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"THE CHIEF COUNTY FOR RINGERS"

By Gwilym Salmon, Hon. Secretary Bath and Wells
Diocesan Association

In making its way to Bath for its 1966 meeting, the Central Council will be following in the footsteps of visitors from times immemorial. Indeed, tradition has it that Bath was the "Aqua Sulis" of the Romans in 863 B.C. The attraction was, of course, the Hot Springs which still provide half a million gallons of water every day, all at a temperature of 120 F.

Much later, during the era of Beau Nash, the city became a meeting place for society. It became fashionable to have a house in Bath as well as in London. Not only did people go to cure their aches and pains—they also went to be seen, to entertain and to find suitable sons-in-law. It was in this period that Bath prospered. In a city full of beautiful buildings and churches the Royal Crescent and the Circus are architectural gems. Built in the 18th century both are perfect examples of Georgian grandeur. Lansdown and Camden Crescents, two other such terraces, afford magnificent views over the city. The Abbey was started in 1499, superseding a Norman Cathedral that provided the link with Wells, just twenty miles away. The See of the Diocese was established at Wells in the year 900 but was transferred to Bath in 1077 when this Norman Cathedral was completed. In 1139, as work on Wells Cathedral progressed, the Diocese was given the title of Bath and Wells, the Bishop later moving back to Wells to live in a moated palace where his successors have remained to this day.

In saying "Come to Bath" the Association is therefore asking you to come to the Bath and Wells and that, in effect, means "Come to Somerset." Apart from a small area of Dorset around the village of Trent the Diocesan and County boundaries coincide. Somerset has much to offer. Compare the calm of Bath and the serenity of Wells with the gay holiday atmosphere of Minehead and Weston-super-Mare, the ruggedness of Mendip and the impressive cliffs of Cheddar and Burrington with the quiet lanes of the Vale of Blackmore and Taunton Dene. Go to the Isle of Avalon around Glastonbury with its associations with King Arthur and on to the rolling hills of the Quantocks, the Brendons and the splendour of Exmoor. Christianity first came to Britain at Glastonbury. It was not so long ago that the sea extended inland beyond this point and it is said that Christ, as a boy, set foot at Pilton, only five miles away, when he accompanied Joseph of Arimathea on a trading trip. The last battle fought on English soil was cruelly decided at nearby Sedgemoor and, just a little further on, Alfred burnt the cakes.

Much of the splendour of the Somerset churches is due to the flourishing wool trade that existed around the 15th century. The accent has changed now to dairy farming but it is on record that, as recently as 100 years ago, the tenor bell of Wells

Cathedral was tolled all through the night to guide the shepherds down from Mendip for the annual fair. This fair is still held although it has removed to the isolated village of Priddy at the top of the hill. The old world charm of Mells and the sudden appearance of Batcombe or Chewton Mendip as you drop from the hills linger long in the memory as do the splendid towers of the two Episcopis on the Somerset plain. One could dwell at length on this subject but suffice to say that we are proud of the towers and the glorious bells that are our heritage and we sincerely hope that you, as Council members and friends, will make the best possible use of them.

The Diocesan Association was founded, like the Council, in 1890. The first annual report states that the inaugural meeting was held at Highbridge with a ringing festival following at Taunton. By January, 1891, there were 194 members of whom 23 were honorary. Performing membership today stands at 1,759 and says much for these pioneers who worked so hard. Of these men, to whom we owe so much, Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead, is still with us.

Change ringing flourished, even in the early days. Several peals were rung and it is interesting to note that all the early performances were of Grandsire Triples. It was some time before a peal of Doubles crept in and, strangely, this was followed by a peal of Bob Triples. The Bath and Dunster areas set the pace but it was not long before a capable band grew up at Taunton. A natural and friendly rivalry developed over the years between Bath and Taunton. Both bands made notable strides and it became something of a race as the Bath men endeavoured to ring a peal of London before the Taunton people scored their Bristol. Another band that developed in the 1930's was the well known "Wednesday" band that met in Central and North Somerset, setting a tremendous standard in striking and dedication.

Many personalities have emerged over the years but, surely, the late Mr. J. T. Dyke stood head and shoulders above them all. Mr. Dyke was General Secretary of the Association from 1926 until 1953. Such was his capacity for the job that, when he handed over the reins, his work was divided between three others. His name and deeds were legion in the Diocese and he was viewed in awe by the youngsters of the day. It was he who organised the "Wednesday" band referred to earlier. Mr. Dyke served the Central Council well for many years. He was associated with the preparation of the Beginners' Handbook, he took an active part in the work of "The Ringing World" Committee until ill health forced him to retire and was an Honorary and eventually a Life Member.

A few years ago the Association took serious and drastic steps to get its silent bells ringing. All parochial Church Councils with rings of bells were asked to pay an annual affiliation fee of not less than 10s. 6d. Over 200 councils have responded. With this additional income the Association is able to make realistic grants to restoration funds and an advisory service, in the capable hands of Mr. H. J. Sanger, is used extensively.

Come, then, to the Bath and Wells and be welcome for, as John Betjeman so aptly says, "Over orchards and elms and willows, wherever you are in Somerset, you can hear church bells for this is the chief county for ringers."

BATH & ALL SOMERSET'S HEARTY WELCOME

Central Council's Visit "An Honour and a Privilege"

FROM THE MASTER OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The visit of the Central Council to Bath at Whitsun has been eagerly anticipated by the Bath and Wells Association ever since the "Ringing World" informed us that our invitation to come to Somerset had been accepted. Such a visit is always an honour and a privilege for the host Association, and Bath and Wells is no exception in this. I would therefore like to extend a sincere and hearty welcome to the Council on behalf of all our members.

The Bath and Wells Association was founded in May, 1890, with the object of "recognising the true position of ringers as Church Workers, encouraging ringing for Divine Service and cultivating the art of Change Ringing," and for just over 75 years we have striven to give practical expression to these objects. It will be clear from this that we are wholly in sympathy with the aims and objects of the Central Council, and that you have our support in all that you are trying to do for the Exercise.

We feel we have much to offer to members of the Council in Bath and the surrounding countryside, and we have tried to make arrangements which will ensure an enjoyable and worthwhile visit. Bath is a truly noble city with many centuries of civilised history, going back to Roman times and beyond. It is also splendidly equipped for such a conference as yours. In addition, there are many fine towers within easy reach and in beautiful surroundings.

Given reasonable weather, therefore, it should be possible for you all to have an interesting and enjoyable week-end. In the unlikely event of your ringing proving too exhausting, or your business too wearisome, you can always "take the waters" of Bath, and go home rested and refreshed.

Welcome to you all.

Henry Warren,
Master, B. & W.A.



THE REV. H. F. WARREN,
Master of the Association.

The Rev. Henry Warren was born in 1921 and has lived all his life in Somerset. He was ordained in 1943, and after serving a curacy at Weston-super-Mare (where his ringing made considerable progress under the care of George Prescott) he moved to his present parish, Exford, in 1953. During his time there he has been instrumental in having the six bells recast and rehung.

He is one of a family of eight sons and, like most of them, he was taught to ring at Binegar by his father, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, also, at one time, Master of the Bath and Wells Association. Mr. Warren has rung four peals, but for some years health reasons have precluded anything longer than quarter peals. He is married and has two little boys, whom he hopes to teach to ring in due course.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Mr. Gwilym Salmon, the general secretary, and Mr. Eric Naylor, the hon. treasurer, have done much of the "on the spot" preparations for the Central Council visit.

Gwilym has been ringing some 20 years and started in 1946, shortly before his National Service. Upon his return he took up change ringing and he owes much for his early progress in the art to Mr. Percy Hull, of Dinder, near Wells.

His first peal, Grandsire Doubles, was rung at Ashcott in 1951, for the Festival of Britain. The same year he became secretary and leader of the Wells Society. His peals total about 160 with just 100 for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

He became treasurer of the Diocesan Association in 1957 and general secretary in 1960. A bank official, Mr. Salmon is employed by the Westminster Bank at their Queen's Road, Bristol, branch.

QUE QUE, RHODESIA.—On April 17th, at the Church of St. Luke, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 1, Monica Blagrove 2, H. Earle (first quarter) 3, Vincent Field 4. First quarter peal on the bells and presumably first quarter of Minimus outside the British Isles.

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters will be the Fernley Hotel, North Parade, Bath.

Holy Communion, Abbey, Tues., 7.30 a.m.

Council meeting, Pump Rooms, Tues., 10 a.m.

Civic reception, 4.45 p.m.

Social evening, Pump Rooms, Tues., 7.30 p.m.

A GUIDE TO RINGING

Saturday, May 28th

St. Michael's w. St. Paul's (8) 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Newton St. Loe (6) 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Corston (8) 7.00–8 p.m.
Twerton (8) 7.30–8.30 p.m.
Keynsham (8) 8.00–9 p.m.

Sunday, May 29th

Dunkerton (6) 10.30–11.15 a.m.
Kelston (6) 10.00–11.00 a.m.
St. Michael's w. St. Paul's (8) 10.00–11.00 a.m.
St. Mary's, Bathwick .. (8) 9.30–10.20 a.m.
Twerton (8) 8.30–9.15 a.m.
Batheaston (6) 8.30–9.00 a.m.
Newton St. Loe (6) 9.30–10.00 a.m.
Corston (8) 10.30–11.15 a.m.
Keynsham (8) 10.30–11.00 a.m.
Bath Abbey (10) 5.00–6.30 p.m.
St. Matthew's, Widcombe (6) 5.30–6.30 p.m.
Bathford (6) 5.30–6.30 p.m.
St. Mark's (6) 5.30–6.30 p.m.
Wells Cathedral (10) 1.30–3.30 p.m.
Evercreech (10) 10.00–11.00 a.m.
Chewton Mendip (8) 9.15–10.00 a.m.

Monday, May 30th

Wellow (6) 7.00–8.00 p.m.
Bathampton (6) 7.00–8.00 p.m.
Batheaston (6) 7.30–8.30 p.m.
Bathford (6) 8.00–9.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 31st

Bath Abbey (10) 6.30–8.00 p.m.
St. Mary's, Bathwick .. (8) 7.00–8.00 p.m.

TOURS—Whit Monday, May 30th

Northern (own transport)

Chew Magna (8) 9.30–10.15
Long Ashton (8) 10.30–11.15
Wraxall (8) 11.30–12.15
Yatton (8) 1.30–2.30
*Wroughton (10) 2.45–4.00
Blagdon (8) 4.15–5.00
†Chewton Mendip (8) 5.30–6.30

Central (own transport)

Wells, St. Cuthbert's .. (8) 9.45–10.45
Glastonbury, St. John's .. (8) 11.00–11.45
Taunton, St. Mary's (12) 1.00–2.15
Bishops Lydeard (8) 2.30–3.15
Bridgwater (8) 3.30–4.30
Wedmore (8) 5.30–6.30

Southern (by coach only)

Evercreech (10) 9.30–10.45
Wincanton (8) 11.00–11.45
Milborne Port (8) 12.15–1.00
Yeovil (10) 2.15–3.30
Queen Camel (6) 3.45–4.45
Ditchat (8) 5.30–6.30

* Subject to confirmation; otherwise Congresbury. † Subject to confirmation.

