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THE BELLS OF CARDIGANSHIRE

SOME might regard Cardiganshire as of little interest to the change ringer as there are only two towers which figure in the columns of "The Ringing World"—the eight at St. Padarn's, Llanbadarn Fawr, a happy centre for enthusiasts at the nearby university college at Aberystwyth, and the six at St. Mary's, Cardigan, a tower with a blend of John Rudhall and the Whitechapel foundry as recent as 1961, and a band of keen ringers who against nine teams in the St. David's Diocese won the Bishop Prosser Shield in 1962.

The 143 bells in the county have provided the basis of a very interesting book from the pen and camera of Frederick Sharpe. The author from his long experience knows the art of producing a book of interest to the general public and ringers alike. The evolution of the bell through the ages, the founders of the bells, St. David's Diocesan Guild of Ringers who come of age this year, and a wealth of local history and legend make this a most comprehensive book. The illustrations are good—many of the photographs apart from the towers give fine views of the Welsh countryside, and there are plates of founder's mark—a fascinating study.

Above all, the story of the bells of this county provides romance and adventure. It was at the Church of St. Tygwydd, Llandygwydd, with its beautiful background of trees, that on July 25th, 1935, the author was married to Miss E. J. M. Evans. There is a chime of six bells by John Taylor and Co. here with a tenor of 13 cwt., and a wedding peal of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor was chimed on that occasion by Canon C. Elliot Wigg, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The church also contains a service bell hung for swing-chiming going back to the end of the fifteenth century. The canons are retained and it is hung on an elm headstock.

There was also adventure, and Mr. Sharpe tells of his experience last August at Rhostie, where there is a bell in a central enclosed turret. Two clerics carried a ladder across the fields to this isolated church. The floor above the vestry was reached, but as the author placed his hands on this floor to heave himself through the hatchway the decayed boards collapsed. Fortunately the supporting joists were sound. From the space above the vestry access was gained to the roof space above the porch, high above which could be seen a small hatchway leading to the bell turret, but the decayed ladder used for gaining access to this collapsed. By standing on the main tie-beams sup-

porting the roof, the hatch was raised revealing a rare fourteenth century bell only a few feet above.

Standing on the tie-beam, with his head through the opening, Mr. Sharpe made his notes of this rare find while one of his companions made rubbings of the lettering and marks. This bell, the author considers, dates from *circa* 1350 and came from the Bristol medieval foundry which supplied by sea many bells to the West Country and South Wales.

And from the sea comes the legend of a cargo of bells being lost at sea. Verwig, a parish in South Cardiganshire, has a little stump tower. According to "The Western Mail" of February 21st, 1949, a local legend tells of when the tower was being built a cargo of bells to be housed in it was wrecked near the Telfi Estuary. The tower was taken no higher, but sailors approaching the coast on stormy nights could hear the bells being wildly rung as a warning of danger by the spirits of the drowned.

The author heard more about this legend in 1926 from Mrs. Llewelyn Davies, of Ashleigh, Cardigan. Her version of the legend was that after the ship was wrecked on the rocks of the Pembrokeshire side of the Telfi Estuary their solemn tones could be heard by people on Pen Cemmaes at midnight when the moon was full and the tide out.

Cardiganshire has only four medieval bells (14th century to 1540) and two in the transitional period (1540–1600). The 14th century bells are at Llanrhystid and Ciliau-Aeron and the 15th century ones at Gwnws and Llandygwydd. The founders of these four bells have not yet been identified. The percentage of 2½ medieval bells compares, states the author, with Flintshire, where Mr. R. W. M. Clouston found under one per cent. in 1949. Radnorshire, surveyed by Mr. Sharpe in 1947, had over 9½ per cent. Other percentages quoted were Monmouthshire 3½ in 1940, Oxfordshire 4½ in 1953, Worcestershire 5½ in 1930, Wiltshire 6 in 1927, Suffolk and Dorset 15 per cent. Another unusual feature was that no saunce or sanctus bells were found by the author.

In a foreword the Rev. R. W. Thomas, Master of St. David's Guild, mentions that this is the first book to be published dealing with the bells of West Wales. The inspection of the bells had been a very exacting undertaking and "this interesting volume contributes a great deal to the historical annals of the Diocese."

"The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price £1 15s., plus 1s. 10d. postage, from the author, Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

THE BELLS OF POONA, INDIA

By P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHTS
of the Madras Christian College.

LAST Christmas I decided to utilise the first week of the vacation in going about 600 miles north from Madras to Poona. I had the good fortune to have a fellow teacher from Madras Christian College coming with me, Ian Manning, an Australian. Although he is not a ringer, he had been following with interest the news of Great Adventure II in my copies of "The Ringing World."

We had kindly been offered accommodation by the Cowley Fathers, and arrived at St. John's Mission House in the evening. I had anticipated that a whole morning at least would be required to locate the Church of the Holy Name—listed in "Dove" as containing a ring of eight. We were, however, pleasantly surprised to be taken by Father Bishop a two-minute walk to the church.

The tall, slender, red-brick tower is detached from the church. It was erected some years after the 19th century Church of the Holy Name. Ian noted that the architecture of the tower had a marked Venetian flavour, with its flat overlapping roof.

We were informed by the pastor that, by order of the police, no one was allowed into the tower, since a siren warning apparatus had been installed therein during the time of the national emergency due to the Indo-Pakistan conflict. The following morning, however, found us back at the pastor's house—this time with a note from the Assistant Commissioner of Police, permitting us to be allowed into the tower to see the bells.

The eight bells are hung in a metal frame at a height of about 60 feet above ground level and are reached after climbing up past three floors. Access to each bell is easy due to a three foot gap between the floor of the bell chamber and the frame. Well above the frame a narrow wooden gallery round the four walls of the tower affords a good overall view of the bells. Here was the ideal position for a photograph, but unfortunately we had been asked to refrain from taking any photos while inside the tower.

All the bells have the same inscriptions—"John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, England—1893" around the crown and "JESV" around the waist. The bells themselves are in good condition although tattered ends of ropes hanging from the flights of the clappers indicate clocking. At the moment only the seventh is clocked for services. We were told that in past years tunes were clocked out at Christmas and the National Anthem on Independence and Republic Days. This information was confirmed by the rows of figures chalked up on the louveres of the otherwise bare ringing chamber. All the stays are intact but all the ropes are missing (that by which the seventh is clocked not being a proper bell rope). Sixty years of weathering have had their effect on the frame. The wheels are rather loose and, as was to be expected, the bearings certainly need some lubrication.

I should say the bells could be rung after a certain amount of overhauling such as could be done by ringers themselves. Father Bishop, however, expressed doubts concerning the strength of the tower to sustain the bells being rung at their present height in the tower. Again, it could be some years before free access to the tower is permissible although the Tashkent Declaration has struck a hopeful note for the future.

From Poona we proceeded to Goa. This delightful old Portuguese colony is replete with



THE DETACHED TOWER



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME

Roman Catholic churches. Many, such as the Minor Basilica of Bom Jesus (in which are kept the relics of St. Francis Xavier), date back to the 16th century. Our guide book says of the Cathedral in Old Goa: "The church has a huge bell which is supposed to be one of the best in the world." The campanologist is assisted by the fact that the bells are usually visible from outside the church, as the photo of the Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Panjim, illustrates. Unfortunately time did not permit a thorough investigation of the bells which the area deserved and we returned to Madras having spent a very interesting week.

Note.—I should be glad to hear from any ringers in India (if any!).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Southern Branch

The Southern Branch held its annual general meeting on February 5th at Saxlingham. About 50 members and visitors were present and enjoyed ringing on this light and easy-going eight.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Merrifield, who also gave the address. The organist was Dr. D. Heighton, and Mr. T. Simmons read the lesson.

At the business meeting, presided over by Dr. P. Jonason, the secretary's report showed that the past year had been a successful one for the Branch. The only change in the officers was the election of Mr. J. Mowle to the Standing Committee.

The chairman in his vote of thanks mentioned Mr. H. Howlett, and the ladies for arranging the tea.

It is hoped to visit South Lopham for the next meeting. C. F. W. P.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Gay 1, Susan J. Webber 2, Pat Mills 3, A. P. White 4, P. C. Kimber 5, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

THE EDENBRIDGE WEDDING

Brian Jeffrey—Betty Tester

The sun shone brightly and the bells rang merrily on February 19th at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Edenbridge, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth (Betty) Tester, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Tester, of Southborough, to Mr. Brian E. Jeffrey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeffrey, of Edenbridge.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white embossed brocade dress, with train trimmed with roses, round neckline and long pointed sleeves. Her veil was full-length held in place by a headdress of roses and lilies of the valley, and her bouquet was of pink roses, white freesias and lilies of the valley.

The bride was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Olive D. Tester, and Miss Margaret A. Ladd (who also made the bride's and chief bridesmaid's dresses), in long dresses of turquoise satin milano carrying white crescents of freesias, carnations and lilies of the valley. Also in attendance were Miss Lynne Albrow (six-year-old goddaughter of the bride) in a long dress of white velvet and turquoise ribbons, and Master Steven Albrow (three years) in black velvet trousers and white blouse. The best man was Mr. Raymond A. Large. The marriage ceremony, conducted by the Rev. D. H. Bartleet, was followed by Holy Communion.

The reception for 100 guests was held at St. John's Hall, Edenbridge, and the honeymoon spent in the Scilly Isles.

The bridegroom is captain of the Edenbridge band of ringers and popular chairman of the East Grinstead and District Guild: the bride is a committee member. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Edenbridge preceding the service. We wish them both all good health and happiness in the future.

R. A. L., M. A. L.

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THE BELLS OF ST. JOHN'S, WAKEFIELD

BY DAVID CUBITT

THE erection of a second church in Wakefield was mooted in 1723; but for various reasons, including the opposition of one particular Vicar of Wakefield, who feared for his parochial rights, it was not until 1791 that the requisite "Act for Building a new Church in the Town of Wakefield in the West Riding of the County of York and for providing a proper Burying Ground, and making Provision for a Minister to officiate at the said Church" was passed. The church was built in the north of the town, in an area favoured by the more superior townfolk, in the middle of a square which was bounded on two sides by a terrace of late Georgian three-storied red-brick houses. The foundation stone was laid on November 3rd, 1791.

The original architect was John Hope, of Liverpool, but he was quickly replaced by Messrs. Lindley and Watson, of Wakefield, whose plan was adopted on April 19th, 1792. The building was completed in 1794. It was of stone, in classical style, with a small apsidal east end and with vaults beneath. The north and south sides, of five bays, were relieved by coupled pilasters with a round headed window between each on the upper storey (above the level of the gallery) and smaller arched windows on the lower storey. The principal door was in the centre bay on the south side. The tower was square for its lower two-thirds, the upper third octagonal, with a domed top surmounted by a vane.

