing at all, whether learning or teaching or both, a personal copy is a must.

NEMO.

SPliced KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

"The 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung at Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks, in a 20-method peal on December 29th was the first I have seen with these two methods spliced properly with the change of method at the lead-end," writes Mr. W. F. Moreton. "It is not possible to do this with bobs alone, but singles seem to be the accepted thing in Treble Bob nowadays. The singles are made in 456. I have an idea that Mr. C. K. Lewis produced a similar 720 some time ago, but he never showed anyone the figures, so far as I know."

720 OF SPliced KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

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	45362	"
	34256	"
S	54236	Oxford
	42563	"

The methods may be interchanged.

BACKGROUND OF GRANDSIRE OPINION

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent letters on Grandsire sparked off by David Marshall, I am prompted to write on the subject. Knowing David personally, I respect his views but it does not follow that I agree with him.

David was taught at Daventry under the influence of Mr. Pat Chapman and was termed "a star pupil" in those days. He has blossomed into an expert ringer and conductor of Surprise methods besides the standard methods. To the best of my knowledge he was first taught to ring Bob Minor and Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples followed.

The choice, I think, depends on the methods practised in the tower at the particular time one is learning change ringing. If Grandsire is the predominant method then this will of course be the first obstacle.

When this is mastered, other methods, whether odd or even, Plain or Surprise, will come within your grasp.

I was reared on Grandsire Triples and my first two peals (Triples and Caters respectively) on the same day were both of Grandsire. As one of the band that took part in the peal of Grandsire Royal at Daventry, I will be quite frank and say that I was not keen on an odd bell method being adapted to Royal, especially having to lie behind for six blows at a call.

I think the other ringers would prefer to ring another method but now that it has been achieved it is over and done with.

Personally, having rung one peal of Grandsire Royal, I am satisfied to leave it at that, but I should welcome further invitations to stand in for Grandsire Caters. I like the method.—Yours truly,

STANLEY F. WEBB.

Staverton, Daventry.

RECORDED BELLS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Christmas broadcast, I feel that while the standard of ringing has greatly improved in recent years the programme itself is now a sham. After all, the programme is entitled Christmas Bells, and the impression contrived by the announcer is that their message is being rung out then and there—not recorded one month previously and carefully edited. Of course, it requires a lot of trouble to make the programme live—but there seems to me the point—it's Christmas morning and a lot of people are taking a lot of trouble to ring bells for a nation-wide broadcast. When this was so, I found it a most moving programme despite frequent bad ringing and the exasperating intrusion of the announcer's voice. Now the programme is clinically efficient but without inspiration and in my opinion should be discontinued if it cannot be done live.

Apart from inspirational programmes of the Christmas Bells type, however, I believe there is a place for ringing as music and in this field recordings can be of great value and give great pleasure. I certainly hope that recordings like "The Sound of Bells" and "Washington Peal" will continue to be made. Personally I should like records to be available, each consisting of a collection of complete touches or of a quarter peal. These would preferably have all the necessary information about the bells, ringers and composition printed on the record sleeve and spoken commentary would be avoided. For such records, of course, the recording, ringing and bells all need to be first class, but if they were available at a similar price to the "Washington Peal" I should certainly buy.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP H. WHITAKER.

Coleraine, N. Ireland.

CLAPPERS DROPPING OUT

Dear Sir,—With reference to a letter in "The Ringing World" recently from Miss Margaret A. Throw, of St. Mary's, Gateshead, relating their misfortunes in having a clapper drop out, and the expense of repairing the resulting damage, I find that I can recall several instances during the few years in which I have been ringing, including one at my home tower only a few weeks ago, although not causing such extensive damage.

Many people I have spoken to are also able to recall similar instances of clapper fall-out. In my experience the failure (with metal headstocks) has been one of shear in the crown bolt attaching the clapper hinge to the headstock.

I started giving thought to the reason behind such failure, but ran almost immediately into difficulties by not knowing certain component properties. These included moments of inertia of bell clapper, headstock and wheel, individual weights of bell, headstock and clapper. Also frictional components, which perhaps one could legitimately ignore.

I would be pleased to know if anyone has had similar thoughts on the matter and whether they would be willing to let me see any calculations which they may have produced.

I note in the "Steel Designers" Handbook" that the single shear value of a five-eighths inch diameter black bolt is 1.53 tons, but that this value could be reduced depending on the tension developed in the bolt while tightening. It would appear to me that the design of the crown bolt should be all important when such extensive damage is possible as a result of its failure.—Yours faithfully,

J. L. HAYNS
Tower Captain,
Ashted, Surrey.

81, Windfield,
Leatherhead, Surrey.

DATE TOUCHES

Dear Sir,—With the New Year comes, inevitably, a selection of date touches, and these prompt questions as to what rules should bind them.

A date touch is both less than a peal and a comparatively rare occurrence, so there are probably no conditions specifically imposed on them. However, I think that it would be perfectly reasonable to expect them to conform to one particular rule applied to other performances, namely, that on less than seven bells a performance should come round only at the end of each extent, and at the end of the performance.

This was certainly not the case in the performance at Sharnbrook ("Ringing World," page 24) or at Wollaton last year, for instance.

I am well aware that there are difficulties attached to the composition of touches of a specified length, though less so for an even year, and that these difficulties are often added to by a need to use only fairly simple methods. Although I am by no means an exponent of orthodoxy, I think that it would be more heartening if those ringers who have the initiative to ring something out of the ordinary would try to follow some of the rules, and in so doing display a little more enterprise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HARRISON.

Sidney Sussex College,
Cambridge.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, G. Ford 4, J. Jeffery 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung prior to Evensong, as a thanksgiving for the life of the late Rev. R. H. C. Mertens, for many years honorary priest in this parish.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting at Ilkeston

Despite the somewhat foggy weather over 40 members and friends from 12 towers, including visiting ringers from Loughborough and London, were present when the Association's winter quarterly meeting was held at Ilkeston on January 8th. Under the supervision of Mr. D. J. Marshall (Sawley) the pleasant octave were put to good use, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Robertson, conducted a short service.

After tea, excellently prepared by the wives and friends of the local company, the business meeting, with Mr. E. Fletcher (Ilkeston), vice-president, in the chair, began with a moment's silence being observed in memory of Dr. P. A. Micklem, the former Provost of Derby, who was the Association's first president.

The Education Officer, Mr. Marshall, gave a résumé of the Lea Green ringing course, which, despite the recent criticism, proved to be an unqualified success. Giving details of the Association's annual dinner, which is to be held at Chesterfield on February 19th, Mr. M. Phipps urged members to obtain their tickets as soon as possible, particularly as this year marks the 50th anniversary of Sir A. P. Heywood's death, in whose honour the dinner is being held.

Reminding the company of the Association annual general meeting, the week prior to the ringing festival on April 23rd to commemorate the actual anniversary of St. Arthur's death, the general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, said that nominations would be needed for the three Central Council representatives, one of whom, Mr. A. Mould, was not seeking re-election. In a tribute to Mr. Mould, Mr. G. A. Halls said he had served the Association faithfully and well for the last 12 years. Those who had heard his wonderful reports on the Council proceedings would agree that the Association would be very hard pressed to replace him.

M. P. P.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

An informal visit by the Mayor of Colchester enlivened the annual meeting of the N.E. District on January 15th. Although there are three rings of bells in the town, he said he never seemed to hear them owing to traffic and other diversions.

Mr. Frank Lufkin resigned as Master after three years, and Mr. Peter Pitt, of St. Leonard's, Hythe, was appointed his successor.

