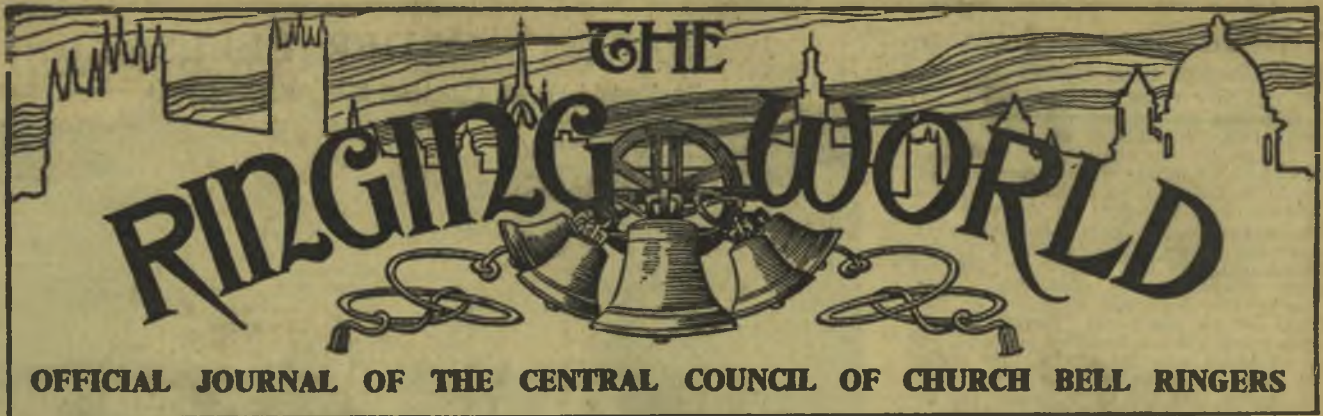




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"DE MINIMUS NON CURAT LEX" **(The Law Does Not Concern Itself With Trifles)**

By D. J. DERRICK

THE right to ring church bells is an ever-recurring topic of conversation. I have looked into several tomes of law on this subject and the following is what I have gleaned:

The control of church bells belongs to the incumbent, but to constitute an ecclesiastical offence it is not sufficient to allege that the ringing complained of took place without his consent; it must be against his wishes either expressed in a general or particular prohibition.

The property of the bells and bellropes (no mention is made as to wheels, pulleys, etc.) is vested in the churchwardens as a quasi-corporation, but their care is transferred to the parochial church council, though private individuals may have rights. The churchwardens must allow the bells to be rung in connection with divine service under the direction of the incumbent. They have jointly with the incumbent a control as to the time when the bells may be rung, though in the case of *Martin v. Nutkin* (1724) an agreement entered into as to the ringing of church bells was held enforceable by the injunction by a vestry against the incumbent and succeeding churchwardens.

People complaining about the ringing is by no means a modern malady as can be seen in the case of *Evans v. Lisle* (1835) in which in an action for placing lighted brimstone in a church tower, whereby the plaintiff, who, with others, was ringing the bells, was annoyed by the fumes. The defendant pleaded the general issue, and that the plaintiff was wrongfully in the church tower making a disturbance, and that the rector requested him to depart. and that as he would not the defendant, by the command of the rector, placed and lighted the brimstone, to cause the plaintiff to depart. Held, that to support the special plea, evidence must be given of the request to depart and also of the rector's authority to the defendant to put the brimstone; also that to entitle the plaintiff to a verdict on the grounds of the general issue the jury must be satisfied that the plaintiff sustained some substantial damage from the fumes of the brimstone.

The use of bells as sanctus bells is illegal and the courts have refused by faculty alterations to enable one of the bells of a church to be used from the interior of the church as a sanctus bell (see the Rector and Churchwardens of Capel St. Mary, Suffolk, and Packard, 1927). I cannot find any ruling as to the Pudding Bell or Pancake Bell. A sexton and his assistants (if any) may have included in their duties the ringing of bells.

Lastly I come to the right to ring church bells. In the Book of Common Prayer it states that the curate that ministereth in every Parish-Church or Chapel, being at home, and not being otherwise reasonably hindered, shall say the same in the same in the Parish-Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a Bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin.

There is, however, an authority in the case of *Soltaus v. De Held* (1843) where an injunction was granted by a court of equity after a trial by law to restrain the ringing of the bells of a Roman Catholic church, so as to occasion any nuisance, disturbance and annoyance to the plaintiff who resided very near to the church.

I am unable to find any definite directions as to change ringing, ringing of peals, practice nights, etc. The law of nuisance could well apply, indeed the above case was brought in this tort. The only satisfactory way to find out would be to ask the Court to make a Declaratory Order, stating also the amount of ringing which is reasonable, though costs involved would be high.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Cathedral Bells Conditions

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held a very successful quarterly meeting at Rugby on January 15th. Although it was an extremely cold day the turn-up was most gratifying, but the standard of ringing (to say the least) left much to be desired. No doubt the very cold atmosphere had something to do with it.

The service was, as one had come to expect of the Rector, the Rev. D. M. Davies, most unusual, and was much enjoyed by all present. He opened by asking which form of service they preferred—Evensong or their own as in the handbook. Having decided, he then asked which hymns they preferred, and then proceeded with the service. He invited Patsy Harris, of Brinklow, who is only eight years old, to read the lesson, which she did very ably with promptings from the Rector of some difficult words. In a short address he welcomed the ringers to St. Andrew's for a very special reason—the continuous ringing would frighten the pigeons away from the church and he hoped they would stay away (the pigeons, not the ringers) for good, as they did an awful lot of damage.

The business meeting, which followed tea at a self-service café, was held in the ringing chamber. Before dealing with the agenda, the president, Mr. A. H. Beamish, referred to the deaths of Mr. Ashley, of Bulkington, and Mr. Peck, of Rugby. The company stood as a token of respect.

Coventry Cathedral bells was the first item on the agenda. The general secretary said he had previously been assured by the Provost that, provided a satisfactory scheme could be prepared, he would give all the help he could to support them in their efforts to get the bells ringing. He wanted assurance on three points: that there would be no damage to the tower; that sound control would be introduced so that the bells when rung in practice would cause no annoyance locally; and that the cost would not be a charge on Cathedral funds. It was felt that these assurances could be given provided that the bells could be hung below the groined ceiling: to this the Provost had agreed to give his support.

The secretary also stated that Holy Trinity, Coventry, bells would shortly be sent to the bell foundry, but it could be some years before they would be back in the tower as a serviceable ring as the spire had to be rebuilt before the bells could be put in. He had also learned that Alveston bells were to be augmented to six in the very near future.

Five new members were elected from Wolvey, two from Rugby, one each from Chilvers Coton, Corley and Dunchurch, and one non-resident. Mr. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor were re-elected for a further term on the Central Council.

Leamington Spa was proposed as the place for the annual general meeting in April next, with Allesley as the alternative. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks and the evening ringing was much improved on that of the afternoon's.

J. L. G. H.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A very well attended meeting of the N.W. Suffolk ringers was held at Elveden memorial tower. Mr. C. Hancock, the new chairman, was welcomed, and two new members proposed. An evening meeting is to be held at Great Barton on February 12th, and another on March 12th at Easton. Mrs. J. Paul and helpers were warmly thanked for providing tea. Evensong was conducted by the Rev. Newton Gates, the lesson read by Mr. George Pipe, and Miss Joan Ivings was the organist.

PERTH'S OLDER BELLS

By Randal W. M. Clouston, B.Sc., F.S.A. (Scot.)



FROM the antiquarian point of view St. John's Kirk, Perth, has one of the very best collections of ancient bells in the whole of Britain. In all there are eight which date from pre-Reformation times, a total more than in any other church in the British Isles, so a few comparisons may be of interest.

The oldest is one of about seven cwt., which hangs in the apex of the side belfry on the north side of the spire. The inscription is in fine ornamented Lombardic capitals with an initial cross, saying in Latin: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you." It dates from the 14th century, probably the first half, and bells of this age in Scotland are comparatively rare. Other known examples of this period are two at Lochmaben cast about 1300 and the Skellat bell in Kirkwall Cathedral. These three bells are, however, comparatively small, being less than a third of the weight of the Perth bell. The older Lochmaben bell is said to have been given to the church by King Robert the Bruce, and like the Perth bell was probably cast in England.

Next in point of age is a bell of about two cwt. inscribed with one exception in a black letter small alphabet in Latin: "Behold the Lamb of God," with ornamental cross, a shield, a crown and a cock. This bell dates from the 15th century and is also probably English. It is to be seen on the floor of the south aisle.

THE BOURDON

The bourdon or largest bell in the carillon is dedicated to St. John the Baptist and was cast by Peter Waghevens at Malines or Mechlin, now in Belgium, in 1506. This bell weighs 21 cwt. 14 lb. and is more than double the weight of any other existing pre-Reformation bell in Scotland.

On the waist there is a fine statuette apparently of St. John the Baptist and the founder's mark and floral ornaments. Above and below the inscription are lace-like ornamental bands and the faces of the loops on the crown are also decorated. This is the only bell so far discovered in Scotland actually bearing Peter Waghevens' name, but it does appear on an enormous cauldron at Lacock Abbey, Wilts, dated 1500. Gloucester Cathedral has a clock bell of about 58 cwt. of mediæval date, and the Hereford Cathedral

tenor of 34 cwt. is pre-Reformation, but this Perth bell must be just about the next largest pre-Reformation bell in the British Isles.

The north porch contains a chime of five bells cast in Malines in 1526, probably by Peter van den Ghein I. The largest weighs about 1½ cwt. and they sound the five lower notes of an octave in the key of B flat. Originally there were six bells to sound the half hours and another to sound the hour—all of the same date. The three larger bells are inscribed in Flemish: "I was cast in the year of Our Lord 1526," and on the smaller bells with less room for the inscription the words "of Our Lord" are omitted.

ONLY TWO OTHER PRE-REFORMATION RINGS IN BRITAIN

The interest here is that there are only two other sets of five pre-Reformation bells remaining in Britain, one at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, London, cast by Thomas Bullisdon about 1510, and the other at St. Laurence's, Ipswich, by three founders, all 15th century.

The bells have been somewhat corroded internally by the action of the sulphurous fumes from coal fires on the copper in the bronze, but there does seem to be evidence that the three lighter bells have been turned in some sort of boring machine a long while ago, to remove metal to flatten the strike notes. If this can be confirmed then we have an extremely early example of tuning by this method, which is common enough now, but which was not used in England till the end of the 18th century, though we know the Hemony brothers of Amsterdam had such a machine about 1650.