Regrettably, in restoration work a hundred years later, when the gallery was removed and only replaced at the west, the furniture replaced and a rectangular chancel added, the symmetry was lost by adding a further bay on the south side and vestries on the north, and the external appearance further spoilt by blocking up the south door and the lower windows.

BELLS COST £743

In May, 1793, Charles Watson, one of the architects, was ordered to inquire the price of a ring of eight bells and in August was empowered to order them "at Mears' Foundry half a Note sharper than the Bells in the Parish Church of Wakefield." Mears' bill, dated September 15th, 1794, reads:

1 Peal of Eight Church Bells Complete, viz:

	cwt.	qr.	lb.		cwt.	qr.	lb.
Tenor	22	3	24	4th	9	2	7
7th	16	2	11	3rd	7	3	26
6th	13	0	11	2nd	6	3	21
5th	11	1	23	1st	6	3	2

	95	1	13	@ 14d. p. lb.	623	1	2
8 Clappers	2	0	9	@ 9d. p. lb.	8	14	9

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Brasses 2 5½ @ 14d. p. lb. 3 11 9

8 New Stocks, 8 New Wheels,

8 New Sets of Ironwork with

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Capboards, Tees, Staples, 2. Also

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Compt. £730 in the Lady Milner

Capn, Geo. Cambridge, from London

Policy to Selby @ £2/2/0 15 10 6

7 6

£743 15 8

The bells bore the inscription "Thos. Mears, of London, fecit, 1794." Mears' account was paid by instalments, the first, of £150, on December 19th, 1794, the last, of £212 8s. 2d., on December 24th, 1796.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTHS

A Society of ringers calling themselves the St. John's Youths was formed. They received their first payment of £9 18s. 0d. on August 5th, 1795; thereafter they received £6 5s. 0d. each quarter. In 1819 the quarterly payments became £6 11s. 3d. and in 1828 £7 1s. 3d. The last payment at this



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WAKEFIELD,
after the restoration in 1898

rate was on March 13th, 1830, and the Society seems then to have gone into suspended animation for a couple of years, when the only payment for ringing was £1 a quarter to the vergers.

Foremost among the St. John's Youths was William Woodhead, but after the new ring of ten was opened at the Parish Church in 1817 he transferred his allegiance to that tower, taking others with him. His place was taken by Benjamin Thackray—or Thackrah, as he preferred later to spell his name—the author of a book on ringing, and then by Procter William Hewitt. The Society remained in existence until about 1850. A list of peals rung at St. John's is set out at the end of this article, but is not claimed to be complete.

In 1859 the tower was found to be in need of repair. John Hewitt, whose father was Procter William Hewitt, recorded visiting the ringing chamber in August of that year and, finding it in a dilapidated state, he was told: "This chamber, Mr. Hewitt, was not in this state when your relatives attended here and men of science rung these bells." Hewitt noted that the bells were then chimed by two lads.

TOWER DEMOLISHED

In 1879 the architect employed to plan alterations for the church discovered the tower was cracked. Chiming, or rather clocking, which resulted in the sixth being cracked, continued until 1883. In December, 1883, Taylors, of Loughborough, were employed to remove the bells from the tower to the vaults and it was decided to take down the upper portion of the tower; but the damage, which may originally have been caused by lightning, was apparently more extensive and the tower was pulled down completely. Work on rebuilding started almost immediately the foundation stone being laid on April 18th, 1885, and the tower was built in the former style with much of the old stone; but only to the height of the church roof, and in this stunted form it remained for ten years. On July 31st, 1895, a further inscribed stone was laid in what would be the ringing chamber, and the upper part of the tower rebuilt to the original design, but of brick faced with stone.

In 1900 Mears and Stainbank recast the sixth, an additional inscription being placed on it, rehanging the eight bells, dead, in a new frame and supplied a chiming apparatus. In this state they remain today.

PEALS RUNG AT ST. JOHN'S

December 28th, 1794. — 5,040 Triples, in 3 hours 24 minutes, "by the society of ringers at that place"—first peal on the bells.

April 3rd, 1801.—5,040 Bob Major, 3 hours 23 minutes, "by the Society of Ringers"—first peal of Major on the bells.

July 5th, 1801.—5,280 Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 41 minutes, by St. Peter's Society, Leeds, conducted by Joseph Tebbs—first of Treble Bob on the bells.

May 29th, 1803.—5,040 Bob Major, 3 hours 25 minutes, by the St. John's Youths.

November 3rd, 1805.—5,040 "St. John's Pleasure, or Bob Major Tripples," 3 hours 1 minute, by St. John's Youths, conducted by William Woodhead—first in method at Wakefield.

June 11th, 1806. — 5,088 Old Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 30 minutes, by St. John's Youths—first in the method on the bells.

January 25th, 1807.—5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 35 minutes, by St. John's Youths and St. Peter's Society, Leeds, conducted by William Woodhead.

September 27th, 1807.—5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 23 minutes, by St. John's Youths, conducted by William Woodhead.

May 1st, 1808.—5,144 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 21 minutes, by five St. John's Youths and three Independent Ringers, Leeds, composed and conducted by Joseph Tebbs.

January 4th, 1809.—5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 15 minutes, "by the joint societies of Wakefield and Oldham," conducted by J. Newton.

August 13th, 1809. 5,760 Maidstone Bob Major, 3 hours 32 minutes, by St. John's Youths, composed by Joseph Tebbs and conducted by William Woodhead—first peal in the method.

January 3rd, 1812.—5,040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's), 3 hours 22 minutes, by seven St. John's Youths and one from Bristol, conducted by William Woodhead.

December 27th, 1813. — 5,040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's), 3 hours 3 minutes, by seven St. John's Youths and Benjamin Thackray, of Dewsbury, conducted by Benjamin Thackray.

October 14th, 1821.—5,040 Grandsire Triples, 3 hours, by seven St. John's Youths and Benjamin Thackray, conducted by Procter William Hewitt.

November 21st, 1821. — 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hours 56 minutes, by St. John's Youths, composed and conducted by Procter William Hewitt. This peal was recorded on a board in the belfry.

October 14th, 1822.—5,120 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 12 minutes, by St. John's Youths, composed by Benjamin Thackray, conducted by Procter William Hewitt.

February 18th, 1844.—5,056 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 1 minute, by St. John's Youths, composed by Joseph Tebbs, conducted by Henry Senior—last peal on the bells.

THE SANCTUS BELL

Dear Sir,—Mr D. J. Derrick is to be congratulated on his lucid and, I am sure, useful editorial in which he refers to an action for nuisance caused by excessive bell-ringing brought against a Roman Catholic church in the 19th century.

It is, however, to be hoped that in these more enlightened days, and in spite of the case noted above, the Anglican Church may soon be legally permitted to use a sanctus bell as an outward sign of worship. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. SAWTELL

Trowbridge, Wilts.

Letters to the Editor

OLD RINGS IN WEST COUNTRY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ranald Clouston and others may find interesting some comments from the South-West on his article on "The Oldest Complete Ring."

The Exeter founders are very difficult to distinguish from one another, as they used the same stamp for generations, and one has to take note of moulding wires, etc., as well as lettering-stamps and crosses. The four at Northleigh have a tenor by "I. T."—he left his thumbprint on one word of the inscription, but we still do not know his name—but the other three are by a slightly later 15th century founder, who impressed coins, here and elsewhere, in the head-moulds of many of his bells.

We have Exeter threes probably by the same founders at Huish and Moreleigh, and incorporated into rings of five or six at Payhembury, Monkleigh and Monkekehampton. Brushford has a three by William Dawe of London; this is probably the oldest complete ring in the county, but alas the treble has recently been cracked through clocking; Woborough preserves one complete bell and the inscription bands of two others by Bird of London; they are lovely castings and well worth a look as they are in the church and easily seen. Townstal incorporates three by William Chamberlain.

Mixed Exeter threes are abundant—Loxbear, Wembworthy, West Ogwell (still threes): Churston Ferrers, Gidleigh, High Bray, Honeychurch (the treble here from the time of Mary I); Manaton (one Exeter bell and two lovely London bells by Joanna Hille), Torbryan (three Exeter and one 16th century bell by an unknown founder) and Luppitt (two Exeter and one by Roger Semson of Ash Priors, c. 1560) are also of great interest; Broadwindsor, in Dorset, has one bell by Robert Norton of Exeter, another later 15th century Exeter bell, and another early 15th century Salisbury bell. There are probably a number of mediæval threes in Somerset which I have yet to see.

It is beginning to appear likely that Devon has more mediæval bells than any other county: what is more, the Exeter foundry, with bells as far away from the centre as Dorchester-on-Thames, Upton Magna (Salop) and Guernsey, may prove to have as many surviving bells as any pre-Reformation foundry in the country. I have seen over a hundred, and I think I may be halfway through them.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.)
Clawton, Holsworthy.

THE KINGSLEY MASON PROTEST

Dear Sir,—Having read Kingsley Mason's letter in the issue of February 11th, may I say that as far as I am concerned when the name of Peter J. Staniforth appears at the bottom of a peal that in itself leaves no doubt in my mind that the ringing was good enough to be called a peal.

Those not acquainted with the circumstances existing between most Leicester ringers and Kingsley Mason are unaware of an unpleasant incident at the Cathedral and other towers in which he is not welcome. I wish that I had never had the misfortune to ring in Kingsley Mason's first peal.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.
Marple, Cheshire.

IN DEFENCE OF WARNER'S

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that the sweeping statement P. A. C. made about Warner's in the February 11th issue is only his own opinion. In my opinion, it was their engineering and not their founding that was at fault.

Most Warner rings cast in the last quarter of the 19th century were among the finest cast by anyone at that time and are still hard to be faulted today. Apart from their distinctively individual character they were made to last—anyone who really listens knows this.

To illustrate my point I have drawn up a list of Warner rings I have had the pleasure of ringing on and listening to in my travels.

Here they are, listed in their counties. Berkshire: Boyne Hill, St. Paul's, Wokingham; Devon: Withycombe Raleigh; Essex: Chelmsford Cathedral, Galleywood, Harlow Town, Loughton, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Broomfield; London: Bethnal Green (all except Mears' modern tenor), St. Mary's Holloway Road, Immanuel, Streatham; Middlesex: St. Mary's, Ealing, St. Peter's, Staines, Shepperton; Northants: St. Mary's, Peterborough; Surrey: Oatlands Park; and, last of all, in my own county, Kent: Chatham, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Walmer and, finally, one of Warner's last rings at my own tower, Christ Church, Erith, cast during the first world war—their only attempt at modern tuning as far as I know, and a delight to hear.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford. GEOFF P. HUCKSTEP.