The hon. secretary, in his report, read out the names of five members who had rung their first peal, and seven who had rung their first quarter during the year. Thirty-three peals and 25 quarters had been rung in 1965, mostly by District bands, 75 per cent. being on six bells. The most active band had been that at St. Leonard's, Colchester, who had made great progress.

Ringing membership was up from 125 to 130, but four members had died during the year. Nine new members were elected.

A service was held at St. Peter's, where the lesson was read by Raymond Talbot, ringer and lay reader of Langham. F. E.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Officers elected at the annual general meeting of the Biggleswade District at Biggleswade on January 8th were: P. Mehew, chairman; K. Fleming, secretary; J. Mayes, Belfry Repair Fund; Linda Ellison, Press secretary; committee, Sheila Smith, A. H. Smith, M. Lockey, R. Sharp; organists, P. Rogers and M. Lockey.

M. Major and L. Bywaters agreed to arrange the District outing. After tea the Ringing Master, A. H. Smith, catered for all capabilities, including a ladies touch of Bob Major.

The Rev. Mr. Dominey conducted the service, and tea was served in the Memorial Hall. Next meeting: Clifton, February 12th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

The first District meeting of 1966, at Wrotham, attracted 40 to the tea—the same number as had written to the captain, Mr. R. L. Sills. The Vicar (the Rev. V. G. Nicklass) in his welcome at the service likened ringers to an advertising agency. When ringing for service the ringers told the whole populace that something was about to happen, that divine worship was about to start.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when Mr. A. Waddington gave a report on the committee meeting at Gravesend. New members were elected from Harrietsham (3), Snodland (1), East Farleigh (14 junior, 7 adults), Ightham (9). This brings Ightham and East Farleigh back into union with the Kent County Association, a gratifying result of the efforts of the District secretary, Mr. M. Howe.

Looking ahead, the District social will be at St. Michael's Parish Hall, Maidstone, on February 19th.

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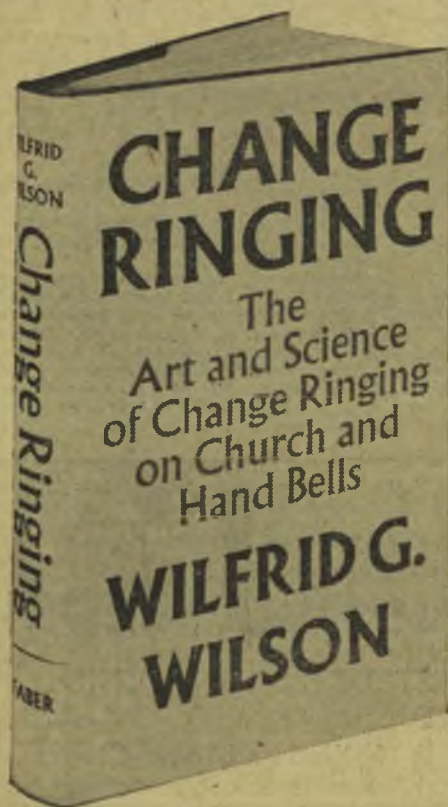
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HALF PEAL

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 2,520 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): 1. Armstrong 1, Mary 1, Hildred 2, T. W. Brighton (first in two methods) 3, Susan E. Thompson (25th quarter) 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5, First half peal 1 and 3. A peal attempt called round due to indisposition. To mark the 900th anniversary celebrations of Westminster Abbey.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, R. Rayfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, C. H. Mace 5, J. Preston 6. For Evensong.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Moody 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White (first "inside") 2, Miss L. Read 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, L. Noakes 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King, donor of six new ropes.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Wilcox (first quarter) 1, G. A. Edwards 2, J. R. Scott (first as cond.) 3, K. W. Eaton (first "inside") 4, L. A. Perry 5, L. J. Meredith 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Holtam (first quarter) 1, G. Clark 2, P. Newland (cond.) 3, D. Poboy 4, C. Hodges 5, J. Cooper 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Arthur G. Waite.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain ob Doubles: Barbara Orkopp 1, Penny Kilt (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, Janet Pyke 4, H. M. Williamson 5, R. C. Kilt 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 leading): W. Gibbon 1, N. V. Hill 2, Christine Brett 3, W. T. Petty (cond.) 4, H. Preece 5, T. E. Hiddins 6, D. R. L. Jones 7. First quarter 2 and 3.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. K. Rogers 1, B. K. Danby (first quarter) 2, K. Rogers 3, K. E. Ramsbotham 4, E. C. Garrett (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sarah Poole, aged 102 years.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (double course composition): Miss L. Westmacott 1, W. F. Soden 2, W. J. Dixon 3, W. F. Scudamore 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, T. W. Timms 6, B. J. Hall 7, F. Reed (cond.) 8.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles: A. R. Lewis (first quarter) 1, D. J. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 4, W. J. Thomas 5, D. Culpin (first quarter) 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Bowers 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Marion L. Lidzey 3, A. P. Smith 4, A. Locke 5, W. R. Curtis 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, D. A. Trethewey 8. First Stedman Triples 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Jarvis (first of Minor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Aldridge (first "inside") 3, G. Davis 4, C. T. Clarke 5, M. J. Stone (first as cond.) 6.

CAVERSHAM, Reading, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, Miss A. Osborne 1, H. Osborne 2, Miss J. Padley 3, Mrs. T. Lanaghan 4, A. Fleet 5, S. Osborne 6, R. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Lanaghan 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Brooksbank (first of Royal) 1, T. F. Metcalfe 2, J. E. Burles 3, A. Metters (first of Royal) 4, S. Anderton 5, W. Wall 6, A. Capstick 7, N. M. Newby, jun. 8, R. Stuart 9, N. M. Newby (cond.) 10. Rung after failing for a peal of Grandsire Caters.

QUARTER PEALS

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Adlard (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Johnson (first "inside") 2, C. Bell 3, H. Cook 4, A. Cairns 5, S. Livesey 6, D. Bell (cond.) 7, L. Cook 8. A farewell to Mr. Smith, the vergier, who is leaving to live in North Wales. Also for the birth this day of a daughter to Barbara, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Iason 1, R. Tigwell 2, J. Trout 3, J. Martin 4, D. Carey 5, H. Heath 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, D. Comley 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Bristol.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—At Emmanuel Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Rawlins 1, M. Gregory 2, P. Gray (cond.) 3, Joan Gray 4, L. Pearce 5, W. Willans 6, A. Cleaver 7, W. Abraham 8. A farewell to ringer of the seventh, who is moving to Wolverhampton.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss V. Titherleigh (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Earle 2, Miss A. Bradbury 3, G. Beeny 4, B. Stepany (cond.) 5, Miss S. Tomlin 6, E. Breed 7, G. Titherleigh 8. For Evensong.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Arnall 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, E. D. Wilson 3, B. Spiers 4, R. D. Wilson 5, W. Parker 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Victor Green, on the evening of his funeral.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Wilcox 1, Mrs. H. Kimber 2, W. J. Gait 3, M. J. A. Orman 4, R. M. Virgin 5, S. J. Orman (cond.) 6. First in the method 3, 4 and 5. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to a former ringer, Mrs. Valerie Upham.

