



"The Ringing World" was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

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THE CHALLENGE

LIKE an innocent babe the Editor went to Bath. His mind was at rest. Despite the vicissitudes of 1965, including his visit to Australia and the changing of offices and printers, there was a substantial financial balance on the year's activities and the year had been one of progress. Furthermore "The Ringing World" was on the verge of achieving the ambition of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the previous convener, of having a capital a/c of £10,000. The Committee looked older since Northampton, but they seemed content and anticipated another year of "hard work" on behalf of the Exercise.

Disillusionment followed the presentation of the report by Mr. R. S. Anderson. He has an analytical mind; charges and costs of the different departments and types of circulation had been worked out on a percentage basis and were clearly presented as a chairman would to the shareholders at a company meeting. This had been before the Standing Committee the night before and their recommendation indicated that they were satisfied with the report and the competence of the Committee and wanted them to carry on with the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles.

It soon became evident at the Council meeting that the critics were organised. The spokesman was Mr. G. W. Pipe and he had armed himself with some 20 suggestions and criticisms, which were not revealed but were to be sent to the new Committee. The criticisms were not financial but expressed dissatisfaction with contents, format and quality of paper used in printing. The front page illustration, the silhouette of London towers, which was the pride of the founder, the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, apparently was viewed with disfavour as a relic of a forgotten age. A few years back the Committee wanted a change and promoted a competition, but loyalty to tradition was so pronounced that any thought of change was dismissed.

Another idea explored was to have a tinted cover with a block of a tower each week. The cost however was regarded as being beyond the compass of the present selling price; it would represent the profit on 2,500 copies.

From a number of speakers there was an appeal for a brighter "Ringing World" and better articles. The difficulty of size is that after 16 the next step is 24 pages which adds £50 to the printing cost of the issue and also extra postage. Because of the cost these big issues are limited and this number is only the second in 1966. There is no question that, judging from the attitude of the Council, bigger issues will have to be more frequent.

None of the critics attempted to define what they meant by a brighter newspaper. "The Ringing World" comes within the definition of a technical journal and is the only weekly paper devoted to change-ringing. Many of the technical articles have a limited appeal and are as dry as dust to more than 75 per cent of the readers. The "musts" in the publication are peals, a representative number of quarter peals (which are good for circulation), compositions, reports of the proceedings of the 60 affiliated bodies, social news of the big family of ringers, augmentations and dedications, obituaries and letters, probably the most popular feature. Special articles on churches, technical subjects and tours are limited by space.

As we see it, the outcome of the meeting was a challenge to the Editor to produce a better paper, to spend more on illustrations and to use the blue pencil. Brightness is only achieved by concentrating on main features. (Details of pub crawls, which many tour writers regard as the brightness of a ringing week, are already eliminated.) What Alf and Harry did is of no interest to the ordinary reader. They certainly cannot emulate "What Katie did," the joy of generations of schoolgirls.

More than one speaker boldly expressed the view that a circulation of 10,000 was easily within our grasp. That is the challenge. But it will not be achieved unless each of the 158 members present at the Council meeting devotes his or her energies to finding new readers — not borrowers of the family copy. It would be reached if everyone who rang a peal or quarter peal took the journal. We treat people who order copies of "The Ringing World" with the quarter they participate in on the same plane as those who send donations. They are building the most valuable of things — circulation. Secondly, we are always pleased to send voucher copies to those who can place them advantageously, and secure new readers.

The potential from new entrants is large. Last year the sales of "The Beginners' Handbook" exceeded 3,000 copies and this gives an indication of growing interest. The biggest bridge to be surmounted is to persuade the young ringer that he is not merely a member of his tower but one of the great family of ringers. Knowledge of this great family can only be gained through "The Ringing World." Above all, we must endeavour to keep the present price stable. An increase to one shilling would mean a drop of 1,000 in circulation.

Lastly, remember that the Editor's decision is final. The Committee can give a directive and make suggestions, but it is the Editor who has to fit everything in and decide what

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Central Council—continued.

strong Urge for Bigger and Brighter "Ringing World"

CIRCULATION DRIVE DEMANDED.—NEW BLOOD INJECTED INTO COMMITTEE TO PRODUCE CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS.—IMPORTANCE OF RETAINING CAPITAL.—EDITOR TELLS OF HIS PROBLEMS.

REPORT OF "THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

Although when this report is being prepared the accounts for 1965 are not completed, it is understood that the figures will once more show a surplus. A detailed analysis is not, however, possible and must await the meeting of the Council.

The year has not been uneventful in that further changes took place at the printers culminating in a removal of the Editor's office back to Onslow Street, Guildford. These changes placed a heavy burden on Mr. White but he has throughout ensured the regular weekly despatch of copies.

Continued pressure by wholesalers on our publishers left them with no alternative but to seek a reduction in their price to us. During negotiations certain suggestions were made to them, particularly concerning the despatch of copies direct from the printers. This angle is being explored by the publishers, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made along these lines it is hoped that our price can be maintained.

Wages in the printing trade were last increased in January, 1965, and we are grateful to our printers, who throughout the year refrained from passing on to us any of their additional costs. We have, however, now been informed that an increase in their charge is inevitable.

NO CHANGE IN PRICE

Your committee have decided that the price of "The Ringing World" will not be raised at least during 1966, except that if postal rates are raised it may be necessary to pass on such increase to new subscribers. The printers have intimated that a further review of costs and charges will be necessary at the end of 1966 but your committee hope that if costs are further increased these can also be absorbed.

During the year your editor took part with others in a visit to Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America, and we are grateful to Miss Y. Floie, to Mr. H. C. Aldhous and not least to Mrs. Lucas for carrying on in his absence. Many have expressed appreciation of the report of the tour by Mr. White published over a period in "The Ringing World."

Your committee are grateful to all, including the Associations who send contributions to "The Ringing World" and offer them our sincere thanks. Your committee also wish to thank the retiring secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, for the help he has given them over many years and wish him and Mrs. Barnett many more happy years, especially in our Exercise.

Annually repeated, but nevertheless sincerely, your committee once more place on record their appreciation of the services rendered to "The Ringing World" by Mr. T. W. White and Mrs. Lucas at Guildford, by Mr. Jeater for his work on the accounts, by Mr. Roper for his compilation of the index, and all who throughout the year, either as readers or contributors, have helped the paper.

R. S. ANDERSON (Convener).

THE ACCOUNTS

"RINGING WORLD" PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Dr.: Printing £5,837 19s. 4d. (previous year £5,522). Blocks £64 0s. 6d.

Editorial office expenses: Editor's fees and bonus expenses £917 1s. (£774); clerical assistance £293 10s. (£260); postage and sundries £34 5s. (£34); total £1,244 16s.

