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ON THE ORIGIN OF BOB AND SINGLE

IF those pioneers of the Exercise responsible for providing it with its basic terminology have left us no explanation of their choice of terms, it must remain a matter for conjecture. Nevertheless, in attempting to trace the origins of such terms, we must first take cognisance of all available facts, for only when we have exhausted those may we justifiably have recourse to surmise.

Unfortunately, I have no easy means of access to the early works on Change Ringing. Perhaps someone who has may be able to provide material that will shed more light on the subject. In compiling the following notes I have consulted that monumental and extremely reliable work, the *Oxford English Dictionary*.

Elizabeth M. Barber's letter (p. 109) poses interesting problems. However, her derivation of the word *Bob*, ingenious as it is, cannot possibly be correct. In 1677, Stedman (*Campanologia*, p. 82) writes of *Grandsire Bob* and *College Bob*, mentioning *single* and *double* courses (= leads?). In 1702 (*Camp. Impr.*, p. 26) we find: "The word Extream we must confess is the most proper Signification, in regard to the Change, but there is now and for some time has been a word called Bob, instead of Extream, upon what account the word was chang'd, we know not." Now, had the word *Double*, with this meaning, existed in 1677, it is reasonable to suppose that it would be found in *Campanologia*; moreover, in 1702 we are told quite clearly that *Bob* has replaced *Extream*, and there is no mention of *Double*!

Apart from this, there are grave phonological difficulties against Elizabeth Barber's deriving *Bob* from *Double*. If she were right, it would be to say that, in a couple of decades, a word newly coined for a specific purpose had undergone a process involving three phonetic changes (one perhaps unprecedented). Such a drastic transformation is unparalleled in the history of the language.

If it is true that the early terms of our art have a common source, I would suggest that it may be the popular sport of hunting, especially as hunt and course must have arisen first. The evidence is as follows:

Hunt (first recorded thus 1684 in O.E.D.). In 1688, we find this definition: "The first, or Treble Bell, it is termed the Hunt, and the second Bell the half Hunt, because they run from the round Ringing, through all the change of Bells backwards and forwards, before they (the other bells) come to round Ringing againe" (R. Holme, *Armoury*, III, 462/2).

Course. One meaning is *hunt* or *follow*, which is exactly what bells do when they course one another. It also means a race (as in Shakespeare) and so a complete circuit, i.e. the circuit completed by each bell (compare Stedman's use in 1677, *loc. cit.*).

Bob. It is less easy to be sure about *Bob*. In almost all of its many senses in O.E.D. it is of obscure etymology. Even so, its meaning in our sense seems to me best explained (so O.E.D.) as ultimately from *Bob*, verb³, to rebound. This describes the movement of the bell actually making the bob in, say, Stedman Triples, Grandsire or Plain Bob: it *bobs back*, or *rebounds*, sooner than it would in the normal course of ringing. Our definition, describing the effect of a bob on the coursing order, is a later development. If this is related to the other terms in origin, it perhaps stems from a deer's bobbing back on its own path.

(*Treble Bob* is less easily explained, for the treble dodges and then pursues its original course. Nevertheless, it does *bob back* to dodge where normally, in a plain hunt, it would not be expected to do so.)

Single. (O.E.D. noun, sense 3: not recorded with its present meaning except as "a term . . .") It is found in *Campanologia* (*loc. cit.*) and in *School of Recreation* (1684): "Another way of Ringing Twenty Four Changes Doubles and Singles on Four Bells." We should note O.E.D. *single*, verb¹, sense 2: "To separate (one deer, etc.) from the herd—pick out and chase separately." (*Cp. single out.*) Thus, the bell making the single is *singled out* to perform a special function, producing an effect which cannot be obtained by a bob. Note, too, *single*, noun, sense 1b: the tail of a deer.

Change. Finally, we may consider O.E.D. *change*, noun, sense 9: Hounds taking a fresh scent are said to "hunt change."

ROBIN BROWN.

Great Adventure II Reunion in London

MEMORIES of the five weeks of active sight-seeing, ringing and hospitality in Australia and New Zealand were revived on February 26th, when all those who participated in the tour assembled at Western Australia House, Strand, for a most successful reunion.

Australian ringers in England were the guests of the tourists. These were Mrs. T. W. Goodyer (Turrumurra), Miss M. Chambers (Perth), Miss J. Murphy (Melbourne), W. G. Knight (Turrumurra), Dr. H. J. Rossell (Perth) and Miss B. Bennett (Ballarat). A Canadian ringer, Mike Simpson, who is in England for three weeks from Calgary, was also present with his mother, who lives in Lincolnshire.

Others present were Mrs. L. Stilwell, Mrs. A. P. Cannon, Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mrs. T. J. Lock and Mrs. A. G. Mason, wives of the tourists, and Mrs. Sarkar, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason. Miss Ruth M. Foreman, who undertook the financial arrangements for the tour, Mr. Philip M. Gray, the Central Council representative of the Australia and New Zealand Association, and Miss E. Stevinson, of Godalming, a friend of Dr. Rossell, were also present. It was regretted that Mrs. A. Richardson, of Surfleet, was unable to make the journey.

The leader, Mr. T. J. Lock, welcomed the company on arrival, many of whom having previously met at St. Lawrence Jewry, where the bells were available in the morning. Signatures were taken to send greetings by air mail to all towers visited. The main feature of the afternoon was the film of the tour, exhibited by the Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville and taken by him. This pictorial record was an excellent coverage. Supplementary transparencies were provided by Tom Locke and Pat Cannon, and Anne Holford had her collection of some 200 slides with her. Recordings of some 15 rings of bells were also available and were played to the assembly. These included such famous bells as those at Melbourne Cathedral, St. Andrew's Cathedral, the new ten at Sydney, St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, and Adelaide Cathedral. During the proceedings a telegram was read from Bill Pitcher, the hon. secretary of the Australia and New Zealand Association, and the Editor of "Ringing Towers," their journal, which stated: "Best wishes for a happy Great Adventure II reunion."

THE PRESENTATION

Dinner followed at the Strand Palace Hotel and after an excellent meal the party adjourned to an ante-room, where three presentations in appreciation of his leadership were made to Mr. Tom Locke from members of the party. These were a film projector screen, a Parker 61 pen and an electric razor.

The Rev. Malcolm Melville said he had been given the task, as representing Great Adventure II, to thank their leader, Tom, for all he had done for them. They had many times expressed appreciation for his tireless efforts in shepherding them right round the world and also for organising that memorable reunion. When travelling, they found it impossible to make a presentation, and that evening they asked him to accept these tangible gifts of their appreciation. At Mr. Melville's request the gifts were handed to Mr. Lock by Mrs. Kathleen White.

After thanking the party for their generous gifts, Mr. Lock said it had given him the greatest pleasure to arrange the tour and there was no doubt that due to their splendid co-operation and closely adhering to the programme it had been a great success. He had no grumble to make. "You all did magnificently," he said.

Mr. Lock said he very much appreciated the generosity and hospitality extended to them: the Australians did everything they could for them. It was, as he said before, the tour of a lifetime. They would never forget what the Australians did for them. They knew what they wanted and laid it on for them. As far as he was concerned, the tour could not have been bettered. The

next Great Adventure would have to be Australians coming to this country, and he could assure them that they would give them a hearty welcome and whilst in this country enable them to take advantage of what the Ringing Exercise could offer them. Ringing was so organised here that there was no reason why they should be in the cold.

The leader also thanked Miss Anne Horsford for providing peal cards of the tour. These were being sent to towers visited.

The members of the party were the leader (Mr. Lock), the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, Mr. and Mrs. T. White, Miss Anne Horsford, Messrs. A. P. Cannon, R. Mark Damerell, A. G. Mason, C. W. Pipe, L. Stilwell and Wilfred Williams.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held its annual general meeting on January 29th at Shrewsbury, when there was a good attendance, with ringing at St. Chad's and St. Mary's.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master regretted that he was unable to carry on with his duties and asked to be relieved of his office; Mr. E. Willcocks was elected Ringing Master and Central Council representative. Mr. Willcocks thanked the meeting for showing their confidence in him and said that he hoped to attend most meetings but was unable to promise to get to them all.

A proposal that the treasurer should be

peal secretary was carried unanimously.

A proposal to change the date of the annual general meeting was also carried, the new date being the second Saturday in July. The secretary and treasurer were re-elected without opposition.

The treasurer's report showed a good balance and it was proposed and seconded that £75 should be invested in five per cent. Defence Bonds.

Mr. E. Willcocks proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Shrewsbury for his address, to the Vicars of St. Chad's and St. Mary's and to the local captains for the use of their bells, to the ringers' wives and friends for the tea arrangements.

E. M.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' JOINT MEETING

Eynsford, in the winter, is very dead, but not on January 22nd. Despite wind, rain and peals, some 60 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District held jointly with the Ladies' Guild. After the service, conducted by the Vicar, an enjoyable tea was supplied by ladies from Bexley and Crayford.

Mr. E. A. Barnett took the chair at the business meeting, at which 16 new practising members were elected, five from Bromley Parish Church, five from Biggin Hall and six from Chelsfield. In welcoming them, the chairman said "We hope they will get a lot out of the Association, and put a lot into it by attending meetings, etc." One associate member and four non-resident life members were also elected. Tony Lewis was elected "Ringing World" correspondent.

Ringing continued on the recently rehung bells until 8 p.m. under the Ringing Master, Mr. Paul Smith.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A record number of 13 new members was elected at the East Devon Branch meeting at Feniton and four certificates were presented. Mr. J. Sage gave a talk on the history of the local bells. Arrangements were made for the first Branch dinner to be held at Honiton on March 5th, and for an outing to the White-chapel Bell Foundry. The Rev. G. S. Bussell, Vicar, conducted the service.

After the meeting an in memoriam quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles for G. C. Woodley, former Branch chairman, was rung by B. F. Coles 1, A. J. Holway 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, K. T. Clarke 4, R. C. Woodley (conductor) 5, J. Clarke 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE 18th century Church of St. John at Hackney was a popular choice for the annual meeting for the N. and E. District on February 19th. The present church is the successor to the Church of St. Augustine, built in the 13th century on an adjacent site, but only the tower of this building now remains. The bells, a ring of eight with a 16½ cwt. tenor, were removed from this tower in 1854, but following a disastrous fire in 1955, when the church was extensively damaged, were recast and hung lower in the tower.

A company of 40 attended the service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. McKinley, with the Rev. Colin Hodgetts as organist.