Only the large bell of 1506 is still used and it is much to the credit of the kirk authorities that the others have been preserved as examples of the bellfounder's work of long ago. From the Chronicle of St. John's Kirk, Perth.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Picton 1, K. D. Waples 2, D. J. Goodman 3, G. R. Fielding 4, R. W. Picton (cond.) 5, P. W. Harper 6, B. M. Barker 7, G. Spratt 8. First of Grandsire Triples 4 and 8. Rung in memory of Arthur Hill, former ringer, whose funeral took place this day.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT RETIRING AFTER 16 YEARS

THE 60 members present at the general meeting at Guiseley on January 15th heard with regret that their president for the last 16 years, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, had decided to retire from office. Mr. William Barton expressed the feelings of all when he said how disappointed members were at the news. He commented on the great amount of time the Archdeacon had given to the work of the Association during his period of office, a time which recalled many happy memories. He wished the president good health, especially after his recent operation.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley was nominated for election as president in April. If elected then, his wife, Jeanne, will take over as treasurer for the last of her husband's three-year term. Mr. Eric Critchley was nominated as peal secretary for the next three years, and a ballot to decide the four Central Council representatives for 1966-1969 resulted in the election of Mr. V. Bottomley, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. E. Hudson and Mr. W. F. Moreton.

An invitation from Mr. Hudson to go to Ripon, probably on April 30th, for the annual general meeting, was welcomed and accepted. The Association decided to go north later in the year, too, when Mr. A. Bashforth reported on the possibilities of holding the Snowdon Dinner at Northallerton on October 15th. (Since the meeting Mr. A. Bashforth and others concerned with the arrangements for the Snowdon Dinner on October 15th have decided to make the venue the Bridge Hotel, Catterick Bridge, rather than Northallerton.)

A report on the progress of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies was made by its chairman, Mr. E. Hudson, and he gave news of the one-day course for tower captains, ringing masters and instructors to be held at Selby on March 19th, as well as of the festival in Beverley on May 21st. Mr. C. Moxon announced that the Joint Council's duplicated report would be ready by the end of the month.

New members elected were: Susan Mitchell (Huntington), Fiona Dempster (Pudsey), Anne Barker (Scalby), Gillian Scholey (Scarborough), Robert Cater and Gail Blackburn (Wakefield Cathedral), Alice Baldwin, Michael G. Dodson and Geoffrey Cooper (Leeds University) and two non-resident members, Patricia Rogers (Isleworth) and Mrs. Beryl Hartley (Leicester).

PEALS ON MEETING DAYS

A motion by Mr. Trevor Tarbatt that "The Association regards with disfavour the ringing of peals in a District which is at that time holding its quarterly or annual meeting" was proposed briefly. Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconding it, said that there were several ways in which the Association functioned. One of these ways was through its meetings, a way ordered by the rules. Peals were another recognised way, but if the two clashed, the peals should clearly give way. Two of the purposes of meetings were to conduct the business of the Association and to bring ringers into closer relationship. A peal during a meeting indicated a lack of interest in both these aims, and it implied both rudeness to the ringers of the tower where the meeting was being held and to the officials of the District. He concluded with the point that election to and membership of any Society meant obligation to it, and that people who rang peals on meeting days were either selfish or rebellious.

Mr. W. Barton supported the motion, pointing out that there used to be an unwritten rule that there would be no peals on meeting days unless there were some special reason for a peal. But he thought it unfair if the Northern District, for example, could not ring a peal on a Western District meeting day. Both Mr. Barton and Mr. Bottomley said that the feeling there was against these peals should be publicised, the latter speaker intimating that the committee's report should emphasise it.

The president also added support and thought the motion could be strengthened with the words "and hopes that every effort will be made to discourage it." The proposer and seconder agreed to this addition.

Mr. N. Chaddock thought that there was scope for the Joint Council to try to co-ordinate the monthly meetings of the District Societies so that fewer Saturdays in the month were booked up automatically. He said it was a difficult decision for young ringers to make when invited to a peal on their own District meeting day. Mr. W. E. Critchley said that some co-ordination between the District Societies was sadly needed, but thought it very often when there were special occasions for peals.

No one spoke against the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Four towers were available for ringing: The eight and six at Rothwell and Chapel Allerton respectively during the morning; the octaves at Guiseley and Otley during the afternoon and evening. The service at Guiseley was conducted by the Rector, who joined the ringers at tea afterwards, and a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, especially to the local company, was proposed by Mr. W. E. Critchley. Mr. A. Walsh, in reply, spoke of the long connection his tower had had with the Association, and said he was very pleased everyone had come.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Samuel Higginson, aged 61, which occurred suddenly on January 11th at his home, 5, Grange Cottages, Ellesmere, Shropshire. Until he had a serious illness some years ago, he was a regular ringer at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ellesmere. A good striker, he had rung 24 peals in the standard methods.

An engineer by trade, Mr. Higginson was a prominent member of the Ellesmere Odd-fellows and also belonged to the Fire Service. He is survived by his father, Mr. William Higginson, also a ringer, who, incidentally, became 89 on January 9th, and is still able to ring at occasional meetings, etc. The deceased also leaves a brother, Mr. Paddy Higginson.

The funeral took place on January 15th, the service at St. Mary's Church being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. A. Fenn, with Miss Enid Roberts as organist.

Bill, who had lived in his native Ellesmere all his life, was of a quiet, friendly and reliable disposition and his passing is greatly mourned by all who knew him. T. R. B.

MR. G. A. PECK AN APPRECIATION

We at St. Andrew's, Rugby, have lost an esteemed old friend by the passing of Mr. George A. Peck. A retired Post Office civil servant of Kingston on Thames and Nottingham, he was a devoted chairman and a staunch follower of Surrey and Notts cricket. His wife predeceased him many years ago, leaving him spare time to devote to his hobbies, among them being bellringing, which he did not adopt until he was 40 years old. He was in his element in multi-method Doubles touches and splices, but he called a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in celebration of his 88th birthday. A couple of years after, however, his doctor advised him against climbing our steep belfry stairs. So acute were his faculties, nevertheless, that he took part in two national chess tournaments each year; in fact it was on his return from the international chess congress at Hastings that he was taken ill recently, having drawn one game, at the age of 91!

C. UNDERWOOD.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY

Rising high above a modern large town is the Church of St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury. The Vicar, the Rev. G. Owen, after welcoming the Society on the occasion of the recent meeting held on January 22nd, spoke during his address of the ancient treasures to be found in this church, parts of which date back to pre-Norman times. These include two carved screens, an alabaster panelled chancel, a pre-Reformation lectern depicting a lighting cock and a painting of "The Descent from the Cross," by the 17th century French artist, Jean Jouvenet. Of more recent times there is the excellent ring of ten bells, which was made full use of by members during the day. A ring of eight, the bells were recast and augmented to ten by C. and G. Mears in 1854, but we now enjoy the bells as supplied by Gillett and Johnston in 1912 with a tenor of 24 cwt 18 lb. in E flat.

After nearly 80 members and friends had partaken of a bountiful tea kindly provided by the Wednesbury ringers, the honorary secretary announced that a Society library was soon to be opened and appealed for any unwanted ringing books that members might like to donate. This was to be operated by the assistant secretary, Mr. Peter Barker, and would be housed in Lichfield Cathedral Ringing Room. The eight-bell striking competition will take place on April 30th next, and the two test pieces would be either a plain course of Grandsire Triples or a bob course of Plain Bob Major. Entries to be in writing, please, by the next full meeting, at Rushall, on March 19th.

The following new members were elected: Miss C. Slater (Tettenhall), Miss H. Bulla and Miss A. C. Richards (Little Aston), Mrs. J. Jones (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton), Miss C. Green (Rushall), Mrs. J. M. Sturrock, P. L. D. Grove and S. C. Matthews (Walsall). Three life members were also elected: Miss H. F. Pardoe (Wolstanton), L. Goodall (Dronfield) and G. Pratt (Bulkington). We most sincerely thank all at Wednesbury who made this another successful meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The usual warm welcome awaited the North and East District when they visited Stanmore on January 15th. Although the weather was bitterly cold, it did not deter the regular stalwarts from turning up for an enjoyable afternoon and evening's ringing.

Following a service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Stephen Kemp, at which Ted Leversuch read the lesson and Bob Hardy played the organ, tea was served in the Church Hall, prepared by the local ringers.

A short business meeting followed at which Mr. G. Collins, of Southgate, was elected a ringing member; the provisional election of Mr. Michael J. Uphill, of Putney, as a non-resident life member was ratified. Mr. H. G. Hart, chairman, proposed the usual votes of thanks. E. H. K.

MR. C. RADDON

We regret to report the death of Mr. Cecil Raddon, on January 24th, at the age of 76, after a short illness.

He was a keen and enthusiastic bellringer up to the time of his death and had only retired from his employment as a fitter-boilermaker seven weeks previously.

Cecil was born in Wiltshire, where he first learned to handle a bell. In the early 1920's he moved to the north-west to reside in Runcorn, and, later, Stockton Heath, where he passed away.

The Saturday nearest to January 5th, his birthday, was usually set aside for a peal attempt, after which those taking part, along with their wives, were invited by Mrs. Raddon to tea and a pleasant evening.

He was an excellent organiser and for 20 years arranged the annual outing of the Grapenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. In that time some 120 towers in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Staffordshire were visited, and only one tower visited twice. For 12 years he was secretary of the Branch, a position he only relinquished at the annual meeting in December, so a good friend to many ringers has passed on. W. A.

Letters to the Editor

THINGS AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE

Dear Sir, — On opening my "Ringing World" of January 28th I was surprised to see a "peal" of Stedman Cinques "rung" at Leicester Cathedral, on New Year's Eve, published in your peal columns. I listened to a good amount of the ringing—I could have heard more but my nerves couldn't stand it!

The conductor had obviously lowered his so-called "standards" to absolute rock-bottom to allow such rubbish to go on for over three hours.

The tenor ringer was "putting" his bell in any place from 10½ to 13½ and some of the ringers seemed to be having a race to see who could get down to lead first, and how fast they could throw in their leads—especially the backstrokes.

From outside the tower it sounded to me that, at the most, only four or five of the band could strike on 12 bells properly. One ringer's comment at the conclusion of the "peal" was: "It ought to have been stopped before half an hour had gone by." Surely, if the ringing deteriorates in a peal it is just as much the individual's right to ask the conductor to stop the peal as the conductor's.

During the past year or two the standard of peal ringing at this tower has dropped and dropped and crashed! Not so many years ago the band there used to ring peals in many different Maximus methods, including spliced 12-methods and the only two peals of Bristol Surprise Maximus ever rung.