Postal subscribers: Despatch of copies £1,531 3s 10d. (£1,413); addressing and wrappers £440 15s. 9d. (£423); total £1,971 19s. 7d.



MR. R. S. ANDERSON
retains Council's confidence and
re-elected convener.

Accounts Department: Clerical assistance and expenses £234 (£234); postage £31 5s. (£27); stationery and sundries £29 5s. 10d. (£50); total £294 10s. 10d.

Audit and accountancy charge £45 3s. (£37). Income Tax £150 10s. 8d. (£121).

Profit for the year carried to balance sheet £1,097 12s 10d. (£445).

Cr.: By Rolls Publishing Company £3,027 12s. 9d. (£2,686); postal subscribers £5,220 8s. 10d. (£4,491); donations £676 4s. 10d. (£561); advertisements £582 14s. (£531); notices and seal reports £729 0s. 11d. (£697); sundry receipts £79 0s. 3d. (£84); interest on investments £412 6s. 2d. (£339); grand total £10,727 15s. 9d. (£9,389).

"RINGING WORLD" BALANCE SHEET

Sundry creditors £1,154 4s. 6d. (£796); amounts received in advance—postal subscriptions and notices £1,971 6s. 4d. (£1,546); capital account, balance at 1/1/65 £8,692 5s. 10d., add profit for year £1,097 12s. 10d., making a total of £9,789 18s. 8d.; on behalf of Central Council £570 19s. 2d. (£235); grand total £12,915 9s. 6d. (£11,034).

Debtors £1,236 3s. 5d. (£1,019); investments at cost £9,000 (£7,500); cash at bankers £2,443 6s. 11d.; in hand £1; total £2,444 6s. 11d. (£2,280); amount due from Central Council £234 19s. 2d. (£235); grand total £12,915 9s. 6d.

THE DEBATE

Mr. R. A. Anderson, presenting the report, said if they examined the Income and Expenditure Account they would find that, as with all businesses today, expenditure was increasing. Printing costs were slightly higher, block prices were higher, wages and salaries were up, postage had increased. The fee they paid their auditor was higher, but those who had any knowledge of business would know that for a turnover of over £10,000 the fees were remarkably low.

Of the present circulation of 5,600, postal copies were 2,700 and those sold through the newsgagents just under 3,000. This position was reversed in the case of income—publishers' sales being 36.7 and postal subscribers 63.3 per cent.

The net income from investments had increased and they would notice that there had been a shifting in the investments. They had now money in a building society and money

invested with Brighton Corporation, both of which were trustee securities. They had also taken the advice of their accountant where money had been invested in high income unit trust.

SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT TAX

The surplus of income over expenditure had increased. They had taken steps to cover the increase in printing charges in 1965 and these did not occur. This was due to the munificence of the printers and he would like to place on record their gratitude to their printers in not passing on this charge. There was, however, an increase this year and it operated from March. The increase was roughly 3.3 per cent on printing cost. In a full year it would cost £400, and the current year just over £210. This would be reflected in the accounts next Whitsun. There was one possible increased charge—the Selective Employment Tax. At the moment from the beginning of September, "The Ringing World" would be liable for the tax, but unless further orders were issued they would be able to claim that back in full in February.

The present circulation was about 5,600 and represented an increase compared with a year ago of about 120 to 130. He was not going to plead poverty. They had some money that had been gathered by the judicious operating of funds by his predecessor and they had to thank him that "The Ringing World" account was in a good position today.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The secretary stated that the Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and accounts, also the re-election of the committee and the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles.

"NOT SATISFIED"

Mr. G. W. Pipe said he would like to start by expressing his and their warm thanks to the editor and to the convener of "The Ringing World" Committee, who had put in a tremendous amount of work.

He could not help feeling that "The Ringing World" report resolved itself into the financial affairs of the journal and was concerned purely with the financial side. He thought it was time that they looked at the other side than the actual accounts. Many people were not really satisfied with the contents. He did not want to make a comment like that without some serious thought. It was poorly laid out and the quality of the paper used was also very poor.

Mr. Pipe concluded by saying that if some constructive thought was given to the layout of the paper he was confident that the number of subscribers could be doubled. He had a series of 20 suggestions and criticisms which he would ask "The Ringing World" Committee to consider (applause).

Mr. Dennis Beresford (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) said he would like to support wholeheartedly what George Pine had said. They wanted a new committee with original ideas. They did not criticise the men concerned with "The Ringing World" because they had had a most difficult job in the past but they wanted a committee of people like George Pine, with extremely constructive ideas people like Vernon Bottomley to provide a financial background, and Edgar Shenherd to serve on the committee to give it the scholarship that was necessary. These suggestions were not intended as criticism of the editor, for whom he had the highest regard. What he wanted was a dynamic committee behind him. If they developed along these lines they could expect "The Ringing World" to adopt a forward-looking attitude (applause).

The Rev. John Scott said he came up by train and he went to the station bookstall at Exeter and there was nothing to suggest that "The Ringing World" existed. He would like to back up what had been said if anything was done about it. Two years ago Vic Shepherd levelled some criticism about the front page of "The Ringing World," but his observations were not taken seriously. No praise could be too high for the editor, but a larger committee was needed.

NOTHING FOR YOUTH

Mr. Norman Chaddock said he found he could get youth to take "The Ringing World" for a quarter- or a half-year. They then ceased because there was little in "The Ringing World" to interest them. Over the years "The Ringing World" Committee had been working in a financial strait-jacket. He would ask the committee not to worry about loss even if it amounted to a thousand or two if it could increase the sale of the paper. There was something like £8,000 of £9,000 in reserve so they could continue. He suggested that the editor did not receive sufficiently good contributions.

A member suggested that the committee were mean in their approach. They had some very fine writers. Why should they not give a small honorarium to some of the people to encourage more good articles?

Mr. T. W. White, the editor, in reply, said he had not seen the 20 suggestions of Mr. G. W. Pipe, but some time ago Mr. Pipe sent him some suggestions which were sent to the convener and every one of these suggestions had been previously thought of and considered by the committee.

PEALS CONTROL SPACE

The position of "The Ringing World" today was that it was governed by peals. These had to be published, and in a heavy peal-ringing year like the past other feature articles had to be relegated. As editor he had been seriously criticised for publishing the Collection of Doubles Methods as a waste of space and of no interest to readers. But it was a best seller. He had been greatly worried that adequate attention had not been given to compositions—very few of the many submitted were published.

In considering the contents of the journal they had to remember there were 60 Associations affiliated to the Central Council and each of these had a right to have reports of their proceedings published, even if abbreviated. One way of brightening "The Ringing World" was to have more attractive advertisements and the introduction of display announcements of meetings added a touch of brightness. It must be remembered that "The Ringing World" had a limited field for advertisements, but in its own field it was unique. National publishers had found this in regard to sales of ringing books: in one case three-quarters of their sales came through "The Ringing World" and yet their charges for advertisements were the lowest.