HILLFARANCE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Aldridge 1, R. Colman 2, E. Webber 3, R. Somerfield 4, G. Davis (cond.) 5, C. Lock 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, G. Cecil 2, F. G. Richardson 3, C. E. Wright 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royal 1, Miss S. E. Jones 2, P. Reading 3, A. J. Cox 4, S. F. Royal 5, C. J. Royal (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Bourne 1, Shirley Jones 2, A. J. Cox 3, S. F. Royal 4, G. W. Randall 5, C. J. Royal (cond.) 6. A tribute to Rev. J. A. Thomson, in appreciation of his 10½ years' service to this parish.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Davidson 1, E. H. Langley 2, Marion L. Lidzey 3, F. M. Bowers 4, A. P. Smith (first in method as cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. Rung to mark the 21st birthday of F. M. Bowers.

LLANDAFAF.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Penelope J. Welch 1, Y. J. Goodfellow 2, T. T. Ycomans 3, C. Aldridge 4, N. James 5, M. Pilerim 6, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 7, G. J. B. Stickland 8, N. W. H. Simon 9, A. W. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Woodman, at one time captain of this tower.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: K. Richards 1, Mrs. C. Evans 2, Miss P. Daniel 3, Rev. T. Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, A. Burton 6. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian Heywood 1, Miss P. Daniel 2, Mrs. C. Evans 3, Rev. T. Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, K. Richards 6, A. Burton 7, Rev. G. Heywood 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John Flood.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,272 Minimus (five methods): Gillian M. Greene (first quarter) 1, D. O. Haslam 2, J. H. Greene 3, R. D. Smith (cond.) 4.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): D. Redfearn 1, K. Lemin 2, A. J. Smith 3, B. L. S. Hulatt 4, G. Hawkins 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Brenda Redfearn 1, K. Lemin 2, Audrey M. Short 3, M. Amy Coburn 4, J. G. Newman 5, A. J. Smith 6, R. D. Short 7, G. Hawkins 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, D. Redfearn 10. First on ten 1 and 10. A joyful Christmas message.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Nov. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Shirley Bolton 1, A. Pamela Warren 2, Anne E. Cowling 3, Mary A. Cowling 4, Helen J. Henderson 5, R. G. Turner 6, Barbara J. Beeson 7, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 8, J. J. F. Roper 9, P. J. Cawardine 10. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. For morning service.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Young 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clump 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, O. Homewood 5, J. L. Day 6, R. E. Manton (first in method as cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. First in method 1, 3, 5. To herald the United Week of Prayer.

PEMBROKE.—On Jan. 9th, 1,380 Doubles (three methods): D. Cooper (14, first quarter) 1, S. Rogers (12) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russani 6. For Evensong.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Cynthia M. Follis 1, Anthea C. Richards 2, Marilyn C. Smith 3, D. Kay Moore 4, D. W. Barr 5, P. G. Golder 6, S. C. Walters 7, M. W. Fairley (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 2 and 5. By members of the Little Aston Sunday service band.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bandle (first quarter) 1, Gillian Thomas 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, N. Buckland 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, D. Bentley 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, E. Nunn 3, H. Heard 4, H. M. Sinden 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, G. Halford 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reuben Sanders, a great friend of all Stratton ringers. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, F. Sangwin 3, H. Heard 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, B. Vince 6, H. Trewin 7, G. Halford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sam Stacey, a ringer at this church for 11 years.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Dec. 26th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Cummins 1, Suzette M. Wright 2, Jennifer M. Smith 3, J. R. Rainsford 4, J. H. Fryer 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 7. Rung following High Mass.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Johnston 1, G. H. Harding 2, R. J. Gardiner 3, R. D. Quartley (cond.) 4, R. H. Lucas 5, F. A. Penn 6, C. P. Quartley 7, G. B. Davis 8. For Matins.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Lesley Eames 1, Elizabeth Zass 2, Vanessa Ridgues 3, Rosamund Rawlins 4, J. Cook 5, R. French 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, W. Cooper-Bailey 8. First of Stedman Triples 1 and 2.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill May 1, Diane Street 2, W. Savill 3, Carolyn White 4, J. Collier 5, D. Tubbs 6, D. May (cond.) 7, C. Slyfield 8.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

It was the turn of the mother church of the Frome Branch, St. John's, to play host for this year's annual general meeting held on January 8th. Ringing prior to the service was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Ron Beck, who, as is customary, arranged a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples for a service touch. The Vicar (the Rev. P. Cowley) conducted the service, during which he welcomed every one to Frome and thanked the ringing community as a whole for their excellent service to the Church. A short walk to the Parish Hall gave all present sufficient appetite to eat the enormous tea, supplied by the local ringers at the staggering charge of 1s. per head.

With the Rev. Mr. Durston in the chair, the meeting commenced with ringers standing in silence in respect of Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. B. Bond, who both passed away during the year. Much business followed, during which time all the officers were re-elected, the secretary and treasurer both reported an excellent year, three new members were elected and details of meetings for the New Year arranged.

The Rev. Mr. Ainger, in his comprehensive vote of thanks, especially mentioned Mr. R. Baker, who organised the function. D. T. H. R.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A large gathering of 70 members attended the quarterly meeting of the South East District at St. Matthew's (6), Ipswich. From the age of nine to 70 plus, they enjoyed ringing from rounds to Surprise methods under the watchful eye of Mr. George Pipe in the afternoon and Mr. Harold Egglestone in the evening.

The service, taken by the Rev. M. C. Russell, preceded tea provided by St. Matthew's ringers' wives and friends. They were accorded special thanks by Mr. George Pipe.

Mr. G. Goodship at the meeting suggested that the annual general meeting should be moved from March to the end of the year, as it would help the Suffolk Guild secretary to have complete particulars at the end of each year.

Thanking all who had given donations to the St. Mary-le-Tower bell fund, Mr. George Pipe felt the support could be much better for the only 12 bells in Suffolk. He was hoping to break into £300 by the end of 1965. W. L.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Dartmouth

The Mid-Devon Branch annual meeting at Dartmouth on January 8th attracted a large number of members as well as visitors from other Branches and Somerset, among the latter being the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Tatworth, a former assistant priest. Ringing took place at St. Saviour's as well as the two six-bell towers, this being followed by a service at St. Saviour's conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Urwin). After tea in the Regency Café, the business meeting followed with Captain A. R. Poyntz in the chair until the election of officers.

The secretary's comprehensive report, which was unanimously adopted, showed that ringing had been maintained at the Branch towers and that three peals and ten quarter peals had been rung during the past year. Membership had fallen by two to 82. Mr. A. L. Bennett was congratulated on organising his tours.

The election of officers resulted in Miss Mary Russell, of Newton Abbot, being appointed Branch chairman, two other nominees having withdrawn, whilst Mr. A. B. Shingler was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and Mr. W. Simmonds Ringing Master. Messrs. A. Goss, B. E. Bartlett and K. E. Fursdon were elected to serve on the General Committee. New members elected were four from Townstal, one from Babbacombe and one unattached.

OBITUARY

MR. G. A. PECK

We regret to report the death of Mr. George Arthur Peck on January 9th at the age of 97, as a result of pneumonia contracted on his return from the Hastings Chess Congress. He died peacefully in his sleep at 35, Warren Road, Rugby.

He was a regular bellringer up to the age of 87, having been associated with towers at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, St. Mary's, Nottingham. Esher and latterly at St. Andrew's, Rugby. To his disappointment he had to give up in the summer of 1959 due to a heart condition. He had been a reader of "The Ringing World" almost since its inception. A scholarly and friendly man, he was adored by countless ringers and chess players; his mental alertness, even in his advanced years, won the admiration of many friends.

MR. R. H. YOUNG

With regret we record the death of Mr. Robert Harry Young, of Holt, Norfolk, who passed peacefully away on January 13th.