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RECORDS MARK THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

RINGERS filled the Quire of Wells Cathedral for the service that preceded the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Association on Easter Monday. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Wells (the Ven. I. J. de Bouley Lance) assisted by the Master (the Rev. H. F. Warren). The lesson was read by the Dean of Wells (the Very Rev. D. Edwards) and the address was given by the Bishop of the Diocese. In a tribute to the work of ringers, the Bishop said that we had gathered together to renew, review and reshape. Developing these themes, he referred to the broadcasting of Evercrech bells on Sunday mornings and, speaking of the young people he met in ringing circles, thought that many incumbents would be well advised to build their youth fellowships around their belfries. A collection amounting to £10 17s. was given to the Cathedral to assist with every-day expenses.

Lunch followed at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, where the Master welcomed the Bishop, the Dean, the Archdeacon and the Vicar of Wells. (the Rev. R. MacIntyre). Reference was made to the fact that the Association went to each Branch in turn and that it would probably be 11 years before a similar visit was made to Wells.

In opening the business with prayer, the Master asked members to stand in memory of the following who had died in 1965: Miss Emm, Messrs. B. Bond, J. T. Dyke, A. Lane, C. Pearce, H. Price and W. E. Stiles. Visitors were welcomed from Bristol, Berkshire, Middlesex and Sussex.

READJUSTMENTS IN SUNDAY RINGING

The Master, in his review, spoke at length about a new development in the life of the Church that was affecting ringing by the growing popularity of the Family Communion and the shifting of the emphasis of the main service from Matins at 11 a.m. to this service, usually held at 9 or 9.30 a.m. This resulted in a readjustment of ringing times and he was extremely disturbed to hear of two cases where hands had refused to ring. "We must remember that the arrangement and the timing of services is a matter for the incumbent and his P.C.C. and, as members of the Church, we should accept their decisions loyally, even if it means the reorganisation of our Sunday habit."

Mr. G. Salmon, the general secretary, reported progress in Surprise ringing, three Branches now holding regular practices. Youth was getting special attention at Bath and Bridgwater and a three-day gathering of young people from all parts of the Diocese was taking place in Wells the following week-end. Of all the activities that would be pursued, more names had been submitted for the bell ringing group than any other. Instruction continued in several towers, although the Association was sorry to lose the services of Mr. John Owen in this connection. Bridgwater Branch reported that four towers previously silent were now ringing.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the Association in 1965, members had asked that a commemorative dinner be held. Unfortunately the booking of a hall had been left far too late. A sub-committee had been formed and a hall had been booked for 1966.

The secretary referred to the deaths of Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. H. Price. Mr. Dyke had been secretary of the Association from 1926 until 1953 and its position today was largely as a result of his drive and example. Mr. Price had been a well-known figure at Yatton and in the Chew Branch and his outings were an institution.

The secretary closed his remarks by stating that he had now left the Diocese and might well move further afield. In the circumstances he felt that he should now give formal notice of his intention not to seek re-election, if not this year then certainly at Easter, 1967.

1,759 PERFORMING MEMBERS

Presenting the balance sheet, the treasurer (Mr. E. Naylor) reported a new record of 1,759 performing members. Towers that had paid an affiliation fee of not less than 10/6 numbered 209. For the second year running the general fund had shown a greater expenditure than income. The rising cost of the report was causing concern and the committee had revised the layout. This was an experiment that would test the balance sheet as well as members' reactions to the change from the traditional style and, if not successful, a rise in subscriptions must be inevitable. Affiliation fees transferred to the Bell Fund amounted to £137 16s. and a donation had been made from that fund to Banwell. The balance of the Bell Fund was £303 13s. 3d. and that of the General Fund £207 12s. 11d. The approximate value of investments was £333.

Mr. H. J. Sanger, the Diocesan Adviser on the Care of Bells, spoke of visiting 11 towers during the year. In addition, three towers had been dealt with by correspondence. Much had been done and he was particularly pleased with the work now being carried out at Banwell. Mr. F. Sharpe had been called in in 1964 and his recommendations were being followed. This was in some ways contrary to the original advice of the architect and the Association was most grateful to Mr. Sharpe for so successfully making his point. Mr. Sanger concluded his report by drawing members' attention to the state of their belfries. He said that action taken promptly and the seeking of guidance from the right quarter could go a long way towards keeping the bells ringing.

PEAL RECORD

The request for commemoration peals for the 75th anniversary, stated Mr. G. W. Massey (peal secretary), had resulted in a record of 111 peals. Of these, 17 had been rung specifically for the anniversary. Two were of 5,075 changes, one being at Wells Cathedral by invitation of the Dean, and the other at Evercrech rung by officers of the Association and specially composed by James Topp. Quite by coincidence, peals had been rung in 75 towers during the year.

Ringers participating in peals numbered 296, 42 had taken part in their first and 146 their first in a new method. There were 45 conductors, although only four of these were new. Leading peal ringers were D. J. Hunt with 20 and T. A. Cross with 19. D. J. Hunt was also leading conductor, having called 13 peals. George Prescott had called 11. The overall total of peals rung for the Association was 3,152. Of personal milestones reached, Mr. Prescott's 200th peal for the Association deserved special mention, as he joined a very select band headed by the late J. T. Dyke.

The Rev. Dr. F. Pollard moved the adoption of the reports "en bloc" and thanked the officers for their work. Mr. L. Derrick seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation.

The meeting then passed on to the election of officers, the following being elected for the ensuing year: Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren; general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon; treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor; Diocesan Adviser on the Care of Bells, Mr. H. J. Sanger; assistant adviser, Mr. W. H. Kingcott; peal secretary, Mr. G. W. Massey; auditor, Mr. S. A. Read. Messrs. J. Gilbert, A. Reed, H. J. Sanger and the general secretary were elected as Central Council representatives for the next three years.

Referring to the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council at Bath, the general secretary said that they were greatly honoured that the Council had accepted the Association's invitation. This would be its first ever visit to Somerset and he hoped that all would make the Council most welcome.

Under any other business, Mr. W. A. Osborn asked if any tangible memorial had been decided for Mr. Dyke. The treasurer replied

that a donation of £5 5s. had been given to the restoration fund of Downside Church, where Mr. Dyke was buried, and Mr. Beck spoke of a pair of inscribed candlesticks that had been placed on the altar.

The Central Council representatives were voted their usual £20 expenses, and it was decided that the expenses incurred by the Master in attending the meeting at Bath be paid. Mr. Reed proposed and Mr. S. G. Coles seconded that the secretary be given an honorarium of £15.

A week-end course in ringing was mooted by Mr. Gilbert. He realised that the Association had a very heavy year before it and that it might not be feasible at this time but he did consider that such a course should be borne in mind for the future.

PEAL BOOKING FEES

Mr. Heymann reminded the meeting that last Easter Mr. Massey had announced his intention of proposing an alteration to the rule concerning peal booking fees. As yet nothing had been said and he wondered what had become of the proposition. Mr. Massey stated that he had decided not to proceed, as he felt that he was in the minority.

A question concerning peal ringing in Lent drew forth considerable comment. Mr. Sanger, in associating peal ringing with personal pleasure, felt quite strongly that ringers should abstain. Although there was no rule, such ringing should be firmly discouraged. The Rev. C. Marshall felt that it was purely a matter of self-discipline, while Mr. Osborn thought that it was really up to the incumbent concerned. Mr. Massey argued Mr. Sanger's point, saying that all ringing should be to the glory of God. He reported, as peal secretary, that a large number of peals had been rung in Lent this year although a high proportion of these had been by visiting bands.

Mr. R. Dean, of Ilton, thanked the Association for the grant of £50 made to his tower's augmentation fund last year and reported on progress made.

In thanking all who had helped to make the day such a success Mr. Massey referred to the most impressive service at the Cathedral and the welcome received. He spoke of the able way in which the Master had conducted an arduous meeting and thanked all incumbents and tower correspondents who had made their bells available.

Tea followed and members then dispersed. Every tower in the Glaston Branch was open at some time during the day.

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(See advertisement page.)

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Frederick Sharpe.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICK.—On Easter Day, 1,300 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Juffe Hopkins 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. G. Edmon (cond.) 3, P. M. Edson 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, Lynda Hopkins 6.

Letters to the Editor

MOTIONS BEFORE THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—I am sure, Mr. Editor, that you will be as gratified as I am that two of the three motions to be considered by the Central Council at Bath are evidence of the wish of the members of the Council to help "The Ringing World" with its finances. They should produce interesting debates, but they are presumably published now ("Ringing World," April 29th, 1966), with the Agenda, so that ringers may think about them and express their views to their representatives.

I don't feel very strongly about the proposal in motion (b) that names of peal ringers be not published except after payment to "The Ringing World" of 6d. for each person taking part, except that I doubt whether it is worth all the time and effort involved. At the present rate about £12 a week could be hoped for. But I suspect that the enthusiasts who arrange and conduct peals would in the end get left so often with paying the whole of this, in addition to postage, telephone charges, Association booking fees, peal cards, contributions to the tower fund, etc., that the number of peals rung each week would drop. What happens if some of the band pay and some won't? Does the peal get published with gaps? Who deals with the number of small amounts sent in and the inevitable correspondence about them? And what happens to you, sir, when one gets printed without the cash? If "The Ringing World" Committee has to pay for all this there won't be much change.

But I am more concerned with the principle behind motion (c)—inviting affiliated Societies to contribute not less than three guineas for representation annually towards the cost of maintaining "The Ringing World."

Is it necessary? The accounts for 1965 will show, as you foreshadowed recently, that it is not necessary at present. To ask people for money when it is not necessary is likely to get a very lukewarm response.

Is it enforceable? Definitely not. On the contrary, any Association which wishes to contribute can do so, and certain of them already do. As with the individuals who also send contributions, acknowledged weekly in "The Ringing World," I believe that the greatest value of this is the thought that those contributors really feel that the paper is their paper, and of their own volition they want to help it.

What would be the effect on the Council? Certain Associations might well decide that, to reduce this call on their funds, they should reduce their representation on the Council. Would this be a good thing? I doubt it, and so, I know, do others. And would not the Council lose favour, so hardly won over many years, by telling Associations what to do with their funds?

I suggest, sir, that if and when "The Ringing World" reaches the stage when its income and expenditure get out of balance and its reserves are depleted, the Council, which owns it, will have to provide the necessary funds from its other pockets, if necessary replenishing those pockets by increased subscriptions for membership, or increased prices of its publications. Happily, thanks to the efforts of a valiant few, those days are a long way ahead. The finest way to ensure that they never arrive is, I suggest, a 10 per cent. increase in circulation. If members' efforts and Associations' efforts were directed to this end, this should easily be practicable.

—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ruislip.

RHYTHM IN RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read carefully Mr. Wilfrid Moreton's article "On Teaching Rhythm" (see "The Ringing World," October 3rd, 1958) before writing my own "On Teaching Ropesight" ("The Ringing World," March 18th, 1966). I think Mr. Moreton's suggestions excellent, and felt that my article was complementary rather than in any way contradictory to Mr. Moreton's, because Mr. Moreton was dealing with rounds and call changes and I was dealing with plain hunting. By dealing with one aspect of change ringing I did not wish to imply that teaching rhythm should be ignored; far from it!