"Don't think that brightening the paper will double the circulation. It will not."

One leading ringer gave him the figure of 6,000 as the maximum that would be received. There was a great difficulty in holding subscriptions and he knew that in that room there were members of the Central Council who had allowed their subscriptions to lapse! Despite that there was an upward trend.

Dr. D. E. Sibson said Mr. White had answered some of the points but he had blamed peal ringers for the shortage of space. If there was not enough room the size of the paper should be increased and the price increased accordingly. He thought the editor had taken a very conservative view—they should be able to increase their circulation above 6,000. There had been little change throughout the years. Why not make an effort to make it more presentable?

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. John Freeman (vice-chairman) said he had listened with interest to the ideas expressed and it appeared that there were two



MR. G. W. PIPE
has 20 suggestions for improving
"The Ringing World."

distinct camps. On the one hand they had critics who wanted a more dynamic committee and on the other hand there was a committee with day to day experience. He was not sold on the idea that improving the cover would increase the circulation. He still liked the present form but they should not disregard the ideas of the critics.

For many years the report of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was in a set form. It was decided to alter it and this was done by a special committee with satisfactory results. He suggested that an ad hoc committee should be formed of the present committee and some of the critics to examine the position and present their views to the Council.

The Rev. John Scott seconded and Canon K. W. H. Felstead gave the proposal his support.

Mr. R. A. Anderson, convener of "The Ringing World" Committee, said the committee was the servant of the Council and would abide by the Council's decisions. There were two or three points he would like to make. The first was on circulation and price. He would like to remind the Council that a few years ago the price was raised by 2d. to 8d. At that time the circulation was over 6,000. With "The Ringing World" at 8d. the circulation dropped by 1,000. He knew people had said if the price of "The Ringing World" went up again they would drop it and they heard that day that certain members of the Council had not renewed their subscriptions—well, perhaps they were now getting it through their newsagent or another source.

The question of layout had been raised. Some years ago suggestions were asked for designs for a new front page. They had some very good designs but they were all rejected by the Council. It had been suggested that the size of the paper be increased. The difference in cost between a 16-page and 24-page issue was £50. He did not think the funds available would extend to one such issue a week. The net income from investments was £268 and the amount of donations was £676, giving a total of £944 against a surplus of £1,047.

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall (Cambridge University) asked if it would be possible to confine the paper to postal subscribers. Was there any legal objection?

Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Worcester and Districts): If you give me the contract I will do it (laughter).

Mr. J. F. Smallwood said the committee had tried to serve the Exercise and do its best. Some of the suggestions made that day made him smile. The committee had been hit by continuous rising prices and had been bound hand and foot. All sorts of ideas had been suggested and they were uncertain of adopting them as they feared they

would not come out the right side. They could find plenty of means of disposing of the balance they had built up. The solution of a better "Ringing World" was with the Exercise. He did not agree that 6,000 was the limit. He always maintained that a circulation of 10,000 could be obtained if they backed up the committee.

With regard to the format he must admit that he did not like it but it had been forced on them. There was a time when they could have five peals to a column; now they had reached eight peals.

NO KINDERGARTEN STUFF

He would like to see it brighter. With reference to the suggestion that beginners were not catered for, how did they propose they do so? They were well catered for by the Publications Department, and they could not put in a lot of kindergarten stuff. Beginners were important, but he did not think a series of elementary articles running through the paper, which would have to be repeated year by year, was the answer.

"I make no apologies for what we have done; we have worked hard. Please remember the solution is that you get the circulation and then you can spread the news over in a bigger and brighter paper."

Mr. W. T. Cook (Ancient Society of College Youths) supported Mr. Freeman's suggestion of an ad hoc committee. It might be that the committee would find it was not able to do much to improve the journal. The committee might feel that the picture which had been on the front since "The Ringing World" was founded in 1911 should remain. He hoped there would be many critics and then they might get something done.

The president proposed that an ad hoc committee be appointed with the vice-president as chairman. He suggested that the vice-chairman invite certain members of the Council to work with "The Ringing World" Committee on an ad hoc committee and to report to the Central Council next year.

Mr. A. D. Barker (London County Association) seconded the president's suggestion.

Mr. P. A. Corby (Kent County Association) asked if the president had in mind Motions 14b and 14c. Would it not be wise to discuss these proposals first?

The President: If the ad hoc committee was formed it could look into these motions.

Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association) held that "The Ringing World" Committee should be elected first.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Ladies' Guild) thought members of the ad hoc committee should be voted from the floor.

Mr. J. Freeman considered that the ad hoc committee should not interfere with "The Ringing World" Committee. He agreed with the ad hoc committee being voted from the floor of the house.

The Rev. J. Scott (Guild of Devonshire Ringers) proposed, and Mr. John Worth (Chester Guild) seconded, that the present "Ringing World" Committee with Mr. Dennis Bayles be re-elected.

Mr. D. Beresford proposed Mr. G. W. Pipe and Mr. R. F. B. Speed be elected to the committee.

The president then suggested an adjournment for lunch so that the position could be talked over and, if possible, clarified.

OPPOSITION TO AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. R. F. B. Speed (hon. member) was the first speaker after lunch. He strongly disagreed with an ad hoc committee and thought the approach should be to modify the committee as it stood. He did not think it would do any good to have a large number on the committee—it was not practicable. He would not like to see the committee re-elected with additions as there were some he would like to see on and others he would not. He proposed that members be voted on individually and not by a block vote.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin (Essex Association) was against an ad hoc committee. There was a

R.W. Debate—continued.

lot said with which he disagreed but there was one thing they agreed on—that there was a large measure of dissatisfaction. The committee did need some new blood. Much the committee had done was very good and they knew the facts but they needed some new members with new ideas.

"ALL FOR 'THE RINGING WORLD'"

Mr. P. J. Stanforth (Leicester Diocesan Guild): Let's all be for "The Ringing World" and not against it.

Mr. Harold Rogers (London County Association) wanted to make four points. First of all he was delighted with the discussion. There were some 2,000 trade and technical journals and they had to look at the position as they had. Many had said "We must change our format have a new look and a new policy." Whatever they did with the election of the committee he would like to see a complete proposal for dealing with "The Ringing World" within six months. They could not afford to ignore the financial position; they must work within their limits. If the committee were sufficiently forward with their proposals in six months they should have a meeting of the Council either in London or Birmingham. If they had a "Ringing World" report it should come from the committee and not just signed by the convener.

Mr. Leslie Weller (Sussex Association) seconded Mr. Speed's proposal.

Mr. R. S. Anderson corrected Mr. Rogers. The report, he said, was that of the committee and not the convener.