At the start of the business meeting Mr. J. R. Mayne referred to the passing of Mr. Roy Wilkinson, a member of the Harrow Weald band. He had a long record as a Sunday service ringer in the Pinner, Bushey and Harrow areas, and members stood in silence in tribute.

In submitting his report the secretary stated it showed a satisfactory state of affairs. Eight District meetings had been held with an average attendance of 33, whilst joint meetings had been held with the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association and the Central District of the Ladies' Guild and the South West District of the Essex Association. Nineteen new ringing members had been elected and eighteen non-resident life members. It was noted that during the year the 500th peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden had been accomplished, whilst among the list of quarter peals recorded, were a number rung half-muffled in remembrance of Sir Winston Churchill.

All the officers were re-elected for a further 12 months with the exception that Miss G. E. Newcombe succeeded Mr. S. G. Peck as a committee representative, viz.: Chairman, Mr. H. G. Hart; Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; Deputy Master, Mr. T. G. Hawkins; secretary, Mr. E. H. Kilby; assistant secretary, Mr. D. T. C. Smith; auditor, Mr. J. R. Mayne; committee representatives, Miss G. E. Newcombe, Messrs. D. E. R. Knights and C. F. Neal.

Miss M. Cruickshank (Finchley) and David Grove (Upper Clapton) were elected as ringing members, whilst the ratifications of the provisional election of Michael N. Bland (Kilburn) as a ringing member and R. J. Talbot (Beddington) as a non-resident life member were confirmed. The Rev. G. H. McKinley Rector of St. John at Hackney, who is also a ringer and assists in the belfry when duties permit, was elected as an honorary member.

The chairman thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting with a special word for Miss French and other members of the local band for arranging a splendid tea. Further ringing then took place until 8 p.m.

E. H. K.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The ground-floor six at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, was the tower for the District meeting on February 19th. The mild weather encouraged visitors from as far afield as Lincolnshire, and methods up to Wells Surprise were rung.

The service was taken by the Rev. Hart-Synott, who also played the organ. Tea was held in the local Cavalier Hall.

Mr. Anthony Kench was elected chairman for the business meeting. It was announced that Hatfield was not available for the May meeting and it was decided to go to Kimpton instead. Mr. John Cull, of Kimpton, mentioned that at the May Day festival on May 7th, ringing was to be one of the activities. The tower would be open from 3 p.m. until 8.

Mr. Roger Brown, the secretary, said that he would like as many names as possible for the outing on March 19th, plus 8s. a head, by the Saturday before at the very latest. The coach would leave St. Albans at 1.30 p.m.

J. A. F.

MR. GERALD ARNOLD AN APPRECIATION

I was very sorry to read in "The Ringing World" of the passing of Gerald Arnold, for it was with him I rang my first quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Thomas' Church, Lymington, Hants in 1905. A tablet recording this is in that tower. We had a very keen band in those early days and had two practices a week, one open and one with fixed clappers, thanks to that grand veteran of Christchurch Priory, Mr. George Preston, and several of his ringers, who used to cycle over to Lymington (12 miles) each Monday to help us.

Through ill-health, Gerald Arnold had not done any ringing for a long time, but was able to follow the interests of the Christchurch District of the Winchester Guild. I was glad to read a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Lymington by a combined band from Ringwood and Wareham.

C. A. H.

MR. S. A. CHAMBERS AN APPRECIATION

It was with great sorrow that the Lincoln Cathedral company of ringers learned of the passing of one of their most respected members, Mr. Sidney A. Chambers. "Sid," as he was known to all his friends, had been a member just on 20 years and during that time he had been a most loyal, very efficient and most regular attender both for Sunday service ringing and for practice. No words that I can write will quite express how much he will be missed, his place so hard to fill; his genial manner endeared him to all.

On the day of his death the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled and towards the end of the ringing the Very Rev. the Dean (Ven. M. D. Peck) came into the belfry and said a few short but moving prayers as a mark of respect of our beloved colleague and friend.

The attendance at the funeral at St. Giles' Church was evidence of the great respect in which Sid was held and we of the Minster company find it hard to believe that he has passed from our midst at the age of 48. We express our deepest sympathy to his father, brothers and sister in their very sad and sudden loss.

J. W.

MR. EDWARD EARNSHAW

With deep regret we report the death on February 24th of Mr. Edward Earnshaw, of Meltham, past president of the Halifax and District Association of Change Ringers. For over 30 years he was president of the Association and throughout that time was only once absent from a meeting. His devotion to his duties as an officer of the Association and to his church at Meltham could not be surpassed. He was a friend to everyone and all were welcome at his home.

During the 14 years that I was secretary of the Association his advice and guidance were always there when I asked, and these qualities endeared him to all who came into contact with him. I shall certainly miss him, and so will every member of the Association. Now that I am president, the responsibility seems greater without him.

On behalf of all our members, past and present, our sincere condolences go to his widow and the ringers of Meltham in their, and our, sad loss.

God rest his soul, he has earned it.
ARTHUR FARRAND.

MR. J. A. WILTON

We have received notice from his younger son Frank of the death of Mr. John Albert Wilton on January 21st. He was a ringer at St. John the Baptist's, Whitwick, Leics, and also St. Margaret's, Leicester. R.I.P.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. G. HARWOOD

Great Yarmouth's oldest ringer, Mr. J. W. G. ("Billy") Harwood, died on February 1st, aged 88 years. He had been a member of St. Nicholas' company since 1905, its secretary for 30 years, and also for 20 years secretary of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Association. When he retired from the latter office he was elected a vice-president of the Association.

"He set a splendid example to all ringers by his regular attendance at his own tower and at District meetings. He was a genial character, loved by all with whom he came in contact and a credit to the Exercise," writes H. W. B.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow officiated at the funeral service on February 7th at St. Nicholas' Church. Interment in the cemetery was next to his ringing friend, Mr. W. Lee. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. W. B. Duncan, E. R. Goate, G. W. Fletcher and H. W. Barrett.

Mr. Ben Thompson, of Lowestoft, writes: His ringing career began in 1902 at St. Nicholas' under the wing of the late Denison Hayward. He did not progress very quickly, but keenness and patience eventually enabled him to ring standard methods. He rang 59 peals for the Norwich Association, having been elected a member about 1905.

A skilled engineer fitter, he worked with the Cobholm Engineering Company, of which the managing director was the late Arthur Webber, a very skilled ringer. When the tenor at St. Nicholas' became unringable in the mid-twenties Mr. Webber undertook to do the rehanging; he and Billy did the job complete with new iron headstock. It was such a great success that the late W. Pye said to me that it was the best-going bell of its weight he had handled.

Many holiday visitors to Yarmouth will remember with pleasure and cherish the memory of "Billy's" geniality.

REV. GEORGE STORER

The passing of the Rev. George Storer, chaplain to the Beverley and District Society, is deeply regretted by a wide circle of ringing friends. He was 83 years of age.

For 38 years he was Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, retiring in October, 1964. His ambition was to augment the three bells in his church to a ring of six, and this was accomplished in 1950. The anniversary of the dedication was marked each July by the Society meeting at Hutton Cranswick, when the members were most hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs. Storer.

At the funeral service on February 25th at Hutton Cranswick the bells were rung half-muffled, two of the ringers being Harry Rodmell (86) and Len Rodmell (83), who were members of the band who rang the first touch on the bells. Also present were the Society's president, Ringing Master, secretary and assistant secretary.

ANOTHER ROBINSON VETERAN

To the mention of those who rang with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson must be added Mr. F. A. Ranson, who now rings with Mr. W. G. Wilson at Ealing. He took part in a peal of Stedman at the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds, on June 18th, 1907.

MR. S. H. SYMONDS

After a short, severe illness, Mr. Stedman Harry Symonds, of Lavenham, died at St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, on February 23rd, aged 77. He was a worthy member of a great ringing family, having rung at Lavenham since the age of 11. He had been Ringing Master since the death of his father, Mr. Arthur Symonds, in 1938. His peals exceeded 200 and many of these he conducted. His only son, Dennis, is a member of the Chelmsford Cathedral band.

Many ringers attended the funeral service on February 26th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. Turner 1-2, P. Eves 3-4, T. Bird 5-6, W. Jarvis 7-8. On the Sunday a quarter of 1,260 Plain Bob Major, one of the deceased's compositions, was rung with the bells half-muffled by M. I. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. Turner 2, W. Jarvis 3, R. Chambers 4, R. M. Clouston 5, A. R. Knight 6, L. Pryke 7, D. A. Symonds 8.

MR. TOM VALLENCE

Mr. T. H. (Tom) Vallence passed away suddenly on February 19th at the home of his daughter, 27, Wykin Lane Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.

He learned to ring in 1910, when two trebles were added to the present four at Stoke Golding.

After several years he left the village to reside in Leicester and joined the band of St. John the Divine's under the late Mr. W. Willson. He rang a number of peals for the Midland Counties and the Warwickshire Guild. When he returned to Stoke Golding in 1931 he was presented with a clock from the ringers of St. John the Divine's. Another ringer he admired was the late Fred Dexter.

He had not done much ringing during the last few years as he found it difficult to get up the steps. A good churchman and also a member of the choir, Tom was greatly respected in the village and beyond. H. H.

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

A joint meeting of the Society with the Derby District of the Derby Diocesan Guild was held at West Hallam on February 26th, thanks to Dr. G. Futers and the Rector (the Rev. G. C. C. Spencer), who made it possible. Every one was welcome. Owing to the Southwell Diocesan Committee meeting the same day the attendance was affected. The Rector conducted the service.

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Letters to the Editor

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—The peal fees required under Rule 18, Guild Rules, have not been paid for the following three peals reported in "The Ringing World," and these peals are not therefore eligible for inclusion in the Guild Records and Triennial Report to be published this year:

Cambridge Surprise Maximus, at Winchester Cathedral, on September 25th, 1965. Conductor, John Worth.

Ludgate Surprise Royal, at St. Michael's, Southampton, on October 2nd, 1965. Conductor, Dennis Beresford.

Victoria Surprise Major, at Hawley, on November 28th, 1965. Conductor, Robin Leale.

Yours truly,

D. T. MATKIN.

Hon. Peal Recorder

26, Wellington Road,
Bournemouth, Hants.