I appeal to the conductor—withdraw this peal from the Leicester Guild records, and to the majority of the band—take your fingers out and carry on the good work of your forbears. I find it extremely annoying when some Leicester ringers are doing their utmost to put Leicester back on the map, as it were, when others are doing just the opposite.

In writing this epistle, it is not my intention to cause any friction between any of the ringers in that peal, or between them and myself, but just an effort to make them realise what a low ebb things have got to in our city as regards good ringing.

May I, in concluding, quote Kipling:

"It ain't the individual, nor the Army as a whole,
But the everlasting teamwork of every blooming soul."

Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

THE GROCERS' HALL BELL

Dear Sir,—Further to the correspondence and to the leading article on old London bells, I have now discovered the whereabouts of the Grocers' Hall bell, formerly the treble of All Hallows', Staining, following the destruction of the Hall by fire.

The bell was luckily not destroyed, but it is cracked from crown to lip, and has been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry. I understand that it is not to be recast but to be refitted and hung. Obviously the noise emitting from it will be unsatisfactory, but the regard of its custodians for antiquity is most laudable.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

King's College, London.

ADVICE TO BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—Re Bristol affair. No problem here—just move the tower. They have been known to have altered county boundaries.—Yours faithfully,

A FLAT.

GRANDSIRE ALONE WILL KILL A BAND

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the recent correspondence on the subject of Grandsire. While admitting that Mr. Marshall's remarks were to a certain extent tactless, I would suggest that this opinion is expressed among ringers much more frequently in private, and is usually taken for granted.

There is, I think, no reason for condemning Grandsire on aesthetic grounds—the music is superb—but the great difficulty lies in the application of the method.

At a tower near my home practically nothing but Grandsire has been rung for 200 years. The band now is reduced to six or possibly seven, and the bells are rung for about ten minutes on Sunday mornings. There is no weekly practice. A few years ago there were several promising learners and one or two ringers who had moved into the town came to practices. Despite this influx, Grandsire continued to be the only method rung. What happened? The visitors went elsewhere and the learners lost interest. Sooner or later this band will die. Young people are not going to start ringing and continue with nothing to hold their interest, no matter how a method may be. There are too many counter-attractions.

The ringer who has been brought up only on Grandsire is at an immediate disadvantage. He may be adventurous and go to a meeting; he hears the Master call for Plain Bob; he (the visitor) never knew that there was anything else but Grandsire. There are some, even, who never even reach the stage of going to meetings.

The middle paragraph of "Norving's" letter (page 41) illustrates, I think, the prevailing attitude among certain sections of the Exercise. If this point of view were to be applied to almost any other kind of discipline it would immediately be condemned. Even ringing must be adapted to the needs of an age. The immediate reaction to "Norving's" statement is "So what!" Does he expect us to worship till Doomsday at the shrines of Stedman and Snowdon? This is the trend of antiquarian prejudice which would forbid progress. Moreover, this is the kind of reaction that people expect when they say outrageous things—a holding up of hands in defence of respectability. (Nor do I expect for a moment that Stedman or Snowdon would wish this.)

Mr. Marshall, I think, has drawn attention to what is really a problem, and succeeded in providing "The Ringing World" with an entertaining series of correspondence.—Yours sincerely,

W. G. WILSON.

St. Chad's College, Durham.

MINOR METHODS ALPHABET

Dear Sir,—In the addenda to his admirable Collection of Minor Methods, Mr. Chant has omitted Bootle Delight (x 56 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 36, l.h. 2nd, 42635), which was pealed at Addington, Surrey, on November 25th, 1964, and appears in "The Ringing World," issue 2779.

Secondly, the figures of Finchampstead Delight, as originally published in "The Ringing World," issue 2809 were (x 34 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 56, l.h. 2nd, 64523) and not as published in the collection.—Yours, etc.,

DAVID G. FRANKLIN,
LAWRENCE J. HAINES.

Worcester.

INSTIGATOR OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—As instigator and bob caller of the infamous peal of Grandsire Royal, I would like to make some comments on the state of correspondence.

Firstly, for the benefit of our slower-witted brethren, let me point out that Mr. Marshall's letter was a legpull. He wanted to be in the peal but, most regrettably, was away at college preparing for higher things. So he had his bit of fun. The pompous asses, who abound in this art as in most, rose most beautifully, and even you, sir, publish two of their effusions on your front page.

Of course, Mr. Marshall is right in many ways, for teaching beginners method ringing, Grandsire is a positive hindrance, and many bands are stuck in this eternal rut of Grandsire and Stedman.

As regards music, Grandsire on even numbers is a trifle odd, although I doubt if many of your correspondents have sampled its delights beyond possibly a rather shaky plain course. Having rung an enjoyable peal at Beddington some years ago it seemed about time to ring another.

In conclusion, to keep the record straight, the peal in question was not very good in spite of the magnificent band.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

P.S.—All references to Mr. Marshall are, of course, to "the one from Daventry."—R.S.

TAKES EXCEPTION

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to enter the controversy over the Grandsire method except to plead for the omission of comments such as contained in the last sentence of "Norving's" article on the front page of your issue of January 21st.

Norving clearly does not know of Mr. Marshall's ringing ability or knowledge and should refrain from such comments. Mr. Marshall and Norving are entitled to their opinions and should be able to state them without any mud-slinging.

The last sentence of Mr. House's article is capable of the same interpretation, and should perhaps have been rephrased accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

P. J. HALL.

Weston-super-Mare.

PRESBYTERIAN RINGS OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I write to correct two recent false claims in "The Ringing World."

In a recent issue a certain ring in England was claimed as the only ring of bells in a Presbyterian Church. The ring of eight in St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, the ring of eight in St. Mary's, Dundee, and the ring of eight in the High Kirk at Dunblane are others that come to mind.

In a recent issue, Canon Thurlow claims Winchester as the only public school with its own ring of bells. He has forgotten the lightest five in the world at Fettes College in Edinburgh.—Yours faithfully,

M. PETERSON.

Loretto School,
Musselburgh, N.B.

WRONG DARLINGTON TOWER

Dear Sir,—I notice in "Belfry Gossip" (page 64) under the heading "Christmas Ringing in the Llandaff Area" thanks are expressed for the gift of two ropes to the Merthyr tower. These ropes were given by Holy Trinity, Darlington, and not St. John's, as printed.—Yours faithfully,

R. PARK.

Darlington.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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"RINGERS REQUIRED" ARGUMENT

Dear Sir,—Permit me to explain that my seemingly late reply to Mr. Chaddock's letter of December 3rd, 1965, is due to the one month it has taken for that issue of "The Ringing World" to reach Canada. Little wonder that Mr. Chaddock is unable to understand my "December" dissatisfaction if I tell him that my letter was written following the full column of "free publicity" he obtained in the name of his committee, on another film last July 9th!!

For many years it has appalled me that the official journal of the Central Council is almost exclusively orientated to fancy "peal ringing" and particularly the fraternity who are skilful in just this one aspect of the many in our hobby. Little or no encouragement is given to the thousands of struggling ringers, and particularly their harassed teachers, who have not only in many cases to combat erratic attendance, uninterested clergy, poor belfry maintenance and other problems within the Church, but also public opposition to the "noise" of bellringing.

Therefore my reason for dissatisfaction goes back to July, 1965, when it was observed that the Education Committee had presumably purchased a print of a film solely aimed to entertain. At no time have I received any letter, either from the Central Council or its Education Committee, endorsing any value in "Ringers Required" to the Exercise, nor was any verbal statement made at Cardiff that could be implied as such. If any had been made, then it would have appeared in my advertisements years ago. In fact the A.G.M. report of June 22nd, 1962, shows the only complimentary remarks being made by Mr. R. S. Anderson and Mr. G. Dodds: I was not aware that their remarks were official. Thus the hundreds of ringing groups throughout Britain, for whom the film was specifically made, have been left to decide for themselves for three past years, whether to spend 30s. on the film rental or not, being able to base their judgment solely on what I write in paid-for advertisements. I am afraid that I entirely discount the proposition that some hundred or so people who saw the film in 1962 can in any way be seriously influencing the groups who need it most in 1966!! The lifeline of the Exercise is entirely in the hands of those who teach learners; if no learners are taught, who in 25 years' time will be ringing all these "fancy" peals? Most of my own ringing activity in Britain and Canada has been spent in the task of teaching, and I have two now active towers in Canada (out of the total of six) to prove this point. Therefore in both countries I have been acutely aware of the years of discouragement and difficulty facing the struggling band, and it was to them that I directed in a more universally useful way (than I could ever achieve in my own person) a motion picture sound film, coupling encouragement, education, publicity methods, entertainment and, I am told, even emotion, into one.

Mr. Chaddock's unfortunate implication is that I am obtaining a vast income at the expense of the ringing fraternity when, in truth, no Education Committee could ever

have been so lucky to have been supplied with an audio-visual aid for the use of the Exercise in Education at no cost whatever to themselves. My precaution in depositing the film with a responsible film library, which inspects the film after each use, revealed after one such use by a ringing group that the first 30 feet of the film had been ruined by careless projection. Since the original negative had been cut in order to make the shorter television version, it cost me £40 specially to make a duplicate negative from which the first 30 feet could only be reprinted. I can assure him that I have yet to recover the £35 cost of the original print, let alone this additional burden!! Also, Mr. Barnett will confirm that I offered both in writing and verbally to pay for the hire of the projector at Cardiff, used also for another commercially made film the same evening.

There was no "secrecy" in the making of "Ringers Required"—how could there be every ringer in Vancouver participated in it. As soon as Mr. Chaddock made it known in these pages that the Central Council was interested in a film on ringing I immediately wrote to him, in order that some six months later his committee and others who should be interested in such decisions could ascertain for themselves whether the Council needed to get involved in the complexities of film production. I would go so far as to say that in these circumstances it was the duty of the Education Committee to give a film offered without "strings attached" the very best screening it could at a general meeting in order that it could properly appraised. Since Mr. Chaddock, in his letter of November 1st, 1961, actually invited me to submit my film for viewing at Cardiff, I assume that he was aware of and in agreement with this responsibility.

It is asked of what am I dissatisfied? It is simply the lack of consideration to the official endorsement of a useful educational film, by a committee now bent on providing films of entertainment! A film which has, moreover, been certified as of educational value by your British Ministry of Education!! I ask for nothing more. I find nothing ungentlemanly about justified criticism; but can anything be more tactless than to look a "gift horse" in the mouth?—Yours very truly,

A. J. M. COLLINS.

Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. E. A. Barnett writes: Mr. Collins was good enough to offer to accept half the charge for the hire of the projector at Cardiff (this letter to me of May 24th, 1962) and this offer was gratefully accepted.