Teaching entirely by rhythm presupposes a good band and would be similar to teaching a blind person. It would be interesting to know of the progress of blind ringers. Those I have met have not progressed far, though their striking is good if the other bells are in the right place! Also I doubt whether many average good ringers ring entirely by rhythm—how many of our Surprise peal bands could ring their peals blindfold? The top-class ringer can, but this is a far cry from the average learner. I doubt whether much progress can be made in change ringing without ropesight, so that it is at least "a key to all method ringing" if not "the key."

Does Mr. Moreton think that it is a good idea to have ringers face the wall (or blindfold) at some stage in their training so that they ring entirely by ear? I would suggest that this should be tried after they have achieved ropesight, and not as a means of achieving it, though I doubt whether any but the most able would manage. I think also that the method of teaching ropesight which I advocated (following a certain number of bells) by its emphasis on position would more easily lead to ringing by rhythm (when the place must be noted) than the other methods which I was criticising for other reasons.—Yours sincerely,

P. G. K. DAVIES.

Bilston, Staffs.

PEALS IN ANNUAL REPORTS

Dear Sir,—The cost of printing the annual report is generally the largest financial burden with which most Associations have to cope. In most cases the list of peals rung for the Association forms a substantial part of the report.

In an attempt to cut the cost of printing reports and at the same time provide additional income for "The Ringing World," would it be possible to operate the following system?

(i) Standardise paper sizes used for report printing.

(ii) "The Ringing World" press print a list of peals rung for a particular Association during the year, using the same type as was used to print the peals in "The Ringing World."

(iii) Each Association buy a printed set of peals from "The Ringing World" at the end of each year to bind with locally printed sheets to form the final report.

Perhaps we could have some comment from those acquainted with the economics of printing.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID W. FRIEND.

Chaddesden, Derby.

Our printers' quote: Cost of 100 sheets consisting of four pages of peals, five peals to a page (i.e. 20 peals), standard page size 8½ in. x 5½ in.: peals reproduced direct from "The Ringing World," £4 17s. 6d.; 500 ditto, £6 5s.—Ed.

AN OLD BELL DISCOVERED

We regret we have been hoaxed again over "An Old Bell Discovered." Mr. A. R. Agg, general secretary of the Hertford County Association, informs us that there is no Gerald M. Fitzburgh connected with ringing in Hitchin or the surrounding district, nor is there such a name in the local telephone directory.

It has, however, enabled a very large number of readers to point out the lack of vigilance on the part of the Editor. Some have done this very wittily. M. Peterson, of Loretto School, writes that the discovery was a primitive type of bird trap used for catching gulls or boobies. Now that the trap door is open he will find if he looks in again that a booby from the Guildford area has been successfully caught.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if Mr. Gerald M. Fitzburgh, of Hitchin, would come and assist with another difficult inscription.

Outside Merryfield House, my old home, there is a large stone with an iron ring on the top. The stone is reputed to have come from Italy, and it inscribed "Toti Emul Esto." Mr. Fitzburgh will need to bring an old rope with him.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Witney, Oxon.

FIRST HEARD OVER 30 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter re old bell on page 308 of "The Ringing World," I can assure Mr. Fitzburgh that his find is far from unique and is of no antiquity or value. Metal utensils, bearing similar inscriptions, have been "found" widespread over the country in recent years—the first I heard of one was over 30 years ago. I would suggest that he applies to his local sanitary inspector for the interpretation of the inscription. I am sorry to note his ignorance of his native language.—Yours truly,

EDWIN R. GOATE.

Beebles.

IN 1946 AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Dear Sir,—The letter about the discovery of an old bell reminds me that in October, 1946, "Hampshire Chronicle" published a letter by Mr. I. P. Standing, of The Willows, Otterbourne, Hants, who had found a bronze vessel on the sea shore on the Isle of Wight with a similar inscription. He said the inscription was low Latin and though not readily interpreted could mean "Except to the wise I hold not emptiness."

After some research, however, I think a better version would be "The wise will fill me."—Yours faithfully,

JOHN HILL.

Wellington, Somerset.

THE 1958 EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—It would seem that you, sir, are as fond of the occasional leg-pull as is the editor of the "Hampshire County Magazine." During the course of 1958 this magazine published a letter describing the original discovery of the receptacle mentioned by Mr. Fitzburgh, when it was washed up on Highcliffe beach and caught the eye of a correspondent on April 1st. After close inspection he assigned it to the role of a Roman cooking vessel, and suggested two possible translations:

(a) "Except to the wise I hold not emptiness."

(b) "Except being emptied of wisdom, I hold not."

Yours faithfully,
D. C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued

SOMETHING FOR BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I have recently compiled and had printed a pocket notebook for the use of the boys in our Society here. In content it resembles the Ringers' Diary but contains only such information as I have found relevant and useful. I have compiled the notebook with the following aims in view:

(i) To provide our boys with a tough booklet of good quality material which will last them the full term of their membership here.

(ii) To provide easy reference to charts of those methods which I have found most instructive.

(iii) To provide incentive for advancement by the compiling of personal records.

The notebook is in no way designed to replace verbal instruction, only to supplement it, which is why I have not included many points which I have found best imparted by word of mouth at practice and which look damnably technical in print. It is for the beginner just progressing from rounds and although geared specially to our needs here it might prove useful to beginners in general and school societies in particular.—Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. QUEEN.

Shebbear College,
Beaworth, North Devon.

1,966 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Martyn Marriott has corresponded with me about the date touch by him which was published in "The Ringing World" on February 4th (page 88). We did not want to send a lot of figures to "The Ringing World" but the touch appears to be in order.

However, in my opinion, the notation of the Homing Course was rather odd; and I submit that, to the less experienced conductor of Stedman Triples, the method of setting out this course would have been clearer if it had followed the lines of Going off Courses, Turning Courses and Homing Courses given for Stedman Caters or Cinques when they are of abnormal length.

This particular Homing Course would then read:

3. 4. 5. 8. 9. 10s. 12s. 14. 15. 16. 18. 20
Rounds at the second row of the last six.

Yours sincerely,

Carbis Bay.

H. MILES.

JARROM SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I should be interested to know how Jarrom Surprise Minor came by its name, as it is the current spelling of my name in Leicestershire. If composed by a Jarrom I should like to know which one is a ringer. I have, I think, all the Leicester family, which is the oldest branch, back to 1580, and a probability which is near certainty back to a Geraum of Digeawro (Diseworth) of 1206.

The spelling has not only varied over the centuries, but even between brothers, four of whom in the 16th century called themselves Jarram, Jarom, Jerome and Jerram respectively! So I hope the ringing expert of Leicester, if he exists, will not feel hurt if I claim him as a "cousin"! Perhaps someone will let me know.

Pengwedhen, Helford,
Helston, Cornwall.

C. F. JERRAM.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 28



ROGER W. SMITH
Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Once again the Peterborough Guild is represented in this series by another of its young members.

Roger W. Smith was born on July 31st, 1948, at Rothersthorpe, Northamptonshire. He is now at Northampton Grammar School, where he has obtained his G.C.E. in nine subjects at "O" level. Roger is hoping to take four "A" levels this coming summer.

At the age of 12 he had his first ringing lessons at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Rothersthorpe, as a pupil of Kenneth D. Perkins. It was not long before he became a member and regular Sunday service ringer

at this tower. With the help of many friends too numerous to mention this brilliant youngster progressed rapidly and about a year after his first lesson he scored his first peal. This was when he rang the treble to a peal of seven Doubles methods at Kistingbury on November 11th, 1961, conducted by George E. Roome.

In just over four years Roger's peal total has reached 140. Of these he has conducted two single-method Doubles peals, the first being St. Nicholas Doubles at Stamford-on-Avon on December 7th, 1963. An ambition to take part in a peal of eight-spliced standard methods has already been fulfilled.

Roger's collection of peals includes 15 single-method Doubles (13 of which were first in the method), 60 (I.P.C.) Doubles methods, 34 Spliced Surprise Minor methods and 14 Spliced Surprise Major methods (all record performances for the Peterborough Guild). His single-method peals include London and Pudsey Surprise Royal and 16 different Surprise Major methods.

This excellent record for one so young does great credit to the Peterborough Guild and the many friends who have helped him in so many different ways and of these perhaps Alan and Graham Paul should receive special mention. An interesting point in this story is the fact that a "Paul" has taken part in practically all of Roger's peals.

Well done, Roger and the Peterborough Guild. May the success of both continue for many years!

NORVING.

Julius Caesar Commemoration

Dear Sir—We write in response to the letter of Mr. Eisel, on page 260, concerning the in memoriam peal for G. J. Caesar.

Mr. Eisel's suspicions are confirmed by the conductor, Mr. R. D. Bailey, that it was in fact Gaius Julius Caesar in whose memory the peal was rung. We wish to make it quite clear that so far as we are concerned, the first thing we knew about the motive of the peal was when we saw it in "The Ringing World." As theological students and ordinands, we deprecate the idea of ringing for this purpose which, we regret to say, was premeditated.

At the same time we beg to differ with Mr. Eisel that Mr. Caesar's visits to this country were hardly occasions for rejoicing. One only has to look at his achievements in bringing civilisation to Gaul to realise that had he not come we—and Mr. Eisel—might still be wearing woad. Perhaps Mr. Eisel might have pointed out that the wording should have been, strictly speaking, "In Memoriam C. Iulii Caesaris."

We assume that Mr. Eisel objects, as we do, from religious motives, but we feel that one of the worst things a churchman can do is to appear appalled over trifles, particularly those which do not concern him.—Vale,

JOHN PLADDYS.

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

King's College, London.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

Central Council invited to Croydon in 1968

THE highlight of the Surrey Association's annual general meeting on May 7th was when the meeting voted unanimously in favour of inviting the Central Council to the London Borough of Croydon for their 1968 meeting. Mr. W. Parrott told members that a number of plans had been made. Accommodation would be provided by a new hotel now under construction and the Fairfield Halls would be provided free of charge by the Croydon Council for the meeting.

Held this year at St. John's, Croydon, the annual general meeting attracted over 80 ringers from a wide area. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. Henderson and the organ played by Mr. Stevens, the father of the new tower captain there.

The committee's report commented on the number of quarter peals rung in 1965—a record number, 226. Attendances at District meetings had been disappointing, especially in the Southern District, where there was a 30 per cent. decline. The treasurer, Mrs. K. Chilcott, reported that the balance on General Account had dropped by £52 10s. 9d., mainly due to the purchase of a duplicator. The Belfry Repair Fund now stood at £240 4s. 11d. and a collection taken later realised a further £4 1s.

The Association library was reported to be in a poor condition as a result of dampness in St. John's, Redhill, tower. Mr. K. Game advised members that the best way to avoid more damage was for them to borrow the books more often. Only one book had been on loan during the year. The meeting agreed to the library being moved to Kingston upon Thames. Thanks were expressed to Mr. W. E. Oatway, who kindly presented the library with a bound copy of the 1965 "Ringing World."

After the election of new members, the election of officers for 1966 was attended to. Mr. F. E. Collins handed over the chair to Mr. A. P. Cannon, and he thanked the members for his last year of office. He had been connected with the Association for over 40 years, in which time he had seen many changes. He welcomed the influx of younger ringers into the Exercise and congratulated them on the standards they were attaining. Officers elected were as follows: Master, A. P. Cannon; hon. secretary, W. Parrott; hon. treasurer, Mrs. K. Chilcott; hon. assistant secretary, C. H. Cook; auditor, M. V. Chilcott; and liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, W. H. Jackson.