THERE'S A "BRISTOL AFFAIR" IN CHESTER GUILD

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest your leading article on January 28th, "A Bristol Affair," as during the past 12 months exactly the same thing has happened within the Chester Diocesan Guild.

At the beginning of 1965 the members of the tower at which I ring decided that they would like to transfer from one branch to another, and by doing so caused quite a disturbance amongst Guild authorities. After extensive negotiations, both at the Committee and Guild annual meetings in 1965, no final decision was attained, but the general feeling was that certain officers were against the idea.

Since then our own ringers decided that in a voluntary organisation, such as the ringing fraternity, a tower has a right to belong to whichever branch it desires, and so paid our subscriptions via our intended branch.

Recently, however, I have been informed that the Master of the Guild has instructed the general secretary to repay the contributions through the original branch, as Rule 14 of the Association had been broken, which states that the committee only can decide to which branch a tower must belong.

In conclusion, we have decided that if the General Committee fail, this year, to grant the transfer, no further subscriptions will be paid. In my opinion, after paying voluntary subscriptions to a voluntary organisation the ringers themselves should have the right to state to which branch they wish to belong, and should not be dictated to by any committee, as this contradicts the democratic principles of a Christian organisation.

Finally, I should like to hear what the general opinion is in such matters as these.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER J. JONES.
Knutsford, Cheshire.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Just for the record, if F. M. is the man his initials lead me to suppose, he should know that the eighth was recast again at Whitechapel in 1953. There may be some doubt about the sixth being a 15th century Bristol bell, although for long supposed, with the ninth and tenor, so to be. It could well be older, for it differs in shape considerably from the other two and is inscribed "Stephanus Banastre Me Fecit."

There was, and doubtless still is, a 12th century book in the Cathedral library with an inscription in 13th century script to the effect that it was given to the Minor Brethren "for prayers for the soul of their Lord Stephani le Banastre." The inference is that S.B. was Custos of the College of the Vicars Choral, and as such would have responsibility for things "musical" and "Our Lord" to his minor brethren, but unfortunately the records of the College are not sufficiently complete to verify this.

If there is no founder on record as Stephanus Banastre nor real evidence of Bristol origin, then it seems reasonable to suppose that the two S.B.'s were one and the same man and that he cast or had the bell cast at least as early as the 13th century. Perhaps Mr. Sharpe during his current investigations in Herefordshire may be able to find out.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. D.

MR. COLLINS' COMPLAINTS

Dear Sir,—In view of the smokescreen and red herrings produced by Mr. A. J. M. Collins in the issue of February 11th, may I repeat that from October 24th, 1961, to March 31st, 1962, he insisted on absolute secrecy concerning the film "Ringers Required," and that he personally wished to arrange its distribution to the ringing public.

He is under a delusion that his film, issued four years ago, has received no endorsement from officials of the Central Council. It was well received and commented upon favourably by numerous Central Council officials, including myself, at the Cardiff meeting in 1961, when it was introduced. Since then, in replies to some of the many people who write to me for information about instructional material, I have recommended his film and given details of where it can be obtained.

It is obvious that his dissatisfaction has only arisen since the Washington film became available five months ago and this is borne out by his statement "My reason for dissatisfaction goes back to 1965 (not 1961), when it was observed that the Education Committee had presumably purchased a film solely to entertain."

At the last Council meeting (in 1965) in recommending the Central Council to purchase the Washington film, Mr. C. K. Lewis referred to its value, in the high status accorded in the film to bells, ringers and bell-ringing, in connection with church services.

The film, though not one on ringing instruction, includes excellent detailed shots of bells and ringers in action, is excellent propaganda for the art and certainly is enjoyable.

Instead of adopting a dog in the manger attitude, Mr. Collins should realise that the two films are complementary and not competitive. Shown together, as they have been on several occasions, they provide an interesting programme and I know that both films are in good demand and booked up well ahead.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

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

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at the Churches of St. Andrew, Kirk Ella, and St. Mary, Beverley, on February 12th. The attendance was affected to some extent by illness and adverse weather conditions but 62 members and visitors were present.

The afternoon ringing took place on the six bells at Kirk Ella, followed by a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. H. Wilson, at which the preacher was the Bishop of Hull, patron of the Society. Handbells were rung during the singing of Psalm 150, and the lesson was read by the secretary, Mr. A. B. Cooper. The bells of St. Mary's, Beverley, were rung in the evening.

Tea was provided in the Memorial Hall, Kirk Ella, by wives and parents of the Kirk Ella ringers, and before the business meeting the Bishop of Hull presented the Albert Sellers Memorial Cup to Mr. R. H. Sharp, representing All Saints', Hessle, band, who were judged to have made most progress in church service and method ringing. Under the expert guidance of the Rev. F. Ross, senior curate at Hessle, a very young, enthusiastic band has been trained in a remarkably short time and one member, Robert Hawtree, rang two peals of Surprise Major and one of Minor in seven methods within only 14 months of learning to handle a bell.

The president, Mr. K. Kirk, was in the chair for the business meeting, and the annual report and financial statement were formally approved. Ten meetings had been held with an average attendance of approximately 50 members, a feature being the enthusiasm of an encouraging number of young learners. The financial position was greatly improved by a bequest of £10 from the will of the late Mr. Fewster, a former ringer at Patrington. During the year 1965, 45 members took part in 17 peals, and 79 members rang in 53 quarter peals. Some towers, however, are silent and several others require reliable recruits. Society members supported activities organised by the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, and the Beverley Society will act as hosts for the festival to be held at Beverley next May.

The Society president, vice-president, secretary and assistant secretary, Mr. K. Kirk, Mr. N. Castle, Mr. A. B. Cooper and Miss J. Gray, were re-elected. Mr. D. S. Johnson resigned from the office of Ringing Master and was succeeded by Mr. R. Duckor, with the Rev. F. Ross as Assistant Ringing Master.

A vote of thanks to the Society officers was proposed by Mr. F. Parker (Bridlington), and Mr. A. Taylor (Beverley) thanked the incumbents and all who helped in the arrangements made for the meeting. The ladies were complimented on the substantial tea provided at a very reasonable cost. Mr. N. Castle thanked the Bishop of Hull for his address and interest in Society activities.

FALSE?

Dear Sir.—I think the composition used for the peal rung at Peterborough on December 18th, 1965, is false in the fifth and 21st courses.
—Yours faithfully,
TOM H. RUSH.
Beccles, Suffolk.

Dinner Day at Bristol University

A RECORD attendance was expected at this year's Dinner, as nearly 200 tickets had been sold which, incidentally, makes the Bristol Dinner far and away the biggest University dinner in the country; and now, for many people throughout the land, the fourth Saturday in January is synonymous with the Bristol Dinner.

A number of traditions concern Dinner week-end, and one of the oldest is that people in Bristol on Friday evening and, of course, attending the Dinner, should go to the Volunteer. No one knows why—the public house is surely one of the roughest in the city—but, as with all Society traditions, it will never be changed, and certainly part of the charm of the Society lies in its often illogical, always unalterable, traditions. What other University, for instance, has a Cupid, or head- and under-gardeners or, for that matter, a grandmother? However, to return to the point, everybody enjoyed Friday evening in spite of the heaving throng, and were in good spirits for the next day.

AN ORGANISER'S DREAM

With 25 rings of bells to choose from, Bristol is an organiser's dream, and so it was not a difficult task to arrange for 12 towers to be open at various times of the day to accommodate everyone. Bristol has more towers per acre than anywhere else, but one wonders where anywhere else there are so many bad rings. However, the general standard of ringing was quite good and for most people the unique charm of the centre of Bristol more than made up for any deficiencies in the bells. Two peals were also attempted, but because of feckless organisation neither was successful. Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's was lost after two hours, while Stedman Triples at St. Philip's started two hours late and was lost after 20 minutes. Certainly Dinner Day attempts seem ill-fated; a peal has not been rung for over three years.

As has been customary in the past, a Society meeting was held in St. Michael's Church Hall towards evening, a service following at the church. Unfortunately, the heating apparatus was not in working order and the church was icy cold—so cold in fact that the organist was at times unable to play.

ELEGANT TOP TABLE

For the second year running the Dinner was held in the Senate House, and can these rooms be bettered? A new departure this year was the autocratic decision by the Master that dinner suits should be worn on top table, which provoked much adverse comment among prominent non-resident members—though whether it will be repeated next year is very much open to question.

The speeches began with Miss P. Bligh-Cheesman proposing in fluent style "The Visitors." She was delighted to report that this year there were more than ever before, and the more who came the better. A certain other Society seemed to be trying to limit numbers by an inflationary price increase: this she thought wrong, and she hoped that Bristol University Society would always warmly welcome visitors.

Next followed a presentation on behalf of the Society, by Mr. P. J. Bird, of a set of sherry glasses and tray to Professor R. Brocklehurst, the retiring president. Mr. Bird spoke of the tremendous amount of hard work done by the Professor for the Society—he was, for instance, largely responsible for having the Society represented on the Central Council. The Society was tremendously grateful for this and he hoped that the gift would be some token of the esteem the Society held for the Professor.

In reply, the Professor thanked the Society for the gift: he was sure he could put it to good use. Far from being hard work, he had enjoyed the presidency greatly and he was sorry that he had at last to relinquish the post. In retirement, he hoped to find the time to master more complicated methods of ringing bells: however—in reference to a recent letter in "The Ringing World"—Grandshire must never be derided. He had derived a great deal of pleasure from this method, even though it was a relatively simple one.

CUPID HAD TO RESIGN

After "The Society" had been competently proposed by Mr. K. Darvill, of Cambridge, the Master (Mr. D. B. Williams) replied. He regretted that as yet no peals had been rung by the Society in the current year but that was not a sign of weakness. A peal was a transitory thing which might or not be creative. With 30 members to cater for, time was valuable and there were few opportunities to go for peals. However, eight quarters had been rung in one term, in five different towers, with 20 people taking part. These did indicate the strength of the Society, and what augured well for the future was that 19 of those 20 would be returning next year. The Society was handicapped by the bells it had to ring on; he hoped that someone would donate new rings for St. Michael's and Christ Church. As far as the social side went, Cupid had not been at all successful; in fact he had had to resign. It was to be hoped that his successor would prove more fortunate. In conclusion, he spoke of the need of the Society to look to the future if it were to flourish; if it failed to, it deserved the epitaph given to Caesar by Hamlet.

Thus concluded the speeches, the rest of the evening being pleasantly spent in the sumptuous lounge. This Dinner was certainly one of the best ever. N. W. H. G.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

An encouraging feature of the Marlborough Branch meeting at Ramsbury on February 19th was the number of learners and young people present. The Rev. Roger Keeley (Ringing Master) supervised ringing activities.