AN OLD FOUR IN NORTHANTS

Dear Sir,—Where is the oldest ring of bells—are we to recognise threes and fours? There was a time, 100 years ago, when nothing less than eight was eligible for a peal—there are in fact some people today who argue that there is no such thing as a peal of Minor or Doubles; but now that the Central Council has recognised four bells for a peal I would suggest that Fawsley, Northants, near Daventry, has possibly one of the oldest rings anywhere untouched since being cast by Henry Jordan between 1442 and 1470.

Vandals have unfortunately from time to time got up to the tower in the isolated church (with less than 30 inhabitants) and made it so that these four bells (tenor approximately 11 cwt.) cannot be rung, mainly through wheel trouble. All the bells have dedications to saints—St. Mary, St. Botolph, St. Gabriel and St. Katherine—with decorations.

The church is situated in a park with lakes near an old mansion once the seat of Sir Charles Kingsley, whose family memorials adorn the church.

Fawsley's small population could not, by themselves, raise the money necessary to restore these bells.

At different times I have come across other very old bells—one at Cold Ashby, 1317, one each at Slapton and Winwick of like period, and one at Great Billing of circa 1370—a fine 14 cwt. bell by Johannes de Yorke. A sanctus at Harringworth and one of four at Yarwell, near Peterborough, are reputed to be by John de Colsale, circa 1410. And nearby, at Chesterton and at Orton Longville are bells by John Walgrave, circa 1420, in addition to one of four at Newton Bromswold, near Wellingborough, circa 1430.

These are only odd examples and not complete rings like Fawsley's.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

SOUTHREPPS

Dear Sir,—No one seems to have noticed that the method published in your issue of January 14th, 1966, as Southrepps Bob Major is in fact Canterbury Pleasure Bob Major. This was first rung to a peal on December 17th, 1888, at Warnham, Sussex. The lead-end is also given incorrectly—it should be 14257386.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

THE GOSPORT PEAL

Dear Sir,—With the ringing of the recent peal at Gosport, I presume we have reached the end of the chapter. It began last September with much publicity in "The Ringing World" and the local Press regarding the activities of Mr. G. Dodd and a team of amateur bellhangers. Their object, it was stated, was to get Gosport bells ringing again, and, according to the "Portsmouth Evening News," "to form a resident team of ringers" to ring for Sunday services. However, Mr. Dodd in "The Ringing World" for September 24th, wrote "a word of warning: these bells are not for beginners." It is significant that no mention was made about who was to teach beginners on bells not suitable for beginners—or were we to assume that Mr. Dodd and his merry men would regularly travel to Gosport to teach the beginners?

We in this district were aware that the Vicar of Gosport did not want the bells rung and that the bells were entirely unsuitable for beginners. We also knew that during the last few years the Gosport campanile has been engulfed by four blocks of multi-storied flats, by several smaller blocks of flats, and by many new houses and shops. Is it surprising that letters of protest appeared in the local Press after a quarter peal had been rung and that protests at the recent peal resulted in the Vicar having the ropes removed to prevent any further trouble with his parishioners?

If it was genuinely intended to get Gosport bells ringing with the object of raising and training a resident band, the obvious way to go about it was (a) to approach the local District officers to see why they had not done anything in the matter, and (b) to get the approval and co-operation of the Vicar to see what could be done about raising the money to have the bells made ringable for beginners and also to modify the campanile to restrict the noise factor to a minimum.

The way in which Mr. Dodd and/or his colleagues approached a churchwarden in the absence of the Vicar and the events which followed and which culminated in a peal seem to me to be quite unethical. I would suggest they should restrict such activities to towers in their own districts, and preferably to towers in the country, where they are less likely to antagonise the general public.

Apart from other considerations, it is sheer hypocrisy to write and talk about getting bells ringing for the benefit of the Exercise when the real object is to ring a peal on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. J. COPE,

Ringing Master, Portsmouth District,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

RINGERS' SERVICES

Dear Sir,—The General Committee of the Leicester Diocesan Guild has asked the Provost of Leicester to draw up a form of service to use at quarterly and annual meetings of the Guild. He has graciously agreed to do this, and has asked to be furnished with material for this from other Guilds and Associations.

I would be most grateful if your readers would send to me copies of ringers' hymns and prayers or copies of their own Association services.

These would be returnable and would help us to choose from a wider variety of material.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

68, Eimfield Avenue,
Birstall, Leicester.

ROUNDS AT HANDSTROKE QUESTIONABLE

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Bruce's letter on page 111 concerning calling up rounds from random positions, and I would like to make a few comments on it.

Mr. Bruce says, quite correctly, that if two coursing pairs can be found together as they would be in the plain course, then a single bob would produce plain course coursing order, and ultimately rounds. He suggests, however, that these rounds may occur at handstroke, but this will never be the case.

To produce rounds at handstroke requires a "mirror image" of the plain course coursing order, and this would be obtained if the two pairs of bells found to be coursing together in a similar manner to the plain course were actually coursing backwards (i.e. in the case of 2-4, if 4 came to lead immediately before 2, rather than after).

Producing rounds at handstroke is a questionable practice. I personally—and I am prepared for a lot of people to disagree—consider it undesirable, on the grounds that the last whole lead before rounds will have been false to the plain course, first lead, and ringing a false touch goes against the grain.

I think it worth while to try to avoid this, and for the case mentioned earlier—that of two coursing pairs reversed—I suggest the following solution. Simply call the bell coursing immediately before the "loose" bell (see Mr. Bruce's article) to make a bob. It will then always be found that there are two pairs of bells, coursing as in the plain course, with a new "loose" bell between them. We now have the situation described at the beginning of Mr. Bruce's article, and calling the new loose bell to make a bob will give the required plain course coursing order. It will always be found that the new loose bell is the one which was coursing two places in front of the last one we called to make a bob, and this tells us that the second bob will be just two leads after the first in every case.

For example, if the coursing order 4-5-3-2-6 came up, then 3-5 and 6-4 should be recognised as coursing pairs reversed, with 2 as the loose bell. 5 should be called to make the first bob, and then, two leads later, 4 should be called. In this case we will get rounds on backstroke as the last bob is made. (The rule of calling the second bob two leads after the first only applies to methods with lead ends in the same order as Plain Bob.)

What I have written does not contradict what Mr. Bruce has written, and I was glad to read his article and to have the opportunity to think about this aspect of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BRUCE WARNE.

St. John's College, Durham.

CHANGE RINGING IN NEWCASTLE AREA

Dear Sir,—I have been interested to read your recent series "Change Ringing in the Newcastle Area" and I am pleased that you have been able to give prominence to ringing in this often-neglected part of England.

Having said that, however, I must make it known that many errors and omissions occur among these potted histories and I trust that present readers and future students will not accept them as standard works of reference. It is obvious that your contributor has not made his researches in sufficient depth and has relied mainly on hearsay and even guesswork in certain instances.—Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued

WIDEN THE ART

Dear Sir,—I should like to add one or two points to W. G. Wilson's letter of February 11th on Grandsire. I am convinced that it is immaterial whether Grandsire or Plain Bob is taught as the basic method. The danger lies in the fact that it often remains the only method rung. In my own tower, for various reasons, the band, although keen and lively, can ring little more than Plain Bob. After two or three years of this, the one or two of us, capable of ringing up to Surprise Minor are understandably bored with this one method, and at one time we nearly lost members as a result.

Going to a meeting, it is not only possible but easy to predict the dozen or so standard methods which will be rung. You know the ones I mean—they come up every month without fail. Your only chance to ring much else is to take the diagram with you and hope that your friends will rally round. Again, after a year or two of these methods, it is easy to be bored.

So why not ring the occasional peal of Grandsire Royal if it makes a change from Caters? Let us have some real variety if the methods are musical, and this is something a man may judge for himself; if a ringer does not like the music he need not ring the method whether it be Grandsire or Cambridge, so let him make his own decision.

I should like to wish the very best of luck to all those who are trying to keep up the interest and challenge of our art, whether they choose to extend the vast range of Doubles variations, to pioneer in the field of Surprise Major, or to continue to ring so-called "irregular" Minor methods. I have every intention of joining their number. — Yours faithfully,

C. J. EASTON.

Scalby, Yorks.

MR. RUSHTON'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I express through the columns of "The Ringing World" my sincere gratitude for the many encouraging messages received during my recent, and fortunately short, period of treatment in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

It was a real delight, too, to receive visits from the Master and secretary of the "Cumberlands" and many others, including Mr. L. G. Coburn, representing my very good friends at Harpenden. With regret, I find myself unable to accept all the invitations and offers of hospitality I have received during convalescence, but would like to thank the general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association and his wife for the privilege of spending a few days under their hospitable roof.

If I conclude by saying that I shall, in all probability, soon be seen at a rope's end, it should not be taken that the recent Government decision on capital punishment is reversed, or that I have been guilty of anything more than the normal indiscretions of one rejoicing in his new-found robust health! — Yours sincerely,

ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

Luton.

GROTON AND GROTONIAN

Dear Sir,—I have had quite a few replies on the "pealability" of Groton and Grotonian, notably from Michael Bruce in Walsall, Staffordshire, and E. W. Martin, of Great Bowden. It seems that both principles are O.K., at least in Caters, and I do hope some of Groton's friends will get together to attempt a peal.

It might be of interest to your readers to know how the whole experiment came about. Last June Frank Price and I went on a ringing jaunt in the Guildford area. At one tower John Chilcott, the Kippins and others were ringing a superb touch of Superlative I was struck by the beauty of the dodging in front and back and when Frank explained the structure of the method I wondered if a similar arrangement couldn't be devised for Triples and Caters. That week-end in Winchester—in the garden of friends who teach at the college, and thus in the shadow of the great Cathedral—I struck upon Grotonian. Not satisfied with its stagnancy I continued to work at it off and on throughout my English stay, and in Utrecht the first night on the Continent with the boys, came up with Groton, obviously the more interesting of the two principles, and the easier, I think.

Neither may ever be rung very much in English towers but anything at all capable of being called the "American Stedman" is an honour to the school.

As I wrote to Mr. Martin, I, being more of a musician than a mathematician, feel that a certain degree of "stagnancy" is not undesirable. Repetition—or in change ringing, near repetition—is for me an essential part of the aesthetics of the Exercise. If I may quote Michael Bruce, "You'll gather I don't think much of Grotonian, but Groton's musical potential impresses me more every time I look at it. It's almost worth while swimming the Atlantic to join the peal attempt—just to listen to the music." I wish there could be a peal attempt here but we're just not quite up to it.—Yours sincerely,

RUSSELL S. YOUNG.