Mr. Cannon thanked the retiring Master for the immense amount of work he had done for the Association in conducting tower

surveys and encouraging high ringing standards. The venue chosen for the 1967 annual general meeting was Guildford Cathedral.

The first motion on the agenda concerned the amalgamation of the posts of secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Chilcott proposed this because she felt that there was too much duplication and this could be avoided. Mr. N. Bagworth seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. N. Steere proposed and Mr. W. H. Jackson seconded that committee members elected in January at the District's annual general meetings should be allowed to join the retiring committee at their meeting prior to the May annual general. The motion was carried. It was proposed to raise the non-resident life membership subscription to 10s., but after lengthy discussion the meeting voted overwhelmingly against it. Mr. W. H. Jackson proposed that a dinner be held in 1966 or 1967 at which members could have an opportunity to meet socially. Mr. N. Steere seconded and advised members to vote for this only if they intended to attend the dinner. The voting showed that members were in favour of a dinner being held, and it was left to the committee to decide when and where it should take place.

Finally, in view of the number of changes that had been made in the rules in recent years it was proposed that a new edition be printed: the meeting agreed. Members then listened to a striking competition between the Northern and Southern Districts. Mr. A. P. Cannon adjudicated and the winners were the Northern District by 49 faults to 71. He congratulated the participants on the high standard of ringing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

For the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Maulden on May 7th 11 towers were open during the day for ringing spread over a period of seven hours, with plenty of methods to suit everybody.

After an excellent tea the company was welcomed at the business meeting by the president, Mr. E. A. Ruston, who was re-elected president. There was an addition to the vice-presidents—Mr. H. B. Whitney, in recognition of his work connected with the annual report over many years. Mr. A. Smith was re-elected general secretary and treasurer. Mr. P. Mehew peal secretary. Mr. J. Long librarian, Mr. C. E. Jeffries auditor, Mr. H. D. Harris and Mr. A. J. Smith trustees. Messrs. A. E. Rushton and J. H. Edwards were elected as Central Council representatives. Leighton Buzzard was selected for the 1967 annual general meeting.

After discussion, the Boundaries Committee's recommendation to equal out the number of towers in each District was carried. It was proposed on behalf of the General Committee that any member over 65 years of age could, if he so wished, pay a reduced subscription of not less than 2s. 6d. The meeting felt that most people would want to continue with the full subscription, but it might help in some circumstances.

Small committees were appointed to look into the investing of the Belfry Repair Fund; formulate rules for a striking competition; and for enlistment of a band of people willing to help any Association church with the maintenance of its bells and any other aspect of campanology.

The three motions before the Central Council were discussed. It was felt that each Society should have enough conscience to keep non-resident life membership fees within a reasonable limit, and this motion should not, therefore, be necessary. Regarding "The Ringing World," it was felt that the paper should not be subsidised but an all-out effort be made to get more readers, especially postal subscribers.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the president, who thanked the clergy for the use of their bells, Mr. M. J. Lockett and the ladies of Maulden for tea and arrangements, and the officers for their work during the year.

COLLEGE YOUTHS VISIT GLOUCESTER

THE Ancient Society of College Youths were fortunate in the weather for their annual "out of town" meeting, which this year was held in Gloucester on May 7th in bright sunshine for most of the day. In the morning members gathered from all over the country in the beautiful old-world little town of Painswick, where the 12 fine bells were put to good use in a variety of methods. This was followed by an excellent lunch at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, at which 52 members and friends were present.

Ringing at Gloucester Cathedral was unfortunately curtailed when the clapper of the sixth bell broke; but we were kindly permitted to ring instead on the eight bells at St. Mary-de-Crypt. Tea was generously provided by Mr. Leslie Barry, and then some 70 members and friends crowded into the vestry of St. Mary-de-Crypt for a short business meeting presided over by the Master, Mr. J. D. Rock.

The Master welcomed members and visitors mentioning especially Mr. C. Rouse, the secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and said how pleased he was to see such a large attendance. He expressed the thanks of all the members to Mr. Leslie Barry for having organised the day so splendidly, and thanked also the incumbents and captains of towers in which they had rung, and the Dean of Gloucester for having given them permission to ring.

During the meeting tributes were paid to the life and work of John Pinfold, and members observed a short silence. Mr. C. Rouse welcomed the College Youths to Gloucester on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He said how pleased he was that the Society had come to Gloucester and expressed the hope that members had had an enjoyable day. In conclusion, the Master said that it was clear that everyone had enjoyed coming to Gloucester. "When we have found a good place to have an enjoyable meeting," he said, "why shouldn't we stick to it? Speaking informally, I hope you'll invite us to Gloucester again in a few years' time."

The day finished with more ringing at St. Mary-de-Crypt and Cheltenham. To attend this most enjoyable meeting, members came from Yorkshire, Lancashire, Birmingham, Bristol, Kent, Bedford, South Wales with over 30 from London. W.T.C.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Concern was expressed at the annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Society by the secretary (Mr. Ian North) at the poor attendance at most meetings, although membership numbers were good. This was evident that day by only 20 turning up on a sunny afternoon at St. Chad's, Headingley, with afternoon ringing at Chapel Allerton. However, full advantage was taken of the bells with touches of Minor, Triples and Major.

New and old members whose membership has lapsed will be welcome at the next meeting at Batley on May 28th.

Mr. Harold Chant new Barnsley President

Mr. Harold Chant, who for 36 years has been hon. treasurer of the Barnsley and District Society, was elected president at the annual meeting at Barnsley on May 14th. Mr. Christopher Moxon is the new treasurer and Mr. J. W. Buxton continues as hon. secretary.

South Kirkby was in the news. Five members from this tower were elected to membership, an evening meeting is to be held there on June 18th to help them, and it is likely to be the venue for the shield contest. A trip to London is being arranged by Mr. Eric Stainrod. Mr. A. D. Birch presided, and Mr. C. Moxon proposed the vote of thanks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A feature of the quarterly meeting of the Bicester and District Branch at Bicester on April 30th, attended by the Master of the Guild (Canon C. Elliot Wigg), was the number of school-age recruits who were elected to membership. These were from Middleton Stoney (four), Ludgershall (four) and Brill (two). Recruits are always required, and those interested should contact local ringers or the incumbent. The reopening of Middleton Stoney tower was also announced.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. H. Treble), Mr. F. Sharpe read the lesson and the Rev. J. W. Larter preached an excellent sermon. Mr. C. Smith was organist. Tea was served by Mesdames Hunt, Blackman, Purnell and Baggett.

Mr. Christopher Mew's 100 Peals

With a peal at Cranford on May 7th, Mr. Christopher F. Mew, of Putney, completed his century of peals. The variety is indicated by the following list: Minor 1 (conducted 1), Minor 26 (22), Major 49 (20), Royal 3 (1), Doubles 4 (3), Triples 12 (8, three silent), Caters 5 (2). Total 100 (conducted 57), three silent.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN PINFOLD

The news of the death of John Pinfold, at the age of 76, came as a great shock to the members of the St. Martin's Guild.

John commenced to ring when a boy at Emscote, near Warwick, where his father was a ringer. When John was still in his teens, the celebrated ringer John D. Matthews, a printer by trade, went to live in Warwick, and it was from him John received early tuition in change ringing.

John Pinfold also became a printer, but found it necessary to travel to Birmingham each day (a distance of 25 miles) to find suitable employment in the trade. The difficulties of travelling and the time occupied therein were factors which caused John to give up ringing for some 16 years, and it was not until the war-time ban on ringing was lifted that he returned to offer his services to ringing.

By this time John had moved to reside in Birmingham and quickly became one of the foremost peal ringers in the St. Martin's Guild. To learn a new method was no trouble to him, and his ringing was most reliable. He seldom made a mistake and he was a good striker.

John filled the office of Ringing Master of the Guild for several years with infinite tact and efficiency, and earned the respect of every member. He was a most punctual member of Birmingham Cathedral and St. Martin's Sunday service bands, by whose members his regular presence will be greatly missed.

At the funeral service, which took place at Lodge Hill, Selly Oak, the Worcestershire Association was represented by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, and the following members of the St. Martin's Guild were present to pay their last respects to a good friend and a fine ringer: Messrs. N. J. Goodman, B. D. A. Woolley, H. H. Fearn and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—1. Total Doubles 1.
Minor.—Cambridge 5, Treble Bob 4, Plain Bob 2, London 1. Total Minor 12.
Triples.—Stedman 15, Grandsire 9, St. Clement's 1. Total Triples 25.

Major.—Cambridge 73, London 59, Yorkshire 59, Lincolnshire 46, Rutland 40, Bristol 29, Double Norwich 21, Superlative 18, Plain Bob 8, Pudsey 7, Painswick 4, Belgrave 3, two each of Treble Bob, Ipswich, Ashted, Gainsborough, Quinton, one each of Little Oxford, New Cambridge, Somerset, Hinton, Aldenham, Radnor, Hitchin, Hallam, Jersey, Vauxhall, Chilton, Peterborough, Premier, Birmingham, Tring, Warwickshire, Cornwall, Belvedere, Southgate, Trowbridge, Crewe, Ealing, Staffordshire, Ashton-under-Lyne, Ribblesdale, Moseley, Bordesley, Kendal, Withyham, Oxhey, Erdington, Bushey, Casiobury, Truro, Darlington, Lindum, Colmore, Norfolk, Ramsey, Barnet, Bromford, Xanthus, Catesby, Valbourne, Desmonde, Olton, Witton, Icknield, Calthorpe, Wexley, Bedford, Zetland, Dorchester, Avlestone, Deritend, Digbeth, Aldridge, Umberslade, Jaffrey, Lichfield, Weatheroak, Queslett, Bournville, Clarendon, Spliced: Four methods 17, six methods 11, eight methods 5, ten methods 1.
Total Major 475.

Caters.—Stedman 28, Grandsire 5.
Total Caters 33.

Royal.—Cambridge 53, Yorkshire 29, London 10, Pudsey 5, Plain Bob 2, Lincolnshire 2, Solihull 2, Oakham 2, one each of Belgrave, Rutland, New Cambridge, Albanian, Prittlewell, Pontefract, Lindsey, Painswick, Birmingham, Warwickshire, York, Langley, Staffordshire, Saltley, Spliced (two methods).
Total Royal 120.

Cinques.—Stedman 123, Grandsire 1, Erin 1.
Total Cinques 125.

Maximus.—Cambridge 36, Yorkshire 14, two each of Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Prittlewell, one each of Belgrave, Albanian, Lindsey, Birmingham, Solihull, Pontefract, Spliced (two methods).
Total Maximus 63.

Grand total.—854.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Oxtun, Birkenhead, on May 14th. Despite coinciding with the Cup Final, which was of particular interest to Wirral people, some 80 ringers were present for lunch and 120 for tea. This year it was decided to reintroduce a full-day festival, which was the custom a number of years ago. The day was perfect for the occasion and ringing in the morning was enjoyed at Eastham, Bromborough, Port Sunlight and Bebington. Non-ringers visited the beautifully preserved village of Port Sunlight.