The Vicar (Canon H. L. Philp) conducted the service, and an excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the parish. Mr. G. Newman (chairman) proposed the vote of thanks.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jackie Roberts (first quarter) 1, Amanda Powell 2, R. Rayfield 3, Wendy Wallace 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome David Christopher, son of Margaret and Eric Godfrey, born on February 4th.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Wilcox 1, G. Edwards 2, J. Scott (cond.) 3, K. Eaton 4, L. Perry 5, L. Meredith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Coxell, the oldest inhabitant, who died earlier in the week, aged 96 years.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Matthews (first quarter) 1, B. Matthews 2, Mrs. J. Fynes 3, H. Wood, 4, G. Rix 5, C. Fynes 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, I. M. Robinson 8. For Evensong. First quarter on the new bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Mrs. P. Lindsell 2, R. J. Lindsell 3, A. Wiffen 4, C. Barker 5, Miss J. Quilter 6, Mrs. J. Syder 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. Rung for farewell to the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Trundley.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, B. Cray 2, C. Woodwards 3, J. Goodman (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, C. Gammon 6. For the induction to this parish of the Rev. E. R. Charlewood.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Feb. 6th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: P. Bridle 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, R. J. Bowden 3, J. T. Parsons 4, Diana N. Chapman 5, A. Tubb 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, J. C. Slater 8, E. F. Hancock 9, A. M. Tyler 10, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 11, R. G. Edwards 12. Rung for the 14th anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

BROMSBOROUGH, GLOS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Wilson (first quarter) 1, L. Smith 2, E. D. Wilson 3, R. Chew 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung for Evensong; also a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. Rigby.

BURRY PORT, CARMARTHEN.—1,440 Doubles (five methods): W. P. E. Sage (Burry Port captain) 1, R. C. Warburton (Guild secretary) 2, A. F. Walters (cond., treasurer) 3, P. C. Rogers (Ringing Master) 4, Rev. Russen Thomas (Master) 5. In memoriam Mr. B. H. Rees, auditor of St. David's Diocesan Guild, 1945-1966.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Minor (three methods): A. W. King 1, Miss C. Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

CHISLET, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Joan M. Barrett 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, G. J. Neilson 3, D. B. Cox 4, A. Berry (cond.) 5, R. M. Copley 6. By Christ Church College Society. Rung for the engagement of Miss Rosemary Howells and Mr. Peter Barney, members of the Society.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. M. Norgrove (first quarter) 1, D. Floyd (cond.) 2, A. E. Hicks 3, H. Osborne 4, J. F. List 5, E. Patching 6. Rung on the sixth birthday of Prince Andrew.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Parker 1, C. Stevenson 2, Josephine Pole 3, J. Brichford 4, D. Fowler 5, P. Woodgyer (cond.) 6. To bid farewell to the Rev. H. E. Farrington.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Sturdy 1, Miss E. Starling (first "inside") 2, J. Shingler (first "inside") 3, M. Powell (first of Grandsire "inside") 4, G. Marchant (cond.) 5, T. R. Hemmings (first quarter) 6.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (11 method/var.): W. G. Marsh 1, Robert D. Marsh 2, Miss R. Blackshaw 3, O. Oliver 4, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Smith, interred previous day.

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gibbs 1, M. Brain (first of Minor) 2, K. G. Weeks 3, D. M. Smith (first of Minor "inside") 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6.

EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Mansell 1, Miss J. Harris 2, E. Broom 3, E. C. Morrall 4, J. A. Morrey 5, G. E. Morrall (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Jan. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. J. K. Paul 1, Sal Parrott 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, W. Parrott 5, S. Warren 6, R. E. Fentiman 7, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 8. Rung for Epiphany, and as a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. L. Riley 1, A. Talbot-Pomsonby (first in method) 2, G. Cooper 3, M. G. Dodson 4, J. Jones 5, G. J. Jones (first as cond.) 6.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. D. Northway 2, J. Hartless 3, L. D. Smith 4, B. Allinson 5, T. Matcham 6. First in seven methods by all.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Ilkerton Var.): A. Grainger 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Fowler 4, C. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band for the speedy recovery of Andy Salisbury after a recent operation in Oldchurch Hospital.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Soten (first of Major) 1, R. Biggs 2, R. Barton (first of Major "inside") 3, Miss M. Newton 4, Miss J. Barton 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKSHIRE.—On Feb. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Mitchell (first in the method) 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, A. C. Banton (cond.) 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, T. W. Brighton 5. Rung with the band's best wishes to Colin Armstrong and Judith Maybon on the occasion of their marriage at this church.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Maysmith (first quarter) 1, G. Spratt 2, R. M. R. Picton 3, P. W. Harper 4, R. J. Picton (cond.) 5, K. D. Waples 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harrop 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newton 4, C. Cousins 5, C. Tovell 6, N. Harding 7, L. Houghton 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 6, who are members of Gaywood band.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Whitehouse (first of Bob Minor) 1, A. E. Morgan 2, C. Pearman 3, F. E. Jukes 4, Dr. D. N. Layton 5, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. K. Smith (cond.) 1, Linda Dalton 2, M. J. Wilson 3, K. Kirk 4, A. B. Cooper 5, R. D. Gibson 6. For Evensong, and in honour of the engagement of Elizabeth Peace and David S. Johnson.

MADELEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan J. Webber 1, Valerie Rushforth 2, Felicity Webber 3, P. C. Kimber 4, P. Gay 5, A. P. White (first as cond.) 6.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (Clifford's Pleasure and Southpreps): R. D. Smith 1, D. O. Haslam (first "inside") 2, J. H. Greene 3, R. Osborne 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, R. G. Coombes (first quarter) 6.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): C. S. Jarrett 1, G. E. Kenward 2, G. A. Naylor 3, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. Dobbie, aged 101. Also 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): P. Jackson 1, Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, N. J. Chesson 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. E. and Mrs. Richmond, who are leaving the parish.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. L. Shenton (cond.) 1, Robert Bailey (first in method) 2, P. Phillips 3, J. A. J. Jack 4, D. Bennett 5, O. Williams 6, J. M. Jack 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

PEMBROKE.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. Cooper (14) 1, S. Rogers (12) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, G. Norris 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, P. R. Huntbach 6. For Evensong, and with best wishes to Rev. H. B. Pearce, curate for four years, on appointment as Vicar of Jordanston and Llanstinan.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian M. Griffiths 1, D. G. Smith 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, Pamela Garbett 4, C. Griffiths 5, J. A. Roden 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Matins.

PLYLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Sheila Y. Hallett 1, G. G. Salmon 2, J. Sheppard 3, E. Skipsey 4, M. Bartlett 5, R. C. Taylor (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 6.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Brooks 1, F. Pickering 2, G. Hiner 3, D. Burling 4, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 5.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. E. Wilson (first quarter) 1, L. Smith 2, E. D. Wilson 3, J. Arnall 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 576 Cambridge): R. Bickerton 1, D. Fellows 2, Celia J. Bland 3, Christine M. Rimmer 4, P. J. Fells 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Best 1, G. Norcliffe 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, H. E. Turner 4, A. C. Best 5, 1. Best 6. Birthday compliments to 1, 3 and 5. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Norcliffe 1, F. Welch 2, D. R. Best 3, R. C. Beale 4, J. Cornelius (first on 8 as cond.) 5, R. Welch 6, J. T. Locke 7, K. Welch 8. After the wedding of Mr. C. Male and Miss M. Salisbury.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Ruth Fairbrother (first in method) 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, F. R. Wiggin (first in method "inside") 4, Jennifer Beech 5, F. H. Eley 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, F. Beech 9, C. J. Evans 10. Rung for the Queen's Accession, and a farewell to the Rev. John Dinnot, senior curate, on appointment to Stoke-on-Trent Parish Church.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gillian A. Richards 1, P. J. Brown 2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3, L. W. Haines 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. C. Eisel 6, R. Edwards (covering) 7. First of Surprise "inside" 2 and 4.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissatt 1, M. J. Crowell 2, C. F. Mutton 3, E. Nunn (cond.) 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, G. Halford 8. First quarter 2 and 3. Birthday compliments to J. W. Sangwin and Colin Mutton (14).

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Hawthorne 1, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 2, C. P. Starbuck 3, R. Canorn 4, R. Phelps 6. For the institution and induction of the Rev. John Emrys-Jones.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Johnston 1, R. D. Quartley 2, R. J. Gardiner 3, G. H. Harding 4, N. P. Spencer 5, R. H. Lucas 6, C. P. Quartley (cond.) 7, G. B. Davis 8. Rung as a welcome to Bishop of Salisbury for Evensong. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. H. Johnston (first of Doubles) 1, N. P. Spencer 2, R. D. Quartley (cond.) 3, R. H. Lucas 4, C. P. Quartley 5, R. J. Gardiner 6. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. H. Johnston 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, G. H. Harding 3, R. D. Quartley 4, R. J. Gardiner 5, N. P. Spencer 6, R. H. Lucas 7, C. P. Quartley (first of Caters as cond.) 8, F. A. Penn 9, G. B. Davis 10. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters rung by the same band.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: Laura Grindrod 1, K. Warner 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, D. Hawkins 4, A. J. Slade 5, D. Wilson 6, June Whitcher 7, H. Duncan 8, M. C. Austin 9, D. A. Hewitt 10, R. J. Chapman 11, P. D. Chapman 12. First of Cinques 1, 5 and 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Whitcher and a farewell to David Wilson on his return to Ringwood, Hants.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Claire E. N. Brown (12, first quarter "inside") 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. T. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Rev. John C. Wallis, on his appointment as Rural Dean of Purbeck.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Owens 3, D. M. Smith 4, W. Lampard 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods for all except conductor.

WARSP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. Moran 1, R. Spencer 2, F. Cooke 3, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First in method 1 and 2. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jenny Peel 1, R. G. Smith 2, G. Arent 3, R. D. Bell 4, L. North 5, D. Laud (cond.) 6, R. G. Bell 7, S. J. Laud 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon R. H. L. James (95), Vicar of St. John's, Watford, for 50 years.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stephen Gay 1, Martin Gay (first in method) 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hollambv 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. Fry 6.

WORCESTER.—On Feb. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. L. Bowen 1, D. R. Morris 2, P. Cattermole 3, D. R. Sayers 4, R. G. Morris 5, R. Sheppard 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. J. Stanier 8. Rung half-muffled on the back eight in memoriam Ald. Dr. F. L. Spalding, Freeman of the city.

OBITUARY

MR. SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS

Members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild were shocked to hear of the sudden death on February 17th of the secretary of the Central Branch, Mr. Sydney A. Chambers. Mr. Chambers, who was 48, had rung as usual at Lincoln Cathedral and St. Giles' the previous Sunday and at Monday practice.