To clarify the position the president took a vote on the formation of an ad hoc committee. There were only nine votes for it and an overwhelming majority against.

NEW COMMITTEE

It was then decided that the committee should consist of six members and they should be elected individually. The following were then nominated: Messrs. D. Beresford, W. G. Wilson, R. S. Anderson, G. W. Pipe, J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, Mrs. P. J. Stanforth, Mr. D. Bayles, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. P. Gray. A ballot was demanded and Messrs. W. Ayre and E. Naylor elected tellers with assistants from the Bath and Wells Association. Later it was announced that the following had been elected: Messrs. W. G. Wilson, G. B. Beresford, R. S. Anderson, G. W. Pipe, J. F. Smallwood and D. Bayles. Mr. Anderson was appointed convener.

Motions Unacceptable**NO SIXPENCE—NO NAME**

On behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers the Rev. J. G. M. Scott proposed and Miss B. M. Boyle seconded:

"That the names of those taking part in peals reported in 'The Ringing World' be not published except after payment to 'The Ringing World' of not less than sixpence for each person taking part in the peal."

Mr. Scott, in moving the motion, said that peals certainly were news and must be published. He suggested that "The Ringing World" should print the record of peals, but only the names of those who paid. The national Press dropped names—they were not published. The Records Committee only published the peals; there were no names. Mr. Mehew, in his letter to "The Ringing World" asked: "What happens if one ringer refuses to pay?" Mr. Scott's reply was that he could

LEAVING R.W. COMMITTEE**Mr. F. I. HAIRS**

A special vote of thanks for his hard work.

not imagine any ringer being so low-spirited not to disgorge sixpence for his name to be printed.

Miss Boyle seconded.

Mr. G. Dodds held that names were definitely news.

Mr. T. W. White asked if the motion was carried, how could he present reports with two or three blank spaces in peals. Could they imagine a record length being rung without the names being published?

Light people voted in favour and the motion was heavily defeated.

DONATION TO "RINGING WORLD"

Mr. A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth) moved: "That this Council invites all affiliated Societies to contribute a sum of not less than three guineas per representative annually towards the cost of maintaining 'The Ringing World'."

He thought the motion, which was an invitation to help, would encourage the committee to produce a new and better "Ringing World." He was amazed to read a letter discussing this motion in "The Ringing World" before it had been before the Council, and he wondered if it was the right thing to do. He did not think the views of Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson were the views of the committee. He put forward the motion with the object of interesting Associations in "The Ringing World."

Canon Felstead described it as a private member's motion. For years "The Ringing World" had been in a precarious state and this might do away with voluntary donations.

Mr. P. A. Gray liked the idea of involving Associations in "The Ringing World" but felt that the running of the journal should be left to the new committee. He proposed that the Council pass on to the next business and this was agreed to.

THANKS TO MR. F. I. HAIRS

Mr. W. Dobbie moved that the Council express its thanks to the retiring member of "The Ringing World" Committee—Mr. F. I. Hairs. He had been a member of the committee for 15 years and had worked very hard for it. He would also like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hairs on their golden wedding anniversary. They rang on that date a

peal of Stedman Caters "in hand," conducted by the vice-president of the Council. They rang a similar peal on their wedding day, conducted by the late A. H. Pulling.

THE ACCOUNTS**CENTRAL COUNCIL GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Committee expenses: Towers and Belfries £20 8s. 8d.; broadcasting television £3 3s. 5d.; Sunday service £2 19s.; total £26 11s. 1d.

Officers' expenses £11 11s. 3d.; stationery and printing £20 17s. 6d.; postage and telephone £9 9s.; wreaths—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and J. T. Dyke £4 5s.; typing £5 5s.; binding "Ringing World" £2 2s.; cheque book 10s.; excess of income over expenditure £82 10s. 1d.

Income was affiliation fees £82 10s.; profit on publication account £87 4s. 5d.

THE BALANCE SHEET

Creditors: "The Ringing World" £234 19s. 2d.; Towers and Belfries Committee £18 18s. 8d.; Biographies Committee £1 13s. 5d.; president £1 11s. 3d.; total £257 2s. 6d. The balance on capital account had been increased by £87 4s. 4d. to £932 9s. 11d.

Library £10; stock of publications £755 9s. 2d.; cash at bank £68 6s. 10d.; cash hon. librarian £354 16s. 5d.

The consolidated balance sheet showed capital accounts at £11,588 10s. 4d., viz.: "The Ringing World" £9,789 18s. 8d., General Fund £932 9s. 11d., Clement Glenn Fund £866 1s. 9d.

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

Stock 1/1/65 £820 2s. 8d.; purchases 1,500 Surprise Methods £130; 2,000 Ringing for Service £55 1s. 6d.; 250 Symbolic Treatment of False Course Heads £17 17s.; total £208 18s. 6d. Postage £41 17s. 6d., profit to General Fund £87 4s. 5d.

Sale of publications less discounts £401 9s. 2d. (£3454); stock at 31/12/65 £755 9s. 2d.

From the Clement Glenn bequest 3,000 Belfry Prayers were purchased for £16 12s., and the film "Washington Cathedral" £39 8s. 6d. Interest on investments was £22 12s. 9d. and there was an excess of expenditure over income of £33 10s. 3d.

Mr. E. A. Barnett moved the adoption. He said this year the committee's accounts had been much heavier and that the Towers and Belfries Committee had incurred quite a lot of expense. This had helped in the preparation of the Handbook and the Preservation of Bells. The Publications Account had an extremely good year and receipts were a record. Most satisfactory was that they were able to refrain from qualms about meeting the bills. The Clement Glenn bequest was down through payment for the Washington film. The small profit they had made on that would be shown next year.

Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association) seconded and the report was adopted.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies Present Absent	
Wholly represented	43	115
Partly represented	11	24
Not represented	6	—
	60	139
Life members	5	1
Honorary members	14	8
	158	33

The hon. secretary reported that it was a record attendance with 158 out of a possible 191. Last year at Northampton the attendance was 145, and the year before at Truro 140.

CHURCH CLOCKS

NEW ELECTRIC OR HAND-WOUND INSTALLATIONS—ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS

EXISTING HAND-WOUND CLOCKS CONVERTED TO ELECTRIC DRIVE

Inspections & Estimates Free

Smith & Sons
CLOCKS

JOHN SMITH & SONS - DERBY

Most Regions have had Ringing Features

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

ALTHOUGH there was reference in the report for 1964 to the broadcast of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral in January, 1965, it is fitting that mention of this should be made here. First-class ringing on one of the finest rings of twelve in the country was a worthy tribute to the great statesman for whose funeral it was performed.