The Editor disagrees with Mr. Collins that "The Ringing World" is almost exclusively orientated to fancy peal ringing. The Education Committee is part of the Central Council and the Washington film was purchased as a stimulant to ringing. Warm appreciation was forthcoming at Cardiff when "Ringers Required" was shown: so high was the regard that the committee dropped the idea of making its own film. Never before has so much attention been given to the training of those who teach learners.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

Despite the snow and the bitterly cold weather over 40 members and friends from 12 towers were present when the Chesterfield District's first meeting in 1966 was held in Barlborough on January 15th.

The Rector, the Rev. D. J. Edwards, welcomed the District to Barlborough and congratulated the large number of young ringers for making a noble effort to attend on such a day. This sort of enthusiasm was very encouraging to the older ringers and augured well for the future.

Giving details of this year's striking competition provisionally arranged for Old Brampton, the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes (Old Whittington) said the committee would like to see the shield travel around the District rather than at present. With this in mind they proposed to add a new rule which, whilst preventing any one tower from winning the shield for more than two consecutive years, would still allow that tower to compete in the contest for a place in the Association's final. This was passed unanimously, as was the election of seven new members, viz: Wendy Stubbins, William Stubbins, Maurice Stubbins, Keith Pitkin and Arthur Parry (Scarcliffe) together with John Wilcox and David Bradley (Clowne).

Advance notice was then given of the forthcoming Association annual dinner at Chesterfield on February 19th, the principal guests including the Lord Bishop, the Mayor and the Archdeacon.

Mr. F. Adams (Staveley), a vice-president, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks. Further ringing included the special methods of Norwich Surprise and Double Court.

M. P. P.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The controversial question as to the venue for the annual general meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday gave rise to discussion at the annual meeting of the South Eastern Division at Goldhanger on January 15th. Hitherto the meeting had been held at Chelmsford, as Cathedral town and geographical centre of Essex. Three propositions were considered and it was decided to recommend to the General Committee that the annual general meeting on Whit Monday be moved out of Chelmsford to another Essex ringing centre one year in three.

The secretary (Mr. J. P. Brandon) in his annual report stated that it had been a satisfactory year; six meetings had been held with an average attendance of 50; Danbury won the striking competition.

Two retirements from office were received—Mr. E. W. Roast as District Master for 14 years and Mr. Brandon as secretary. Appreciation of their good work was expressed by Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh, the Association's honorary secretary. Officers elected were: District Master, Andrew S. Hudson; District secretary, Ian R. Parton; committee, Richard J. Harrison and Robert Leavett. In his vote of thanks Mr. Roast mentioned the services of the Rev. Mr. Timmins in conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, Mr. Brinkley, the organist, and the ladies who had prepared tea.

Next meeting: Danbury (6), March 5th.

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IN MEMORIAM QUARTER PEALS FOR T. ROGERS, WIRRAL BRANCH RINGING MASTER.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Hilary's, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Melanie Joynton (first quarter) 1, Margaret Webster 2, J. V. P. Lockner 3, Marjorie E. Webster 4, V. T. O. Boase (cond.) 5, T. R. Humphreys 6.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): Amanda Barnes 1, C. B. Pemberton (cond.) 2, C. R. Sutton 3, T. R. Marsh 4, I. Fraser Clift 5, R. H. Davies 6.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Salisbury 1, T. Pope 2, R. Peers 3, D. Peers 4, K. Edwards (cond.) 5; I. M. Pemberton 6.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reid (first quarter) 1, Gillian Edwards 2, Vanessa Longshaw (first "inside" 3, Collinda Dearden 4, T. Pope 5, K. Edwards (cond.) 6.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Denyer 1, Judith M. Vince (first quarter) 2, C. J. Harwood 3, P. J. Ostley 4, P. G. Sherwood 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 16th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Amos 1, Linda Ellison 2, Avril Ivin 3, R. J. Sharp 4, K. H. Fleming 5, S. Ivin 6, R. L. Piron 7, C. E. Jeffries 8. First of Major 1 and 2. For Evensong.

BERRON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Sawtell 1, R. W. Rice 2, W. S. Rice 3, M. T. Hebden 4, G. Hebden 5, P. J. Hall (first as cond.) 6.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. C. Sawtell 1, G. Hebden 2, P. J. Hall 3, W. S. Rice 4, R. W. Rice (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, M. T. Hebden 6. Rung to mark the anniversary of the defence of Rorke's Drift, January 22nd, 1879.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Quilter 1, Mrs. A. Syder 2, A. Syder 3, A. Lawrence 4, R. Linsell 5, J. Warner 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, C. Barker 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 5.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. Coleman 1, Joyce Dodds 2, Amy Coburn 3, L. Coburn 4, G. Dodds 5, H. Medlock 6. The 2nd anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Nicholson 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Taplin 1, S. Pulker 2, B. Hall 3, J. Benfield 4, T. Timms 5, A. Lloyd 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to J. Jarvis, ringer and foreman of this tower for a great number of years and father of the present foreman.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Farmer 1, B. J. Imber 2, M. D. Martineau 3, J. R. Pratt 4, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 5, Rev. T. E. Creech 6. Rung to commemorate the ordination of Fr. Terence Creech, C.S.S.R.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Rice 1, G. Hebden 2, J. S. Walton 3, G. Robson 4, M. T. Hebden 5, P. England 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, S. G. Smith 8.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Mixed Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): J. Aldridge (first of T.B.) 1, C. Davies 2, B. Wyld (cond.) 3, C. Clarke 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short 6. First in method 2, 4 and 5. With the grateful thanks of the band to Mr. Keith Prime, retiring Branch secretary.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Heather 1, G. Charman 2, R. Youdale 3, L. Warner 4, H. Arthur 5, N. Stacey 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Charman. Mr. Charman has rung at Cranleigh for 60 years.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, W. White 2, H. L. Bishop 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. A 65th birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Stedman Triples (spliced and 17 changes of method): W. White 1, A. H. Webb 2, C. J. Garlick 3, M. Bishop (cond.) 4, G. W. Bishop 5, J. H. Napper 6, T. East 7, L. F. Cox 8. First of spliced for all except ringer of 7.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Mansell (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Harris (first quarter) 2, G. E. Morrall (cond.) 3, E. C. Morrall 4, E. Broom 5, J. A. Morrey 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ELING, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Matcham 1, R. M. Purkess 2, Mrs. A. Buchanan (first "inside" 3, Mrs. G. D. Northway 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Mackrell, on the birth of their son.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hobson 1, J. Andrews 2, J. Thornley 3, R. Parkinson 4, C. Brownlow 5, N. Tompkins 6, A. Critchley (cond.) 7, J. F. Wood 8. Rung by the Monday band on the eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and in memoriam Peter Crook, sen.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bristow 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, P. Wills (first of Minor) 4, M. J. Wake 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Smith 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, D. Struckett 3, W. Bristow 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, V. Crouch 6. For Evensong.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Richardson 1, E. Buckby 2, Sheila Staley 3, K. Chapman 4, E. Chapman 5, R. Cowley 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, T. Smith 8. First for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Yvonne Elote 1, Diane Street 2, Carolyn White 3, S. Ponting 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, J. Collier 6, M. M. Powell 7, R. C. Hagley 8, D. Tubbs 9, E. Warner 10. First of Caters 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. A. Etheridge, a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Bichaniz 1, Ruth Thomason (first "inside" 2, Bridget Bates 3, Michael Amos 4, B. Hendry (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Ipswich): J. Spicer 1, C. L. Ball 2, Miss J. K. A. Cook 3, F. Nicholls 4, H. S. Peacock 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkins 1, R. Weaver 2, Sandra Weaver 3, E. Penney 4, Jennifer Durston 5, T. Green 6. Conducted by Sandra Weaver and Jennifer Durston. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Rosier. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Jennifer Durston (cond.) 1, Sandra Weaver 2, M. Pomeroy (first quarter) 3, R. Weaver 4, R. Hawkins 5, Rev. A. G. Durston 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whitford 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, E. Coulson 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Hunwick (first on tenor) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. T. A. Everitt.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain): Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, J. Fox 4, L. Houghton 5, N. Harding 6, J. Coles cover. For Evensong.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. J. Wilson 1, D. S. Johnson 2, G. K. Smith 3, H. C. Palmer 4, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 5, I. G. Campbell 6. For Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Walmsley (cond.) 1, J. Nelson 2, G. J. Mee 3, J. D. Nixon 4, D. L. Marsden 5, J. E. Sumner 6. Fastest quarter on the bells.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Hatchett 1, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, W. Oatway 4, C. A. Hughes 5, A. M. Stacey 6, F. Ransom 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson 9, M. Harrison 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, H. P. Yates 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. M. Edwards 1, S. Kershaw 2, L. Hill 3, C. J. Clegg 4, D. J. Marshall 5, J. Brannan 6. Rung prior to Evensong, on the occasion of the christening of Richard John Harrison, son of Peter and Dorothy Harrison, ringers at this church.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Prisca Hornby (first of Minor) 1, L. A. Tremere 2, K. Sansom 3, Kay Tremere (first of Minor) 4, A. D. Tremere 5, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NORWICH.—At St. George's Colegate, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. P. Mortlock 1, Miss J. Dagley 2, D. E. House 3, P. Adcock (cond.) 4, Miss A. M. Wright 5, M. Cubitt 6. On the 200th anniversary of the Lester and Pack bells at the neighbouring Church of St. John, Maddermarket, first being rung. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Norwich): D. Cubitt 1, D. E. House (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Wright 3, G. H. Pullin 4, P. Adcock 5, M. Cubitt 6. To commemorate the martyrdom of King Charles I.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Fieldhouse 1, Elizabeth Cragg 2, Anne Batty 3, Elizabeth Feaver 4, W. Nichols 5, J. R. Pratchett 6, G. A. Dawson (cond., 5th as cond. and first of Grandsire Triples) 7, A. J. Caporn 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8. A farewell to Elizabeth Feaver, on leaving to take up a nursing appointment in London.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Goacher 1, D. Atfield 2, K. Game 3, A. J. Bull 4, K. Dallison (first "inside" 5, G. Charlton 6, G. West 7, A. Sireeter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): O. Vann 1, W. Vann (cond.) 2, C. Underwood 3, A. Barlow 4, P. Howitt 5. Half-muffled in memory of G. A. Peck (aged 97), a former ringer, whose funeral took place this day.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Byatt 1, E. W. Pye (cond.) 2, F. Harper 3, B. J. Couzens 4, J. Sanderson 5, J. H. Negus 6, W. Pye 7, L. Turner 8. In memory of Alfred E. Pistow, and the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough.