Lunch at the Parish Hall, Oxtun, comprised grapefruit, chicken main course, fruit flan, cheese and biscuits and coffee—all for 5s. The annual meeting followed and lasted from 2.07 to 3.08; a reduction in time of over 50 per cent. This year the officers were given a vote of confidence in that they were all re-elected, with an additional post of Press reporter, which has been in existence for the past 11 months but needed to be ratified by the meeting.

The date of the annual dinner and dance was given as October 15th and will be held this year at Bowdon Assembly Rooms. A promise was made that speeches would be cut to a minimum.

The meeting ratified the motion put forward by the Standing Committee for discussion at the Central Council this Whitsun. Discussion also took place on the other motions on the Central Council agenda, so the representatives know the general feeling of the Guild on these motions.

CATHEDRAL BELLS APPEAL

The general secretary, Mr. Henry O. Baker, presented the report on the Guild's effort towards the Cathedral bells. So far the Guild has raised £540 of the £1,000 that is being guaranteed. Members were urged to raise the remaining £460 as soon as possible. They were warned that when the Guild's effort was completed, they were being made responsible for organising the general appeal throughout Cheshire for the remaining money. No definite figure could be given for this amount at present.

It was reported that educational courses held so far had been extremely useful and would be continued. A donation of £5 was approved towards the cost of repairs to bell fittings at Northwich tower. The design of the Master's badge was agreed upon with one minor alteration.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Alex Martin and the Wirral ringers for their excellent arrangements.

Ringing was then enjoyed at Oxtun, Bidston and Woodchurch. The service was held at St. Saviour's, Oxtun, at 4.30 p.m. and the preacher was the Very Rev. E. H. Patey, Dean of Liverpool, who gave a very interesting sermon (despite the fact that he was wondering what the Cup Final score was!). Tea followed.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. John Worth, asked if a "full-day festival" should be held next year, and those present were unanimously in favour. In 1967 the meeting will be held at Macclesfield. Ringing continued after tea at St. Saviour's, Oxtun, followed by handbell ringing outside the local, and then the journey home, those "from the hills" arriving home at midnight. R. B. S.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Despite the Biggleswade District's misfortune in not being able to hold an outing, the evening meeting at Henlow proved to be a great success, with an attendance equalling that of many full meetings.

Mr. L. Bywaters catered for all tastes as Ringing Master, with plenty of rounds for the many young people who have started ringing from Potton, Biggleswade and Northill.

Next meeting: Potton, June 11th. L. E.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Two well-known Sydney ringers, Sue Wright and Clare Masefield, are on a working holiday in New Zealand, reports "Ringing Towers."

Mr. Simon Humphrey has completed the circle as conductor at Wollaton Church, Notts, with a quarter peal of Merton and Morning Star Treble Bob on April 24th.

Correction.—The footnote to the peal of Doubles rung at Audlem (page 313) should be: Conducted by Frank R. Morton, and not as printed.

The footnote to the peal of York Maximus at Walsall on April 23rd should read: First of York Maximus by all the band except the ringers of 6 and 11.

The Hertfordshire Association are inviting the Central Council for 1971, and not as was inadvertently stated in "Belfry Gossip" on page 311.

A reward for their enthusiasm in their efforts to progress in method ringing was when the local band at Eling, Hants, rang their first as a band of Minor (Little Bob).

Barnet ringers, by their quarter peal of Grandsire on May 1st, scored three first quarters and two firsts of Doubles. A happy day for Roy Adcock, who was celebrating his 21st birthday, and also for the conductor, Mr. P. M. Cuckson.

All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W., rang for 144 weddings in the year ending March 31st. They raised \$1,600 during the year and the halfway mark in the tower's fund for recasting bells is now behind them. Bob Ferris is still captain, with Ralph Clark as his deputy.

Only six ladies attended the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild at Grundsburg on May 14th. If this non-attendance trend continues serious consideration will have to be given to disbanding the District, although membership is continuing at almost the same level.

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QUEEN MOTHER IN NEW ZEALAND

Christchurch Cathedral bells played a prominent part in the visit of H.M. the Queen Mother. To mark the occasion a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on April 24th. Her Majesty attended morning service at the Cathedral, and Grandsire Caters was rung as she arrived and also when she left. This ringing was broadcast by the N.Z.B.C.

For Evensong ringing the local band was delighted to welcome to the tower Her Majesty's personal bodyguard, Chief Inspector Richard Sumner. He enjoyed ringing Grandsire Caters and also a touch of Plain Bob Major with Christchurch ringers. Afterwards some of the ringers were the Chief Inspector's guests on board the Royal Yacht "Britannia."

OXON TRIBUTE TO LIVERPOOL'S BISHOP

In honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. S. Y. Blanch as fifth Bishop of Liverpool, a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Eynsham, Oxon, where he was Vicar from 1952 to 1956. This was his only parish as Vicar, and he visited it on March 8th to be presented with a gold pectoral cross by the churchwardens on behalf of the people of Eynsham. The design of the cross was taken from the lid of a mediaeval stone coffin believed to have been the resting place of an Abbot of Eynsham. The bells were rung before and after the presentation.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY STRIKING CONTEST

Six teams entered for the first eight-bell striking contest promoted by the Society and held at Christ Church, Coseley. The judges were Messrs J. Alan Ainsworth and Charles Webb of Birmingham, and in addition to the actual striking a proportion of the marks was given for a good rhythm. The test piece was either a plain course of Grandsire Triples (selected by five teams) or a bob course of Plain Bob Major.

The winners were Little Aston (6½ faults out of 100), followed by Lichfield Cathedral (26½) and Penn (27½). Other towers which entered were Cannock, Stafford and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

Bilston bells were also available in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holden and local ringers were thanked for their contribution to the success of the function.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

This quarter's "Irish Bell News" opens with the story of the resuscitation of Dublin University Society of Change Ringers. This was due to the keenness of three members who, when they entered St. Patrick's Cathedral belfry, their knowledge of ringing was nil. Later they were to be the first Master, Anthony Vere-Hodge, and the secretary, Miss Ann Sadler. The third founder was Miss Marilyn Bernard-Smith, who left the College last June and was married in October. Anthony and Ann leave this year.

New officers are: Miss C. E. Hall, secretary, who hails from Hillsborough, Co. Down; Miss Helen M. Hubert, Master, from Southern England. The president is the Rev. Professor F. Vokes, a ringer, whose son has advanced to Surprise Maximus in the Midlands. Great helps in training are Colin A. Lewis, lecturer at the National University, and Charles Reede, of the St. Patrick's Society.

HIGHEST HONOUR FOR MR. W. C. WEST

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild at its annual festival and general meeting at Dorchester on May 14th elected Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, Wilts, as the new president of the Guild.

Having reached the age of 71, Mr. West decided to give way to a younger man after having been associated with the secretary and treasurer's department for 25 years. The first nine years he served as assistant secretary and then for 16 years was general secretary.

Another appointment from which he has resigned is that of one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, a position he has held since 1945. The Rev. Roger Keeley succeeds him. The new general secretary is Mr. J. T. Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster, Dorset.

The Editor would like to acknowledge his indebtedness to Mr. West for the mutual understanding and helpfulness that has existed since their first meeting at Norwich, when they were both, so to speak, "new boys."

BRAMFORD'S WELDED TENOR REDEDICATED

At Evensong on Ascension Day the welded tenor bell at Bramford, Suffolk, was rededicated, the work having been carried out by Mr. Nielsen, of Vejle, Denmark. Of the 300 or so bells he has welded this is the first to be used for English change ringing. There is another bell in England he has welded—the tenor at Little Hallingbury—but this is hung dead for chiming only. Unhappily it has recently cracked again.

The back five at Bramford are probably the only complete ring from the foundry of Miles Graye I cast in 1632. They are considered tonally superior to most others cast in the same period. When the tenor cracked it was decided that rather than recast such an historically important bell, it was worth while experimenting with welding. The cost of repair will be upwards of £250. About £18 duty was charged. The ringers' opinion of the bell is "splendid." Time alone will tell whether this is a satisfactory method of repair.

21st ANNIVERSARY PEAL

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Melksham, Wiltshire, on May 7th, was arranged to mark the 21st anniversary of the peal of Grandsire Doubles at North Bradley, on May 8th, 1945, to proclaim the termination of hostilities in Europe. On that occasion three of the Yorkshire band rang their first peal, viz.: F. S. Slatford, L. E. Hitchins and E. J. Hitchins. D. E. Lee, ringer of the treble, also rang his first peal in 1945—Plain Bob Minor, in the same tower.

Mr. E. J. Hitchins, the conductor, would like to associate with the peal the names of Mr. P. W. J. Harding, tower captain at North Bradley, who taught these four, then schoolboys, to handle a bell and ring methods, Mr. Ronald Harding and the late Mr. A. Roy Harding, who took part in the two 1945 peals.

A COUSIN TO GLASGOW

Regarding the peal of Clyde Surprise Royal rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, Mr. Neil Bennett (the conductor) informs us that the name was chosen because of the method's similarity to Glasgow Surprise Major. It is not, however, an acceptable extension of the latter and hence the name of Glasgow could not be used.

TWYFORD PEALS

In 1965 a ringing venture was mooted by Geoffrey K. Dodd and other Winchester Guild ringers to attempt peals at the four Twyford, Wiltshire, with favourable answers, it was planned to attempt Twyford, Leics, on April 30th and the following three on May 7th. Then came a bombshell. Permission for Twyford, Berks, was withdrawn as permission had been given to another band. (Their attempt lasted only 20 minutes!)

Some compensation was permission to make an attempt at Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 30th. But to reach there for a 9 a.m. start the car had to leave at 4.45, picking up en route. A peal of Bob Royal was rung in just over three hours, probably not quite up to the Leicester times for the bells. In the afternoon two attempts were necessary for the Leicester Twyford peal. Cambridge was stopped by one of the lady cleaners to enable her to get her mop from the ground-floor belfry, and a peal of Minor in two methods rung.

A week later the band met at Twyford, Hants, at 8 a.m. and a good peal of Bob Major was brought round in 2 hours and 50 minutes. The last peal here was rung 21 years ago, before the bells were rehung. At 2.30 p.m. that afternoon the long draught at Twyford, Bucks, was being tackled and, despite two interruptions, another good peal was scored in 2 hours and 50 minutes, which was thought by the local captain to be the first on the bells. And so with a 100 per cent. success and the promise of a peal at Twyford, Berks, later in the year, we feel well satisfied with our week's ringing, writes G. K. D.

GRANDSON'S GOLDEN WEDDING COMPLIMENT

On the four bells at St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, Lincoln, a quarter peal of Bob Minimus in which his grandson, Kevin, took part, was rung on May 8th in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert I. Mingay, of Grimsby. Mr. Mingay was a well-known ringer, being attached to St. Andrew's, Grimsby, for 25 years, but had not been able to ring for 25 years.

Kevin had his first lesson in handling a bell on February 1st and his grandfather expressed doubts as to whether he would be sufficiently competent to ring the quarter. This challenge only increased his determination and at the end of the quarter he was congratulated on reaching the standard in so short a time.

A peal attempt on May 7th in honour of the occasion at Grimsby was also successful.