In August the Home Service of the B.B.C. took a leaf from the book of the Light Programme and introduced its Sunday morning programme with bells. Recordings of four different churches were used and were selected from those made at different times for the Christmas Bells Programme. This was a welcome indication that these recordings are being preserved by the B.B.C., a point on which we had never been assured. On more than one occasion when visiting Broadcasting House we have suggested that these recordings should form the nucleus of a "Bells Library" and be used in turn to introduce the Sunday programme, and we like to think that it is this suggestion that has borne fruit.

Great Adventure II was offered good publicity through both radio and television. There were several interviews of individual members of the party, and quite a number of the members were televised at the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry, London, just prior to their departure, when Tom Lock told viewers where and why they were making the trip.

CHRISTMAS BELLS—A CROSS SECTION OF RINGING

The Christmas Programme served up its variety of bells and ringing and some good ringing was heard, especially from the cail change ringers of West Down. It must be remembered, however, that this programme is not intended as an exposition of high-class ringing on the best rings of bells, but as a cross-section of the ringing which is to be heard from churches up and down the land for the Christmas Festival, and we may be sure that all gave of their best. As in previous years, the B.B.C. invited this committee to select the towers for the programme, and the convener was invited to assist in the editing.

In the correspondence which ensued in "The Ringing World" the point has been made again that as the bells are pre-recorded and then are "put over" by the commentator as though they were ringing at the time of the broadcast the programme is false and contrary to the spirit of Christmas, and therefore should be stopped. We sympathise with this view (although not to the extent of stopping the programme) but we must be realists. The B.B.C. will not incur today the very big expense of live broadcasts on Christmas morning, and if we want this programme of bells at all (and it is the only one of its kind that we get in the course of the year) we must be content with pre-recordings. We always hope that the bells are being rung for the recordings by the ringers who will be at the ropes on Christmas morning. The practice of pre-recording religious and other programmes is very common in B.B.C. work today.

The report from the Scottish Region tells of an item before a meeting of the Presbytery of Edinburgh towards the end of the year which intrigued the Press reporters so much that it was the only item of business from the meeting to be included in the Press report. It concerned an application by a church in Edinburgh, St. Cuthbert's, which had a plan to alter the number of bells in the ring. As a result of this interest by the Press both B.B.C. and S.T.V. included in their newflashes an interview with a ringer

to explain what was involved. A report that a contract had been placed with bell-founders reached the office of "The Ringing World" and was published under "Belfry Gossip," but it is uncertain what progress has been made.

In Ireland the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral and St. George's Church, Dublin, St. Mary's, Limerick, St. Mary's, Doneraile, and St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, have been broadcast on both Radio Eireann and B.B.C. networks, and have put up performances which are very creditable to Irish ringing. The Irish Association is particularly proud of the Christmas broadcast from Carrickfergus.

INCUMBENT RESPONSIBLE

From the Midland Region we hear of complaints from several churches that services have been broadcast without including the bells ringing beforehand and some of the protests have been addressed to the B.B.C. We have broached this subject on more than one occasion and the reply we get is that this is a matter which rests with the incumbent of the church concerned. He is allotted a specified time for the broadcast and it is up to the local ringers to persuade him to allow one or two minutes of this time for the bells. If they succeed in that they might prevail upon him also to get the name of the captain of the ringers to be printed in the "Radio Times" together with those of the preacher and organist.

During a peal ringing tour in October George Fearn was interviewed in South Wales by the B.B.C., and this was broadcast on the Midland Region in Jack de Manio's programme "Today." On the same day Nicholas Simon, of Llandaff, also was interviewed and this was heard on the Welsh Region.

NORTH REGION INTEREST

Bells have been heard in the North Region on several occasions preceding services broadcast by Commercial Television, and the standard has varied considerably from very good to very bad. On April 8th an item on "Change Ringing" was televised by the B.B.C. in its "Look North" programme from Newcastle, and this was described in detail in "The Ringing World" at the end of that month.

During the summer tour of the Universities Association in this area in August, Tyne-Tees Television gave a short report from the belfry of SS. James and Basil's, Newcastle. Shots of ringing were shown and Denis Bayles was interviewed.

Cleator Moor was the tower selected from this region for the Christmas programme, and the advice we offered on the positioning the microphone and checking for balance was acted upon with good results, for the first recording was by no means satisfactory.

The West Region reports that several rings have been heard prior to morning service on Sundays and include Liskeard, St. Stephen, Bristol, St. Mary's, Southampton, Cannington and Trowbridge.

On October 10th eight members of the Devonshire Guild set up a new record for the South-West by ringing 10,240 changes of Plain Bob Major, and the band was filmed by B.B.C.

In July, from St. Paul's, Yelverton, the filming of a bell as it left to be carried to Borneo on the aircraft carrier "Eagle" was covered by the B.B.C. The bell was given to the church originally by a retired admiral, but had not been used for 16 years. Both these films were seen on television.

At Cardiff the B.B.C. recorded and filmed some ringing and interviewed the tower captain, Mr. Thomas Yeomans, for a broadcast on New Year's Eve. From this region we heard the bells of West Down at Christmas, and Wales was represented by Talgarth.

EAST ANGLIA ITEMS

Items of news from East Anglia include the interviewing of Oliver Barnard by both Anglia and B.B.C. Television regarding Stowmarket bells and their restoration. The order for this work to be done has been placed.

Cecil Pipe was interviewed on Anglia Television prior to his departure for Australia for Great Adventure II, and his son George talked about ringing overseas. Work on the new light six at Scole was also shown on B.B.C. Television.

The B.B.C. made for television a film about "The Fens" and included in it shots of the ringers and bells of St. Andrew's Church, Sutton, in action. The bells were needed to indicate the old custom of raising the Flood Alarm.

At Leighton Bromswold, Hunts, on Whit Sunday, the bells were rung for morning service at which the sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Ely, who afterwards went into the belfry and rang the 21 cwt. tenor to rounds. All this was seen and heard on B.B.C. television on the following evening.

In the London Region, W. H. Coles arranged and compered a very good programme on radio featuring Mrs. A. A. Hughes playing tunes in her inimitable way, the Ottery St. Mary handbell ringers ringing tunes, Stedman Cinques lapped by the Appleton band, Spliced Surprise "in hand" by John Mayne's band, handbell tune ringers from America and a talk on the making and tuning of handbells by Mr. Oliver, the tuner at Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

From Canada we learn that the Benedictines of Westminster Abbey, Mission City, B.C., rang Grandsire Caters for Christmas over C.B.C. This was in conjunction with a programme of Gregorian Chant. Father Dunstan Massey, O.S.B., is the Ringing Master there.