SANDHURST, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Violet Relf 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, L. Sweatman (first of Cambridge) 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, G. Stewart 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Mrs. B. Mossman 2, Miss M. Lovell 3, Miss E. Marsh 4, R. Lucas 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. A farewell to Brian Makeham, leaving for E. Africa. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Williams 1, Mrs. D. Wilson 2, Miss M. Lovell 3, R. Lucas 4, C. Payne 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A farewell to Muriel Williams, returning to Australia.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 540 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire): Christine Hadley (first quarter) 1, D. R. Starkey 2, Audrey F. Birch 3, Janice MacDonald 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Kathleen M. Watkins 1, Elizabeth J. Watkins 2, Patricia A. Jenkins 3, Hazel Way 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, J. A. Hoare 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, J. Hodgetts (first quarter) 8. First of Stedman 1 and 2. For evening service.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sylvia Knight 1, H. Page 2, L. Sweatman (first in more than one method) 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachel Saggs 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Johnson (cond.). Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, F. Goodearle 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Smith 1, F. J. Vallender 2, F. V. Nicholls (first of Cambridge Major) 3, G. Westwood 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. Warr 6, M. D. Fellows 7, B. J. Luff 8. By the local band for Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Smith and a welcome to Brian J. Luff.

STOURTON CAUNDE, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, T. A. Hiller 2, R. D. Hutchfield (first of Minimus) 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Knight (first Minor "inside" 2, F. G. Huckstep 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, M. Jamieson 2, F. Gregory 3, H. France 4, G. Edmans 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. Wood 7, I. Charlton 8. To mark the coming of age in January of the sons of both churchwardens—E. F. Gibbard and J. W. Hall.

SEVENOAKS BELLS TO BE RECAST

The restoration of Sevenoaks bells has been somewhat delayed, as it was discovered when the bells reached the Whitechapel foundry that not only was the sixth cracked—this had been known and allowed for when the bells were examined in the tower—but the treble, third and tenor also manifested hair cracks when the headstocks were removed. It would have been possible to rehang these three bells and it might well have been some year before their tone was seriously affected but there would always have been the prospect that a rapid deterioration might take place, necessitating urgent and expensive action.

After careful thought the parish has decided to face the additional cost now of having all eight bells recast into a lighter ring with a tenor of 16½ cwt. in E. Already a number of donors of individual bells have come forward and in this way it may perhaps become possible for the required extra money to be found without undue delay. The founders have in any case been instructed to proceed with the work and it is hoped that the new ring will be ready by about May.

The bells were originally a fine eight by Pack and Chapman, cast in 1769, when they were hung in an oak frame made from timber from Knole Park, the nearby seat of the Sackville family. There was a major restoration in 1892, when Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 7 were recast by John Warner and Company. It was always considered that on this occasion Messrs Warner, who did not enjoy a particularly good reputation as founders, provided satisfactory replacements and maintained the fine tone of the Pack and Chapman ring.

The present work includes the provision of a new metal frame and a new floor under the bells. The church clock is to be converted to electrical operation and the ceiling height in the clock room will be reduced by some three feet, allowing the new bell frame to be fitted in the thicker part of the tower below the offset in the stonework on which the previous timber frame rested. The layout of the framework will be approximately similar to the old frame but turned 180 degrees in the tower so that the rope circle in the ringing room will be correspondingly altered.

It is an eerie experience now to stand on the clock room floor able to look up through the gloom to the tower roof with a completely empty space for some 40 feet and high up one wall a door opening, which will eventually lead once more to a bell chamber. Perhaps a sad thought for ringers is that for just one overdue major restoration of this sort there are dozens of others, which, alas, will never be undertaken. P. A. C.

Bishop Narborough

A number of quarter peals have been rung in respectful memory of the Right Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, who recently retired from the office of Suffragan Bishop of Colchester. He was a vice-president of the Essex Association and a great friend of all bellringers. Before or after taking a service he made a point of visiting the belfry and speaking to the ringers. He was always especially interested in young people.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite other meetings close by, the A.G.M. of the Newark District at Newark on Jan. 15th was nevertheless quite well attended, with over 30 at tea and the business meeting. A well-struck touch of Stedman Caters was the highlight of some generally pleasant ringing at the Parish Church. Evensong was conducted by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Fearn, and tea was served in St. Mary's Rooms by local ringers and wives.

The District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, presided over the business meeting, and in his welcome made special mention of the two members from Coddington, whose bells have recently been rehung and augmented. He also asked Miss Grace Burchnall to convey the meeting's sympathy to her sister, Miss Katharine Burchnall, who was not well, following a recent eye operation.

The secretary's report for 1965 showed one or two new spots of activity, and the statement of accounts a welcome increase in members' subscriptions. It was pointed out that as from January 1st, 1966, the annual subscription was 5s.

The election of officers for the coming year progressed smoothly at first, with Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mrs. C. W. Reed re-elected as chairman and hon. secretary respectively, but several nominations for Ringing Master and committee member resulted in an increase in tempo. Finally elected were: Joint Ringing Masters, Messrs. David Parsons and Peter Wakefield; committee member, Miss Margaret Chilton.

The rest of the business continued in the same lively fashion, until the meeting was finally closed with a vote of thanks from Mr. Brian Hough to all who had helped to make the meeting a success. Several more visitors swelled the numbers for the evening ringing. B. N. R.

Bingham District

Ten towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Bingham District at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, on January 15th, when all the officers were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Lygo, seconded by Mr. Bradley. Three new members were elected: David Lazerini (Shelford), David Birny and Miss P. Carter (Radcliffe). The service was conducted by the Rev. C. L. Widdowson. February meeting, Bingham; March meeting, Orston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 22nd at St. Martin's, Sarum. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Canon A. D. F. McKenzie, and the lesson was read by the Rev. R. H. Longridge, Master of the Guild. Tea and business followed in the Church Hall, presided over by the Master of the Guild.

Mr. H. A. Roles (chairman) said the Branch was pleased to have the opportunity of ringing at St. Martin's again now that repairs had been carried out on the bells. Presenting the annual report, the secretary (Mr. G. A. Trimby) regretted that attendances at meetings were down on the previous year and hoped for better support during 1966. Officers elected were: Messrs. H. A. Roles, chairman; R. C. Mundy, vice-chairman; G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. M. Edwards, auditor; Ringing Masters, A. Haines, R. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, together with J. Baverstock and A. Newman on the committee. Ringing continued afterwards at St. Martin's and St. Thomas' towers. G. A. T.

PLYMOUTH BELL AS FISHERMEN'S GUIDE

A bell dated 1787 from the Church of the Ascension, Crown Hill, Plymouth, is being restored and sent to Plymouth, Tobago, West Indies, where its tolling will provide a guide for fishermen at night.

Tobago, which was flattened by Hurricane Flora in 1964, is rebuilding its church by the sea. The bell has not been rung for a dozen years and is being sent out to help this rebuilding project.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the treble in the quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at Dalton-in-Furness (see page 62) was Ronald Monro, and not the name submitted.

The peal of London Surprise Royal at Bradford on December 27th (page 65) was Maurice J. Thurmott's first in the method. An asterisk should have been against his name, and not an obelisk, in the peal report.

Writes Ivor Goulter, of Norton, Gloucester, in appreciation of P. G. K. Davies' article "On Teaching Striking": "By alternately reading and thinking about every sentence several times over, we can all benefit tremendously." (See page 59.)

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on January 29th, was John Bramley's first peal for nearly four years, and this year is the 21st anniversary of his first peal. We hope to see him in many more!

Walkerville Surprise Major was the appropriate method rung at Bristol as a wedding compliment to Brian Cox, of Adelaide. During his sojourn in England, Brian, who is a solicitor, made many friends. Walkerville is a suburb of Adelaide.

Congratulations to Angela Quick, of Lyme Regis, on scoring her first peal at the first attempt on January 29th. A hurried look through records after the peal showed that she is the same age as the conductor (Rev. Roger Keeley) was when ringing his first peal—13 years and 5 months.

Mr. Alan R. Pink has resigned his post as secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to become secretary and treasurer of a new company, Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. The company will deal with all trust matters affecting the Diocese of Oxford and its parishes.

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NORFOLK BELL STOLEN

The Church of St. Andrew at Saxthorpe, Norfolk, now the possessor of a lovely modern light six, has in its parish the ancient Church of St. Peter, Corpusty. This building has been disused for some years and is rapidly falling into decay. Its future is a problem. Recently, unwelcome visitors took advantage of its redundant state to remove the bell from the church. Apparently the five cwt. bell was dismantled from its headstock and thrown out of the belfry windows, doubtless being damaged en route. It has not been recovered, but police are investigating. Any church in a lonely position should take warning from this and make sure that access to belfries is strictly locked, so that intruders who dare to desecrate God's house may be discouraged.

Two other Norfolk one-bell towers have been in the news recently. At the beginning of December the 14th century tower of All Saints', Wighton, collapsed westwards, but the bell was saved whilst the eastern half was demolished before it, too, collapsed. Finally the 240-year-old bell at St. Mary's, Old Hunstanton, has been rehung—for the first time in its life!

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The autumn term, 1965, was, as in previous years, a busy time for the Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School Handbell Ringers. At the beginning of November they had the privilege of playing twice in Ashton Town Hall. The first occasion was at a concert given in aid of the Leonard Cheshire Homes, and the second time was at the inaugural meeting of the Ashton Music Society. This latter event was a highlight in the musical life of the town, and the concert, given by the Hallé Quartet and the Grammar School Handbell Ringers, was attended by a large civic party headed by the Mayor and Mayoress. The standard of playing was certainly in keeping with the occasion.

At Christmas the ringers played as usual at the school parties, the local hospital and at the school carol service. This service provided an unusual opportunity for the tower bell ringers in the school as, for the first time ever, it was held at Ashton Parish Church. The opportunity was not missed and the 12 bells were rung in rounds by seven pupils, three ex-pupils and two members of staff. The ringers were Janet Lownds, Trudy Seipel, Eileen Cross, Helen Lumb, Hazel Schofield, Margaret Humphreys (pupils), Christine Andrew (ex-pupil), Gordon Tarran (pupil), Margaret E. Fort, John P. Partington (members of staff), Jeffrey Brannan, Frederick Shallcross (ex-pupils).

FIFTY YEARS AT BARCOMBE

There was a surprise at the annual general meeting of Barcombe, Sussex, ringers for Mr. Fred Smith, who was presented with a small silver cup by the churchwardens in recognition of his 50 years' faithful service to the tower. The cup was inscribed "A 50-year ringer. F. Smith. S.F.M. B.E.W." (the churchwardens' initials).

When Fred started ringing at St. Mary's, Barcombe, he had to stand on two hassocks. Another early memory of his was being pulled down by the seat of his pants when hanging on to the rope at the wrong time. S. B.