Mr. Chambers was a member of St. Giles' Church for over 40 years and began to ring in 1935 with the writer under the tuition of Mr. Harold Marcon, now of Loughborough, in preparation for the bells which were to be hung in the new Church of St. Giles. He joined the Lincoln Cathedral company in 1946 and was most loyal and regular in his attendance.

He rang his first peal in July, 1939, and had rung a total of 123 peals, mostly for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was a good method ringer and an excellent striker and took part in the first peals of many Major, Royal and Maximus methods for the Guild. One of Mr. Chambers' notable achievements was a peal in 32 Spliced Surprise methods.

Sydney Chambers gave varied service to the Church: he was a member of St. Giles' Parochial Church Council for 20 years, a server, sacristan, and he worked for the Church Union in Lincoln. He had been a prison visitor for many years. He was secretary of the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, an office he had held for six years.

The Guild, the Cathedral and St. Giles' have lost a valuable and faithful member and we will miss his friendship and reliability. His sense of humour, too, and his telling of stories on Cathedral outings were a joy. May he rest in peace. J. L. M.

MR. RALPH MOORE

Cogenhoe, Northants, ringers are mourning the loss of their tower captain, Mr. Ralph Moore, whose death was unexpected although he had been ill for several months. He will be sadly missed. For much of the 35 years he had been a ringer at Cogenhoe he had been captain and steeplekeeper. Another office he had held was that of churchwarden for about ten years. Like many other places, the ringers came and went but Ralph seemed to go on for ever. He only rang one peal in his life, his main object being Sunday ringing, and in this he never failed. B. E. F.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ringling under the management of Mr. G. Maves was of a good standard at the Biggleswade District meeting at Clifton on February 12th.

At the business meeting it was decided to send a get-well card to Mr. A. E. Rushton, the Association's president, and also to visit Old Warden on Easter Eve, April 9th, as the Vicar was in full agreement.

Next meeting: Campton and Meppershall, March 12th.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The annual general meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held at Aberavon on February 14th, the chair being taken by the Rev. Derek Ford, of Newton-Nottage, in the absence of the Vicar.

Subscriptions had been paid by 154 members, a figure lower than usual due to a few towers being in arrears. Thirty-four new members were elected during the year.

Progress was reported from Coity, where the entire band has joined the Association, under the leadership of Mr. D. J. Godfrey; Porthkerry, where methods up to Cambridge Minor are rung for Sunday service; and Newton-Nottage, where Stedman is again rung following the loss of many young ringers from the area.

A very successful year for peal ringing was accomplished. The Branch rang 54 peals in which 13 ringers rang their first peal.

Mr. Christopher Ricketts, at 14½, became the youngest Association member to call a peal of Major, also James Clatworthy had the distinction of ringing his first peal to Stedman Triples.

The Branch was unanimous in its election of Mr. Iolo Davies, of Cowbridge, as Ringing Master for the coming year—a fitting tribute to his untiring interest in the affairs of the Cowbridge Grammar School Society.

Following a long and interesting discussion, the members agreed to experiment with holding only a half-yearly and annual business meeting. The alternate meetings would then be ringing, service and tea only, leaving it to the discretion of the secretary to call a business meeting at these times if the need arises.

Meetings for the year were arranged for: Merthyr, June 11th; Coity, September 10th; St. Athan, November 12th; Newton-Nottage, February 11th, 1967.

Mr. Gwyn Lewis extended the best wishes of the Branch to the secretary, Mr. David J. Llewellyn, and Miss Penelope J. Welch, who are to be married on March 1st at Llandaff Cathedral. Mr. B. Thomas thanked the ladies of Aberavon for providing an excellent tea for the 53 members present. Mr. R. John Thomas replied, saying how welcome ringers were to visit the church at any time. D. J. L.

LADIES' GUILD

Eight new members were elected at the annual meeting of the South Wales District in Monmouth on January 28th. They were Mrs. D. Griffiths and daughter Jane, and Anne Gondwin, all of Monmouth. Mrs. B. Jones and Sally Guest (Usk), Miss Joyce Pennerall (Ebbw Vale) and the Misses Patricia and Jacqueline Black (Chepstow).

Fifty ringers and friends were present. Canon Knight conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Terrance Palmer, and Mrs. V. Jones and the Monmouth ringers, who provided an excellent tea, were thanked by Mr. T. Stephens.

Next meetings (provisional): Whitchurch, May 21st; Ross-on-Wye, October 22nd.

Devon Branch

The lately restored bells at Teignmouth were kept going throughout the afternoon of February 19th for the annual meeting of the Devon Branch, and touches of Stedman Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Major and Minor were rung. Capt. J. C. Styler, assistant priest, conducted the service, and a snack tea was served in the Parish Hall.

Miss M. A. Bould, vice-president, presided at the business meeting. Arrangements for the national meeting at Exeter on July 2nd were discussed, and the Misses B. Duck and J. Bryant were elected members.

Officers appointed for the ensuing year were: Vice-president, Mrs. H. Boobier (Exeter); secretary and treasurer, Mrs. P. Burnham (Dartmouth); Ringing Master, Mrs. G. E. Retter (Clyst Honiton); Branch Committee, Mrs. P. Pavey, Misses S. Sims, V. Stephens and C. Goss; representatives on the Central Committee, Misses M. Matthews and Y. C. Porter.

Further ringing took place at Bishopsteignton in the evening. A. E. R.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Hawkhurst on February 12th was the first on the bells by a local band for 28 years.

Will the correspondents submitting peal copy please write quarter peals on separate sheets and not on the back, to avoid copying.

Mr. R. F. Anscomb writes regarding the peal at Corfe, Taunton (page 97), the footnote should read: "Believed to be the fastest peal of Minor for the Taunton Deanery," and not as stated.

Another milestone on the path of progress was passed by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at Sittingbourne on February 20th, when a peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major was rung silent and non-conducted.

Behind the peal at Pylle, Somerset, there is a story of an obliging Vicar. The band intended to make the attempt at the neighbouring village of Pilton, but on arrival found that the sound-proofing had been "kidnaped." Hearing of their disappointment, the Vicar of Pylle kindly allowed the attempt on his easy-going six.

In connection with our report of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' dinner, we are asked to make two corrections. In Mr. Barnett's speech, "pestering the Archbishop" should read "pestering the Prime Minister," and the ringer of 7-8 in the touch of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was Roger Baldwin and not Peter Beresford.

An evening practice at Farnborough, Hants, on February 19th attracted an excellent attendance of both District members and visitors. A wide variety of methods was rung including rounds and plain methods, Yorkshire, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major. The practice was supervised by Mr. Tom Page, Farnham District Ringing Master.

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THE FIRST GIRL TO RING A PEAL

The first lady to ring a peal, Mrs. Sullivan (née Alice White) sends the following letter to Mr. William Shepherd, of Addlestone, written from Galt, Ontario, Canada:

"In one of 'The Ringing Worlds' I note you put in a word for Dora and me; I was the first girl to ring a peal—at 15 years of age—even though I had to contend with an injured spine, which was caused by a bull tossing me. Bellringing was not hard when the bearings were kept well oiled, and I remember Father taking a bottle of castor oil if we were going to a tower which had no efficient caretaker.

"I have a picture of myself, with Dora, which was taken for the then 'Bell News.' I was then 17, and Father rigged up the ropes in the studio—twice. It was all ready the first time and I suddenly had a bad hemorrhage; even at the second attempt Father was kneeling on the ground holding me up. I am sending the photo back to Harold to be kept in the family."

SOMERSET'S FAST PEALS

Mr. G. W. Massey, peal secretary to the Bath and Wells, has, in consequence of the false claim of the peal at Corfe as the fastest for the Association (it was, however, for the Taunton Deanery), been looking into the times of peals.

He writes that there have been nine faster peals for the Association, the record being shared by two peals rung at Dunkerton, near Bath, in 2 hours and 15 minutes, viz: February 20th, 1960, six Doubles methods; July 28th, 1962, Plain Bob Minor. Other peals in less than 2 hours and 21 minutes have been rung at Corston, Farmborough, Bathampton and Ash-in-Martock.

ROUGHAM BELLS AT THE FOUNDRY

"The East Anglian Daily Times" in its issue of February 19th had a fine picture of one of the six bells at St. Mary's, Rougham, near Bury St. Edmunds, being lowered preparatory to going to the Loughborough Foundry for overhauling. The oldest bell here dates back to about 1410 and is thought to have been cast by John Bird of London. Its Latin inscription can be translated: "I, being rung, am called Katherine, the rose of the world." This bell is to be one-eighth turned. It is badly worn where the clapper strikes and the metal there is in danger of cracking.

Three of the other bells are by John Darbie—two 1661 and the other 1678. The tenor of 1790 was cast by Thomas Osborn of Downham Market and weighs about 16 lb. The youngest was cast by John Warner and Son in 1894. The estimated cost of the work is about £7,000. Mr. Claude Rush informs us that the 1553 Survey showed four bells.

TWO IRISH RECORDS

The name of Mr. John T. Dunwoody, of Hollywood, Co. Down, should have been included in the handbell peal table for 1965. He rang 17 peals "in hand" (conducted 16). His total of peals for the year was 31 (conducted 25). Both figures are a record for the Irish Association.

The peal of Ealing on January 22nd, 1966 (page 98), was rung at St. Peter-in-Thanel, Kent, and not as printed.

STRIKING COMPETITION AT BURGESS HILL

For the third year running a striking competition was held at St. John's, Burgess Hill, in conjunction with the Mid-Sussex Arts Festival. Eight towers entered—the same number as in 1965—and once again A. P. (Pat) Cannon was the adjudicator.

Those taking part were: St. Leonard's, Aldington; St. Mary's, Balcombe; St. Peter's, Brighton; Good Shepherd, Brighton; St. John's, Burgess Hill; St. John's, Crawley; Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint; SS. Damian and Cosmos, Keymer.

St. Peter's, Brighton, were declared the winners with 82 faults, and have thus won every time since the competition started.

About 60 people sat down to tea and to hear the adjudicator's comments on the standard of ringing which, unfortunately, was not up to the level of previous years. Following tea, Pat Cannon gave a brief but interesting talk on his recent trip to Australia. Ringing then continued until 8 p.m.

The competition seems to be maintaining its interest among local towers and, after three years, is acquiring an air of permanence. This must surely be to the good of ringing and ringers, as it not only brings about an awareness of what constitutes good striking but also, by its link with the Arts Festival and the attendant publicity, brings the art of bellringing to a wider (and possibly more appreciative) audience. A further competition will be held in 1967.