RANG ON HIS 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Chris Spiers celebrated his 80th birthday on Sunday, May 1st, by ringing for morning service at St. Mary's Church, Horsell, Woking, where he has rung regularly, apart from the war time, for 44 years. Previously he was ringing for 20 years at East Meon, Hampshire, where he learned to handle a bell, thus completing 64 years in the two belfries.

A peal was rung in his honour on the day before his birthday by some of his friends in the Guildford Diocesan Guild and, on the actual day, in his own tower, a quarter peal of Doubles. The ringers of Horsell presented him with a copy of "English Cathedrals."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Leslie Evans Treble	Michael P. Moreton .. 5
John D. Rock 2	D. Paul Smith 6
Robert W. Hinde 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Alan J. Frost 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal of Spliced on the bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TRING, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Walter Lee 5
*Robert D. Bellamy .. 2	Anthony K. Fortin .. 6
Anthony H. Smith .. 3	C. Martin Press .. 7
Ronald J. Snack 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."
Compliments to Ruth Elmes and John Blackwood, and Gillian Schofield and Roderick Pipe on their recent engagements.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Brian Schofield Treble	Jeffrey Brannan 5
Christine Andrew 2	Frederick Shallcross .. 6
Sidney Hough 3	Neil D. Lomas 7
Alan Twyman 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by T. Worsley (No. 3). Conducted by D. Mottershead.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TYSOE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Fri., May 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 43 methods/var.: Stedman and Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Wychhold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Marston, Tichborne, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Remigius, Horsley, Church Gresley, St. Simon, Eynsham, Elford, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Paul, St. Nicholas, Lapley, Sharnhall, St. Giles, Winchendon, St. John, Ryton, St. Miles, Folke, Cadbury, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Kennington.

Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in F

*Anthea R. Sparshott .. Treble	Stephen F. Royal 4
Peter C. Randall 2	Robert W. Sherriff 5
Anthony J. Cox 3	John F. Thorne Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

* First peal.

Most methods/variations to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., May 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

David Kingman Treble	Gladys Richardson 4
*Susan E. Davis 2	Timothy Wylie 5
M. Elizabeth Hearnshaw .. 3	Alex Richardson Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Cyril A. Wratten Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Philip M. J. Gray 8
*Diana M. Chapman 3	John C. Slater 9
Roger M. Heyworth 4	John H. Gilbert 10
D. John Hunt 5	Stephen Ivins 11
Trevor A. Cross 6	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus.

SOUTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Wed., April 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5760 DOUBLES

In 48 methods/var., viz.: Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columba, Clifford's Pleasure, Campion, Little Aston, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Lapley, Nuffield, Sharnhall, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Wadham, Ryton, St. Remigius, Church Gresley, St. Chrysostom Horsley, St. Richard, St. Cleer, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Patrick, St. Ninian, St. Werburgh, St. Felix, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Magdalen, Austrey, St. Simon, St. Alban, Cassington, Eynsham, Somerville, Elford, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Bob, April Day, Hudibras, Seighford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Herbert L. Cooke Treble	Michael E. Stracey 4
Bruce Wakefield 2	Roland T. Wakefield .. 5
William F. Scudamore .. 3	Ernest H. Jefferies Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.

Greatest number of methods/variations, and longest length on the bells.

ELMORE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Stuart Holtam Treble	David Pobjoy 4
Peter Clarkson 2	*Roy Nicholas 5
Vivian Deane 3	†Leslie Barry Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal. † 350th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth, also for the christening of his daughter. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

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

On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London, Primrose, Surfleet and Beverley and three of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

Terence J. Hoster Treble	Frank Reed 4
Brian W. Hall 2	Bertram J. Coggins .. 5
*Michael E. Stracey .. 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal of Surprise.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., May 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods, seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Ernest H. Jefferies Treble	Roland T. Wakefield .. 4
William F. Scudamore .. 2	Michael E. Stracey .. 5
Brian W. Hall 3	Frank Reed Tenor

Conducted by Frank Reed.

First in 11 methods by all except the conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*P. Preece Treble	†P. L. Hughes 4
H. Johnson 2	F. Reynolds 5
W. Kitson 3	S. Bowyer Tenor

Conducted by F. Reynolds.

* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Johnson (ringer of 2nd), for 60 years a ringer.

TALGARTH, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Gwendoline.

On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt.

William G. Smith Treble	Austin T. Wingate 4
Mrs. E. C. Chandler .. 2	Robert A. Hatcher 5
George T. Cousins .. 3	John W. Hope Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam David H. (Dai) Bennett, a ringer at Talgarth over 40 years. Northern District captain 15 years, and treasurer of the Guild. Also former Ringing Master and secretary of the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY.

KEELE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., May 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in G sharp.

*Christina L. Salengre .. Treble	Felicity Webber 4
Philip C. Kimber 2	Anthony P. White 5
Jeremy A. Tandy 3	Michael J. Robinson Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Robinson.

* First peal attempt.

Rung as a compliment to Susan Webber and Philip Gay on their recent engagement.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., May 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G

Herbert E. Audsley .. Treble	Frederick J. Cullum .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
John W. Smith 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., May 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Neil Bennett 6
Christine Andrew 2	Neil D. Lomas 7
Basil Jones 3	Jeffrey Brannan 8
Peter J. Wycherley 4	Derek Butterworth 9
Tudor P. Edwards 5	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

First peal in the method.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Pritchard's Treble	Nicholas M. Newby, jun. 5
*Susan Gregson 2	Alan Capstick 6
James E. Dickinson .. 3	David H. Garnett 7
†Kevin Price 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor
Nicholas M. Newby .. 4	

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells and of Major.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Wed., May 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. J. Parker's 12-Part (7th Obs.) .. Treble	Norman Tompkins .. 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	Joseph Thornley 6
Roy Parkinson 3	John Ashcroft 7
*Thomas Hobson 4	Arnold Critchley Tenor
Charles Brownlow 4	

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal in the method "inside."

A compliment to the tenor ringer and Mrs. Critchley on the birth of their son, David.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Richard J. Clifton Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Derek P. Jones 2	Dan S. Pont 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
Rupert A. Clarke 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

The composition contains all 7568 and 7468 courses, and the 6th 12 courses home.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Ronald Chafer Treble	Frank G. Bloomfield .. 5
Jack Bray 2	C. Aubrey Harrison .. 6
George E. Fern 3	Arthur Pashley 7
John H. Parker 4	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack Bray.

Rung with the band's best wishes to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mingay.

THE LLANFAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Raymond J. Mayle Treble	Harold Preece 4
D. R. Lynn Jones 2	D. Walford Davies .. 5
William T. Petty 3	*Cyril Phillips Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. J. Mainwaring on his induction as Vicar of the parish.

CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. George and Mary.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in seven methods: Ten Grandsire eight Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six Plain Bob, six Southrepps, four Clifford's Pleasure, four April Day and four Kennington. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*James A. Roe (12) .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. 3
William F. Woodward .. 2	Derek P. Jones 4
†David Perry Tenor	

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

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

Rung for the Patronal Festival as part of the Gift Day programme on St. George's Day.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

HOPE, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Cynfarch.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (10 callings) and one Pitman's 240.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*Margaret A. Price .. Treble	*Charles Bowley 4
†Dr. E. Velma Woodcock 2	*E. Malcolm Jones .. 5
*John R. Williams .. 3	Harry A. Price Tenor

Conducted by E. Malcolm Jones.

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

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LONGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*Madeleine McCallion .. Treble	*Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2	*Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
*Felicity T. Webber .. 3	*Paul Atkins 7
*F. Hector Bennett .. 4	Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal in the method. † 75th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROUSHAM, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Leonard and James.

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

Pamela E. Powell .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 4
Charlotte A. Bennett .. 2	Ernest G. Jones 5
Diana Reeves 3	*Robert A. Reeves Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Reeves.

* First peal of Minor as conductor.

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

On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*Hilary Osborne .. Treble	Edward D. Patching .. 4
*Susan M. Holden .. 2	T. Geoffrey Holden .. 5
James F. List 3	Peter G. Holden Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.

* First peal of Minor.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues Treble	†G. Robert Mordaunt .. 5
Paul A. Brand 2	Richard Wharton 6
*John M. Preston .. 3	†Roger M. Heyworth .. 7
Rodney A. Yeates .. 4	Anthony P. Foster Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.

* First peal of Major "inside." † 25th peal together.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

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

Sheila J. Staley .. Treble	*Kevan J. Chapman .. 5
*Eric J. Chapman .. 2	Richard J. Cowley .. 6
†Murray A. Coleman .. 3	Frank E. Coales 7
*Edward C. Buckley .. 4	Denis G. Pearson Tenor

Arranged by Murray A. Coleman. Conducted by Denis G. Pearson.

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

Rung as a tribute to Canon J. C. Gill, Vicar of Finedon since 1958, on his retirement.

THE RHODESIAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Rhodesia.—At the Cathedral of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES AND MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob Minor and 24 of Plain Bob Doubles.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Penny Hughes .. Treble	†James R. Milford .. 4
Monica Blagrove .. 2	††Kenneth S. Cross .. 5
†Richard Hedges .. 3	Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal. † First peal of odd and even. ‡ First "inside."
Rung in thanksgiving for the completion of the interior of the Cathedral, and as a farewell to Monica and Frank T. Blagrove.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., May 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	John A. Anderson .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 8
James Insley .. 3	Peter J. Stretton .. 9
George E. Fearn .. 4	D. John Hunt .. 10
Michael J. Fellows .. 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. 11
David J. Purnell .. 6	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Henry H. Fearn .. Treble	David J. Purnell .. 7
Muriel Reay .. 2	Michael J. Fellows .. 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	George E. Fearn .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe .. 4	John A. Anderson .. 10
J. Alan Ainsworth .. 5	Clifford A. Barron .. 11
Martin D. Fellows .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Arranged for the inauguration of the University of Aston in Birmingham and rung immediately following a service of dedication and thanksgiving.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELKSHAM, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E

Donald E. Lee .. Treble	Charles P. Quartley .. 5
Frederick S. Slatford .. 2	Norman G. N. Knee .. 6
Edgar C. Shepherd .. 3	Laurence E. Hitchins .. 7
Charles F. Andrews .. 4	Eric J. Hitchins .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.

* First peal of Yorkshire as conductor.
The ringer of the 4th has now "circled the tower."

NETHERAVON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*Peter Fay .. Treble	*Wilfred Pearce .. 4
Peter J. Bushell .. 2	*Allan E. Cook .. 5
Derek S. Beaufoy .. 3	*Percy C. Fay .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek S. Beaufoy.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LEIGH, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother Treble	*Frank Beech, jun. .. 4
*Jennifer M. Beech .. 2	*Edward R. Fairbrother .. 5
Ian Friend .. 3	Richard J. Warrilow .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung as a compliment to Janet Fisher and George E. Morrall on their engagement.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., May 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 methods/var., viz.: Two extents Grandsire and four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford and April Day.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*Rosemary Preston .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw .. 3
Robert D. Marsh .. 2	David Oliver .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal. Met one short for Minor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Tues., May 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

W. Gordon Marsh .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw .. 4
Robert D. Marsh .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
*Neil Handley .. 3	David Oliver .. Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.