Groton, Massachusetts

THANKS TO MR. MALCOLM PHIPPS

Dear Sir,—Thirty-five members and friends from the Peak District who attended the 14th annual and Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Dinner on February 19th at Chesterfield, calling at Baslow and Old Brampton en route, wish to express their thanks for a most delightful and successful evening to Malcolm Phipps and all who took part in organising the speeches, dinner and dance.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) G. RICHARDSON.

Fairfield, Buxton.

NURSE RINGERS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Fitzgerald wonders how many trained nurse ringers there are in the country. At first I thought there must be dozens, but on further thought I've only met two in all my travels. Are there many of us?

WIN M. ELLIOTT,
S.R.N., S.C.M., B.T.A.

Kelvedon, Colchester.

NURSE RINGERS' PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letter from Terence Fitzgerald with regard to a possibility of a "list" of ringers who follow the nursing profession.

Because of duty hours I would suggest that the probability of getting a peal band together might cause a "major" headache, as I imagine that any such ringers that exist must be very widely scattered.

However, I admire Mr. Fitzgerald's enthusiasm and would respectfully submit my own name for his "register," though being somewhat doubtful as to my capabilities in the peal ringing class, never yet having attempted one!—Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK WILLES.

28, Danetree Road,
West Ewell, Epsom.

Mr. Albert Wiffen informs us that there are two nurse ringers at Braintree, Essex—Mrs. Pat Lindsell, S.R.N., Ringers, London Road, Braintree, who has rung two quarters of Plain Bob Major, and Mrs. Marion Wood, S.R.N., wife of the District secretary, of 10, The Causeway, Finchingham, Essex, who has rung several peals of Surprise Major and Minor.

REDDITCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I make a reply to two letters which appeared in "The Ringing World" since the publication of my report of the pupils from Redditch County High School and their visit to London.

At the end of my report I said the pupils were helping man St Stephen's bells on Sunday evenings, where formerly the bells had been chimed, from all accounts, for many years. I did use the words "from all accounts," but my observations as a "local" were obviously not quite correct. Mr. Kynaston said he had heard the bells ringing for Evensong and had even rung with the local ringers. I suspect that he might have heard chiming on some occasions and he did not say whether he had helped to ring five or six of the bells of the octave!!

Mr. Hemming, in issue 25/2/66, says he rang a quarter peal with four of the local ringers in 1955 on the back six. This was for an important occasion and yet only six of the bells could be rung, with the town having a population of over 32,000! The band has remained so active since then, that today there are four ringers and the captain. I will say no more but let readers guess the rest of the story.

The four ringers are quite wonderful in the help they are giving me, and my praise could not be too high. Perhaps some time in the future the eight bells will be ringing to changes regularly—that is certainly my hope and the hope of the four regulars. Needless to say there are difficulties which many towers and hands do not help experience, and publicising them does not help!—Yours faithfully,

M. V. WHITE.

Studley, Warks.

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A SUFFOLK REHANGING

THE bells at St. Mary the Virgin, Rougham, have recently been removed to the Loughborough Foundry for their first major overhaul since 1895, when the present treble was added to the existing ring of five and the whole rehung some 15 to 20 feet lower in the tower in a fine oak frame by George Day and Son of Eye.

The bells are a pleasant six by various founders, the particulars being as follows:

Treble.—"Cast by John Warner and Sons Ltd., 1894. Hung by G. Day and Son, Eye. Ave Maria."

Second.—"John Darbie made me, 1661."

Third.—"John Darbie made me, 1661. William Maning, C.W."

Fourth.—(Figure of bell) 9 thrice + 13. Sinn Rosa pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata."

Fifth.—"John Darbie made me, 1678."

Tenor.—"John Martin, Churchwarden, Thos. Osborn fecit 1790. Venite Exultemus." 16 cwt.

John Darbie flourished between 1658 and 1691, during which period he cast some 160 bells in Suffolk churches alone, far exceeding those of Miles Graye the elder, Canon Raven in "Church Bells of Suffolk" surmises that Darbie married Ann, daughter of Miles Graye, and we know that he worked at Ipswich for some time.

Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market, born 1741, was the son of Richard Osborn, joiner of that town, and was buried in the churchyard there in 1806. He was for a while partner of Arnold, of St. Neots, also of Robert Patrick, of Whitechapel, and cast between 60 and 70 bells in Suffolk.

The fourth, a pre-Reformation bell, dates from between 1408 and 1418 and is attributed to John Bird, a member of the Bellmakers' Guild in London.

Messrs John Taylor and Co. are now to rehang the bells on hall bearings and the fourth is to be one-eighth turned, all being retuned.

PRESENT CHURCH 13th CENTURY

There has been a church at Rougham since Saxon times, when both church and manor were in the possession of the powerful Abbey of St. Edmundsbury, and in the 19th century three coins of Canute were found in the churchyard. After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539 both the patronage and the manor passed to the wealthy and influential local family of Drury. The present church dates from the 14th century, when it was rebuilt in the Decorated style. Curiously enough, it stands in the middle of a spacious graveyard surrounded by open fields of barley and sugar beet, the only adjacent buildings being the Rectory, the village school and the sexton's cottage, for after the Black Death in 1349/50 the village was abandoned and re-established half a mile away.

The bells hang in a magnificent 15th century flint tower some 100 feet high with interesting decorative panels on the parapet. The inscription on the south side is "Pray for the soule of John Tillot," whilst on the north side appears the name "Drury," thus commemorating the two families responsible for its building. The Tillots were evidently still here in the next century, for the name appears frequently in the Subsidy Returns of 1523.

The nave has a fine hammer-beam roof, the beams being carved with angels—now unfortunately all decapitated by the Puritan image-breakers in their misguided zeal.

The population of this scattered village is not much above 1,000, but during the five years of the present incumbency some £3,000 has been raised for church purposes. With the execution of a grant of £150 from the Barron Bell Trust, the cost of rehangng the bells must be borne by the parishioners. No specific appeal is being made in this connection, but should any reader who knows Rougham or the Suffolk countryside wish to send a donation, of whatever amount, it will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rector, the Rev. G. E. Jarrold, The Rectory, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds, C.W.H.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hibbins 1, W. Solers 2, Howard Meek 3, W. Smith 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): R. E. Lester 1, B. J. Vaughan 2, N. V. Avls 3, P. G. Pitt 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5, M. J. Rose 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): A. Swatton 1, Miss J. Webber 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, D. C. Hawkins (25th quarter) 4, J. G. Hobbs (50th quarter) 5, B. Saril 6. Conducted by 4 and 5. First in eight methods by all.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: N. Thomson 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, Kathleen E. Chilcott 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, F. E. Roberts 5, R. J. Cook 6, F. D. Jennings 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Brown (first of Triples) 1, C. Haynes 2, Margaret Woolley 3, T. Pryce 4, J. H. Brittan 5, G. Roobothom 6, J. K. Smith (cond.) 7, R. A. Welton 8. A compliment to T. Pryce, 50 years a ringer at St. Modwen's.

CHISLET, KENT.—On Jan. 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Deacon (first of Treble Bob) 1, F. G. Huckstepp 2, P. Richardson 3, B. Johnson 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Netherton (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Shanks (first "inside") 2, P. Hatmil (first "inside") 3, B. J. Imber 4, J. R. Pratt (first as cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Patrick Hatmil.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. E. Newman 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, D. C. Hawkins (first of T.B.) 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. W. Owen 6.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: G. Hebben 1, H. Knight (cond.) 2, G. Prescott 3, W. S. Rice 4, P. J. England 5, W. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, J. Baker 8.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Christian 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, Sandra L. Goodship 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gill Whittard (first of Minor) 1, L. Warner 2, E. Warner 3, H. Arthur 4, S. G. Ponting 5, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Arthur.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. E. Parsons (cond.) 1, S. Elliott 2, Miss V. Greaves (first quarter) 3, A. D. Flood 4, W. A. Peck 5, N. Summerhayes 6.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. N. Haslum 1, D. Huddleston 2, D. C. Haslum 3, R. Huddleston 4, A. Tubb 5, A. Howard (cond.) 6. First of Kent by all except the conductor.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Feb. 20th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: P. A. Slight 1, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 2, V. P. Evans 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, J. R. Jordan 6, K. Ketteringham 7, J. M. Simpson 8.

HASELMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, T. Phillips 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Mrs. E. Weatherley 5, H. A. May 6, T. Davies 7, R. G. Burford 8.

LISS, HANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Lesley Read 1, B. S. Gambrill 2, Kay Tremer 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, R. J. Lintott (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. May.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 20th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. J. Spice 1, T. Lewis 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, 1. H. Oram (cond.) 5, E. J. Ladd 6, J. W. Smith 7, D. P. Smith 8. For Evensong.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Broom (first quarter) 1, A. J. Crabb 2, Miss G. Stock 3, Miss M. Sage 4, F. J. Sage (cond.) 5, J. Sage 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, B. Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hawkes 1, Anna Sadowska 2, G. Edwards 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, P. Robertson 5, J. Clements 6, M. Boskett 7, R. G. Morris 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. Dix.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Negus 1, Jean Sander-son 2, W. Pye 3, F. Harper 4, B. Couzens 5, G. Pearson 6, E. Pye (cond.) 7, L. Turner 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert H. Young.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Whitehead 1, Juliet Stamper 2, D. Jukes (first of Major "inside") 3, S. Taylor 4, R. L. Coley 5, C. R. Calton 6, E. A. Harrison 7, J. W. Gander (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Gander 1, D. Jukes 2, S. Taylor 3, A. S. Taylor 4, Margaret Whitehead 5, C. R. Calton 6, E. A. Harrison 7, R. L. Coley (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: P. Coddington 1, A. S. Taylor 2, C. R. Calton 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, J. W. Gander 5, P. Hawcock 6, E. A. Harrison 7, D. J. Baker (cond.) 8. All rung by the Manchester University Guild for Sunday service.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 3 leading): F. Welch 1, D. R. Best 2, L. Pond (aged 69, first quarter) 3, G. Norcliffe 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6, R. C. Beale 7, A. Rowsell 8. For the wedding of Mr. P. Burt and Miss Wendy Cornelius, also a 74th birthday compliment to James Stenner.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Dury (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bournier 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, B. Johnson 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss G. A. Richards 1, P. J. Brown (first of Cambridge Major "inside") 2, J. Warr 3, G. Westwood 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, C. T. Richards 6, J. C. Elsel 7, M. J. Fellows 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, E. Nunn (cond.) 2, C. Sangwin 3, Miss B. Boyle 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, B. Vince 7, J. Bailey 8. Rung for the christening of Claire, daughter of Penny and Brian Vince. Also for the laying up of the Stratton British Legion Standard.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. S. Eastwood 1, M. G. Turner 2, Christine Turner 3, C. Bainham 4, P. J. Barker 5, D. Jordan 6, D. J. Wilkes 7, K. Williams 8, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 9, R. Coleman 10. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. V. S. Nicholls, and also the 10th anniversary of his induction as Vicar.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. V. Pain 1, Miss J. Whitcher 2, Miss L. Grinrod (first "inside") 3, R. Chapman 4, K. Scrimshaw 5, I. Dear (cond.) 6, D. Hawkins 7, L. Dear (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Bailey 1, H. V. Booker 2, Elizabeth Gill 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, J. Baldwin 5, J. White 6, A. R. Wood 7, H. White 8. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. W. Robertson 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, Frances J. N. Brown (first of Triples "inside") 4, Mary E. Elmes 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): R. Nalliah (first in 11 methods) 1, A. King 2, D. Hunton 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King (cond.) 5, T. Cairns 6. Rung prior to Evensong.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Binsed (first quarter) 1, J. M. Swift 2, P. Fox 3, L. Tapp 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. W. Evans 6.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. W. Massey 1, Eunice D. Overend 2, R. E. J. Baker 3, D. G. Massey (cond.) 4, Frances M. Massey 5, H. Vennell 6.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Edmans 1, F. Gregory 2, J. Hall 3, H. France 4, M. Jamieson (cond.) 5, H. Wood 6. For morning service, and to mark the silver wedding of J. Hall.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lyn Croger (first quarter) 1, A. E. Leggett 2, D. E. Culham 3, V. A. P. Cross 4, B. A. Lord (first quarter as cond.) 5, M. J. Warren 6.