H. N. PITSTOW (Convener).

Saffron, High Street,
Banstead, Surrey,
D. A. BAYLES,
J. DUNWOODY,
G. E. FEARN,
H. J. SANGER,
A. G. G. THURLOW,
R. S. WILSON.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow (hon. member) moved the adoption. He said there was a slight inaccuracy in the second paragraph—one of the recordings was not selected for the Christmas broadcast. There was also a reference that the B.B.C. was retaining the records of Christmas bells. This was not quite correct; they were retaining those that could be used. From the last broadcast the B.B.C. were considering the permanent retaining of Carrickfergus and West Down recordings.

Mr. D. A. Bayles (Durham and Newcastle) seconded and the report was adopted.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed the re-election of the committee as follows: Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, D. A. Bayles, J. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, H. J. Sanger, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. R. S. Wilson.

THE CHALLENGE—Contd from front page.

to use or reject. Time-tables have to be strictly adhered to and production problems faced which at times only the man on the spot can decide. What is most encouraging is the friendliness displayed by readers and correspondents who take their disappointments in good part. Without this it would be impossible for one man, plus a part-time lady assistant mainly for postal subscribers, to carry on. If you have any appreciation of the Editor's work please find some new subscribers.

Big Development in Week-end Courses

EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING COMMITTEE

THE report of the Education and Sunday Service Ringing Committee states:—

I. **Theological Colleges.** Although some very effective work has been done, the drive, started a few years ago to ensure that a lecture on Church Bells and Bell Ringing should be given in as many theological colleges as possible each year or two years, seems to have been less productive during 1965. The convener has difficulty in getting replies from some correspondents concerned. It is well worth persisting with this work as it can bear valuable fruit in future years. A suitable person who could continue to maintain old contacts and develop new ones would be welcome on to this committee.

II. **Week-end Courses.** In addition to the fifth annual course organised by the convener and Mr. Moreton at Grantley Hall, this committee has assisted at, or given advice in the organisation of several other week-end courses. The sixth week-end residential course at Grantley Hall, Ripon, Yorkshire, will be held from Friday, November 11th, to Sunday, November 13th, 1966. There will be two parallel courses, one for instructors and one for beginners. The third week-end course at Hereford organised by Mr. Moreton and the Hereford Guild was held last year and a fourth such course in April this year. Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Moreton and Miss Cross assisted at a successful course organised by the Oxford Guild at Charney Manor in Berkshire last November. Other courses are being planned for 1966 by several Associations.

One-Day Courses. These are becoming increasingly popular and attract large attendances (50 to 100). We have given help and advice with several of these during the year and welcome further requests for data and advice concerning day courses.

III. Miscellaneous Items.

(A) Inquiries received by the convener include requests for or advice regarding:—

1. Organisation of handbell teams, music, etc.
2. How to get struggling bands going and teach ropesight. Organisation of local band.
3. Teaching bell control.
4. Teaching syllabuses.
5. Visual aids for ringing exhibitions and talks.
6. Information about ringing films.
7. Advice re technical articles on ringing.
8. Tower open days.
9. Talks to church organisations.
10. Endeavours to secure resumption of ringing at two towers where the church authorities have stopped ringing.
11. Invitations to comment on bell recordings.

(B) Mr. F. Sharpe has again given numerous illustrated lectures on bells and bell ringing to schools, technical colleges and various organisations and has written another book on bells.

(C) Following the convener's article in "The Ringing World" on Learning and Teaching Elementary Change Ringing and Ropesight, he received from a well-known ringer a suggestion that a Tower Instruction Leaflet on similar lines should be produced and made available. We feel that the training which follows the teaching of bell control leaves much to be desired and that there is need for a companion to the "Beginners' Handbook" catering for the instructor and setting out a variety of teaching methods, drawn from a wide circle of experienced instructors.

IV. Articles for "The Ringing World."

Following a reader's request for articles to be sent to "The Ringing World," the convener has produced the following articles which have been published:—

Two articles on belfry maintenance.

Two articles on learning and teaching elementary change ringing and ropesight.

One article on the duties and responsibilities of the tower captain.

One article on ringing meetings, their function and organisation; the ringing master's job

V. The Washington Film.

This was obtained last August and has been in great demand and given much pleasure to hundreds of viewers, as evidenced by letters of appreciation from borrowers. At the moment of writing this report the film has just been seen through by the convener and is in excellent condition for sound and vision. Because of possible postal delays and the need to check the film after each loan, hiring can normally only take place on a fortnightly basis. There are exceptions. The film, which cost £38 8s. 6d., is now almost half paid for, and if it continues to receive careful handling should prove a financial asset to the Council.

It has also proved a financial asset to at least one hirer, who reported: "Everyone enjoyed the film very much, and a collection to cover the cost of heating the hall turned out to be £5 8s."

During the seven months previous to this report the film has been loaned out 16 times in 15 different counties. Properly handled, it should last several years.

NORMAN CHADDOCK (Convener),

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

F. SHARPE,

W. F. MORETON,

M. R. CROSS,

F. B. LUFKIN.

The adoption was moved by Mr. N. Chaddock (Sheffield and District), who asked for permission to proceed with the "Tutors' Handbook." They were also taking part in a publicity campaign at Brecon in July. Mr. F. Lufkin had stood down from the committee and Mrs. Stanforth had undertaken correspondence with theological colleges.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded.

Mr. H. Rogers said the committee was not the first body to think about a manual for instructors—it was being considered nationally. Most certainly this was a very definite requirement. It might not be possible to put it in book form by the next Council meeting but they should be able to see the manuscript and perhaps in a restrictive form.

Mr. Chaddock promised this and the report was adopted.

Mrs. Stanforth, Messrs. Chaddock, W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe and Miss M. R. Cross were elected to the committee.

METHODS COMMITTEE

Mr C. K. Lewis: You will be relieved to know that I have nothing to report.

The President: Would Mr. Blagrove like to second nothing?

Mr. Blagrove formally seconded.

Mr. G. Dodds (Herts County Association) said he noticed that a new edition of Plain Major Collection was to be printed. Could it include Double Change methods and true extensions to Royal and Maximus?

Mr. Lewis said this had been considered by the committee.

The report was adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Blagrove were re-elected.

Mr. Blagrove thought the Council should thank Mr. J. R. Mayne for his hard work. He thought it was right to say that the Collection of Surprise methods was by John Mayne. They owed him a great debt of gratitude (hear, hear).

Mr. R. F. B. Speed moved that Mr. Stephen Ivins (Oxford University Society) be added to the committee and this was agreed to.

NO DICTATION TO GUILDS

There were three notices of motion, the first relating to non-resident life members' subscriptions. The other two, relating to "The Ringing World," are reported following the debate on page 388.

The first, proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis and seconded by Mr. John Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild) read: "That this Council favours all affiliated Societies fixing the rate of their non-resident life membership subscription at a figure which does not exceed one and a half times the resident members' subscription."

Mr. Lewis said there was a big variation, and high non-resident subscriptions gave rise to many non-Association peals.