FOURTEENTH BELL AT WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL

At the beginning of Evening Prayer on the Sunday before Christmas the Provost of Wakefield dedicated the newly-hung 14th bell, a bell which had been recast from one which came from Holy Trinity Church in the city. This church was pulled down about nine years ago and the bell of four to five cwt. was placed on the floor of the Cathedral tower; the parish of Holy Trinity was amalgamated with the Cathedral Parish of All Saints.

The work, undertaken by John Taylor and Co., consisted of making a new pit into which the second of the twelve has gone, moving the old treble into the old second's pit and putting the new bell into the old treble's pit. The old third has been re-rope so that the ropes are spaced evenly.

The result is a very pretty front ten, using the flat sixth, with a 14 cwt. tenor, and a "by-product" in the light front six. The 13 down the scale do not sound so odd as might be imagined, but no sextuples have been rung on them yet. It is believed that St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is the only other church with a light ten.

MUCH-TRAVELLED HANDBELLS

Capt. (Quartermaster) P. Tocock, writing from another continent: "Temperature here is a humid 85 degrees F., comparatively cool for midwinter. Unfortunately there are no bells to benefit from the frost-free conditions, although the Stedman and Grand sire Caters of St. Margaret's, Westminster, pour forth, very much canned, from our minaret-like tower for Sunday service.

"In the meantime my set of handbells are bridging the gap, and together with other Mess members are practising a few simple tunes for forthcoming Mess functions. We have a ringer in the Mess who learned at Hereford Cathedral, so hope to recruit him for change ringing in the near future.

"My set of handbells is now well travelled—Suez Canal Zone, Germany twice and now Aden, apart from stations in the North and South of the U.K. They were heard twice on the British Forces Broadcasting Service in the Canal Zone—to tune ringing and ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New Year to 120's of Grand sire Doubles. They have also been instrumental in collecting money for Wireless for the Blind and carols and Christmas hymns."

A POSTAL MYSTERY

There is something radically wrong in recent months over postal distribution in Somerset and Wiltshire. Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has more than once complained about the delay in the Warminster copies, and Mr. P. J. Hall, of Weston-super-Mare, writes: "Over the past 12 months my 'Ringing Worlds' have been severely misdirected and re-postmarked, among the places visited being Bath, Hereford, Westbury (Wilts) and, incredibly, Norton-sub-Hamdon (Som.). How on earth is it possible to get to Norton-sub-Hamdon, a tiny village near Ilchester, before being re-directed I do not know. This is entirely the fault of the Post Office, since the paper is invariably accurately and clearly addressed."

The dispatches from Guildford have been normal on Wednesday afternoons. Perhaps a question in Parliament might enable a better service to be supplied.

14th CENTURY BELL GOES HOME

The Loweswater bell which has rested on the most eastern window sill in the south aisle of Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, for about 50 years, has been returned to its original home. It is one of the oldest bells in Cumberland and was probably cast in the middle of the 14th century. The old Chapel at Loweswater was its original home.

It was discarded, discovered as waste, by Canon Rawsley, and hung outside Crosthwaite Parish Hall. As it was not well seen there he decided to substitute a modern bell and to place the old one in the church, where it has been admired ever since.

In May, 1965, the Vicar of Loweswater asked if we would graciously return it, as his church lacked the many historic attractions of Crosthwaite. The Church Council, with some sadness, felt bound to agree; the Chancellor of the Diocese gave his permission for the bell to be installed in Loweswater Church, and it left Crosthwaite for its original home in December, 1965. Farewell to a bell.

J. W. B.

BOXING DAY OUTING

A party of ringers from Harpenden and surrounding conditions on Boxing Day in the wilds rounding towers had a full programme under of Berkshire. At Windsor Parish Church the ringing indicated that most of the party had had a good Christmas. The eight at Bray were found rather difficult to strike. After lunch at the Three Ringers, brilliant navigation took the party to Boyne Hill, where a course of Yorkshire was probably the best ringing of the day.

A pleasant tour of Bucks, including Burnham Beeches, brought the party to Wooburn, where the ringing was fairly reasonable, and then High Wycombe. Here the Plain Bob Maximus was the first for many of the band but some good Grand sire Caters was followed by Stedman Caters which was going well until there was a sudden rush to join a young lady from Harpenden with the slow. Finally at Hughenden there was a good course of Yorkshire, and Rutland at last came round as well as Spiced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Plain Bob, which did not get very far.

SELBY ABBEY TOUR

It was a cold, foggy day when 18 Sunday service ringers left at 8 a.m. for their outing on January 8th. Chris Moxon met the party at Penistone and escorted them for the rest of the morning. Yorkshire tail-ends were met at Penistone (8). Ringing at Cawthorne was followed by hot chocolate from Dr. Simons. The pleasant six at Shelley preceded lunch at Scissett. We did not do justice to the eight at Kirkburton. Then we crawled through thick fog to Thornhill (6), where the back four were a bit difficult, but ringing included Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford. The light eight at Horbury also had some awkward bells.

Arriving at Ossett, we ate a packed tea in the cars before ringing on the lovely ten. Good ringing included Plain Bob and Kent Royal, Grand sire Caters and Double Oxford Major. On arriving at Selby we all went to a young ringer's home for a lovely supper. Our thanks to incumbents and local ringers, especially Chris Moxon, to Dr. Simons and to our own Master, who made the outing such a success. M. W.

1965 PEALS

BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

James S. Hutton .. Treble	Richard Castledine .. 5
Anthony Smith .. 2	John Meredith .. 6
Joan Beresford .. 3	G. William Critchley .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Jack S. Dear .. Tenor

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by Richard Castledine

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

Terry R. Hatchett .. Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock .. 4
Richard Castledine .. 2	Philip Mehew .. 5
James R. Taylor .. 3	Stephen Ivins .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

James S. Hutton .. Treble	Richard Castledine .. 5
Eric Edmondson .. 2	Stephen Ivins .. 6
Robin J. Trebilcock .. 3	Jack S. Dear .. 7
Ronald J. Sharpe .. 4	C. Michael Orme .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

HITCHIN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Richard Castledine .. 5
G. William Critchley .. 2	C. Michael Orme .. 6
Anthony Smith .. 3	Jack S. Dear .. 7
Keith Fleming .. 4	Stephen Ivins .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

EDLESBOROUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Geoffrey A. Rees .. Treble	George Austin .. 4
*Gillian S. Martin .. 2	Eric Edmondson .. 5
George A. Reading .. 3	Reginald E. Sheppard .. Tenor

Conducted by Reginald E. Sheppard.

* First peal "inside" of Minor

A birthday compliment to Walter Ayre.

1966 PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb.

Heywood's Transposition.	
John Phillips .. Treble	James Phillips .. 5
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 2	Dennis Randall .. 6
Brooke K. Lunn .. 3	William T. Cook .. 7
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 4	David T. Darby .. Tenor

Conducted by William T. Cook.

First peal on the new bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 32 methods, comprising 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddenham, 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 13 cwt. in G.

Maurice A. New .. Treble	*Anthony R. Peake .. 5
John R. Mayne .. 2	James R. Taylor .. 6
Michael J. Hobbs .. 3	Peter Bridle .. 7
Brian Bladon .. 4	†Edward R. Venn .. Tenor

Adapted from A. J. Pitman.

* 300th peal. † 200th peal. The conductor's first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods.

CORFE, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb.

Nigel J. Maggs .. Treble	Arthur H. Reed .. 4
*Brenda M. Bindon .. 2	Leslie H. Arscott .. 5
Keith Beale .. 3	Raymond F. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* First peal, and first attempt. Believed to be the fastest peal for the Association, and first peal of Minor on the bells since augmented to six.

Rung for Christian Unity Week.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 17 lb.

*Trevor E. Marks .. Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 4
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 2	William E. Turner .. 5
*Derek S. Beaufoy .. 3	Trevor A. Cross .. Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

* First peal of Minor in five methods. First of Minor in five methods as conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Jan. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Robert L. Piron .. Treble	Keith H. Fleming .. 5
Ronald J. Sharp .. 2	*Robert R. Churchill .. 6
John W. Sinfield .. 3	Stephen Ivins .. 7
*Barry Eglesfield .. 4	Philip Mehew .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Brigadier R. J. Springhall.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Jan. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Arthur Gibbs .. Treble	Alan J. Frost .. 5
Avril Ivins .. 2	C. Michael Orme .. 6
C. Edward Jeffries .. 3	Jack S. Dear .. 7
Keith H. Fleming .. 4	Stephen Ivins .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

Robert J. Warrilow .. Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5
Harold C. Lanyon .. 2	Alan McFall .. 6
John Worth .. 3	Basil Jones .. 7
Derek Yates .. 4	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by John Worth.

A wedding compliment to Anthea Baker and Mr. Brian Cooper, on their marriage at All Saints Church, Hoole, Chester, on January 5th, 1966.

(Wirral Branch.)

WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Marjorie E. Webster .. Treble	Eric J. Gilbert .. 4
J. Fraser Clift .. 2	Charles B. Pemberton .. 5
Vivian T. O. Boase .. 3	Alexander J. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and service of Tommy Rogers, for over 40 years a ringer and worshipper at this church, who was interred earlier this day.

WRENBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat. Jan. 22, 1966 in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

Leon A. Perry .. Treble	James S. Baker .. 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	Gerald Parsons .. 5
John R. Scott .. 3	Frank R. Morton .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Peter Beresford Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Joan Beresford 2	John S. Barnes 6
*Susan E. Smith 3	†Derek E. Sibson 7
C. Martin Press 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Sampson Walklate Treble	David W. Friend 4
Norah Carlisle 2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 5
Gordon A. Halls 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Jointly conducted by the ringers of 3, 4, 5 and tenor.

Rung on the front six.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Jan. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Oxford T.B., Cambridge S. (2), Kent T.B. (2), and Plain Bob (2).

Arthur Sheppard Treble	Ivan Barlow 4
*Mrs. Eva Sheppard 2	Girling Rigby 5
Jack Chaddwick 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by Girling Rigby.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Jan. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 116 methods, viz.: (1) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater and Belvedere Little Bob (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (2) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Beckford, Winchcombe, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton and Buxton Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court (19 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten), (3) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purlough, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn and Brampton Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh), (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanula, Royston, Penistone, and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chestow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Baintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver), (6) Beverley, Surfleet Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise, (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter G. Brown Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Andrew S. Hudson 2	*Joe E. G. Roast 5
Claire Dillamore 3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 300th peal for the Association. Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Extent No. 3 is now rung in a peal for the first time. A plain lead of each method is included.

DAGENHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Graham C. King Treble	*Paul J. Bloomfield .. 5
Harry Turner 2	*Roy E. Copleston .. 6
John W. Stephenson .. 3	John Armstrong 7
Frank V. Gant 4	*Arthur B. Cox Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard.

Conducted by John Armstrong.

* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of Emmanuel, Clifton.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Richard J. Bowden Treble	Alan Griffin 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	James R. Taylor 6
D. John Hunt 3	John C. Slater 7
Alan Tubb 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

Rung for and on the 97th anniversary of the consecration of the Church.

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

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 32 methods, comprising 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Cnester, Claybrooke, Coddanham, 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.

*Richard J. Bowden .. Treble	Brian Bladon 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2	Anthony R. Peake 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Edward R. Venn 7
James R. Taylor 4	*Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Arranged by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Major in 32 methods. 60th peal and most methods to a peal on the bells. Greatest number of Major methods to a peal in the county.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 WALKERVILLE SURPRISE MAJOR

M. Louise Taylor Treble	Michael R. Zobel 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	John C. Slater 6
Gillian M. Breareley .. 3	Alan Tubb 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

A wedding compliment to Brian Cox, who was married in Adelaide on Wednesday, January 12th.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPTON BISHOP, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's B., and three of Plain Bob.

Elizabeth Taylor Treble	Austin T. Wingate 4
Thomas Wood 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood 5
*John F. I. Turney 3	George T. Cousins Tenor

Conducted by Maurice C. W. Sherwood.

* 25th peal First in three Minor methods as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob.

Gerald Penney Treble	†Philip Cuckson 4
*Penny Mant 2	Graham T. Ridgeway .. 5
Roger D. R. Brown .. 3	Eric Edmondson Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to Miss Penny Mant, who is leaving the District.

WENDOVER, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob.

*Angela J. Chapman .. Treble	Brian M. Barker 4
Gillian S. Martin 2	Augustine V. Good 5
Walter Ayre 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal and first attempt.

A 21st birthday compliment to Angela.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter-the-Apostle.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
*Lucile M. Corby 2	*Andrew J. Corby 6
*Judith M. Corby 3	*Christopher T. Osenton 7
*Richard Hayes 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester, and 576 Pudsey, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Edward J. Jenner Treble	*Ann Jenner 5
Olive D. Tester 2	Colin A. Tester 6
Robert W. Hinde 3	Stanley Jenner 7
*Hilary F. Hinde 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of seven spliced. First of seven spliced as conductor.

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

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 576 Rutland, 544 each of Chesterfield and Pudsey, 512 each of Adelaide, Cambridge and Lindum, 480 each of Brighton and London, 448 Superlative, and 416 Bristol, with 135 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Hilary F. Hinde Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Andrew J. Corby 2	Robert W. Hinde 6
Cyril S. Jarrett 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Monty W. Gilbert 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

First peal of 10 spliced by all the band except the conductor. First peal of 10 spliced as conductor.

BARHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin's, Grandshire and Plain Bob.

Philip R. Staples Treble	John Pladdys 3
*Colin Wilde 2	Crawford T. Hillis 4
David L. Cawley Tenor	

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* First of Doubles, and most methods to a peal.

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

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Hilary Webb Treble	*Roger A. Long 4
Ian H. Oram 2	D. Paul Smith 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung on the Feast of SS. Vincent and Anastasius, Martyrs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	Christine Andrew 5
*Ann C. Hardman 2	Neil Bennett 6
*Margaret Wright 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Basil Jones 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Kenneth Wilson Treble	Ronald Kenrick 5
Dennis Jones 2	Eric Cook 6
Victor Draper 3	Norman Heaps 7
Martin Snape 4	Joseph Ridyard Tenor

Composed by C. Roberts.

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

Rung in memoriam Thomas Rodgers, of Wallasey.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and all the work of the methods for every bell.

John A. Booth Treble	J. Colin Ashworth 5
Edward Jenkins 2	Neil Bennett 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

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

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Roger Leigh Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.
Raymond Helliwell .. 2	Jane Reynolds 4
*David Haworth 3	Michael Bell 5
	Anthony Helliwell Tenor

* First peal

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Peter Crook, sen., and Mrs. C. W. Blakey.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Howard C. Palmer Treble	Malcolm E. Wade 5
*Martin Green 2	Samuel J. Haines 6
W Ernest Rawson 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 7
William A. Lacey 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by William Thornley, jun.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal "inside."

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EPWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*Audrey Bains Treble	Melvyn Rose 5
*Roger Hippisley 2	John F. Underwood .. 6
Maurice Lings 3	John Hall 7
†William Bains 4	Harold Judd Tenor

Composed by E. J. Burton.

Conducted by John Hall.

* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Jan. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet E. Hubbard Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 5
George W. Massey 2	Maurice Bennett 6
Alan G. Payne 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
Denis Woods 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Burrell, daughter of the tenor ringer.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	Alan F. Thirst 6
Roderick W. Pipe 2	Ralph G. Edwards 7
B. Gillian Schofield .. 3	Frank E. Darby 8
Basil Jones 4	Clifford A. Barron 9
David J. Purnell 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of London Surprise Royal in the county.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Michael Hatchett Treble	Peter N. Felton 6
*Alison M. Mann 2	Harold W. Rogers 7
†Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 3	Alan E. Bagworth 8
Olive L. Rogers 4	C. Martin Press 9
M. Roger Ashmore 5	Christopher H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Dan S. Pont 6
*Edwin Deakin 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
Gordon H. Lane 4	†Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method. † 675th peal

A 68th birthday compliment to Mr. C. B. Jones, father of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
*Dan S. Pont 2	John A. Underwood .. 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
*Edwin Deakin 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the commissioning of the Rt. Rev. William Warren Hunt, Suffragan Bishop of Repton, in Derby Cathedral.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,880 Yorkshire, and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method.

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	*Gordon H. Lane 6
*Edwin Deakin 3	*Dan S. Pont 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by George Freebrev. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

H. William Barrett .. Treble	†Ian Margetts 7
*J. Barry Pickup 2	William B. Duncan .. 8
Edwin R. Goate 3	*Peter G. W. Newstead .. 9
Canon Gilbert Thurlow .. 4	George W. Fletcher .. 10
Henry Tooke 5	†Ralph W. Bickers 11
†Thomas Z. Spight 6	*Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

* First peal of Plain on 12. † First peal on 12.

To commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; also as a farewell to Rev. Albert Derisley, curate and president of St. Nicholas' company.

Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Robert M. Ashman .. Treble	Frank W. Lewis 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	William Birmingham .. 6
Frederick R. Scott 3	J. Keith Ward 7
*Maurice G. Ingram 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by George Marriner. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method for all the band.

LINS LADE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb.

William A. Yates .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Michael Hatchett 2	George W. Holland 6
*Valerie Willard 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
D. Kay Adkins 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (D.12). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. E. W. and Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was instituted to this benefice on January 1st, 1966.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Sun., Jan. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DEDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles Coles Treble	David P. Hilling 5
Christopher C. Clarke .. 2	Peter J. Heritage 6
Alan R. Patterson 3	J. Keith Ward 7
Frank W. Lewis 4	Frederick R. Scott Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

David J. Marshall .. Treble	Ernest G. Orland 6
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 2	Charles E. Truman 7
Alan A. Paul 3	Graham C. Paul 8
Richard F. B. Speed .. 4	Barrie Hendry 9
Roger W. Smith 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

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

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

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

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal of London Surprise Major on these bells.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

Charles E. Truman .. Treble	Richard J. Parker 5
Graham C. Paul 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Roger W. Smith 3	James Linnell 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	George W. Holland Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., Jan. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Leonard Stilwell .. Treble	George Francis 5
David D. Smith 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Ronald F. Diserens 3	Richard O. Humphries .. 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CURDRIIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Tenor 26 cwt.	
Bradley Murduck .. Treble	Patrick Page 5
Betty J. Daysh 2	Reginald F. Crook 6
Denby P. Murduck 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
*Robert M. Ashman 4	Philip Murduck Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Major on an "inside" bell.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Ashley Turner, who was retiring from the living on January 17th.

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5340 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.
*Susan R. Restall .. Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell .. 4
R. Ian Bowron 2	†R. Brian Walton 5
Paul S. Royds-Jones .. 3	K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal attempt † First of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FECKENHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5955 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

John J. Stanier .. Treble	James Attwood jun. .. 5
Ian Lloyd 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 3	Gerald C. Hemming .. 7
Ann Collett 4	Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Neil Donovan .. Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 7
Susan Jackson 2	*David S. Johnson 8
*Patricia Rogers 3	*Ronald Ducker 9
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. 10
J. Henry Fielden 5	Stuart Armeson 11
Michael W. Crowder .. 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal of Maximus.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Susan Jackson Treble	Adrian C. Boorman .. 5
James S. Webb 2	David J. Midgley 6
Ronald H. Dove 3	Robin Brown 7
Arnold Cole 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Michael J. Denton Treble	Adrian C. Boorman .. 4
Ronald H. Dove 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
Susan Jackson 3	James S. Webb Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At 16, King Edward Street, Roseville.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Helen J. Henderson 1-2	Thomas W. Goodyer 5-6
William D. Watson 3-4	Enid L. Roberts 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

First peal in the method for all, for A.N.Z.A.B. and in Australia.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At 16, King Edward Street, Roseville.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkerton Variation. Tenor size 14 in D.

Thomas W. Goodyer 1-2	*Enid L. Roberts 5-6
William D. Watson 3-4	*Helen J. Henderson 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.

* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand."

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At 1, Augustus Road, Edgbaston.

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1966, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Graham C. Paul 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 3-4
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Richard J. Parker (cond.) .. 5-6

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.

On Fri., Jan. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Enid Lawson 1-2	†Kenneth Lawson 5-6
†Margaret Lawson 3-4	*Ann Lawson 7-8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

* First handbell peal. † First peal of Major on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At No. 5, Moat Close.

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

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Stephen Ivin 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* 300th peal. The conductor has now called 50 peals of London Surprise Major. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

*Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Edward J. Beer 7-8
*Christopher T. Osenton .. 3-4	Herbert E. Audeley 9-10
*Bernard F. L. Groves 5-6	Stuart Sandford 11-12

Arranged by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Maximus "in hand" Tenor size 15 in C.

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

On Sun., Jan. 2, 1966, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: 1,440 St. Simon, 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,680 St. Martin. Tenor size 15 in C.

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

First peal as conductor.

A compliment to Nicholas J. Chesson, for his 16th birthday.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.

On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Elizabeth M. Barber 1-2	Geoffrey Dodds (cond.) .. 3-4
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Joyce Dodds 5-6

* First peal of Minor and on handbells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(And The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At 44, Beechfield Avenue.