He had taken "The Ringing World" for some 50-odd years and until about eight years ago was a very enthusiastic bellringer. During the latter part of his life he looked forward with great interest to reading about the activities of some of his old associates via "The Ringing World."

He commenced bellringing at the early age of 12 and travelled hundreds of miles in his quest for peals, and was associated with William and Ernest Pye.

He had an operation some six years ago, which meant that he could no longer ring bells or climb towers, and, writes his son, Mr. P. R. Young, "I would like to take this opportunity of thanking your journal for keeping him in touch with the Exercise."

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

The A.D.M. of the Chertsey District was held at Oatlands Park on January 8th, when ringing up to Cambridge preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. B. McKitterick). After an excellent tea served by the Oatlands lady ringers in the new Church Hall, the Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, took the chair for the business meeting.

The retiring officers were re-elected without opposition. The District officers reported a successful year, with membership up by about a dozen and an average of 43 ringers attending the eight meetings held. The District Master reminded members that a big effort would be needed to maintain the position. He also asked for support in arranging the District's turn at the Cathedral on second Sundays.

Further ringing up to Yorkshire was enjoyed by the 50 ringers attending. R. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Foulness Surprise Major at Spalding was Mr. George W. Massey's 50th different Surprise Major method to a peal.

The name of the conductor of the peal of Minor rung at Ossett on December 27th was Ian North, not as stated in "The Ringing World" (page 36).

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston is working on a survey of Perthshire bells. In this large county he has found some very early Celtic handbells over 1,000 years old.

The peal at Cockermouth on December 18th (page 30) was a compliment to Brian and Marjorie Street on their recent marriage. Marjorie was present in the belfry throughout the peal.

The address of the Grasshopper Group is now c/o L. S. F. T., 24, Shelton Street, London, W.C.2. Bookings for the educational film "Ringers Required" (30/- a day) are made to the Film Librarian of this Group.

The Ancient Society of College Youths' peal at Warwick on December 4th (see page 869) was not the first of Stedman Triples to be rung on the bells, but the first "since re-hanging."

A collection was taken among Bristol ringers who knew the late Mr. Alfie Reeves, who died during October, and a sum of money was presented to Mrs. Reeves on Christmas Day. Mrs. Reeves writes expressing her sincere thanks to the friends who contributed.

The report of the peal of Lincolnshire at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst (page 31) contains two errors. It was the 25th peal together of Andrew J. Corby and Ian H. Oram, and Tony Lewis's first peal in the method, and not as printed.

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CHRISTMAS RINGING IN THE LLANDAFF AREA

To crown a record breaking peal year for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association a successful two weeks' ringing was enjoyed before and after Christmas. Ten out of twelve peal attempts were completed and several were significant steps forward. Perhaps most noteworthy was the Yorkshire at Merthyr, which was the first peal on the bells since 1928. Much preliminary work was done to get the bells pealable, and special thanks are due to the ringers of St. John's, Darlington, who provided two ropes. The bells now go very well. The peal of St. Clement's Triples at Aberavon was the first by all the band—as was the eleven Minor methods at Sully.

Stedman Triples is never easy to get and so all were pleased when it came round at Caerphilly; however, to underline the method's capriciousness, a peal of it was lost after two hours at Bridgend the next day. To make up for this disappointment, a very good peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Llandaff Cathedral on Wednesday. Rutland was lost next day at Cardiff but this enabled the B.B.C. to televise ringing to be shown on New Year's Eve. Besides filming and recording some ringing, the B.B.C. interviewed Mr. Thomas Yeomans, the tower captain.

On Friday afternoon a peal of Yorkshire was rung at Pontypridd. On such excellent bells the ringing could not be but good and we hope that Mr. Thyer, who sat in the ringing room for the whole peal, enjoyed it. Next day R. W. Pipe's new composition was again rung, this time on the difficult bells at Llantrisant. Tea was generously provided by the Vicar.

This concluded the Christmas ringing (but certainly not Llandaff peal ringing) and a year in which much progress was made in South Wales. The area for too long has not been highly regarded in ringing circles; there are now many good, keen young ringers determined to alter this.

FIRST PEAL IN 1966

Those who rang in the peal of Bob Major at Burwood, on the outskirts of Sydney, are submitting a claim that it was the first peal in 1966. This peal started at 9.30 a.m. Australian time and finished at 12.30 p.m. According to Greenwich mean time this would be starting at 11.30 p.m. on December 31st and finishing at 2.30 a.m. on New Year's Day. St. Paul's, Burwood, was one of the Sydney towers where, because of the proximity to the hospital, Mr. Tom Lock's party were not allowed a peal attempt. They were allowed, however, to ring a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a very good quarter it was, too.

THIRD ATTEMPT TO HONOUR A BIRTHDAY

At the third attempt, local ringers were successful in ringing a peal for the birthday of Dr. C. J. Grimes, priest-in-charge of Alwalton, Hunts. The first attempt was made for his 83rd birthday, but this was abandoned due to complaints regarding noise. The second broke down, but the attempt on New Year's Day resulted in a good peal being rung. Dr. Grimes was most delighted and really appreciated the efforts.

MR. AND MRS. SHEPHERD HAVE A WONDERFUL GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Over 70 greeting cards were received and nearly 70 visitors called on Mr. and Mrs. William Shepherd, of 12, Chapel Grove, Adlestone, on the occasion of their golden wedding on January 12th. A fine array of lovely flowers and presents was received. In the evening three tape recordings from distant kin who could not be with them were heard.

Mr. "Bill" Coles, whose works are in the next road, was present in the afternoon, and in the evening it was a case of standing room only for some. The last caller was at 10.30 p.m. a nephew and his wife from Maidenhead. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd retired to rest at 11.45 p.m. after a wonderful day.

Ringling was represented by W. H. Coles (in person), Frank and Elsie Hairs (card and message), Mrs. Sullivan (Alice White) (air mail letter) and T. W. White (card). Others represented were British Legion, Oddfellows, M.U. and Darby and Joan Club. The youngest visitor was one year seven months old and the oldest was a "boy" who commenced ringing in 1893 at Exeter, now barred from ringing on account of disability.

Comments Mr. Shepherd: "I still think Grandsire Caters is the best Caters method. Stedman for Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob for Major, but some would not agree."

A FULL LIFE

Mr. Shepherd was taught to ring by his father, Mr. Ferris Shepherd, in 1893 at Exeter Cathedral. He left for London in 1900 and entered the accountants' department of the L. and S.W.R. Of his peal total of 311, the performance he is most proud of is the record length of 19,738 Stedman Caters "in hand" at Guildford in 1912. By the time he was 39 he had fulfilled six ambitions, viz: 100 peals on tower bells, 100 on handbells, 100 of Stedman, 100 conducted, 100 of Triples, 100 on even bells. His membership of the College Youths goes back 65 years, and he has served on the Central Council.

He has had other interests beside ringing. Twice he served as District Grand Master of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, for 20 years he was on the Surrey Insurance Committee and was chairman of the local T.B. Committee. During World War I he served with the Devons and the London Irish Rifles.

Mrs. Shepherd is also a ringer, having rung in a number of towers; she is also a good tune ringer on the trebles.

Friends will join us in wishing them every happiness in the years ahead.

MET FORMER ARCHBISHOP

Mr. John C. Sawtell mentions in his report of a New Year's Day tour, which commenced at Manston in North Dorset, that beneath the tower of St. Andrew's, Trent, a recently augmented six, some of the band were introduced to one of the village's newer residents, Lord Fisher of Lambeth, the former Archbishop.