D. L. H.

61 YEARS AS CAPTAIN

On February 15th Mr. William Lawrence was re-elected captain of the St. Nicholas', Stevenage, band for the 61st year. He began ringing in October, 1900, and has been in charge of the belfry since 1906. Except for war service in 1914-18 and the enforced silence in World War II he has rung morning and evening on Sundays with only very rare absences because of illness.

Ringers are well known for longevity and faithful service, so Stevenage does not claim this as a record, but Mr. Lawrence's term of office must be amongst the longest—and still continuing to the joy of all his colleagues.

SPlicing THE MAINBRACE FOR JAMES BENNETT

Many of the old school will remember Jim Bennett, who went into the Royal Marines in 1905 and later rang many peals with the late William Pye.

Apart from "the screws" in the arms, Jim is hale and hearty and as upright as ever, and still enjoys a touch on Sundays and practice nights. It is a pity he could not stand in the peal of Grandsire Caters on the evening of his 79th birthday, but the ringers were glad to join him to splice the mainbrace after the peal.

Jim sends best wishes to all old friends.

BROTHERS FATHERS THE SAME DAY

The two brothers, Geoffrey and Brian Pratt, achieved a remarkable distinction on January 28th by both becoming fathers for the first time. Geoffrey and Margaret's baby was a boy (David Charles) and Brian and Jill's a girl (Helen Anne). All four parents are ringers and all are from Cambridge, although Geoffrey and Margaret now live near Nuneaton.

"A COLLECTION OF SURPRISE COMPOSITIONS"

This book, by Cyril A. Wratten, has made a significant addition to the small but gradually increasing amount of published technical data. It is intended for the conductor who has neither records of methods and compositions published in "The Ringing World" nor the time or know-how to derive falseness and compose peals.

The book is divided into sections dealing with Major, Royal and Maximus. In each section all Surprise methods rung and published up to and including October 22nd, 1965, are listed by name, together with leadheads and falseness groups. These lists of methods are followed by compositions, grouped by leadheads, with the falseness groups to which each composition is true. The Major section is by far the largest, containing over 600 methods and 119 compositions.

The user has merely to look up the leadheads and falseness of the method for which he needs a composition and then look through the group of compositions with the appropriate leadheads to find the ones which are true to the method's falseness.

As in any book of finite size, there are limitations: because the falseness of the methods and the "truth" of the compositions are given without incidence, no compositions will be found for a small proportion of methods, such as Hitchin, which have falseness to which no composition is true for all incidence.

A final section contains a selection of peals of spliced in up to 30 methods: these have been chosen so that the same composition can be used to a wide range of methods.

At five shillings, this well-printed book is a bargain. It provides compositions for over 700 named methods and, if used in conjunction with Hudson and McClennahan's publications, compositions for several thousand more methods become available.

DAVID J. MARSHALL.

RANG WITH THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Mrs. Sullivan (née Alice White), who was born in 1880 and rang her first peal at the age of 15, rang peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson. She now lives at Galt, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. William Shepherd writes that he rang three peals with the Rev. F. E. R.—at Heresham in 1903 and two at Arklow, Ireland, in May, 1905. He also rang a peal with Mr. Louis A. Wilson at Putney on November 25th, 1901, and with Mr. A. E. Pittstow's father, Frederick Pittstow, at Waltham Abbey on January 25th, 1919.

WESTBURY PEAL'S TIME

Dear Sir,—The band which rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Westbury, Wiltshire, on January 29th, 1966, have no desire to be credited with the crime of ringing the fastest peal on these glorious bells. It was a good peal rung in the reasonable time of 3 hours and 29 minutes, and not as published on page 121.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE MASSEY.

Frome.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WELLS, Somerset.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.	
Gillian M. Hussey Treble	Philip M. J. Gray 6
Patrick J. Bird 2	John C. Slater 7
Nicholas W. H. Simon 3	Frank D. Mack 8
Alan Tubb 4	D. John Hunt 9
Richard J. Bowden 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.	
Gilbert W. Rendell .. Treble	*Frederick T. Sandy .. 5
Raymond B. Selway .. 2	Gordon Gaylard 6
*Derek S. Beaufoy .. 3	Harry J. Gaylard 7
William E. Turner 4	Albert W. Dyer Tenor

Conducted by Gordon Gaylard.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

(Axbridge Branch.)

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six extents of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

Vincent A. Hemming .. Treble	†Harold Hooper 4
*P. John Hall 2	§Geoffrey Hebden 5
†Stanley Lewis 3	†R. W. Rice Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Vincent A. Hemming.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in two methods

‡ First including Kent. § First peal for the Association as conductor

PYLLÉ, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being six callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb	
*John Sheppard Treble	*Christopher R. Jenkins .. 4
Brenda H. Boyce 2	†Gwilym G. Salmon .. 5
Sheila Y. Hallett 3	*Richard C. Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Taylor.

* 1st peal of Minor. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sheila Hallett.

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

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt

Eric C. Wadman Treble	*Derek S. Beaufoy 4
Ronald G. Beck 2	*Bryan C. Stirland 5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 3	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

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

WOOTTON COURTENAY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G	
Mrs. Jean Lee Treble	*Tom Court 4
Alan F. Lee 2	William Middleton 5
Julian E. Newman 3	*Reginald Court Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee

* First peal for 14 years.

A thanksgiving peal for the restoration of the church roof.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DARESBUURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt	
Michael Thomson Treble	Harry W. Howard 5
John Ryder 2	Harold Worrall 6
*Christopher Jones 3	John R. Bibby 7
John Oultram 4	Walter Allman Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Walter Allman.

* First peal in the method In memoriam C. Raddon.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HELMDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., St. Clement's B. and three of Plain Bob.

William J. Chester Treble	Anthony J. Cox 4
Shirley E. Jones 2	Christopher J. Royal .. 5
Peter C. Randall 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

First peal as conductor. First in five Minor methods by all except treble and tenor ringers. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Rung in honour of the engagement of Peter S. Bennett and Marion R. Pantom, with the best wishes of the band.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

EXETER, Devon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.	
Arthur H. Reed Treble	Frank L. Harris 7
*Norman Mallett 2	John Hartless 8
Ann E. Fellows 3	Ronald N. Marlow 9
David P. Hilling 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
Colin Reeves 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Lewis F. Cobb 6	James A. D. Woolford } Tenor
	Frank D. Mack }

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr in E	
Margaret Lawson Treble	Kenneth Lawson 6
*Ann Lawson 2	Michael Maughan 7
*Enid Lawson 3	Jack Roach 8
James Crowther 4	George S. Deas 9
Peter Wishart 5	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. D. Stubley, who has left the parish to take up his new post as industrial chaplain.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No 3 Version. Tenor 21 cwt in E.	
Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	Alan E. Bagworth .. 7
Frederick R. Scott .. 3	George E. Thoday .. 8
G. William Critchley .. 4	David P. Hilling .. 9
J. Keith Ward 5	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal of London Surprise Royal for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Feb. 18, 1966 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 135 methods as follows:

- (1) Butterwick, Freiston, Frampton, Benington, Saltwood, Burmarsh, Tattershall, Candlesby, Alford, Langton, Sutton, Denton, Chelford, Poynton and Witcombe Special Alliance, Minchinhampton and Finchley Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Cornhill and Cripplegate Special Little, Bastow Little Court, College, Double Oxford, London Wavertree and Double Court. (28 methods by H. Chant arranged by C. A. Wratten.)
- (2) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Aldbourne, 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.)
- (3) Stonehouse Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Worsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iyer, 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.)
- (4) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn and Brampton Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.)
- (5) 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, Bore-done, Pelmash and Knutsford Delight. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.)
- (6) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Will-sden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob. (15 methods by A. G. Driver.)
- (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise. With 229 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included.

Tenor 7 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

125th peal of Minor as conductor.

Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ST. OSYTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 16 methods, seven 720's, viz: (1) College Exercise T.B., (2) London Scholars, Kingston and Sandal T.B., (3) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) Double Court Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt.
Adrian Semkin Treble | Peter G. Pitt 4
Leslie Ward 2 | Frank B. Lufkin 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3 | Brian J. Vaughan Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BELFAST, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Mark, Dundela.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.
Parker's Twelve Part. 5
Rosemary Thompson .. Treble | Jean Jeffery 5
John T. Dunwoody 2 | M. Jack Pryor 6
Maud Austin 3 | John Lindsay 7
John Palmer 4 | *Walter Mann Tenor

Conducted by John Lindsay.

* First peal in the method. First of Triples as conductor. Rung as a farewell to M. J. Pryor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.
George J. Butcher Treble | *David S. Osenton 7
Dennis A. Chapman .. 2 | W. Arthur Riddington .. 8
Herbert E. Audsley .. 3 | Frank J. Matthews .. 9
Marjorie F. Matthews .. 4 | Frederick J. Cullum .. 10
*Cyril S. Jarrett 5 | *Christopher T. Osenton .. 11
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6 | Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by Louis Head. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

*First peal of Cinques. First of Cinques as conductor. Ringer of the fifth has now completed the method from Doubles to Cinques.

Rung in honour of the 14th anniversary of the Queen's accession.

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

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
Frederick J. Cullum .. Treble | *Cyril S. Jarrett 5
*†W. Arthur Riddington .. 2 | *Colin A. Tester 6
*Christopher T. Osenton .. 3 | *†Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4 | James T. Stevens Tenor
Composed by Rev. E. S. Powell. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method. †50th peal together.

HAWKHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 23 cwt.
Parker's 12 Part. 5
Judy M. Bowen Treble | Albert H. Kemp 5
*Edward Baker 2 | Philip Harrison 6
Marion Kemp 3 | Geoffrey S. Waters 7
William Gorrings 4 | Leslie W. Jarvis Tenor

Conducted by William Gorrings.

* First peal "inside." Rung by local band.
A birthday compliment to the conductor, also for the wedding anniversary of the Vicar (Rev. A. S. M. Leese) and Mrs. Leese.

HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.
Reginald E. Lambert .. Treble | Arthur S. Richards 5
Robert T. Lambert 2 | Ian H. Oram 6
Doris E. Colgate 3 | Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
William Rogers 4 | Dennis A. Chapman Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
The band extend good wishes to Betty Tester and Brian Jeffrey, married this day at Edenbridge.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz: (1) Norwich, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Surfleet, (5) London, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
Tony Lewis Treble | *Michael H. O'Callahan .. 4
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 2 | Ian H. Oram 5
Richard G. Crosland .. 3 | D. Paul Smith Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal of seven Surprise "inside." First of seven Surprise as conductor. Tony Lewis and Paul Smith have now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung on the Feast of St. Scholastica, Virgin.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.
*Paul Bagshaw Treble | *Colin Wyld 4
*Elizabeth John 2 | Crawford T. Hillis 5
*Rhian N. Bagshaw 3 | †David L. Cawley Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.
Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble | J. Martin Thorley 7
Beryl E. Causer 2 | Alan E. Jacques 8
William A. Lacey 3 | Denis A. Frith 9
J. Edward Cawser 4 | Samuel J. Haines 10
W. Ernest Rawson 5 | A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 11
Roland H. Cook 6 | R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by David G. Wilford.