YORK.—At the Minster Church of St. Peter, on Feb. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Frances S. Chapman 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, Christina Faulkes 3, R. Smith 4, R. Joy Watkin 5, Margaret E. Wilkinson 6, H. Walker 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the 14th anniversary of the accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II by members of York Minster and St. John's College (York) Societies.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

Part A (continued from page 135)

SPONDON	BREASTON	BREADSALL	ALFRETON
12345	12345	12345	12345
21354	21354	21435	21435
23154	23145	24153	24153
32514	32415	42513	24513
35241	34251	24531	42531
53421	34521	42351	42351
35412	43512	43215	43215
53142	43152	34125	34125
51324	41325	31425	31452
15234	14235	13452	13425
12534	12453	14352	14352

These methods are Grandsire or New Grandsire in "structure," therefore may have Grandsire-like calls.

NOWELL DOUBLES

Plain Course	Bob
12345	35241
21345	53421
23154	54312
32514	45132
35241	41532
53421	14523
54312	15423
45132	51432
41532	54132
14523	45312
14253	43521
41253	34251
42135	
24315	
23451	
32541	

Shipway's Bob

JACK A NAPES PLAIN COURSE

12345	41532
21354	45123
22145	54213
32415	52431
34251	25341
43521	52314
34512	25134
43152	21543
41325	12534
14352	15234
13452	51243
31425	52134
34152	25314
43512	23541
45321	32451
54231	23415
45213	32145
54123	31254
51432	13245
15423	12345
14523	

Called:

These are P.L. of Jack of Both Sides called as bobs, Called

Call a bob every 4th lead end.
(To be continued)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

The Bingham District held a very good meeting at Bingham on February 12th, when the rather heavy eight were well employed. The Rector (the Rev. H. A. Kirton) acted as organist to his curate, who conducted the service, which was noted for its singing.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, Mr. W. L. Exton thanked all for the good response to the Bell Repair Fund collections during 1965 but pointed out that more widespread support was needed if they were to help at least three towers in the District with new bells. Mr. S. Rippon, of Gedling, was elected a new member.

Next meeting, Orston. No meeting April (Easter Saturday). May meeting, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds (Crawford Cup Contest).

R. B. November.

JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Over 40 ringers from a wide area attended the joint meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Southern District) and Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Association (Northern District), held at the 18th century church at Stockton-on-Tees on February 27th.

The musical ten bells at this church are housed in a brick tower 80 feet high. The tops of the ends of the pews are finished half-round and during the years many of them have been carved and ornamented in memory of eminent citizens. The most interesting of these is one carved in a leaf design in the centre of which is a bell in the up position, complete with its frame. It is in memory of "Geo. I. Clarkson, who raised the peal from six to ten, 1915."

The peal boards in the ringing chamber record this ringer's activities in the latter end of the nineteenth century and the early part of this, when most of the peals were conducted by him from the treble position.

After an excellent tea provided by Mrs. P. Rock and her excellent cake-making helpers, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. E. Hudson (Yorkshire Association) and the thanks to the Vicar and wardens by Mr. J. Roach (Cleveland Association). Evensong was conducted by the Rev. P. R. Heselton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

An enjoyable afternoon was spent on February 19th, when the Southern District held its first quarterly meeting of 1966 at Wentworth and Ecclesfield. Ringing for tastes from call changes to London Scholars' was enjoyed for 100 minutes at Wentworth. Tea was taken at the Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield, and Mr. N. Chaddock presided at the business meeting.

After much discussion, it was decided that the annual general meeting be held at Tickhill and another tower on May 28th.

Messrs. R. Nalliah (Wentworth), J. Wood, R. Harper, T. Holliss and Miss Ruth Gordon (All Saints', Rotherham) were elected new members, and A. Coldwell and G. Sharpe, of Ecclesfield, were re-elected to the Association.

Two ventures being undertaken by the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies were also discussed—the one-day ringing course at Selby on March 19th and the festival on May 21st.

Further ringing was enjoyed at Ecclesfield.

A Minimus Farewell

A farewell presentation of a clock to the Rev. Colin R. Evans, Vicar of St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln, was preceded by a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minimus on the bells of his church. He is going to a group of parishes south-west of Lincoln, which includes two six-bell towers—Bussingham and Norton Disney. There will certainly be better opportunities for his 11½-year-old son, John, who started learning to handle a bell last

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Tony Lewis, of Chislehurst, informs us that his peal total for 1965 was 35, and not as printed.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Kent Treble Bob at Aldermaston (page 130) was Miss Margaret A. Wilson.

The tenor bell of St. Andrew's Church, Scole, Norfolk, which dates back to 1665, is to be recast. The original inscriptions are being reproduced.

Many old ringing friends will congratulate the Rev. Ernest J. Orland on ringing his first peal as Rector in his own parish church at Gayton, Northants.

The first peal of Surprise Royal "in hand" for the Middlesex Association was rung on February 25th. It was a product of the Bushey stable conducted by Mr. John R. Mayne.

Congratulations to the veteran Yorkshire ringer, William Barton, who for the 50th anniversary of his first peal rang the same method in the same tower. The method was Superlative—an omen that has come true.

A regretted absentee from the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Portsea, on February 26th, was Miss E. Winifred Keys. The band wish her a speedy recovery from her illness.

Through "The Ringing World" Mr. and Mrs. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, wish to say a big thank you to Mr. G. K. Dodd and his band, who rang a peal of Royal at St. Nicolas', Guildford, as a golden wedding compliment.

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FINDING COMPETITION JUDGES

The Editorial of "The Irish Bell News" deals with striking competitions which have been in operation for the Murphy Cup just over 30 years. "There has hardly been a year in which somebody has not complained about the judges' decisions. In the Districts there are some people who are competent to judge the striking contests who have refused point blank to act due to two reasons: (a) the complaints which have been made by the team or teams that were defeated, and (b) because, in their opinion, the associate judges were wrong in their decision.

The article suggests establishing a panel of judges and, before any member of the panel is permitted to judge, a mock competition be held, when all candidates be asked to judge the striking of one or more teams and set down the faults and remarks.

It is pointed out that those who profess to be the best change ringers or conductors are the most suitable persons to act as judges. Also, some of those "who know all the methods" and who can conduct, are very often not good strikers and have a poor sense of hearing and rhythm.

LADIES AT YORK MINSTER

Members of the Ladies' Guild will note the quarter of Plain Bob Major at York Minster on February 6th. It was the first time five ladies had been in a quarter on the Minster bells. Could this mean that we will see a quarter peal by an all-ladies' band at the Minster in the future, inquires the conductor, Mr. G. Pluckrose.

THREE FIRSTS AT FLOORE

Two girls—Ruth M. Thomason and Bridget Bates—who only began ringing after last Easter, rang their first peal at Floore, Northants, on February 19th. They are the first two of the new band at Harpole to reach peal ringing stage, although, states Mr. Barrie Hendry, "we have several more on the way." Ringing in the Floore peal was Paul Mattacola on the fourth. Only 11 years old, he made an excellent beginning and was a great credit to his teacher, Mr. W. Collins, of Lower Heyford.

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD TOWER CAPTAIN

One of the youngest tower captains in the country is David Hacker, who at the age of 18 has succeeded Mr. Bert White at St. Andrew's, Heddington, Wilts, a post he had held for a quarter of a century.

David comes from a bellringing family. His grandfather was captain of the ringers at Broad Hinton Church, and his father, Mr. W. Hacker, who started ringing at Broad Hinton in 1927, in these days rings at Calne and Heddington. He is the present chairman of Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and was previously Branch secretary/treasurer for 16 years.

At the age of 10 David received his first lesson from Mr. Bert White. The Heddington band consists of his aunts, the Misses Bessie and Margaret Hacker, his brothers, Phillip (15) and Brian (12), Christopher Clifford (18), Malcolm Wheeler and Alan Haines (both 12) and Graham Haddrell (11). Practices on this light six (tenor 9½ cwt.) are on Tuesdays. A Queen's Scout, he attended the World Jamboree in Greece two years ago.

MR. AND MRS. SPEED'S RETIREMENT

Since 1958 Mr. Richard F. B. Speed, with the assistance of his wife, Anne, has been hon. assistant librarian to the Central Council, and fulfilled the onerous duty of being responsible for the storage and despatch and sale of all periodicals. The time has now come with the demand on his leisure by employment and family to relinquish the post, and his duties are now being undertaken by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, of Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick.

When it became necessary for Mr. Frederick Sharpe to relinquish the librarianship, Mr. E. H. Lewis at the 1957 Central Council meeting mentioned Mr. F. W. Perrins, who was then in Uganda, as a successor. Upon his return to this country Mr. Perrins agreed to take over the librarianship providing help was forthcoming from someone living near him. Mr. Speed agreed to take over the sale of publications if Mr. Perrins was elected hon. librarian. This took place at the Central Council meeting in 1958, and Mr. Speed immediately took charge of sales, and with the aid of his wife has continued to do the ever-increasing work involved.