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

The compliments of the band to Mr. Brian Wakefield and Miss Wendy Joan Marriott, married at St. Edmund's, Holme Pierrepont, on Saturday, May 7th, 1966. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Wed., May 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five different callings). Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Albert G. Driver .. Treble	Albert G. Harrison .. 4
Janet I. Rogers .. 2	Harry B. Fuller .. 5
*Owen P. Claxton .. 3	Robin H. Rogers .. Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

* First peal attempt. 25th peal as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM, London, S.W.—At the Church of the Immanuel.

On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Frank E. Darby .. Treble	Michael J. Uphill .. 5
A. Patrick Cannon .. 2	Richard C. Stevens .. 6
William D. Granger .. 3	William J. Arniwright .. 7
John W. Euston .. 4	Frederick E. Collins .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by William J. Arniwright.

First peal as conductor and first peal for 18 years.

Rung for Evensong. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, two of Grandsire and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

*L. Ann Gasson .. Treble	*Christopher F. Mew .. 4
*Julie S. Armstrong .. 2	Alan R. Millidge .. 5
Alison M. Mann .. 3	Brian J. Bull .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Reginald F. Crook .. Treble	Denby P. Murduck .. 6
Roger B. Pike .. 2	†Bradley Murduck .. 7
*Christine Mills .. 3	Reginald W. Rex .. 8
David L. Wilcox .. 4	Philip Murduck .. 9
†Brian M. Mills .. 5	†Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Royal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	David J. Forder .. 6
Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	Peter J. Joyce .. 7
Michael Hatchett .. 3	George E. Thoday .. 8
G. William Critchley .. 4	David P. Hilling .. 9
Robert A. Partridge .. 5	Michael J. Thomas .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Monday, May 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MAY DAY DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Penelope A. Goddard .. Treble	Frank S. Tonge 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Reginald F. Crook 5
Terry R. Tarrant 3	John W. Cheney Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method.

Three Twyford Peals.

ALL RUNG FOR THE WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Bradley Murduck Treble	Reginald W. Rex 4
Denby Murduck 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Philip Murduck 3	Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

TWYFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Michael J. Thomas .. Treble	Philip Murduck 5
Bradley Murduck 2	Reginald F. Crook 6
Denby P. Murduck 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Roger B. Pike 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1949 and first since 1945.

TWYFORD, Bucks.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Graham N. Coleborne .. Treble	Denby P. Murduck 4
Bradley Murduck 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Reginald F. Crook 3	Philip Murduck Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BADSEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with 75 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby .. Treble	Ann Jenner 5
Mrs. J. Thomas 2	Doris E. Colgate 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Trevor A. Cross 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Hilary F. Hinde .. Treble	Judith M. Corby 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Doris E. Colgate 6
Ann Jenner 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Diana M. Frost 4	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MIDDLEHAM, Yorks.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

James Thorley .. Treble	Neil Donovan 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2	Gibson Jackson 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Vernon Bottomley 7
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

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

On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 20 lb.

Percy Whitaker .. Treble	Douglas Thorp 5
J. William Horner .. 2	John J. Taylor 6
*Brian Haigh 3	Jeffrey J. Cooper 7
William Dixon 4	Allan Wear Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Allan Wear.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs Grace Elvidge (grandmother of the ringer of the 7th) on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Moorhouse .. 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 3-4	*Alan F. Scholfield 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal "in hand."

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., May 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
*C. Kenneth Lewis .. 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8

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

* First peal of Double Norwich on handbells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Wed., May 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank .. 1-2	Cyril A. Wratten 5-6
Valerie Willard 3-4	Hugh N. Evans (cond.) .. 7-8

First peal of Major as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., May 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5104 SPLICED MAJOR

Comprising Plain Bob, Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob with 176 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

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

* First peal of Spliced Major "in hand."

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Fri., May 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,944 London, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative and 640 Bristol with 112 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by E. C. S. Turner. Conducted by John Freeman.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "in hand" by all and for the Guild.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Tues., May 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Comprising Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob, with 37 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Arranged by George E. Feirn. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

First peal of six-Spliced Major "in hand" by all except the conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society)

WOODHOUSE EAVES, Leicestershire.—At 1, Nanhill Drive.

On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor size 11 in G.

Dan S. Pont 1-2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5-6
Rupert A. Clarke (cond.) .. 3-4	

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RETTFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 9, Richmond Road.

On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven independent 720's. Tenor size 14 in D.

David R. Chambers .. 1-2	Mary C. Poyner 3-4
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Harry Poyner (cond.) .. 5-6

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcestershire.—At No. 29.

On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

Vivien Barnes 1-2	Joseph D. Johnson (cond.) 5-6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4	*Maurice E. Newman .. 7-8

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Maurice E. Newman on his 15th birthday.

HALF PEALS

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on April 19th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: T. Newlands 1, R. W. Sweet 2, D. Rennolds 3, Mrs. M. L. Taylor 4, Miss G. M. Hussey (cond.) 5, J. C. Slater 6, J. F. Pedler 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On May 1st, 2,920 Plain Bob Minor: 1. Armstrong 1, A. N. Pearce (first "inside" and longest length) 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, Jennifer E. Pearce 5, T. W. Brighton 6. For Evensong.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (first in method "inside") 6. First in method 2 and 3. Rung for Home Guard service. Also 1,260 Minor, for Evensong.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. Wilcox 1, G. Edwards 2, K. Eaton 3, L. Perry 4, J. Scott (cond.) 5. First quarter in four methods by all the hand. For Evensong. Also on April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Allman (first of Minor) 1, G. A. Edwards 2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3, K. W. Eaton (first of Minor "inside") 4, L. A. Perry 5, J. R. Scott 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Orme (first in method) 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, E. Fearn 3, R. Trebilcock 4, E. Buck 5, M. Orme 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pettit (first in method) 1, D. Salisbury 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, C. Harwood 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, J. Dear 6, M. Orme 7, S. Hutton 8.

BARNET, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Paternoster 1, Mrs. M. Paternoster 2, Miss P. Mant 3, R. Derry 4, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 5, E. Paternoster 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. First of Doubles 3 and 4. To mark the 21st birthday of Roy Adcock (a local ringer).

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Marie Wilson 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, M. G. Godwin 3, M. D. Barsby 4, J. R. Perkins 5, P. G. Chambers 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): D. S. Johnson 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. J. Southgate 4, R. L. K. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and as a belated Confirmation compliment to ringers of 1 and 2.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 1, Diana Boyce 2, Elizabeth Emmett 3, M. Gilbey 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, D. B. Williams 6, M. G. Zobel 7, B. Mozley 8. By U.B.S.C.R. First of Stedman Triples for all except the conductor.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Helen F. Roberts 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, B. Mozley 4, M. Gilbey 5, B. Walter 6. First of Stedman Doubles 1, 3, 4, 6. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. S. Haywood (first in method) 1, Miss G. Spurgin (first in method) 2, Miss L. Mills 3, B. G. Clampton (first in method) 4, Miss E. Cansdale 5, D. W. Brooke 6, I. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Leslie Brown as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Also on April 24th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: B. S. Haywood (first in method) 1, Miss G. Spurgin (first in method) 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, L. D. Mills 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, B. G. Clampton (first in method) 6, D. W. Brooks (first in method) 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BURFORD, OXON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Westmacott 1, B. W. Hall 2, T. W. Timms 3, J. J. Westmacott 4, W. J. Dixon 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6, P. Reed 7, Mrs. K. E. Hall 8. Rung for the christening of Karen Hockedy, granddaughter of F. W. Soden (local ringer).

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles', on April 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. A. Thomas 1, J. W. Rea 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, L. C. Way 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, J. E. Cannell 6, W. G. Wilson 7, J. W. Smith 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, A. J. Hampton 10. For Evensong, and also to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the foundation of Wilson's Grammar School by Edward Wilson, Vicar of Camberwell.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Ward 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Marion Dallison (cond.) 3, G. Charlton 4, K. Dallison (first of Minor) 5, A. J. Bull 6. First of Minor as conductor. A compliment to the Rev. C. R. Attenborough and Mrs. Attenborough, rung on the eve of their departure from Capel.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On May 8th, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: W. Newman 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, W. A. Farmer 3, Miss V. Willard 4, I. Goulter 5, C. T. Burridge 6, F. G. Nurden 7, Miss F. Fairbank 8, T. Boreham 9, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 10, E. T. Newbury 11, R. Newman 12. By the Sunday service band prior to a memorial service for Canon Goodlife, a former Rector.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—On April 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. N. Dunn 1, Miss L. Stevens 2, P. Perry 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, N. F. Reeve 5, R. G. T. Bennett 6, C. H. Ward 7, R. H. Idle (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the visit of Her Majesty the Queen Mother to Christchurch.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): 1. Parker (first quarter) 1, Ann Blatcher 2, Jennifer Payne 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Chandler (first quarter) 6.

CHERTON, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dylis M. Eastmead (first in method) 1, Mary Munt 2, Pamela A. Court (first in method) 3, Rachel J. Sinden 4, W. C. Chandler 5, A. C. Eastmead (first of method "inside") 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, ringers of this tower.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): James Roe (12, first quarter) 1, R. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. Rung fully muffled for Our Lord's Passion prior to morning service. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods), by the same band for Matins.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods/var.): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan A. Hayward 1, P. D. J. Beal (first as cond.) 2, P. J. Jackson 3, H. Gardner 4, P. Wilkinson 5, G. Griffiths 6. For Communion.

EAST ISLEY, BERKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, E. T. Sneller 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. To congratulate the Rev. D. P. King, on his appointment as Rural Dean to the Newbury Deanery.

EASTINGTON, E. YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss G. Burchall 1, Miss K. Burchall 2, J. J. Taylor 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, G. F. Terry 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Mitchell.

ELING, HANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: Anne Buchanan 1, Mrs. G. D. Northway 2, Ruth Jackson 3, T. Matcham 4, J. Hartless 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. First of Minor by a local band.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Mrs. E. J. Coode 1, K. Small 2, R. Clarke 3, E. J. Coode 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6, P. Clarke 7, T. Culver 8. For Evensong. Also for the wedding on April 16th of Celia M. Lawrence and John F. Sims, both members of the local band.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods and var.): T. Gregory 1, D. Floyd 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. To celebrate the enthronement of Stuart Yarworth Blanch, former Vicar, as fifth Bishop of Liverpool.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Piper (first of Triples, aged 13 years) 1, Miss J. Bowen 2, E. G. Baker 3, W. Goringe (cond.) 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters 7, E. West 8.

HENDON, MIDD.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Rothera 1, Ruth Foreman 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, W. Knight (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, R. Moore 5, J. Porter 6, G. Ellis (first of Triples as cond.) 7, G. Norris 8. Rung for Parish Communion, at which the preacher was the Bishop of London.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Penelope Ferris 1, A. K. Fortin 2, M. Sceney 3, R. Snack 4, G. R. Sheddin 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. R. F. Hanbury and Miss Philippa R. Lowes, married this day at Cuckfield.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Crouch 1, Mrs. J. Bills 2, P. J. Privett 3, J. Bills 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, S. Crouch 6. A compliment to Mr. Chris Spiers, of this tower, on his 80th birthday.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Matthew's, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Hancock 1, Miss M. Newby 2, R. C. Kersey 3, B. Aldous 4, C. Taylor 5, C. Aldous (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. Rung to welcome the new Bishop of Bury St. Edmunds.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, E. YORKS.—At Holy Trinity on May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (7 methods, on the back six): F. G. Reed 1, J. R. Joyner 2, A. Bridges (comp. and cond.) 3, G. W. Randall 4, D. V. Stipetic 5, H. N. Pickering 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/var., with 1, 2 leading and 8 covering): Susan Rogers 1, Helen Lattimer 2, Norma Riley 3, Barbara Sawden 4, T. N. Kedg 5, G. M. Cox (cond.) 6, G. Lightfoot 7, D. Haines 8. First quarter 1, 2. Most methods to a quarter 3, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—On May 8th, at St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: K. Mingay (first attempt) 1, I. R. Marshall (first "inside") 2, J. Clarke (cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Mingay, grandparents of the ringer of 1.