On Mon., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Derek M. Sawyer 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 5-6
David F. Moore 3-4	B. Stedman Payne 7-8

Malcolm D. Barsby 9-10

Composed by Nicholas W. H. Simon. Conducted by David F. Moore.

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At 44, Beechfield Avenue.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Trollope's Four-Part 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 5-6
David F. Moore 3-4	B. Stedman Payne (cond.) 7-8

Malcolm D. Barsby 9-10

100th peal for the School Society.

Rung by past pupils of the school with best wishes to the conductor, who taught all the band to ring handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Fri., Jan. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield 1-2	George E. Feirn 5-6
Peter A. Sharp 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

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

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At 19, Gainus Avenue.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 18 in G.

Jack L. Millhouse 1-2	*A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5-6
John Freeman 3-4	George E. Feirn 7-8

†James D. A. Woolford .. 9-10

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.

* 200th peal. † First handbell peal.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrook Lane.

On Tues., Jan. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Gwen I. Bloomfield 1-2	Geoffrey R. Parker 5-6
Margaret A. Parker 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Hairs.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Little Bob "in hand."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing and London, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Eastcote, Elford, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	John R. Mayne 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Gerald Penney 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Sun., Jan. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 960 each of Eastcote, London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

Christopher W. Woolley .. 1-2	John R. Mayne 5-6
*Robert C. Kippin 3-4	Gerald Penney 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells. 50th peal of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 9, Richmond Road.

On Mon., Jan. 10, 1966, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 16 in B flat.	
David R. Chambers 1-2	*Mary C. Poyner 3-4

†Harry Poyner (cond.) .. 5-6

* First on an "inside" pair. † 350th peal.

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PRATT.—To Geoffrey and Margaret, a son, David Charles, on January 28th, 1966, at 32, Hemsworth Drive, Bulkington, near Nuneaton, Warks. 8433

ENGAGEMENT

DAVIES—FOSTER. — The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Davies, of Kennington, Ashford, Kent, and Brenda Mary, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Foster, of Bexley. 8471

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

JEFFREY—TESTER. — The marriage between Brian and Betty will take place at Edenbridge on Saturday, February 19th, 1966, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, Kent. 8439

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CLIFT.—The address of G. H. Clift is now: 24, Cyprus Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham. 8427

PERSONAL

Antoine.—Ne vous inquiétez pas. On s'amusera bien samedi.—Teddy. 8463

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MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 148th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 5th. Bells open 2 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 25th. 8417

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: Foreman, G. Lister; treasurer, Mrs. A. Horne; secretary (to whom all correspondence should be forwarded), E. E. Gosling, 96, Westborough Road, Maidenhead. Phone 20643. 8641

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The peal fee, which is now 1/- per rope, should be collected by the organiser and paid to the peal secretary: G. Pearson, 15, Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec. 8440

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District social will be held at St. Michael and All Angels' Parish Hall, Maidstone, on Saturday, February 19th, commencing 7 p.m. Association and District members and friends very welcome. Tickets 2/6 available at door, but preferably on application to Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone. — M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8430

RICHMOND MUSIC FESTIVAL, March 26th. Classes: Tower bells, 250 changes standard method eight bells; Handbells, change ringing and tune ringing. Entries close February 19th. Details: Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham. 8446

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ST. ANDREW'S, COBHAM.—Change of practice night from March 1st, 1966: Tuesdays, 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8445

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY DINNER

February 19th

Ringling at Chesterfield (10), 10.30–12; Rotherham Parish (10), 2–3.30; St. Marie's, Sheffield (8), 4–5.30; Cathedral (12), 5.30–7.

Dinner at Students' Union, 7.30 for 8. Tickets, 23/- each, from J. Hartley, 103, Whitham Road, Sheffield 10. 8426

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner, February 12th. First tower St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 10–10.45 a.m., St. Olave's, 11–11.45 a.m. Other towers as arranged. 8443

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ANNUAL MEETING, WHITSUN, 1966

Information for this year's meeting will be published shortly

E. A. BARNETT,

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26, Iron Mill Lane,
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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Practice meeting, Lacock, Friday, February 11th. Bells (6) available from 7 to 9 p.m.—H. Heath. 8431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Foxton and Harston, Saturday, February 12th. Foxton (5) 3–4.30. Tea Harston Vicarage 4.30, followed by business meeting in church. Service Harston 5.30. Harston (6) 6–8. — B. D. Threlfall. 8411

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 12th, Cheshunt, 3–4.15 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, Northaw, Middlesex. 6.15.—P. E. M. Searles. 8452

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M. at Reading on Saturday, February 12th. Bells: St. Giles' 2.30–4.30; St. Mary's 3–4; St. Laurence's 7–8; Caversham 7–9. Service St. Giles' 4.30. Tea and meeting at St. Giles' Hall 5. Numbers for tea to Mrs. K. Vernon, 7, Briants Avenue, Caversham. 8422

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting at Bingham on February 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Wharton. 8422

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual meeting at Halesworth on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Riggs, 6, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk. A good attendance, please.—T. N. J. B. 8373

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Great Barton (6) Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8424

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting on Saturday, February 12th, at Chichester. Cathedral bells (8) at 2.45 p.m. and after tea. Business meeting in the belfry at 4 o'clock. Service at 5 followed by tea at the Marsham Restaurant. Please notify for tea Mr. R. Wake, 28, Kevnor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. (Tel. Sidlesham 325.) 8395

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, February 16th. Bells (8) 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 8434

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District. — Mid-week practice meeting at Hampton, Thursday, February 17th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Dis. Sec. 8310

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Shepton Beauchamp (8), Saturday, February 19th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 8473

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewke Branch.—Holmes Chapel, February 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, by February 16th. 8460

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Archdeacons of Warwick.—Meeting at Kenilworth on Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth, please. Special method: Double Stedman Minor. 8472

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

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Selston, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (Council Offices). Further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—T. H. Radford, Sec. 8447

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Clenchwarton, Saturday, February 19th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8467

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8441

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Fairford (8) February 19th, 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 8449

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice, Stonehouse, Saturday, February 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 8470

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Evening practice at Farnborough (8) on Saturday, February 19th, from 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8451

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Rimmer, 182, Tippend Lane, St. Albans.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8438

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting on Saturday, February 19th. Ringing at Radcliffe (8) and Prestwich (8) 3 p.m. Tea at Prestwich 5 p.m. Both towers available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Prestwich, by Thursday, February 17th.—P. Mason and J. Brannan, Branch Secs. 8465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, February 19th, 6.30 p.m.—M. Stimson. 8474

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8475

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Saxilby, Saturday, February 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. R. Crosby, 19a, Mill Lane, Saxilby, by Tuesday previous. 8437

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. Giles', Cripplegate, February 19th, 2.30–3.30. St. Clement Dances', Strand, 4–5.30. Service. Tea, business meeting and social Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church). Handbell competition. Names for tea essential to Miss Y. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, Fulham, S.W.6. Renown 4423. 8380

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E.—Annual District meeting, February 19th, at St. John-at-Hackney. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business. Evening ringing to 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8404

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held in Wokingham on February 19th. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Rooms 5 p.m. Ringing All Saints' 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; St. Paul's 7 p.m. Notify for tea Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, by February 14th.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8435

ST. PAUL'S, WINLATON

The rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Jarrow will take place on **Saturday, February 19th, at 3 p.m.** Tea will be provided for those attending and notifying D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. Bells available after tea. 8459

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, February 19th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8462

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. All welcome. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 8444

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, by previous Wednesday. 8448

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Alton, February 19th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Somerscales. Business meeting follows, and ringing until 8. Numbers for tea essential, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by 14th. 8394

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, February 19th, Wentworth (6) 2.30–4 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield, at 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Ecclesfield (8) after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Sharpe, 8, Townend Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. No name, no tea. Please send by Thursday previous to the 19th. All welcome. Main item on agenda for meeting will be fixing of date and place for A.G.M., as this cannot now be held on the 3rd Saturday in May owing to the Yorkshire Council of Ringing Societies' Festival at Beverley. What about Tickhill. 3rd Saturday in April or June?—M. King Hon. Sec. 8337

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A social evening will be held at King George VI Playing Field Hall, Braintree, on Saturday, February 26th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (3/6 each) from Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. (S.A.E., please). 8425

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6, 18 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Bourner, 3, Glebe Close, Smarden, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8455

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A.G.M. at Boston, Saturday, February 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, February 21st.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 8455

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea Wheatsheaf Hotel. Names, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Farnham, Faringdon, Berks, by Wednesday, February 23rd. 8464

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Meeting of the Executive Committee at 7.30 p.m. in the church (heated!). Names for tea to W. D. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, by Wednesday, February 23rd. 8419

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Bexhill-on-Sea, Saturday, February 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, by Wednesday, February 23rd. Will all members please make special effort to attend.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 8432

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Caroline Gibbs 1, Margaret Arnold (first "inside") 2, Geraldine Piper 3, Diana Hayns 4, J. T. Symonds 5, Tony Skilton, (first on eight) 6, John Hayns (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For Evensongs.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): M. Whittell 1. A. Walters 2. S. Christian 3. R. Whittell 4. N. Whittell (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong on the feast day of St. John the Almsiver.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss J. Stewart (first quarter) 1, F. C. Farnsworth 2, D. W. Grimwood 3, J. Keeler 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6. For Evensong.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilary Knight 1, C. N. Stephenson (first "inside") 2, R. Russell 3, J. C. Hudson 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. Huddleston 1, R. Huddleston 2, J. Tyers (first of Bob Major) 3, C. Abbott 4, G. Locke 5, A. Howard 6, D. Huddleston 7, Dr. J. A. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 27th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Simmons 1, Carol A. Fountain 2, J. D. Chamberlain 3, A. Marson (first of Minor and in the method) 4, C. T. Collins 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

COMPOSITIONS

TWO PEALS OF LONDON S. ROYAL

5,000 by R W. PIPE					5,080 by P BORDER				
23456	M	I/F	W	H	23456	M	I/F	W	H
42356	—	x	—	—	42356	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—	34256	—	x	—	—
52364	—	x	—	—	53246	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	34562	—	x	—	—
24365	—	x	—	—	24365	—	x	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—	36245	—	—	—	—
42635	—	x	—	—	42563	—	—	—	—
45236	—	x	—	—	32465	—	x	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—	46325	—	—	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—	23564	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—	43265	—	x	—	—
54263	—	x	—	—	43652	—	x	—	—
62345	—	—	—	—	35426	—	x	—	—
24653	—	x	—	—	24653	—	—	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—	23456	—	x	—	—

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T.B. MINOR

(Correction to page 60)

23456	Kent
42635	"
— 64235	"
— 26435	"
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