Mr. Perrins has kindly provided us with the following statistics indicating the growth of the sales department: The average number of publications sold per year during the six years 1952-1957 inclusive was 1,030, with an average income therefrom of £92, whereas the corresponding figures for the six years 1959-1964 were 4,425 and £275.

These figures indicate better than any words the debt of gratitude the Exercise owes to Mr. and Mrs. Speed for the tremendous amount of time they must have devoted to the job since mid-1958, especially when it is remembered that most of the publications have to be packed and despatched by post. In addition, the Exercise is grateful to them for storing the ever-increasing stock of publications during these years.

Concluding, Mr. Perrins writes: "Naturally we are sorry to lose the valuable help and co-operation of such willing workers on such an important branch of the Central Council's work, but Mr. and Mrs. Speed quite rightly feel that family commitments must take precedence."

Mr. Speed, who is an electronics expert, is a Past Master of Cambridge University Guild (1946-1947) and was elected to the Central Council as a representative of the Middlesex Association in 1954. He was elected to honorary membership in 1958. Mr. Speed learned to ring at Radley in 1943 under the tuition of Miss Marie Cross. With the famous Willesden band he developed his ringing and today, as a ringer, conductor and composer, he is in the forefront of English ringing. His wife, née Miss Anne B. Stockdale, is also a noted ringer. They were married in 1952.

To Mr. Garner-Hayward the Exercise extends its best wishes for a happy tenure of office.

5,040 PUDESEY SURPRISE ROYAL

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456 M W H

43256 2 (B, S)

56234 S —

24365 S — 4 (B, B, S, B)

Repeated.

THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER

Mr. A. D. Barker, who was not re-elected to the Central Council by the Oxford Diocesan Guild last July, has been elected a member as representing the London County Association. His membership of the Council goes back to 1924, and he is now the longest serving member.

STOWMARKET OVERHAUL

The bells of SS. Peter and Mary, Stowmarket, are to be completely overhauled and rehung with modern fittings. In addition, the second and fifth bells, which are of poor tonal quality, are to be recast. The remainder will be retuned. The oak frame, which was made by Bowell of Ipswich, who rehung the bells in 1894, is in sound condition and is to be retained. The work has been entrusted to the Loughborough foundry and is expected to be commenced soon after Easter.

MR. HARRY BAKER RESIGNS CAPTAINCY OF FRITTENDEN

The resignation of Mr. Harry Baker from the captaincy of the tower at Frittenden comes after 65 years of ringing in the parish. During this time he has served under nine Rectors, has taken part in 382 peals and has taught over 60 to ring. As captain of the belfry he has cared most efficiently for this lovely ring of eight bells—a favourite with the bands of ringers who come round to ring a peal or "just a touch" while on a summer outing in Kent.

Mr. Baker does not intend that his resignation should in any way mark the end of his ringing career and he is carrying on as hon. secretary of the Frittenden Ringers.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Baker, has been her husband's unfailing companion in all his ringing, and has herself taken part in the ringing of 234 peals.

PLAIN HUNT

It appears that the letter previously published on February 25th under the pseudonym of "Plain Hunt" has unwittingly incriminated a certain Bristol ringer. It is now realised that an "All Star" signature would have been: A. Barrel, Filton, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Two well-attended week-night meetings in January and February serve, we hope, as good omens for the rest of the year. There were about 25 present at the January meeting to enjoy the fine ring of eight at Bishop's Cleeve, where there were methods for all, from rounds to Yorkshire.

More surprisingly, perhaps, there were over 30 present at the February meeting at Swindon Village, ringers coming from as far away as Bishop's Cannings, near Devizes, and Ross-on-Wye. The "home band" were present in force—they are a band very keen to get on, but could do with more outside help on other Monday nights—other Branch members please note!

Next meeting: March 15th at Charlton Kings (8). The half-annual will be on July 2nd, based on Welford. J. B. T. H.

1965 PEAL

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHOLSEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.	
Susan M. Heyworth .. Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone .. 5
Bruce Wakefield .. 2	Geoffrey K. Cook .. 6
Stephen J. Franklin .. 3	Roger M. Heyworth .. 7
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 4	F. John Nelson .. Tenor

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

1966 PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.	
Denby P. Murdick .. Treble	Robert B. Blond .. 5
Douglas Jordan .. 2	Philip Murdick .. 6
Clifford J. Garlick .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
Len Cox .. 4	William Corderoy .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.	
Peter Bridle .. Treble	*Brian J. Wyld .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	Trevor A. Cross .. 6
*Diana M. Chapman .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
Alan Tubb .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt

* First peal of London.

MARK, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.	
James W. Belshaw .. Treble	Alan Tubb .. 5
Diana M. Chapman .. 2	D. John Hunt .. 6
Richard W. Sweet .. 3	Trevor A. Cross .. 7
Andrew Howard .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt

DUNKERTON, Bath, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.	
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.	
Stanley G. Davis .. Treble	George J. Hawkins .. 4
*†Alan F. Lee .. 2	Julian E. Newman .. 5
Stanley D. Francis .. 3	*Albert F. Butt .. Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal on the bells.

A 44th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.	
J. Richard Castledine .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet .. 5
*J. Stuart Hutton .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6
Robin J. Trebilcock .. 3	Robert R. Churchill .. 7
*Alan M. Barber .. 4	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.

* First peal in the method.

DRAYTON PARSLOW, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.	
Being one extent St. Clement's, one 1,440 and four extents Plain.	
*Margaret R. Durrington Treble	†John D. Clapp .. 4
Henry B. Witney .. 2	Alan W. Jeffs .. 5
Alan J. Frost .. 3	Kenneth E. Jackson .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

* First peal first attempt, † First peal "inside."

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Ralph Chapman .. Treble	George W. Massey .. 4
John Meredith .. 2	Philip Mehew .. 5
George E. Bonham .. 3	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung as a farewell to John Meredith.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt

W. J. Ridgeman (Queens') Treble	E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 6
P. J. Shipton (Pembroke) 2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) 7
F. C. Hobson (St. John's) 3	J. A. Harrison (Sidney) 8
*R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 4	S. P. Darvill (Downing) 9
G. H. Jones (St. John's) 5	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal on ten and first of Surprise.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

R. Shipp (Peterhouse) Treble	*Ruth Richardson (New Hall) 5
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 2	J. A. Harrison (Sidney) 6
*W. J. C. Bailey (Clare) 3	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) 7
M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.) 4	S. P. Darvill (Downing) Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Stephen P. Darvill.

* First peal. First member of New Hall to ring in a Guild peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(And The Society of Painswick Youths.)

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

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Derek Yates .. Treble	J. Colin Ashworth .. 7
Alan A. Potts .. 2	Edward Jenkins .. 8
Harold C. Lonyon .. 3	Alan McFall .. 9
Basil Jones .. 4	Derek Butterworth .. 10
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	Robert B. Smith .. 11
John Worth .. 6	Brian Harris .. Tenor

Composed by F. Dereck. Conducted by John Worth.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 ST. MICHAEL CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

John Worth .. Treble	Harold C. Lonyon .. 7
John E. Bibby .. 2	John R. Bibby .. 8
Robert J. Warrilow .. 3	Alan McFall .. 9
Derek Yates .. 4	Basil Jones .. 10
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	Walter Allman .. 11
Robert B. Smith .. 6	Edward Jenkins .. Tenor

Composed by F. Dexter. Conducted by John Worth.

A memorial peal for the committal of the ashes and dedication of a memorial stone to the glory of God in memory of Thomas Clarke, Priest, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, by the Lord Bishop of Chester in the above church on February 20th.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Harold Dowler .. Treble	*Gerald Parsons .. 5
Norman Sherratt .. 2	Barry Corbishley .. 6
*Felicity Webber .. 3	Ivor R. Nichols .. 7
Raymond J. Ballard .. 4	Roy Worrall .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal in the method.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*Keith W. Eaton .. Treble	†John R. Scott .. 4
†Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	Gerald Parsons .. 5
A. Doreen Edwards .. 3	†Frank R. Morton .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of Minor. † First in two Minor methods. ‡ 75th peal for the Guild.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. Stephen,
Low Elswick.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.	
Andrew G. Craddock .. Treble	David J. Marshall 5
John E. Anderson 2	George S. Deas 6
William Davidson 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
James Crowther 4	Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp	
*Graham S. E. Winter .. Treble	Ann Jenner 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Stanley Jenner 3	Doris E. Colgate 7
†David J. M. Cox 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise.
A wedding compliment to Brian E. Jeffrey, chairman of the Guild,
and Betty Tester, who were married at this church after the peal.

WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cam-
bridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all
the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.	
Lucile M. Corby Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
*Robert W. Hinde 2	†John W. Smith 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
*Hilary F. Hinde 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
A wedding compliment to Graham Smith and Miss Jean Bassett,
who were married at this church prior to the peal; and to Brian
Jeffrey and Miss Betty Tester, who were married earlier in the day
at Edenbridge.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and
Michael.

On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.	
Brian Pratt Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	John G. Gipson 6
C. Gay Williams 3	Frank E. Haynes 7
Brian D. Threlfall 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung in memoriam John W. Ward.
GREAT STAUGHTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St.
Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.	Tenor 18 cwt. in E.
William A. R. Chamberlain .. Treble	George E. Bonham 4
John Meredith 2	*George E. Thoday 5
Peter Woollven 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by George E. Thoday.

* 125th peal of Minor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORPE BAY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
Philip A. Sadler Treble	Hubert H. Furminger .. 5
Lawrence J. Beal 2	Bernard C. Sadler 6
*David Sloman 3	Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 7
Peter Sloman 4	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by G. H. Beevor. Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal of Major.

BROOMFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
Ian R. Panton Treble	Alan M. Barber 4
Peter G. Brown 2	James L. Towler 5
George E. Bonham 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

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

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury,
Ockley, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4)
London, (5) York, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain
Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.	
Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	James L. Towler 4
*Yvonne A. Murray 2	Alan M. Barber 5
George E. Thoday 3	*Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* Most methods "inside" to a peal

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Feb. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*Trevor Newlands Treble	John C. Slater 5
*David Rennolds 2	†Andrew Howard 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 7
†Richard W. Sweet 4	Alan Tubbs Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal † First of Triples.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEDBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All
Angels.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.	
Frank Reed Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Frances Fairbank 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 6
Ralph C. Godsall 3	William F. Scudamore 7
Austin T. Wingate 4	George T. Cousins Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

100th peal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.	
*Paula Healing Treble	Walter Ayre 5
†Susan E. Williams 2	Brian M. Barker 6
Augustin V. Good 3	†Keith D. Waples 7
Howard Collings 4	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to Canon and Mrs. C. H. Plummer, good friends
to ringers, are shortly leaving Hemel Hempstead for East Derham,
Norfolk.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods comprising 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Super-
lative, 800 London, 672 Brighton, and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of
method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F	
Cyril S. Jarrett Treble	Ann Jenner 5
*Lucile M. Corby 2	Stanley Jenner 6
*Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal of six-spliced. First peal of six-spliced as conductor.

A birthday peal for the ringers of 2 and 3.

ROLVENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.	
*Anthony J. Leves .. Treble	Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Tony Lewis 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
†Ian H. Oram 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal at first attempt. † 250th peal of Major.

HOO, Kent.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 18 cwt. in E.
Phyllis R. Chidwick .. Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 4
Janet S. Evenden 2	D. Paul Smith 5
Norman R. Mattingley .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

John Walden Treble	John Freeman 5
Beryl N. Reed 2	*William Holmes 6
*James W. Haw 3	James A. D. Woolford .. 7
Walter Tomlinson 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by John Freeman.

EATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Single Court, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

William H. Dale Treble	Denis A. Frith 4
Vaughan P. Evans 2	H. Leslie Squires 5
Charles F. Baxter 3	J. Michael Simpson Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford, and one Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Charles V. Cade Treble	G. Angus Dixon 4
*Harold Radley 2	John M. Blaikie 5
Philip C. Pitchford 3	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.

* First peal.

Rung prior to the Confirmation service at this church.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Lightfoot, (3) Bourne, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Primrose, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Norwich.

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Janet E. Hubbard Treble	*R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 4
Edwin T. Chapman 2	Cyril R. Burrell 5
George W. Massey 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Edmund J. Morris Treble	Stephen Fenwick 6
Penelope J. Welch 2	John F. I. Turney 7
Nicholas D. Evans 3	M. Jack Pryor 8
Thomas Yeomans 4	David J. Llewellyn 9
J. Arthur Hoare 5	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by all, on the bells and for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob, (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (4) Fulbeck and Childwall College Bob, (5) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob, with 21 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Richard O. Humphries .. Treble	Michael W. Coleman .. 4
Edward D. Elderkin 2	Roger D. Bailey 5
Timothy G. Pett 3	Robert E. J. Dennis Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

A compliment to Nicholas J. Davies and Brenda M. Foster, on their recent engagement.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLYWELL, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*Martin R. Rickman .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet 4
Donald E. R. Knights .. 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 5
*Mary E. Took 3	Harold S. Peacock Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

* First peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 78 lb. in G.

Alan M. Barber Treble	Brian B. Hullah 5
Martin Cubitt 2	Donald F. Murfet 6
Geoffrey H. Pullin 3	Peter Adcock 7
David E. House 4	Geoffrey A. Lucas Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

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

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*James C. Catchpole .. Treble	Charles R. Catchpole .. 4
Albert G. Harrison 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
Jack Mowle 3	C. Frank Philippo Tenor

Conducted C. Frank W. Philippo.

* First peal.

BLO NORTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Thelwall, (2) Childwall, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Double Court, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Double Oxford.

A. R. Foreman Treble	Thomas E. Spight 4
Harry Tooke 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
William Clover 3	H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Foreman, wife of the treble ringer. Tenor 8 cwt.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

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

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Edmund Shuttleworth (Secretary, 1963-64) Treble	Richard C. L. Brown (Master, 1963-64) 2
*John G. Hallett (Secretary, 1965-66) 3	David W. Friend (Master, 1961-62) 4
*David J. Orledge (Secretary, 1962-63) 5	David R. Ingram (Secretary, 1964-65) 6
*Ian V. J. Smith (Fresher Rep., 1965-66) 7	John W. Coleman (Master, 1964-66) Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Society.
Rung on the morning of the sixth annual dinner, and for the 21st birthday of David Ingram.

TROWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

Ian V. J. Smith Treble	*David R. McLeen 4
Robert C. Woodward 2	John G. Hallett 5
David R. Ingram 3	Peter Woollven Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

* First peal attempt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*Ivor Newell Treble	Geoffrey M. Harvey 5
*David C. Willis 2	Roger B. Pike 6
†Michael J. Smith 3	David L. Wilcox 7
*Norman Willis 4	†Alfred J. Burt Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* First peal. † First of Triples. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.
Walter F. Judge Treble	Frederick C. White 5
Edwin J. Smith 2	Francis A. White 6
Malcolm Journeaux 3	Brian R. White 7
Elizabeth Stevenson 4	*Philip A. Sampson Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

* First peal.

PANGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Less.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods: one extent St. Remigius Bob, two extents St. Osmond Bob, and three extents each of St. Simon's Bob, Eynsham Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Leonard's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Clifford Carter Treble	Anthony D. Smith 4
Mrs. A. D. Smith 2	*David L. Wilcox 5
Roger B. Pike 3	Alfred J. Burt Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

* 25th peal. Most methods to a peal by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GREAT LINFORD, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Feb. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
Ronald J. Snack Treble	George E. Bonham 4
Barry R. Eglesfield 2	George E. Thoday 5
Anthony K. Fortin 3	George E. Green Tenor

Conducted by George E. Green.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAYTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., Jan. 31 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*Edward C. Gautrey .. Treble	W. Frank Eyden 4
Alan A. Paul 2	*John E. Goddard 5
Rev. Ernest G. Orland .. 3	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal of Surprise.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

FLOORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.
Stanley M. Ruddlesden Treble	*Paul Mattacola 4
*Ruth M. Thomason 2	Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 5
*Bridget Bates 3	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CANFORD MAGNA, Dorset.—At the Parish Church.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, viz.: six extents each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Norfolk, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.	Tenor 10 cwt.
Janet A. Fawcett Treble	Brian W. Pocock 4
Sandra M. Pitman 2	Herbert I. Pitman 5
Christopher L. Longridge .. 3	H. Simon A. Raperport .. Tenor

Conducted by Herbert I. Pitman.

First peal for all except conductor. First as conductor and first of Doubles. First by Sunday service band and second peal on bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
Elizabeth J. Foster Treble	Richard A. J. Inglis 5
Simon Humphrey 2	Ian V. J. Smith 6
Peter Woollven 3	John R. Pratchett 7
John Shonfeld 4	George A. Dawson Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

A 21st birthday compliment to C. Richard Daft, of Wollaton.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
*Margaret L. Ellwood .. Treble	†Julia M. Sanders 4
†Anita E. Foden 2	Clive M. Smith 5
†Angela Bagnall 3	Michael W. Fahey Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fahey.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal at first attempt. ‡ First peal "inside." Rung on St. Matthias' Day.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.	
William Hibbert Treble	John H. Napper 6
Jill R. Parsons 2	Roger F. Overington 7
John W. C. Hibbert 3	John Schofield 8
*Norman Summerhayes .. 4	Frank E. Darby 9
David E. Parsons 5	John Chilcott Tenor

Composed and Conducted by David E. Parsons (No. 4).

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

A 60th birthday compliment to Frank Darby.

KINGSWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Feb. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 17 cwt. in E.
*Jennifer A. Clark Treble	*David Hawkins 4
*Christopher R. Balcomb .. 2	A. Graham Clark 5
E. William Taylor 3	†Christopher W. Daws .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.

* First peal attempt. † First on six and as conductor. Believed to be the first peal by a local band since the bells were hung in 1852.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael and Christine Earp, two local ringers.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
Leonard Stilwell Treble	†Roy M. Cox 4
Michael J. Wake 2	Henry C. Weaver 5
*Susan M. Main 3	Robert Wake Tenor

Conducted by Robert Wake.

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

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Rung with 8ths place bobs.	Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.
Albert Diserens Treble	Noel J. Diserens 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	Roger Baldwin 7
David J. Forder 3	Charles H. Kippin 8
Edgar R. Rappley 4	Ronald F. Diserens 9
John N. Diserens 5	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First peal of Bristol Royal by all the band except the ringer of the eighth.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.	
*Anne M. Smith Treble	Henry C. Weaver 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	James R. Taylor 6
†Philip Stevens 3	C. Martin Press 7
Barry J. Davis 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Stephen Iviv.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's	Tenor 18½ cwt.
Jeffrey R. Cloughton .. Treble	†William T. Perrins 5
John Hartless 2	Michael J. Thomas 6
*†David Wilson 3	†William E. Cheater 7
Alec W. Fry 4	Lewis F. Cobb Tenor

Conducted by Lewis F. Cobb.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." † First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTALL, W. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
Joyce Grainger Treble	Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5
Dennis Latham 2	Neil D. Lomas 6
Geoffrey Gardner 3	John Robinson 7
Sidney Hough 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Iviv.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At Holy Trinity Church.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.	
M. Susan Jackson Treble	Adrian C. Boorman 5
Edna M. Poulter 2	J. Henry Fielden 6
Alfred Smith 3	Barry Sullivan 7
C. Barrie Dove 4	Roger J. Lumley Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BATLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 10½ cwt.
*John Dodgeson	Treble	G. Frederick Terry .. 5
Kenneth B. Sissons	2	John Potts .. 6
D. Margaret Hawley	3	Ronald R. Warford .. 7
Edward M. Bradley	4	Christopher M. Brown .. Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

* First peal and first attempt.

PUDSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb.

*Adrian Dempster	Treble	William Barton .. 5
Edna M. Poulter	2	Alexander E. Marsh .. 6
John W. Gibson	3	Barry Sullivan .. 7
Molly Marsh	4	Gordon Benfield .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by William Barton.

* First peal.

Rung in the same tower and in the same method on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Alan Howland	Treble	John Smalley .. 5
Michael King	2	David Nichols .. 6
Geoffrey W. Pilkington	3	John J. L. Gilbert .. 7
*Andrew King	4	Cyril Rusby .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

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

BRAMHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

Edward M. Bradley	Treble	John Potts .. 4
*Alan Sheppard	2	Ronald R. Warford .. 5
G. Frederick Terry	3	*Kenneth B. Sissons .. Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.

* 75th peal together.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Feb. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in A.