MATLOCK, DERBS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Paulson 1, Ann Chettle 2, G. H. Paulson 3, Ann Smith 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, Rev. St. John Smith 6, C. Bradshaw (covering) 8.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cribley 1, L. Barry (cond.) 2, D. Pobjoy 3, V. Deane 4, R. Nicholas 5, S. Holtam 6. Rung after the baptism of Sarah Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Nicholas.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral, on April 29th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, B. R. White 3, P. Heritage 4, N. I. Allnatt 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, A. P. Foster 7, P. A. Brand 8, E. J. Smith 9, F. A. H. Wilkins 10, V. Griffin 11, F. A. White 12. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Smith, daughter of the ringer of the 9th.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Johnston 1, C. Curtis 2, F. Hunt 3, D. Howe 4, H. Hollocks (cond.) 5, R. Chambers 6.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: T. R. Simmons 1, D. Heighton (cond.) 2, M. Cubitt 3, G. Pullin 4, R. Duesbury 5, D. P. Mortlock 6, J. Cox 7, P. Adcock 8. A compliment to Miriam and Jack Clover, on the birth of a daughter (Hazel Margaret) April 14th.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On May 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Merry Hutchings 3, B. D. A. Woolley 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, R. J. Cann 7, P. D. Warren 8, C. W. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: E. Short 1, Marguerite Batram 2, H. Scott 3, J. Thorley 4, H. Wagstaff 5, E. Dalingswater 6, W. E. Critchley 7, R. E. Price (cond.) 8.

STOW-IN-LINDSEY, Lincs.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Brightmore 1, Miss P. Bull 2, Mrs. P. Crosby 3, Mrs. E. Gray 4, T. A. Gilbert 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss H. Hird and Mr. J. D. Nicholson, immediately after their wedding.

TEVERSAL, NOTTS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. Chambers 1, A. S. Smithson 2, J. L. Parker 3, B. A. Richards (cond.) 4, W. Riley 5. For Flower Festival.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Palmer 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Matins.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Maundy Thursday, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss A. C. Rooke 1, Miss L. Shaw (first quarter) 2, R. Chambers (first in method) 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cherriman 1, Jean Horton 2, E. R. Rapley 3, C. R. Longhurst 4, R. Banner 5, L. Stilwell (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Greenfield.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Goodwin 1, I. M. Robertson 2, Susan Lukes 3, C. J. Eden 4, Margaret Newton 5, C. F. Pocock (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

WEXFORD, IRELAND.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. McGeorge 1, Miss H. M. Hubert 2, D. H. T. Taylor (first quarter) 3, C. R. P. Broughton 4, P. W. Brown 5, C. J. Reede 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. First of Triples 1 and 5.

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LING.—To Michael and Olga (née Critchlow), of 17, Stanley Road, Sutton, Surrey, on May 17th, 1966, a son, Andrew FitzAlan. 9178

ENGAGEMENT

OSENTON—KING. — The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Oseinton, of Halling, Kent, and Lesley-Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King, of Snodland, Kent. 9168

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MARTIN—COLLINS. — The wedding will take place at St. Matthew's C.E. Church, Broadford, Victoria, on June 4th, 1966, between John, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, of Horsell, Woking, and Monica, the elder daughter of Mrs. V. Collins, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and the late Mr. W. G. Collins, of Burpham, Guildford. 9154

PERSONAL

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SUNDAY, JUNE 12th, 1966

at

St Bartholomew's Church

Ringling 5.30 p.m. for 6.30

Evensong.

Preacher:

The Rev. Canon F. W. Cocks.

Refreshments and ringing

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Special general meeting, Wednesday, June 8th, 9.15 p.m., in St. Andrew's Vestry, to discuss the alteration of the rule concerning the notice to be given before meetings. 9191

THE TWO NEW TREBLE BELLS for **Hathern Parish Church** will be dedicated by Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21st. All are welcome and the bells will be available for ringing after the service. Light refreshments at a moderate charge will be served in the Church Rooms.

VETERANS' MEETING.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 9181

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—As from May 23rd, 1966, the bells of the Parish Church are unavailable due to removal and subsequent recasting/rehanging in new frame.—Mrs. Denne, Tower Secretary, 11, The Street, Wittersham. 9172

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—**Striking Competition**, Willingham (6), Saturday, June 4th, start 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by results, etc. General ringing 6.30-8.30. Names for tea, please, to G. A. Lucas, 11, Fen End, Willingham, Cambs. 9119

MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Evening meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 6 p.m.-7.30 p.m. or later if required.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 9165

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot (Aldershot 25710).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Iwer (8 bells) on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague, Hon. Sec. 9073

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Clare, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. J. Twitcheat, 3, Station Road, Clare Sudbury, Suffolk, please. 9079

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The A.G.M. is to be held at Doncaster, not Tickhill, on May 28th (joint with Doncaster and District Society). Bells available: Arksey (8) 2.30-4; Bentley (5) 3.30-4.30; and Doncaster (8) 6-9. Make own arrangements for tea. Meeting in Doncaster belfry at 6 p.m. All welcome. New vice-president and a new General Committee representative to be elected 1966 reports available—with subscription.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 9116

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Teas.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9148

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 87th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 30th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 6s.). Tea 5-6.15 p.m. (cost 3s.). Ringing. Cathedral, 10-10.45 a.m. and from 6-8.30 p.m. The following towers will be available from 3-6 p.m.: Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Terling (6), Great Leigh (5) and from 6-9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Gallevood (8), Boreham (8), Writtle (8), Little Baddow (5). Report books available (3s.). also tickets for annual dinner in Shire Hall, Saturday, October 29th (cost 21s.). Luncheon and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets obtainable from general treasurer, S.A.E. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Cranfield, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham (8) on June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 9177

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Bidford-on-Avon, June 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after tea, when it is hoped that Welford bells will be available. Names for tea to District secretary. Special method: Lincolnshire Surprise.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. Telephone 5701. 9156

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting on Saturday, June 4th, at St. David's, Exeter. Bells 7-9.—G. Skinner, Branch Sec. 9179

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barley (6), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 6 p.m. Please help a new local band. Also practice at Norton (8), June 2nd, 7.30 p.m.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9160

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival, June 4th, 1966

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Egham, Chertsey ..	10.00-11.30
Chobham, Ottershaw ..	11-12.30
Horsell	11.30-1.00
Send, Ockham, ..	
Old Woking ..	2.00-3.30
Weybridge, Esher ..	3.00-4.00
Hersham	3.30-4.30
Service and tea, Hersham ..	4.30
Hersham	3.00-4.30
Thames Ditton, ..	
East Molesey ..	6.30-8.00
Esher	7.00-8.30
Oatlands Park, Walton ..	7.30-9.00
Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, by June 1st.	

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Kirkham Parish Church, Kirkham, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 9149

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Markfield (6), June 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to J. Wardle, 180, Main Street, Markfield, by Wednesday, June 1st, please. A big welcome to everybody.—Ron Hughes, Sec. 9129

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Business meeting, Saturday, June 4th. Ringing: Stanwell 3-4.15 p.m. East Bedford 4.15-5 p.m. Tea, meeting and evening ringing at E. Bedford. Please try to support this meeting.—W. S. Deason. 9162

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kingsley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carnwell, 16, Dove-dale Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 9190

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wavendon on June 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley, by June 1st. 9143

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Marston Trussell, Saturday, June 4th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 9194

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Piddington on Saturday, June 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 9105

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—Please note change of date and place of quarterly meeting to Wilby on Saturday, June 4th. Names for tea to Mr. T. Smith, 97, Valley Road, Wel-lingborough. 9185

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Four-bell meeting, Winterbourne Zelstone, Saturday, June 4th, 3-4 p.m. Tarrant Keyneston 4.15-5.15; Shawwick 6.45-7.45. Own tea arrangements or local cafe.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Hilperton (6), June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9187

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Broad Hinton (6), June 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Canon H. V. White, The Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 9174

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Campsall, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Rev. H. Lee, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster, before 1st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9192

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual cup contest at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, Saturday, June 4th. Draw at 3 p.m. Entry fee 2s. 6d. per team. Test piece, 360 changes of Minor or Doubles. All teams welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Heeley, 3, Manor Road, Barlborough, Chesterfield, by June 1st.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Gotham (5), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Barton (6) 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25, Hambledon Drive, Wollaton Road, Nottingham. 9151

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Evening practice meeting, Saturday, June 4th at St. Mary's, Balcombe (not Turner's Hill). Bells 6-8 p.m. All welcome.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 9182

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Astley (6), June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall; also Arley Kings (6) from 7 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Stanier, Dis. Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than June 1st. 9138

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield Contest at South Kirkby, near Pontefract, on Saturday, June 11th. Open to all members. Six-bell. Four members from one tower. Entrance fee, 10s., sent to James W. Buxton, 21, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield, Teas. Please notify Mrs. M. Fox, Maswin, Barnsley Road, South Kirkby, Pontefract, Both names to be in not later than Saturday, June 4th. 9176

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Workington, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. L. Bounphrev, 35, Brighbourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, by June 6th. 9171

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, at Betchworth (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. 9158

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Downham, June 11th. District heat of ringing competition 3 p.m., followed by general ringing until tea at 5 p.m. Bells available again after tea. Names for tea to D. Belcham, 45, Louvaine Avenue, Wickford. 9170

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, 12, The Street Appledore, by Thursday, June 9th.—A. P. S. B. 9120

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at Merthyr Tydfil (8) on Saturday, June 11th, commencing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 n.m. Names for tea to D. J. Newell, 1, Matthew Road, Rhosce, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhosce 494), by June 6th. Note: No business (except for election of new members) unless members give a week's notice. Excellent opportunity to try these recently restored bells. Ringing must finish at 7 p.m. 9189

(Notices continued overleaf)

NOTICES—Continued

SUFFOLK GUILD—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Hollesley (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea will be provided. Ringing in the evening until 9 p.m. Please note: Meeting at Hollesley and not Holbrook and Stutton as in the Suffolk Guild of Ringers Report. — W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 9184

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Badsey (8), June 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham, by previous Tuesday, please. 9147

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Change of date.—Annual meeting to be held at Thorne (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. and after tea (5 p.m.) and the meeting, at which the main business will be the election of officers. Names for tea to Mr. E. Hartley, The Laurels, 33, Main Street, Thorne, by Thursday, June 2nd.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9180

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Yorktown, Whit Monday, 6 p.m.–9 p.m. All welcome. 9195

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Central Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD**.—Joint meeting. Walesby, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service and meeting 4.15. Bring your own tea.—G. R. P. 9196

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