Mr. Philip Gray asked how many non-Association peals were rung last year.

Mr. Walter Ayre replied that there were 82.

Mr. N. Diserens (Oxford Diocesan Guild) said they must keep in mind the relative position of non-resident members. In the Oxford Guild non-residents had full rights and that justified a higher subscription than in a Guild where non-residents had no rights.

Mr. W. E. Critchley (Yorkshire Association) said that he was rather surprised that Mr. Lewis was wasting time on this matter. He must know it was a waste of time as no Guild was going to be dictated to.

Mr. D. Carlisle (Derby Diocesan Association) also appealed to the Council to reject the motion. Don't penalise keen youngsters, he implored.

The vote was then put and the motion was heavily defeated.

TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

A. SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Alford, 24-6-65, Willesden, 27B.
Bloxham, 4-12-65, Bloxham, 5B.
Brentham 16-12-65, Willesden, 28B.
Chelsfield, 15-5-65, Deddington, 20B.
Chorley, 4-7-65, Chorley, 4B.
Debenham 18-4-65, Debenham, 10B.
Deddington, 20-2-65, Deddington, 16B.
Ditchat, 22-4-65, Willesden, 16B.
Douai, 27-3-65, Aldermaston, 22B.
Eccleston, 6-3-65, Dartford, 23B.
Filton, 22-1-65, Bristol Cathedral, 9B.
Finborough, 10-9-65, Debenham, 17B.
Finedon, 9-1-65, Finedon, 12B.
Griffin, 23-3-65, St. Ambrose, Bristol, 6B.
Henley, 10-7-65, Kirtlington 31B.
Highclere, 12-9-65, Highclere, 24B.
Kippen, 26-6-65, Ambrosden, 14B.
Lusitania, 27-7-65, Loughborough Foundry, 7B.
Marsham, 18-11-65, Willesden, 21B.
Mauretania, 30-1-65, Knowle, Bristol, 8B.
Nantwich, 12-12-65, Eddingham, 1B.
Quatock, 25-1-65, Sutterton, 15B.
Selwood, 18-9-65, Ashton-under-Lyne, 25B.
Shepperton, 21-1-65, Willesden, 26B.
Skelton, 6-8-65, Skelton-in-Cleveland, 19B.
Sprotborough, 10-6-65, Willesden, 29B.
Thurston, 4-11-65, Willesden, 3B.
Uffington, 15-2-65, Pinchbeck, 2B.
Uppingham, 20-5-65, Willesden, 30B.
Wyrardisbury, 8-7-65, Willesden, 18B.
Xingu, 8-2-65, Edenham, 11B.

B. SURPRISE ROYAL METHODS

Fulham, 20-2-65, Hillingdon, 35B.
Gosforth, rung in spliced, 34B.
Minehead, rung in spliced, 33B.
Primrose, 10-7-65, Christ Church, Macclesfield, 32B.

ERRATA FOR 1964 APPENDIX

Add the following two Surprise Major methods:

Alderney, 20-10-64, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, 37B.
Ilminster, 20-4-64, Sutterton, 36B.

Outstanding Publicity Event—Great Adventure II

THE outstanding event of the year which received publicity was undoubtedly "Great Adventure II," states the Literature and Press Committee. The party of ringers led by Mr. Tom Lock were royally received almost everywhere they went. They were interviewed over many hours and their photographs appeared in many papers. The visit created wide interest in the Press. Before the arrival in Perth there was a page in the local paper devoted to bells and ringing. At Melbourne an early breakfast at Ballarat was necessary to keep a Press appointment and the local Ballarat daily gave a front page picture of the tourists being received by the Mayor. Similar treatment was meted out at Bendigo. A Roman Catholic weekly published in Melbourne produced a photograph of Mr. Wilfred Williams and, on account of his association with St. Paul's, he was frequently interviewed by various journalists.

Tom Lock, the leader of the party, had to suffer long interviews, mostly late into the night. The morning and evening papers at Sydney, Maryborough, and Christchurch, New Zealand published well-informed articles and accounts of the tour.

The "Church Times" usually contains references to bells. One such notice made mention of the bells in the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Others paid attention to young ringers. References were made to the "Great Adventure II" and the Central Council meeting at Northampton. The "Church Times," being a widely read paper, should be supported by contributing articles and items of interest for publication.

The newspaper references received have produced some interesting and well-informed material. For example, Leslie Geddes-Brown in the "Northern Echo" cannot understand why a church should be understaffed in the belfry. She considers bellringing is fun and relates her experiences since she learned to ring a bell while still at school. In the "Bolton Journal" Mr. Peter Crook (now deceased) was featured and a photograph shows him with the model of a church bell bequeathed to him by the late Canon Elsee. The "Young Topics" column of the "Daily Telegraph" got down to handbell ringing and described bands of handbell ringers in the various parts of the country.

Captain Marybelle Nissly, of the U.S. Air Force, monopolised a page in the "Stars and Stripes." She is photographed at the rope of a bell and is seen polishing one of her collection of handbells. Marybelle's introduction to bells occurred when she was associated with the W.A.F. Band.

Miss Ida Grehan's article in the "Irish Times" related what she saw and learned during a visit to the Fountain Head Bell Foundry in Dublin. She raised a query as to whether women had entered the bellringing preserves of man. This brought a letter from the general secretary of the Irish Association which revealed the part of the fairer sex in the field of campanology.

FEWER COMPLAINTS

We are pleased to note fewer complaints about ringing. The most prominent was in relation to the Selly Oak Parish Church bells, when a resident complained in the local Press about a weekly practice. Several replies were published and the general consensus of opinion was very much against the complaint.

In trade magazines there was quite a spate of articles. "The Church and School Equipment News" presented a suggested design for a modern tower. A model of this bell tower was on display at the CASEX exhibition at Earls Court in June. The Church Bells of Rotherham were featured in the "Phoenix Gazette." Rowntree's magazine "C.W.M." contained an article by C. J. Groome of the Marketing Department, and the two pages devoted to ringing and change ringing reflected the author's knowledge of the art. Leslie E. Wells' article, "Message of the Bells," in the "Standard Review," dealt with the history of bells from earliest times to the present day. Bell casting and tuning were touched upon and the article concluded with a description of ringing and change ringing. Altogether it was a well-written concise and informative essay.

"Bell Ringing Delights" by Mary Freer was produced in the "Chelmsford Gardeners' Magazine." This paper is printed for circulation amongst members of the gardeners club only. The notes describe Miss Freer's experiences as a ringer and her attitude to ringing as a hobby. An article on Winchester Cathedral making references to its bells appeared in "Morgan's Magazine." During the year the "Irish Bell News," "The Belfry," "Ringing Towers" and "Overtones" maintained production and appeared regularly.