Thirteen towers were in the programme, viz: Manston (5), Marnhull (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Silton (5), Bourton (6), Corton Denham (5), Trent (5), Nether Compton (5). Over Compton (4), Bishop's Caundle (5), Leigh (5), Melbury Osmond (5), and Rampisham (5). An extra was added to this list, Holwell, adjacent to Bishop's Caundle.

PEALS IN 1965

Up to our issue of January 21st the leading Guilds for peals in 1965 were:

Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	201
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	194
Yorkshire Association ..	170
Lancashire Association ..	165

Will conductors who rang peals in 1965 which have not been published please send details without delay to this office to enable the Peals Analysis Committee to complete their report.

FOLKESTONE'S NEW YEAR PARTY

The ringers of SS. Mary and Eanswythe's Parish Church, Folkestone, held their first New Year party on January 4th. Besides the local band the company of 35 included friends from Cheriton and Lympne, church officials and Canon J. C. Hough and Mrs. Hough.

After a general get-together and a quiz involving general knowledge, games, energetic and otherwise, were enjoyed, followed by a wonderful array of delicious eats and a large bowl of punch, aptly described "Spiced Surprise Royal," made from a recipe given by the oldest member of the band (no prize for guessing his name!). A colourful and interesting National Trust film, "The Stately Homes of England," gave much pleasure and this was followed by carols and community singing by candlelight.

Mr. J. Willis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Alan Berry and Miss Rachel Sinden and all their helpers for organising a most enjoyable party. There was something for young and old and never a dull moment. The evening closed with a prayer by the Vicar and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

M. V. G.

CHRISTMAS AT WENTWORTH

Over the Christmas season four quarter peals were rung, and with the one on December 12th the local band has rung each of them with a different conductor. The handbell ringers have also been busy. Firstly, on December 18th, they visited Eastwood, Rotherham. After ringing St. Stephen's eight bells for 45 minutes they went to the Salvation Army Citadel nearby and "topped the bill" at a Christmas concert, ringing 19 tunes on their 27 bells (eight ringers). With one ringer less, they next toured the village on Christmas Eve, including a ring inside the two "packed-to-the-doors" public houses. Another shorter tour, to outlying houses, with an old cart to carry the bells on, eventually realised a final total for the two nights of £16 6s. given to the Belfry Fund and Christmas Aid. Finally the tower bell ringers learned with great pleasure of the engagement of their tower captain, Michael R. Meadows, to Miss Elizabeth Snell, of Wolstanton, Staffs. He is shortly to take his final exams in Law. Good luck!

PRACTICALLY SELF-TAUGHT

Mrs. D. V. Sennett, who rang the 2nd in the peal of Bob Major at Berkhamsted on New Year's Day, practically taught herself to ring at a much later stage in life than most people, and is instrumental in keeping the bells going for Sunday ringing. This was her first peal. Prior to the peal she had rung Bob Major three times, the longest touch being between two and three courses. She was warmly congratulated after the peal by the rest of the band.

W. A.

1965 PEALS

TOWER BELI PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., Dec. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents Cambridge Surprise, one extent each Oxford and Kent; Treble Bob, and two extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Brian Schofield Treble	Denis Mottershead 4
*Peter Oliver 2	Alan Sharples 5
Sidney Hough 3	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

* First peal away from treble.

Rung to mark the completion of 20 years as Rector of Wilmslow by Canon E. D. Reeman

BIDSTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Oxford Single, and three of Plain Bob
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb

*Miss Sonja Singleton .. Treble	J. Fraser Clift 4
*Timothy R. Marsh .. 2	David Marsh 5
Charles E. Pemberton .. 3	Roy Humphreys Tenor

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sonja Singleton and Mr. J. Fraser Clift.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 10 methods: (1 and 2) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley, (3) Capel and Oxford, (4) Sandal and Oxford, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford, (6) Kingston and Oxford, (7) Kent and Oxford, 55 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp

*Barrie Bateman Treble	*F. Martin Stanway 4
*Timothy Wylie 2	Brian J. Woodruffe 5
Gladys Richardson 3	Alex. Richardson Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in 10 methods.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall Thelwall, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frank Reed Treble	Frederick W. Soden 4
James F. List 2	Brian W. Hall 5
Peter G. Holden 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt

Peter J. Staniforth .. Treble	Richard Grant 7
S. John Haines 2	Brian S. Chapman 8
J. Martin Thorley 3	E. Alan Jacques 9
Derek M. Sawyer 4	W. J. Root 10
Jack P. Kesterton 5	Russell S. Morris 11
*Roy Stephenson 6	Herrick B. Bowley Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris.

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth

* First peal on twelve bells.

COUNTRESTHORPE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Dec. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

G. T. Dudley Treble	M. Wade 4
J. J. Morris 2	J. M. Jelley 5
R. S. Morris 3	B. S. Chapman Tenor

Conducted by B. S. Chapman.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5568 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

F. Hector Bennett .. Treble	Richard J. Warrilow .. 5
Phillip R. Johnson .. 2	Raymond Ballard .. 6
Leonard Goodall .. 3	Christopher J. Hughes .. 7
Richard Farnsworth .. 4	Phillip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

Contained all the 7568's and 7468's at home.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Four callings.	Tenor 9 cwt. in A.
Roy W. Lockwood .. Treble	Martin H. Whittell .. 4
*Simon Christian 2	Robert E. Lester 5
Alan R. Walters 3	Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

* First peal "inside"

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent St. Clement's, and six Plain Bob (five callings).

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*David J. Derrick .. Treble	Alan Munnings 4
Robert J. Southgate .. 2	Robert E. Lester 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

* First peal.

Rung for the Christmas Festival

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

Adrian C. Boorman .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Margaret E. Fort 2	†Harold B. Schofield .. 7
*A William Kirby 3	†Maurice J. Thurmott .. 8
†Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 4	Roderick W. Pipe 9
B. Gillian Schofield .. 5	S. Barry Schofield Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of London Royal. † 100th peal together.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*S. Barry Schofield .. Treble	Robin Brown 4
B. Gillian Schofield .. 2	Roderick W. Pipe 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 3	Harold B. Schofield Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* Completes the method from Minor to Maximus.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At 110, High Street.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 21 methods and variations, being 240 each of Plain Bob, Kennington Old Doubles, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columba Southrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew St. Simon, Cassington, St. Albans, St. Martin St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Luke, St. Miles, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Nicholas J. Chesson .. 1-2	Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 3-4
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Peter D. J. Beal 5-6

Most methods rung to a peal by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.

On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield .. 1-2	Frank G. Bloomfield .. 3-4
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Jack L. Millhouse (cond.) 5-6

NON-ASSOCIATION

CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's Church, Hart Street.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. 1-2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
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Timothy G. Pett 5-6

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At Barton House.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

Paul S. Royds-Jones .. 1-2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
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Timothy G. Pett 5-6

NORWICH, Norfolk.—In the Church of St. Peter Parmentergate.

On Mon., Dec. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Paul S. Royds-Jones .. 1-2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
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Timothy G. Pett 5-6

1966 PEALS

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

BURWOOD, New South Wales.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

*Ross W. Bampton Treble	John J. Cummins 5
†Laurence B. Bruce 2	Ralph L. Clark 6
Enid L. Roberts 3	Thomas W. Goodyer 7
William M. Rowe 4	John H. Fryer Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fryer.

* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Laurie Bruce.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Trevor A. Cross Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 5
Raymond P. Selway 2	Harry J. Gaylard 6
Trevor E. Marks 3	Thomas J. Setter 7
Gilbert W. Rendell 4	William E. Turner Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner.