Conducted by William A. Lacey.

AYLESTONE, Leicester.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Feb. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
Sandra E. Chesterton .. Treble | S. John Haines 5
*Tony Natt 2 | David G. Farrar 6
A. James Poyner 3 | Russell S. Morris 7
Brian S. Chapman 4 | John M. Jelley Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by A. James Poyner.

* First peal "inside."
With the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morris on the birth of a daughter, Michelle Claire, on January 30th, 1966.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.
Jack Bray Treble | George H. Randles .. 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2 | John Hall 6
*Gwen I. Bloomfield .. 3 | Michael W. Crowder .. 7
Ronald Chafer 4 | Philip Barnes Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.
Middleton's. Treble | *Bernard B. Tyrrell .. 5
Alan G. Payne 2 | Ronald C. Noon 6
Frank Taylor 3 | Maurice Bennett 7
Norman Forvague 4 | Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

* First peal in the method.

In memory of Stanley E. Bennett.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz: (1) Double Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.
Frank Taylor Treble | R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 4
Joan Gilbert 2 | Harold Barsley 5
Janet E. Hubbard 3 | Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

BRANSTON, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 23 lb.
Philip C. Pitchford .. Treble | John F. Pearson 4
John Walden 2 | George H. Randles .. 5
Walter Tomlinson 3 | Louis Wilders Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James. Conducted by Louis Wilders.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. F. W. Allbones, organist at this church, interred this day. R.I.P.

GOSBERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
Edwin T. Chapman .. Treble | George W. Massey 4
Janet E. Hubbard 2 | Alan G. Payne 5
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3 | Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHEPSTOW, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Richard W. Owen Treble	*Reuben S. Clench 6
Jacqueline S. King 2	*David J. Hughes 7
Audrey Bruten 3	James L. Fitzgerald 8
Donald G. Clarke 4	David J. King 9
David Pike 5	George Ward Tenor

Composed by Morris J. Morris.

Conducted by David J. King.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. John C. Woodward on his appointment to the living of Ynysddu with Cwmfelinfach.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb.

William T. Petty Treble	†Barrie Williams 5
*Susan Harber 2	†James Clatworthy 6
Thomas Yeomans 3	Stephen Fenwick 7
Penelope J. Welch 4	David J. Llewellyn Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

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

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*John Williams Treble	Mrs. Christine M. Lucas 4
†Sandra Ford 2	†William H. Harford 5
Gwen B. Bidgood 3	William Dove Tenor

Conducted by Gwen B. Bidgood.

* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Grandsire Doubles. First as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. W. A. Winton, M.A., also for his induction as Vicar of Whitchurch on February 14th.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

*Jean S. Anderson Treble	Wilfrid G. Wilson 6
Christopher H. Rogers 2	†Martin E. Harrison 7
Olive L. Rogers 3	†Robin J. Collis 8
†Harold R. Blagden 4	Peter N. Felton 9
*Ian C. Cooper 5	Harold W. Rogers Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Peter N. Felton.

* First peal. † First of Royal. First as conductor on tower bells.

Christopher H. Rogers has now "circled the tower." Rung by the local company as a tribute to Rev. J. Derek Hayward, B.A., on completion of his first year's ministry in Isleworth, and in honour of his marriage to Miss Tessa Kaye.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

KILBURN, London.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

Michael N. Bland Treble	Christine C. Macnair 5
*Douglas C. Birkinshaw 2	David T. Darby 6
*David A. H. Bennett 3	Ian M. Smith 7
Andrew N. Stubbs 4	Rodney B. Meadows Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Rodney B. Meadows.

* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

John Cox Treble	Kevin S. Hohl 5
Geoffrey H. Pullin 2	David Cubitt 6
Angela M. Wright 3	Peter Adcock 7
Martin Cubitt 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by David E. House.

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

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods—(1) London and Wells, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.

Geoffrey H. Pullin .. Treble	Martin Cubitt 4
David Cubitt 2	Peter Adcock 5
Angela M. Wright 3	David E. House Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.

First peal in nine Surprise Minor methods by all the band and on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roland Biggs Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
Arthur Newton 2	Percy Newton 6
*Judith M. Loten 3	David A. Cornwall 7
Roy E. Barton 4	Joyce I. Barton Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First peal.

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

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 36 methods, comprising 192 changes each of Cambridge, Claybrooke, Derwent, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Painswick, Radlett, Rutland, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cray, Deben, Dublin, Hanbury, Hitchin, Jersey, Maulden, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ramsey, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Trowbridge, Uxbridge and Watford, with 158 changes of method.

*W. Bertram Kynaston .. Treble	Brian Bladon 5
Edward R. Venn 2	James R. Taylor 6
†Michael J. Hobbs 3	Peter Bridle 7
†Anthony R. Peake 4	†Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 25th peal on the bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Major in 36 methods.

The greatest number of Major methods to a peal in the county and for the Association.

A compliment to Mr. A. J. Gough and Miss R. A. Ford, married this day at Wootton Bassett, Wilts.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz: Single Oxford, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Plain Bob.

Walter Lee Treble	Ronald J. Snack 4
Anthony K. Fortin 2	Roy Woodruff 5
*Joyce I. Barton 3	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

ABINGDON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

M. Roger Ashmore .. Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 6
F. John Nelson 2	Anthony P. Foster 7
Hilary F. Pardoe 3	G. Robert Mordaunt 8
Bruce Wakefield 4	Roger M. Heyworth 9
Richard Wharton 5	Peter M. Bradford Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. John Nelson.

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THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.
John M. Preston .. Treble | G. Robert Mordaunt .. 5
Vanessa C. A. Rodriguez .. 2 | Roger M. Heyworth .. 6
Rodney A. Yeates .. 3 | Anthony P. Foster .. 7
Richard Wharton .. 4 | F. John Nelson .. Tenor
Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by F. John Nelson
First in the method by all the band and for the Society.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.
Sheila M. Dobbie .. Treble | Edwin A. Barnett .. 5
Joan Beresford .. 2 | Roger Baldwin .. 6
Ronald F. Diserens .. 3 | Stanley Jenner .. 7
Derek E. Sibson .. 4 | Dennis Beresford .. Tenor
Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Rung silent and non-conducted.
Umpire: Philip A. Corby, Ancient Society of College Youths.
First peal of seven Spiced Surprise Major rung non-conducted and silent.

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

ASTON.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
*William J. Pettigrew .. Treble | †Alan S. Burbidge .. 6
*Cynthia Jennings .. 2 | †Donald T. Finnemore .. 7
*Robert J. Liggins .. 3 | Edric J. Franklin .. 8
†Mark Androlia .. 4 | Allan Short .. 9
*Reginald A. Inman .. 5 | Richard C. Ingram .. Tenor
Arranged and Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
* First peal. First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
David T. H. Robertson .. Treble | †Archibald T. Knight .. 5
Jonathan Nibbs .. 2 | Christopher M. White .. 6
*Carolyn White .. 3 | Frederick S. Slaford .. 7
†David Nibbs .. 4 | Norman G. N. Knee .. Tenor
Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Frederick S. Slaford.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major "inside."
‡ 25th peal. The ringer of the tenor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

GLASGOW.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Feb. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.
*Henry F. Sargent .. Treble | †Michael J. Pink .. 5
Ernest Boumphrey .. 2 | †David M. Graham-Service .. 6
†Thomas J. Winderam .. 3 | Michael H. Johnson .. 7
*Thomas C. Winderam .. 4 | Leslie Boumphrey .. Tenor
Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.
* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. † First peal at first attempt. First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung by past and present members of the local band as a farewell to the Provost, the Very Rev. F. F. Laming, on his appointment as Provost of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations viz: Three extents each Grandsire, Newborough, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rushall, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and Little Aston.
Tenor 12 cwt.
Robert D. Marsh .. Treble | David Oliver .. 4
Ruth Blackshaw .. 2 | Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
Margaret E. Chilton .. 3 | Leslie Butler .. Tenor
Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
Rung in memoriam John Walter Ward, aged 81 years, deputy organist at Holme Pierrepont for 22 years and a chorister and organist for 73 years.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
*Arthur Newell .. Treble | David Oliver .. 3
Neil Handley .. 2 | Graham J. Fisher .. 4
Sydney Adams .. Tenor
Conducted by Sydney Adams.

* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G
Cecil W. Pipe .. Treble | Michael Howes .. 6
Clifford R. Lovett .. 3 | Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. 7
Robert E. Lester .. 3 | Ernest G. Pearce .. 8
Alice E. J. Lester .. 4 | George W. Pipe .. 9
Howard W. Egglestone .. 5 | Roy Groom .. Tenor
Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
Rung as a compliment to James Bennett on his 79th birthday.

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

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.
J. Ian Margetts .. Treble | Thomas Brock .. 6
Edwin R. Goate .. 2 | William B. Duncan .. 7
Terence G. Page .. 3 | H. William Barrett .. 8
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 4 | Ralph W. Bickers .. 9
Edwin T. Chapman .. 5 | Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

A wedding compliment to Miss V. Jane Cooper, a member of St. Michael's company, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. William Bentley this day.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
G. William Critchley .. Treble | Alan E. Bagworth .. 6
Robert C. Kippin .. 2 | George E. Thoday .. 7
Frederick R. Scott .. 3 | George W. Pipe .. 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4 | J. Keith Ward .. 9
Anthony B. Sansom .. 5 | David P. Hilling .. Tenor
Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal for the Guild.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.
*J. Michael Swift .. Treble | Frederick J. Lambert .. 5
*Kathleen A. Rivett .. 2 | C. Alfred Levett .. 6
*Janet M. Percy .. 3 | *Alan R. Baldock .. 7
*Stanley F. Buckland .. 4 | *Robert W. R. Percy .. Tenor
Composed by Edward F. P. Bryant. Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Oxford Bob
Rung in connection with the celebrations for the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, and also as an 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.
*Leonard Stilwell .. Treble | Tom Page .. 5
E. Jane Sibson .. 2 | George Francis .. 6
Edgar R. Rapley .. 3 | Derek E. Sibson .. 7
Ronald F. Diserens .. 4 | W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor
Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 800th peal, and rung as a 76th birthday compliment.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods, viz: four extents Stedman, five each All Saints and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and four each Winchendon, Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.
Betty M. Baines .. Treble | Valerie J. Howard .. 3
*†John A. Howard .. 2 | †Derek Slater .. 4
*Frank H. Hicks .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together. First of Doubles in ten methods by all except the conductor.
Rung immediately after the wedding of Pamela N. Smart, daughter of the Vicar, and Richard C. Brown, both ringers at this church.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

STORRINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Jan. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
*Alan J. Taylor Treble	*Marcus J. Davies 4
Jean Horton 2	Benjamin W. Farhall 5
Leonard Stilwell 3	Robert Wake Tenor

Conducted by Robert Wake.