John Potts	Treble	Ronald H. Dove .. 3
Charles H. Maxfield	2	Robin Brown .. 4
C. Barrie Dove	3	.. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440

Double Oxford Bob Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Amanda Powell 2, R. Rayfield 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Carol Cousins 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

BAGBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smith 1, C. Lock 2, E. Webber 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, A. Wilsner 6.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain

Bob Doubles: Lesley Rundle 1, Penny Kift (cond.) 2, Julia Collinge 3, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 4, R. C. Kift 5, H. L. Williamson 6.

CHIPPING SODBURY, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th,

1,260 Doubles (six methods): Susan A. Moore (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, P. Ebsworth (first of six Doubles) 3, D. M. Smith 4, K. G. Weeks (first of six Doubles as cond.) 5, A. W. Gibbs 6.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: V. J. Bowring (first quarter) 1, P. J. Devrell 2, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 3, A. Swatton 4, S. C. Davis 5, A. F. Butt 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's, on Jan. 22nd,

1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): Adrienne Gibson 1, Sal Parrott 3, M. Morris 4, R. Mills 5, J. D. Davidge 6, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 7, D. J. F. Oakshott 8. First of Surprise Minor 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the cause of Christian Unity.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, F. Goodearle 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1-2	Gerald Moorhouse	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	*John A. Booth	7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Alan McFall.
* First peal on handbells. First peal of Major on handbells as conductor.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.

On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1-2	Robert B. Smith	5-6
Neil Bennett	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At 37, Morleston Street.

On Wed., Feb. 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Seven extents.	1-2	David Walklate (cond.)	3-4
Kevin Betesta	5-6	Geoffrey Bridges	7-8

Rung as a welcome to Julie Peach.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

(The Society of Royal Grammar School Youths.)

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Roger H. E. Askew	1-2	Andrew G. Craddock (cond.)	3-4
*Stephen J. Pardoe	5-6		

* First peal away from 1-2. First peal by the Society.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Wed., Feb. 23, 1966, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1-2	*Valerie Willard	3-4
Hugh N. Evans (cond.)	5-6		

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QUARTER PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, at the Cathedral: N. Mallett 1, Margaret Bould 2, Ann Fellows 3, C. Reeves 4, A. T. Truman 5, B. Coles 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, C. P. Yates 8, C. Bryant 9, W. J. Harvey and G. Skinner 10. A silver wedding compliment to the able and popular hon. sec. and Mrs. Charles P. Yates.

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GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, Jane Foster 3, B. Howard 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, C. K. Cooper 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, M. C. Hughes 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Chapman 1, Sal Parrott 2, Hilda Oatway 3, Sally Hooper 4, P. J. Munday 5, M. Morris 6, R. Mills 7, W. Parrott 8, W. Oatway 9, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Old): Miss L. M. Baguley 1, Miss E. A. Hill 2, Miss M. Green 3, Miss T. E. Staples 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Also on same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: conducted by G. Allcock. Both to welcome the new Rector, Rev. C. J. Young.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Houghton 1, E. Howes 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, J. Fox 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Annie Marion Granville-Smith, organist for over 50 years, died January 27th, aged 94.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Janet Thornton 1, Penny Miller 2, J. W. O. Miller 3, A. Bailey 4, P. K. Else (cond.) 5, W. Ratcliffe 6. For Evensong, and best wishes to Penny Miller, leaving for Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, for training in physiotherapy.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Williamson (first of Stedman) 1, C. W. Powell 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Angela Quick 4, D. Ellery 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. G. Knight (cond.) 7, A. Walborne 8. For Evensong, and as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dymond, married at this church on February 13th, 1906.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.—At St. Mary's College, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Halstead (first of Doubles) 1, R. A. Orme (first "inside") 2, K. Maundrell 3, B. R. M. Johnson (first as cond.) 4, R. L. Underwood 5, J. F. Butler (first quarter) 6.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Martin 1, K. Underwood 2, J. Avenall 3, D. Lodge 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 6.

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DEATH

HEIGHTON.—On March 1st, 1966, after a very short illness, Margaret Lucy, daughter of David and Bridget and darling sister of Fiona, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich. Aged 14 months.

PERSONAL

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL TOUR WILTSHIRE

April 9th to 14th

Will non-resident members intending to come on this tour who have not yet written to Shirley Rymer, The Vicarage Flat, Calne, Wilts, please do so immediately. 8670

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Oakley Hall, High Wycombe, on Saturday, March 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by March 16th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8582

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Correction.—Meeting at Campton (5) and Meppershall (5), Saturday, March 12th. Ringing, Campton, 3-4.30. Tea, Meppershall Hall, 4.45. Meeting and ringing 5.45. All welcome. 8579

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. Timmons, 19, Williamthorpe Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield. Special methods: Ealing Surprise and Gainsboro' Little Bob.—M. Phipps, Sec. 8612

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.—R. D. Threlfall. 8592

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). Bells available as follows: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 2.45 to 3.45 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 p.m. and after the meeting: St. Nicolas and Stoke after the meeting. 8553

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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Great Munden (6). (Due to redecoration of church, Aspenden not yet available.) Names for tea to me, c/o Y.M.C.A., 15a, Railway Street, Hertford, by Friday, 11th, latest.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8688

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

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). Would all members endeavour to be present at this meeting.—J. L. Millhouse, Ringing Master. 8561

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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting Cottesbrooke 3 p.m., and Creation 6 p.m., Saturday, March 12th. Service 4.15.—J. E. Goddard. 8691

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

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, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli, Carm. —R. Warburton. 8601

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. Ouen's, Whetton. —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

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.—Winifred Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 8546

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, Spierlridge, Storrington, Sussex. 8597

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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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wrington (10), Saturday, March 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business. — D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8504

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chard (8), Saturday, March 19th. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 6686

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Practice meeting, West Penard (6), March 19th. 7 p.m.—P. Hall, Hon. Sec. 8684

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Audlem, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 16th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8682

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Hilary, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Birkenhead. 8683

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Archdeaconry of Coventry.—Meeting at Wolvey, Saturday, March 19th. at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. W. Thorpe, Wolds Lane, Wolvey, near Hinckley, Leics. 8677

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Whickham on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, 10, Whaggs Lane, Whickham, Newcastle, by Friday, 18th. please.

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Heath, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Refreshments 5 p.m. at Elm Tree Inn. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. W. Yeomans, Hillman, Mansfield Road, Heath, Chesterfield.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 8683

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Great Gransden, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Little Gransden Hall.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8690

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

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch.—Practice, Painswick, Saturday, March 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribble, France Lynch, Stroud. 8692

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Bodiam (6), Saturday, March 19th, 3 to 5 p.m. Ewhurst (5) 6 onwards. Please make your own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Sec. 8674

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bishops Stortford District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—D. Kingston. 8689

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup (8), on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. — P. A. Mason, Branch Sec. 8672

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen 8680

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District.—Meeting, All Hallows', Tottenham, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by light refreshments in the Vicarage. Evening ringing. —E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8591

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, March 19th. Bells 3 to 4.15. Tea 4.45 at Newchurch. Bells available after tea. All welcome. 8621

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, March 19th, Saverlake and Great Bedwyn, afternoon and evening respectively. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8678

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Winthorpe, March 19th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Evensong 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark, by previous Tuesday. 8671

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

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Stonham Aspal (10), Saturday, March 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—9 p.m.—H. W. H. Leather, Dis. Sec. 8675

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchingley, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. Streeter, Highfields, Big Common Lane, Bletchingley, by March 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8569

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Southern Divisions. — Joint meeting on Saturday, March 19th, at Horsham. Bells (8) 4 p.m. and after service. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. T. Fox, 106, Depot Road, Horsham. 8668

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ringing Symposium: Method Extension, F.C.E.'s. Surprise Composition (J. R. Mayne, R. Baldwin), St. Helen's Church Hall, Wheathampstead, near St. Albans, Saturday, March 26th, at 3 p.m. 5s. incl. tea. Names by March 21st to R. D. R. Brown, 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead 8697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Boughton, Saturday, March 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8676

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Chid-dingly (6), Saturday, March 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at 8. The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, March 23rd. Please note new address.—G. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 8673

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — A.G.M., Callington, March 26th. 3 p.m. Bells (6) after the meeting. Names for tea essential by March 21st.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. Tel. 2749 8679

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BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jean M. Berriman 1, D. Swann 2, S. C. Wells 3, Polly Kyme 4, M. E. Johnson 5, W. G. Wilson 6, D. J. Marshall 7, J. O. Freeman (cond.) 8. By the D.U.S.C.R. for Evensong.

COGENHOE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. P. Morris 1, Mrs. D. M. Stopps 2, C. E. Stopps 3, A. J. Stuart 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Robinson 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung muffled in memoriam R. Moore, churchwarden, ringe, and foreman at this tower.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Oxford 1.B. Minor: J. Smith (cond.) 1, J. Burgess 2, B. Buckley 3, C. Henshaw 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung to commemorate the end of bachelorhood for the ringe of the 3rd, who was to be married March 5th, and to celebrate the 32nd wedding anniversary (February 24th, 1966) of the ringe of the tenor.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. N. Toone 1, D. Toone 2, S. Toone 3, S. F. High (cond.) 4, A. C. Cooper 5, A. W. Bird 6. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, D. Papworth 3, W. Papworth 4, C. C. Goodger 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on Feb. 20th, with L. Cowley in place of W. Papworth.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Marks 1, J. T. Locke 2, E. White 3, R. C. Beale 4, R. Beale (comp.) 5, R. Welch 6, J. Drew (cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. For Mr. Jim Stenner's 74th birthday.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): C. Holmes 1, G. K. Smith 2, K. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, R. D. Gibson 5, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Beverley and District Society to the memory of Rev. George Storer, the Society's chaplain.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Feb. 22nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. R. Marshall 1, S. D. Eccell 2, J. Clarke (cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. Colin R. Evans.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): W. Moore 1, D. Feek 2, P. H. Langton 3, R. Lee 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer. Also an engagement compliment to Mr. Hardham's ringe.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Feb. 20th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford 1.B. Minor: M. A. Welsh 1, S. K. Thompson 2, R. Burbury 3, R. M. Heyworth 4, P. M. Bradford 5, A. P. Foster (cond.) 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 13th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire): Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. F. W. Lewis 3, P. Shipton 4, F. W. Lewis 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First of spliced for 3 and 4.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At St. Margaret's, on Feb. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: N. Davies 1, F. G. Huckstepp 2, P. Richardson 3, L. Sweatman 4, R. Swift 5, H. Deacon 6, C. T. Hillis 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

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