All members of the Ilchester Branch.

AXBRIDGE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eleven methods, being three six-scores each of Stedman Slow Course and New Grandsire, and four six-scores each of Stedman, Union, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Harold Hooper Treble	John Walton 4
*Stanley Lewis 2	George Prescott 5
Marjorie Legg 3	Walter Rice Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal in eleven methods.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Jan. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 576 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth Davenport Treble	Dennis Latham 5
Christine Andrew 2	Peter J. Wycherley 6
Neil D. Lomas 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Alex. Richardson 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

First peal of Spiced Surprise as conductor.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Jill F. Burdett Treble	David E. Collins 5
John W. Griffiths 2	Dennis H. B. Millward 6
Adrian Hough 3	Christopher J. Jones 7
Michael H. Hodgkinson 4	Geoffrey Parting Tenor

Composed by Henry O. Baker. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

* First peal.

A wedding compliment to Miss Anthea Baker and Mr. Bryan Cooper, married at Hoole on January 5th.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966 in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: 21 April Day, and 21 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Keith W. Eaton Treble	†Frank R. Morton 3
Geoffrey A. Edwards 2	John R. Scott 4
†Leon A. Perry Tenor	

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal and first attempt. † 75th peal. ‡ First "inside."
Rung on the back five

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., Jan. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Peter J. Oates Treble	Peter S. Abbott 4
†John J. Hawes 2	Peter Woollven 5
*William Muncey 3	Michael M. Hawes Tenor

Conducted by Michael M. Hawes.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Abbott, the mother of the 4th ring.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Bernard P. Sadler Treble	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Neil V. Avis 2	Frank C. May 7
*Leslie Ward 3	David E. Belcham 8
*Stephan D. Humphrey 4	Brian J. Vaughan 9
Peter G. Pitt 5	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris.

* First peal on 10 bells.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FELSTED, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Yvonne A. Murray Treble	Christopher K. Cooper 5
Ian R. Pantou 2	Peter G. Brown 6
Joe E. G. Roast 3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh 7
*David E. Rothera 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of London.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford Treble	Edgar R. Rapsley 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	Peter M. Wilkinson 6
M. Jane Foster 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Joan Beresford 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Tues., Jan. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) London Scholars' T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 4½ cwt.

Leslie Ward Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Stephan D. Humphrey 3	Brian J. Vaughan Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 32 methods, comprising 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddennham, Cray, Dublin, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Elford, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Cyril A. Wratten Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2	James R. Taylor 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Peter Bridle 7
Brian Bladon 4	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

Composition is now rung for the first time.

Greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THORNBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey Treble	*†Andrew Howard 5
*M. Louise Taylor 2	†D. John Hunt 6
†Diana M. Chapman 3	Alan Tubbs 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	John C. Slater Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Alan Tubbs.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. ‡ 450th peal.

BROCKWORTH, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) and two 240's each of Morris's, Pitman's and Price's arrangements. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

Ivor Goulter Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 4
Valerie Willard 2	Robert Dowdeswell 5
*Robert Newman 3	Wilfred Newman Tenor

* First peal.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Peter G. Holden Treble	Raymond A. Clist 5
James F. List 2	David Floyd 6
Roy H. Jones 3	Alan D. Elsmore 7
*Michael I. Church 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett.

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal of Major.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt, 108 lb.

Jill M. May Treble	*C. Kenneth Williamson .. 6
Beryl R. Simpson 2	Peter G. Sherwood 7
*William H. Viggers .. 3	Peter G. Smart 8
*Dudley P. Elsmore .. 4	Douglas A. R. May .. 9
*Alan D. Elsmore 5	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Jan. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, consisting of two extents Cambridge Surprise, one each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt, 103 lb. in A.

*Martin E. Denyer .. Treble	Peter A. Smart 4
†Joan E. Reyner 2	Colin J. Champion .. 5
Angela J. Smart 3	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Walter Ayre Treble	Augustine V. Good .. 5
*Doris V. Sennett 2	James Lawson 6
D. Joseph Goodman .. 3	Peter W. Harper 7
A. Ronald Ashby 4	Brian M. Barker .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal and first attempt. Tenor 15 cwt, 2 qr. 21 lb.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Julia A. Fellows Treble	Keith J. Walpole 5
Joyce Dodds 2	Eric Edmondson 6
Christine M. Rimmer .. 3	Geoffrey Dodds 7
Kenneth J. Darvill .. 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. R. Castledine and Miss E. M. Fearn, on their recent engagement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Percy J. Spice Treble	*Tony Lewis 5
Ian H. Oram 2	Maxwell F. Oakshett .. 6
Ann Harris 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Arthur G. Mason 4	Ian V. J. Smith .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 50th peal.

OSPRINGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt, 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*Alan P. S. Berry Treble	†Keith J. Triplow 5
Nicholas J. Davies .. 2	David L. Cawley 6
*Rachel J. Sinden .. 3	Crawford T. Hillis .. 7
†George E. Ruck 4	Dennis A. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

CHARING, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., Jan. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being one extent of Stedman, four Reverse Canterbury, three St. Osmund, eight each St. Martin, St. Simon and Plain Bob, and 10 Groundsire.

*Paul J. Bagshaw Treble	†Rhian N. Bagshaw .. 4
†John L. Anderson .. 2	*Peter M. Bradford .. 5
†Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 3	*David Collins Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Peter T. Robbins.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ Most methods to a peal.

First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt, 95 lb. in E.

Jeffrey Brannan Treble	Christine Andrew 5
Neil Bennett 2	Edward Jenkins 6
*Ann C. Hardman 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
*David C. Walker 4	Derek Butterworth .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEPshed, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*Martin Green Treble	Samuel J. Haines 5
Malcolm E. Wade .. 2	Roland H. Cook 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. 3	William A. Lacey 7
Martin C. Faulkes .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by William A. Lacey.

* First peal.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Geoffrey M. Brewin and Madeline Holmes, which took place at Syston this day, and also the engagement of Garry Mason and Susan Sarson.

WHETSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt, 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Richard S. Moore Treble	Hugh Thomas 4
Keith H. Mildred 2	David F. Moore 5
Julian M. Morley 3	Rupert A. Clarke .. Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Needham.

THE LINCOLN DIOCEAN GUILD.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Jan. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 FOULNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Ronald C. Noon Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
Dennis Woods 2	Edwin T. Chapman .. 6
Derek J. Jones 3	Maurice Bennett 7
Roger D. Bailey 4	George W. Massey .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt, 2 qr. 1 lb.

Richard W. Owen Treble	Reuben S. Clench 5
Jacqueline S. King .. 2	James L. Fitzgerald .. 6
Donald G. Clarke .. 3	David J. Hughes 7
David Pike 4	David J. King Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

Conducted by David J. King.

Rung for the engagement of David Pike to Miss Marian Powney, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Richard J. Stewart, of Llantarnam.

LLANTRISANT, Glamorgan.—At the Church of SS. Illtyd, Gwynno and Tyfodwg.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr.

*Susan Harber Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Magnus Peterson .. 2	David J. Llewellyn .. 6
Ruth E. Havard 3	Geoffrey J. B. Strickland .. 7
Michael Pilgrim 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Dennis Brock Treble	Michael B. Tyers 5
Paul A. Brand 2	Anthony G. Tyers 6
Patricia Rogers 3	† Andrew M. Johnson .. 7
* David W. Struckett .. 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise. † First Surprise Major. First Surprise as conductor.