* First peal.

Rung for the 21st birthday of Marcus J. Davies.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qqr. 16 lb. in G.	
Thomas J. Lock Treble	John C. Baldwin 6
David J. Forder 2	Michael J. Thomas 7
A. Patrick Cannon 3	Maurice J. Butler 8
Reginald W. Rex 4	Tom Chapman 9
Derek C. Jackson 5	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by W. Pye.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

ROMSEY, Hants.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfreda.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.	
Reginald F. Crook Treble	David J. Forder 5
Tom Chapman 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

EAST WOODHAY, Hants.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G sharp
Reginald F. Crook Treble	Reginald W. Rex 4
John C. Baldwin 2	Thomas J. Lock 5
Geoffrey K. Dodd 3	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WOOLTON HILL, Hants.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and one of Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.
A. Patrick Cannon Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd 4
Reginald W. Rex 2	Reginald F. Crook 5
John C. Baldwin 3	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

Arranged to enable Mr. T. J. Lock to ring a peal at his birth-place and at the tower where he learned to ring.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TEWKESBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.	
*Lucile M. Corby Treble	Joseph D. Johnson 7
Philip A. Corby 2	Doris E. Colgate 8
Mrs. J. Thomas 3	Robert W. Hinde 9
†Ann Jenner 4	Trevor A. Cross 10
Hilary F. Hinde 5	Stanley Jenner 11
†Judith M. Corby 6	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman Cinques.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods comprising 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
Martin D. Fellows Treble	Graham C. Paul 5
John C. Eisel 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
J. Alan Ainsworth 3	Clifford A. Barron 7
Brian J. Luff 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

First peal of Spliced as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Tues., Feb. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Adrian C. Boorman .. Treble	Harold B. Schofield 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2	Geoffrey Crossley 6
Iris M. E. Lemare 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
Harold Barron 4	Roger J. Lumley Tenor

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NON-ASSOCIATION

THORLEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.
*Kenneth Westwood .. Treble	Herbert W. Watts 4
Cecil J. Warboys 2	Albert E. Richardson .. 5
Peter C. Warboys 3	Thomas A. Camp Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Warboys

* First peal. First in the method by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Warboys, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. F. G. Warboys has been the steeplekeeper at this church for many years

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Feb. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins.

Conducted by Ann Lawson.

First peal as conductor.

Tenor size 15 in C.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WHEATHAMSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.

On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of College Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.
Gerald Penney (cond.) .. 1-2 | Julia A. Fellows 3-4

*Roger D. R. Brown 5-6

* First handbell peal in seven methods.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

All rung in the belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church, Holywood, Co. Down.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD T.B. MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin 1-2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
*John Lindsay 5-6	

On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 11 in G.
*†Maud Austin 1-2	†John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
*John Lindsay 5-6	

* First peal in method. † 25th peal together. First in method as conductor.

On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

*Maud Austin 1-2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
*John Lindsay 5-6	

* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

John Lindsay 1-2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
Maud Austin 5-6	

On Fri., Feb. 18, 1966, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.	
Maud Austin 1-2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
John Lindsay 5-6	

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents New Antelope, 11 Grandsire, 10 Plain Bob, 10 New Grandsire.	Tenor size 11 in G.
Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary Whalley 3-4
*Kevin Price (cond.) .. 5-6	

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Special method: Hull Surprise. 8550

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at South Benfleet, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea 'o C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, Benfleet. 8499

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South East District.—Meeting at Springfield on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (S7827). 8490

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at St. David's. Bells 7–9 p.m. — G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road. 8562

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Cottesloe on Saturday, March 5th. Bells at 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 8544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to W. Kitchingham, Stone Hall, The Street, Hartlip, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8483

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St James', Poolstock, Wigan, Saturday March 5th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Williams, 4, Coronation Street, Poolstock, Wigan.—K. Wilson, Sec. 8574

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ringing meeting at Ealing, Saturday, March 5th. Ringing: Christ the Saviour's (8) 3.30–4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) 6.30–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—W. H. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Penny Stratford, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley. 8493

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 8523

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Yatesbury, March 5th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss V. Preston, 24, Yatesbury, Calne. 8557

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 5th. Times at Walkley now altered to 2.15–2.30 and 3–3.45 owing to a wedding. Ranmoor bells from 3.30 and after tea. Business includes new secretary and proposed changes to Cup Contest rules. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Webster, 29, Ranmoor Road, Sheffield 10.—J. Seager, Sec. 8557

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 5th, Wollaton. Bells (6) 3.30 to 7.30. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25, Hambledon Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham. 8535

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 7th, at 7 p.m. Special method: Ealing S.M. 8563

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Decumen's, Watchet, on Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting and ringing after. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Cottage, Dunster 346, not later than previous Wednesday for certain, please. 8580

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ossett, near Wakefield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, Wakefield, not later than March 8th. N.B.—The adjourned general meeting will take place at Barnsley on a later date.—J. W. Buxton. 8584

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Campton (5) and Meppershall (5), Saturday, March 12th. Ringing, Campton, 3–4.30. Tea, Meppershall, 4.45. Meeting and ringing 4.45. All welcome. 8579

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing. Withyham bells available between 2.30–4 p.m. Hartfield bells available between 7.15–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by March 10th please. 8536

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, March 12th. Trumpington, Bells (8) 3 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church School (Farm School). Washington film after tea, followed by business meeting. All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall. 8592

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Social at Boreham, Saturday, March 12th, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets 6/- from E. W. Roast, Twixus, Mill Lane, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex. S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, March 9th. 8503

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting at Dymock, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Wilson, 12, Hyde Park Corner, Redmarley, Gloucester. 8587

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Budeaux, on Saturday, March 12th. The bells (6) are available from 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome. 8588

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. will be followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Members requiring tea should notify Mrs C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey (Tel. Ewell 4986) by March 10th. Bells available as follows: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting. 8553

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Whitlock, 2, Battel Hall Cottages, Leeds.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Goodnestone, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 2/- per person. Those who require tea please notify Mrs. R. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, near Canterbury, by March 9th, together with cash. 8513

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Ambleside on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe, Sec. 8560

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 8577

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea, please to Mr. J. Ascroft, 9, Kew Gardens, Penwortham, Preston, by Wednesday, 9th.—L. Walmsley. 8585

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Portishead (8), March 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, by Thursday, 10th. 8567

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, Saturday, March 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. M. Kirk, Brooklands Farm, Barkby, or telephone Syston 2527. Names in by Wednesday, March 9th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8551

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, March 12th. Bells (6) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to Jack L. Millhouse, 3, Honington Crescent, Lincoln (Tel. 23662) by Wednesday, March 9th. Would all members endeavour to be present at this meeting.—J. L. Millhouse, Ringing Master 8561

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swanbourne (6), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Blechley, Bucks, by Thursday, March 10th. 8572

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daverby Branch.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Whitton, Daventry, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 8564

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening meeting, Weekley, March 12th. Bells (6) 7–9 p.m. Special methods: Single Oxford and Wells Surprise. All welcome.—M. A. C. 8566

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Orston on March 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 8592

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Euston (5) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8583

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Storrington on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea Mr. J. Taylor, 27, Spierlidge, Storrington, Sussex. 8597

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at Woodbridge, March 12th. Ringing, St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m., then service. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All bookings for tea to Mr. Stanley Woodward, The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, March 9th.—Winifred Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 8546

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cleve Prior (6) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham, by previous Tuesday, please. 8526

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at Cranford, Friday, March 18th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8469

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting, Wivenhoe, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 and in evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe. 8570

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Rushall near Walsall, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Entries for eight-bell striking competition (April 30th next) to be in by this meeting, please, to hon. secretary. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Bainham, 35, Lyswatts Street, Walsall, Staffs, by March 16th.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8403

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Blethingley, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. Streeter. 8605

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Benwell and St. Stephen's, March 5th.—CANCELLED due to unforeseen circumstances: Advanced Notices.—Next Meeting.—Gosforth, April 2nd: Trip to Rothbury, May 7th.—Names as soon as possible, please, to—Miss G. Douglas, Sec., 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3. 8606

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting Hedon (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Rev. C. E. Dann, The Vicarage, Hedon, East Yorks. 8605

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at North Wingfield, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. J. Timons, 19, Williamthorpe Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, by Wednesday, March 9th. Special methods: Ealing Surprise and Gainsboro' Little Bob.—M. Phipps, Sec. 8612

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, on Saturday, March 12th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland, Co. Durham, not later than Wednesday, March 9th. 8598

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenharn Branch.—Meeting Grittleton (6) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells at 6 p.m.—H. Heath. 8616

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 8608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas, St. Helens, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Mary's, Prescot, (8) 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hedgcock, 37, Wilson Street, St. Helens, by Wednesday.—M.E.D. 8613

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Practice meeting at Bell Foundry on Saturday, March 12th. Beginning at 5 p.m. prompt. Methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. 8614

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special committee meeting, Church House, Leicester, Monday, March 7th, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8617

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, March 12th, St. Mary, Neasden Lane, Willesden, 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 140, Church Lane, Kingsbury, 5, Kingsbury St. Andrew 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss V. E. Dupre, 63 Woodlawn Road, S.W.6. RENOWN 4423. 8611

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Norton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss B. Johnson, Engine Locks, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 8615

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting of Western Deaneries, Saturday, March 12th, Horsham St. Faith. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. G. Chapman, Horsham St. Faith, NOR87X, by Wednesday, March 9th. 8604

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanelli on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Rees, Marble House, 6, Brynall Terrace, Llanelli, Carmar.—R. Warburton. 8601

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts. meeting at Blyth, March 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford. 8603

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton & Petersfield District.—Practice meeting at Binsted on March 12th. Bells 6–8.30 p.m. 8600

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Charlton Kings (8) on Tuesday, March 15th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 8607

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stebbing on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Harrington, 8 Warehouse Villas, Stebbing, Dunmow. 8599

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting March 19th West Wickham: bells 3–4.30 p.m. Addington: bells 4.30–5 p.m. Service at Addington 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. Evening ringing at Addington. Names for tea to Miss C. Cousins, 18 Upper Shirley Road, Shirley, Croydon, by previous Tuesday. 8602

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