Rung as Sunbury's tribute to Westminster Abbey, on the 900th anniversary of its foundation.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUDLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond J. Ballard .. Treble	Richard Wharton 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Dennis Latham 6
Felicity Webber 3	Roy Worrall 7
Harold Dowler 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

* Peter N. Mackley .. Treble	Henry Tooke 5
Paul Cattermole 2	Thomas E. Spight 6
William Clover 3	Frank C. J. Arnold .. 7
* John D. Dowe 4	Leslie F. Bailey .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal of Major.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

Henry Tooke Treble	Robin Churchill 4
Paul Cattermole 2	Leslie F. Bailey 5
William Clover 3	Peter Adcock Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 136 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Sydney M. Bailey .. Treble	Alan E. Bagworth 5
* Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	Victor Griffin 6
Frederick R. Scott .. 3	David P. Hilling 7
J. Keith Ward 4	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside."

WOKINGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Reginald W. Rex .. Treble	Giles R. Shedden 5
Michael Hatchett 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
William Birmingham .. 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.76). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells.

Rung to mark the Feast of the Circumcision.

RADLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

One extent each of Oxford, Cambridge, Kent, and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* Catherine A. Salter .. Treble	† Michael C. E. Hodge .. 4
Marie R. Cross 2	† Christopher I. Rowson .. 5
J. M. Elaine Dixon .. 3	G. Robert Mordaunt .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Sheila J. Staley .. Treble	Murray A. Coleman .. 5
Mary R. Coleman 2	Charles Richardson .. 6
Edward C. Buckley .. 3	Richard J. Cowley .. 7
Michael J. Staley 4	Denis G. Pearson .. Tenor

Composed by Frank C. W. Knight. Conducted by Denis G. Pearson.
First peal of Major as conductor.

A wedding compliment to Noel Pearson and Rosemary Cowley, married earlier this day at this church.

HASELBECH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Graham C. Paul .. Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
Margaret A. Wilson .. 2	Barry E. Saunders .. 6
Charles E. Truman .. 3	* David J. Marshall .. 7
* Patrick I. Chapman .. 4	Alan A. Paul Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 25th peal together.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Graham C. Paul .. Treble	James Linnell 5
Roger W. Smith 2	Barry E. Saunders .. 6
* Margaret A. Wilson .. 3	Charles E. Truman .. 7
David J. Marshall .. 4	Alan A. Paul Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G

GRETTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.	
Ronald Russell .. Treble	J. Martin Thorley .. 3
Geoffrey T. Norris .. 2	J. Charles Hudson .. 4

Gerald W. Reynolds .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

ALWALTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being 120 each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Grandsire, 120 April Day, and 1,320 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Geoff Davis .. Treble	Bernard Branstion .. 3
Gilbert F. Cowlin .. 2	Frank Sismey 4
Roy W. Spencer Tenor	

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of Dr. C. J. Grimes, priest-in-charge of this parish.

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher F. Mew .. Treble	Fred Hodgson 5
John Meredith 2	Charles Bassett 6
Michael Bland 3	Dennis Randall 7
W. Bertram Kynaston .. 4	Rodney B. Meadows .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Jan. 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5025 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

J. Alan Ainsworth .. Treble	David J. Purnell 7
George E. Fearn 2	Martin D. Fellows .. 8
Henry H. Fearn 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Charles A. S. Webb .. 4	Michael J. Fellows .. 10
Richard C. Ingram .. 5	John A. Anderson .. 11
John C. Eisel 6	Peter D. Warren .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriele Lindoff. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

Rung to the memory of Alfred Paddon Smith, who died December 7th, 1965. He was a ringer at this church for almost 50 years and secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for a period of 20 years.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., Jan. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.	
* Norma A. Riley .. Treble	Joseph Lightfoot .. 5
Graham J. Lightfoot .. 2	Geoffrey Cox 6
† Barbara J. Sawden .. 3	† Michael N. Lawrence .. 7
Merryn Hutchings .. 4	Timothy R. Kedge .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael N. Lawrence.
* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell peal to Michael N. Lawrence, who is going to Australia. Also a birthday compliment to Graham J. Lightfoot.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Devizes Branch).

HOLT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23.
Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

*Graham B. Davis Treble	Frederick W. Box 4
Jonathan H. Nibbs 2	Philip S. Gaisford 5
†Richard O. Humphries .. 3	‡David L. Nibbs Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

* First peal of Minor † Second "circle of tower." ‡ First "circle of tower."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(also The Society of Sherwood Youths).

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Peter R. Humphrey Treble	*Susanna Poppleston .. 5
Elizabeth J. Foster 2	Michael Poppleston .. 6
Peter J. Hancock 3	George A. Dawson 7
John R. Pratchett 4	Simon Humphrey Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* 25th peal. First in the method by all except 6.

A farewell to Anthea and Michael Poppleston, on their departure to Newcastle.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick G. Hooper .. Treble	Clarence F. Briggs .. 4
F. William Midwinter .. 2	Harold Stevenson .. 5
*Paul Raithby 3	Peter Wakefield Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas, on the 12th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hooper.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven independent extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

S. Geoffrey Pick Treble	Mary C. Poyner 4
Doreen Melcalfe 2	Harry Poyner 5
*David R. Chambers .. 3	John A. Coates Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal "inside." Rung by the North Notts District.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

F. William Midwinter .. Treble	Peter Wakefield 4
James W. Raithby 2	Colin W. Reed 5
Beryl N. Reed 3	William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

The first peal on the bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

Edwin R. Goate Treble	Philip J. Rothera 6
Cecil W. Pipe 2	George E. Thoday 7
B. Gillian Schofield .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe 8
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 4	Trevor H. J. Bailey .. 9
George W. Pipe 5	Howard W. Eccleston .. Tenor

Traditional composition

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

First touch of Albanian Royal by all except the ringer of the eighth.

WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5128 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

B. Gillian Schofield .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
Howard W. Eccleston .. 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Janet I. Rogers 3	George E. Thoday 7
Robin H. Rogers 4	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

STOWLANGTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Melvin Hone Treble	Robert J. Southgate .. 3
†David J. Derrick 2	Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Southgate.

Umpired by S. Christian.

* First peal. † First "inside." First peal of Minimus for the

Guild and first peal on the bells.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

*Colin J. Butler Treble	Canon K. W. H. Felstead .. 6
†Stephen Kirby 2	Michael J. Thomas 7
David E. House 3	Derek C. Jackson 8
Tom Chapman 4	Maurice J. Butler 9
David J. Forder 5	Tom Francis Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of Royal and of Treble Bob. † First peal Royal and of Cambridge.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.

On New Year's Day, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

John J. Stanier Treble	Gerald C. Hemming 5
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 2	John C. Eisel 6
Arthur C. Berry 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Thomas W. Lewis 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 Bristol, Superlative and Pudsey, with 101 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Neil Donovan Treble	J. Henry Fielden 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2	Frederick A. Munday .. 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Wilfrid F. Moreton 4	Vernon Bottomley Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Jan. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 27 lb.

Alan E. Hartley Treble	A. William Kirkby 5
Beryl Hartley 2	Adrian C. Boorman 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3	S. Barry Schofield 7
Robert J. Lumley 4	Frederick A. Munday .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Louise Smith Treble	Roger Ashmore 5
Lawrence Smith 2	Robin Elliott 6
Christine Macnair 3	David Darby 7
Ian Smith 4	Andrew Stubbs Tenor

Conducted by Robin Elliott.

Best wishes from all the band to David Bennett and Gillian Smith,

married earlier today in Horsham.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At 110, High Street.

On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 4 extents in three methods, viz.: 1,680 each of St. Nicholas,

Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Nicholas J. Chesson (cond.) 1-2 | Joan A. Hayward 3-4

Peter D. J. Beal 5-6

First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Jan. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Derek Butterworth 1-2 | *J. Barry Pickup 5-6

Neil Bennett 3-4 | *Richard J. Parker 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal on handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.

On Tues., Jan. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Frank G. Bloomfield .. 1-2 | Jack Bray 5-6

Michael W. Crowder .. 3-4 | Gwen I. Bloomfield .. 7-8

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

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RETURN THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. HAIRS tender their most sincere thanks to all those kind friends who sent greetings on the occasion of their golden wedding; and to those who visited us we would like to say "Thank you for a lovely day"!—Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. Tel 438. 8348

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THANKS.—Thank God, "The Ringing World" and our friends for their wonderful tonic.—Frank Stenson. 8363

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Also, on checking our library, we find the following books are missing: "Art of Change Ringing"—Benjamin Thackrah.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, January 29th, Langford-Budville. Bells 7 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 8375

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting. St. George's, Stockport, January 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. M. Smith, 223 Dialstone Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 6334

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at South Shields on Saturday, January 29th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. 8339

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual Branch meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Lifton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, 1, Mont-le-Grand, Exeter. 8255

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Hitchin on January 29th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Agg. 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8311

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Berkhamsted, January 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 8336

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual general meeting at Edmonton on January 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. E. Newcombe. 11, Findon Road, Edmonton, N.9.—J. Hooton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8288

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—First meeting in 1966 at Newhall on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 8263

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. at Prittlewell, January 29th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. J. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. Meeting after tea, followed by evening ringing till 9 o'clock. 8253

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45 p.m. Terminus Café, Town Lane, Carisbrooke, after meeting.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 6335

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Tuesday, February 1st, at 8.15 p.m. February practices: 1st, St. Paul's; 8th, Bow; 15th, Holborn; 22nd, Southwark Cathedral. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8355

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting will be held at Humberstone on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8343

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Elstow, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone made welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 8372

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne on February 5th. Usual times. Names for tea to Dr. L. P. Mackie, Rana House, Wellesbourne. Special methods: St. Clement's and Killamarsh T.B. 8308

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Old Hill (8), Saturday, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by February 2nd.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8304

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on February 5th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hewitt, 34, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth, North Shields, Northumberland. 8370

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8.30. Special method: Westminster Surprise. 8342

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting to be held on Saturday, February 5th, at Upton-St. Leonards. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos. by Wednesday, February 2nd. All welcome. 8361

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5th, at St. Petrock's. Bells 7-9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 8368

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A.D.M., Saturday, February 5th, at Leatherhead. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please. 8262

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, February 5th. St. Leonard's bells available in the afternoon and St. Mary's in the evening. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, by February 3rd. 8328

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Names for tea essential to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford (Tel. 27936), before the day. 8364

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Ipswich on February 5th. St. Clement's (6) 3-5 p.m. Nearby cafés for tea. Business meeting and ringing St. Mary Quay's (6) 6 p.m.—A. E. J. L. 8278

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, February 5th. Ringing at Padiham from 3 to 5 p.m. Cups of tea at Holy Trinity, Burnley, at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 8360

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. T. C. Ledgard, The Vicarage, Kirkby Lonsdale. 6335

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna, February 5th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All visitors cordially invited.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8263

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, February 5th, at Staines. Ringing: St. Mary's 3-4 p.m.; St. Peter's 3.30-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing at St. Peter's till 8.30 p.m. Mr. M. Loveday, Orchard Cottage, Laleham Road, Staines, is desperately hoping to receive names for tea.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8309

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leeds District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 5th. Ringing arrangements: Bradford Cathedral (10) 10.30-12.30; Guiseley (8) 11.30-1.30; St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8) 2-3.30; Drighlington (8) 3-5; Birstall (8) 4-6; All Saints', Pontefract (8) 5.30-7.30; St. Giles', Pontefract (10) 6-8. Any inquiries to John L. Riley, Leeds University Union, Leeds 2. 8320

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Fenton on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Birks, 367, Weston Road, Weston Coyney, Stoke-on-Trent, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 8383

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saxlingham, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Howlett, Hill Cottages, Saxlingham, Norwich, (NOR 62W), by Wednesday, February 2nd.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8307

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Buckingham, February 5th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8358

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, February 5th, Castor. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Important meeting. Evening ringing. Names for tea essential to Secretary by Thursday previous.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 6333

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, Saturday, February 5th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8376

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, February 5th, at Holt (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8377

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, February 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food: cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8362

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, February 5th. Ringing 10.30-11.45 to be arranged: 12-1.15 Southwark Cathedral (12); 1.30-2.45 Cornhill (12); 3-4 St. Mary-le-Bow (12); 4-5.15 Cripplegate (12). Dinner at Church House Restaurant 6.30 for 7 p.m. 8331

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 5th, West Bridgford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Miller, 56, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, Tel. 89537. 8357

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Cuckfield, Saturday, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstey, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by Wednesday, February 2nd, latest.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 8252

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, February 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House. Names for tea to Miss Lloyd, Provost's Secretary, Cathedral Office, St. Thomas's Street, by previous Wednesday, please. 8359

HOLT, NORFOLK.—The new ring of six will be dedicated on Sunday, February 6th, at 6.30 p.m. On Saturday, February 12th, we welcome all ringers from 2 until 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 10th.—W. R. West, Norwich Road, Holt. 8354

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, February 12th, at Tunbridge Wells (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, 8338

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Feniton, Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. P. G. Blackmore, Chelsea Farm, Feniton, by Wednesday, February 9th.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec. 8356

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Chorley, Saturday, February 12th. Own tea arrangements: cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 8369

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Milnthorpe on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. W. E. Walsh, St. Thomas' Vicarage, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—T. F. Metcalfe, Branch Sec. 8382

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting at Aberavon (8) on Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhosce, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhosce 494). Would members make a special effort to send names by the stated date. 8344

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Loddon on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon (NOR 21W), by Wednesday, February 9th.—N. P. J. C. 8352

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, February 12th. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Webb, South View, Staverton, Davenport, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 8367

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The A.G.M. of the Winchester District will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, February 12th, at 2.30. Tea 4 p.m., followed by Evensong in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Ringing at the Cathedral from 6 till 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday, please, to R. H. Collis, Sec., No. 3, Hockley Cottages, Cheriton, Alresford. 8381

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Fourteenth annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 19th from 6.30-11. Chesterfield (10) available from 4-6 p.m. Tickets (price 20/-) available from District secretaries or direct from Mr. M. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield. (Please enclose s.a.e.) 8347

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Gloucester, April 16th. Details later. New rules in operation. Branches to make recommendations for officers (Rule 6, i to v) in writing with indication of willingness to serve on or before Saturday, March 5th. Also by same date all notices of motion for the A.G.M. All nominations for officers must now come from the Branches or the Management Committee.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 8349

QUARTER PEALS

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather J. Hinton (first quarter) 1, Kay Hollingsworth 2, Margaret F. Coombs (first "inside") 3, Deborah N. Maggs (first "inside") 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, Margaret A. Smith 6. Rung for Epiphany, and as birthday compliments to 3 and 4.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wells 1, P. Corderoy 2, H. L. Bishop 3, H. W. Dunsden 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Parish Communion.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): J. C. Sawtell 1, I. L. Andrews 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, D. B. Ellery 4, P. J. Hall 5, T. A. Hiller 6, J. Krsmanovic 7, A. D. Case 8. For Evensong.

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