PUBLICATIONS

Publications during the year were greater than previously and a summary of them is appended:

"Handbook of Grandsire Caters," by Edgar C. Shepherd.

"Collection of Surprise Methods."

"Joseph Hatch—The Ulcombe Bellfounder."

"First Book of Bells," by Helen G. Fletcher.

"The Theory of Change Ringing," by A. W. T. Cleaver.

"Change Ringing—the Art and Science of Change Ringing on Church- and Handbells," by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson's "Change Ringing," which is a successor to Colonel Troyte's "Handbook on Change Ringing," contains the author's previous work, which was published as the "Beginners' Handbook." The new work covers a wide field and should take its place on every ringer's bookshelf.

The amount of material received is less than in the previous year and it must be appreciated that our task is not made easier by the lack of information about bells and ringers which may be published from time to time. We once again appeal to the various

Associations to forward to us copies of newspaper cuttings and other references to the art.

We again express our thanks to all who kindly forwarded to us the material upon which this report is prepared.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (Convener),

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Warminster, Wilts.

FRED E. DUKES.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd proposed and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott called attention to "The Guardian" giving a half-page review of Mr. Wilson's book "Change Ringing."

The committee was re-elected.

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE

On April 14th the trustees spent a day with the machine and traced a minor fault which had given trouble, and corrected it. Following this, touches of London, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Stedman were successfully rung.

On December 17th the machine was demonstrated to a party of ringers from Redditch, and on December 18th the first meeting to instruct four candidates interested in becoming demonstrators. At the end of the day just before the Museum closed a further minor fault developed, but there was insufficient time available to remedy it.

It is hoped to continue the meetings or these demonstrators to ensure continuity, and it is anticipated that at the next meeting this minor fault will be corrected.

In all other respects the machine continues to work satisfactorily.

DOUGLAS HUGHES,

FRANK E. HAYNES.

Mr. D. Hughes moved the adoption of the report and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded. The report was adopted and Messrs. D. Hughes and F. E. Haynes were re-elected to the committee.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The collection of Major methods is now ready for printing and will be available shortly. It was found that the proving of the peals, particularly the Spliced Surprise, took rather longer than was at first anticipated. The committee would welcome suggestions for further publications which might be considered desirable.

W. E. CRITCHLEY (Convener),

28 Brompton Road,

Sprotborough Park,

Doncaster, Yorks.

G. E. FFERN.

A. J. PITMAN.

R. F. B. SPEED.

Proposing the adoption of the report, Mr. W. Eric Critchley (Yorkshire Association) said apart from underlining the request for further publications he had nothing to add. Mr. R. F. B. Speed seconded and the report was adopted. The committee was re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.

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Peals Analysis Committee Reports Big Increase

THE peal totals for the year 1965 once more show an increase and the figures, including late arrivals up to "The Ringing World" issue of March 11th, give 3,222 for tower bells and 273 for handbells, an increase of 171 on 1964. One cause of the increase in the tower bell peals was the sincere expression by our fraternity of the great affection of the nation for that fine old gentleman Sir Winston S. Churchill on the occasion of his passing to higher service.

This year the Oxford Guild has attained the "head of the list" with the Lincoln Guild close behind. The first eight are as follows:

	Tower	Hand	Total
Oxford Guild	202	—	202
Lincoln Guild	177	17	194
Kent County	166	10	176
Yorkshire Assn.	172	—	172
Lancashire Assn.	152	12	164
Chester Guild	112	22	134
Gloucester & Bristol	128	3	131
Peterborough Guild	121	1	122

The Analysis breaks down as follows:

TOWER			
	1965	1964	
Maximus	89	64	+ 25
Cinques	62	54	+ 8
Royal	193	187	+ 6
Caters	104	89	+ 15
Major	1363	1349	+ 14
Triples	248	196	+ 52
Minor	886	823	+ 63
Doubles	274	290	- 16
Minimus	3	4	- 1
	3222	3056	+ 16

HANDBELLS			
	1965	1964	
Maximus	3	2	+ 1
Cinques	—	1	- 1
Royal	13	10	+ 3
Caters	4	3	+ 1
Major	96	111	+ 15
Triples	9	1	+ 8
Minor	131	127	+ 4
Doubles	17	13	+ 4
Minimus	—	—	—
	273	268	+ 5

Any 1965 peals published after this will not be included in our report.

A most gratifying, encouraging sign for the future is in the total of first pealers—644; with 99 making their first appearance as conductor.

The Australian Tour produced 15 peals during which valuable assistance and advice was given to our friends "down under."

A few points from the various Associations, etc.:

Bath and Wells: Three times we have four first peals and first as conductor; first-pealer over 60.

Derby Diocesan: One with five firsts.

Gloucester and Bristol: One first rang fifth to 42 methods Doubles.

Hereford: Treble to 42 Doubles methods. Hertford: First as conductor with five firsts in peal (three methods—Doubles).

Lancashire: Conductor's first peal—Doubles "in hand."

Lincoln: First as conductor—London Major.

St. Martin's Guild: First of Triples—with first as conductor and four firsts.

Oxford: A lady's first—36 methods Doubles. Salisbury: First peal, 55 M. Doubles; also conductor's first.

Winchester and Portsmouth: One first pealer 64 years.

Yorkshire: First peal of Spliced Surprise Major (3) at 11 years.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Cambridge Maximus at Exeter—Guild of Devonshire—with Peter Border ringing the tenor single handed—an excellent performance. Also for the same Guild—10,240 Plain Bob Major.

Essex Association: Spliced Minor, 105, 100 and 82 methods.

Gloucester and Bristol: Spliced Surprise Major in 28, 25, 22, 18, 16, 14, 11 methods.

Hertford County: Handbells, Spliced Surprise Major in 23, 20, 18, 16, 14, 11 methods.

Kent County: Spliced Surprise Minor—36, 32 methods.

Leicester Guild: Two peals Cambridge Royal—"in hand."

Middlesex County: Handbells, Spliced Surprise Major, 23, 16, 13 methods.

Lancashire Association: Cambridge Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral; 10,080 and 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Oxford Diocesan: Doubles, 42, 41, 36, 34, 32, 31 methods.

Peterborough Guild: Spliced Surprise Minor, 34 methods.

Southwell Diocesan: Minor, 35 methods; Doubles, 12,720 and 135, 126, 100, 70, 44 methods.

St. Martin's Guild: 44 peals of Maximus, including 16,368 Cambridge.

Yorkshire Association: Spliced Surprise Royal, 42 methods; Spliced Surprise Major, 12 methods. A peal on the lightest ring.

Another table, for what it is worth:

Three Associations, Guilds, etc., rang no peals; three rang 1 peal; eleven rang 2—10;

two rang 11—20; six rang 21—30; five rang 31—40; three rang 41—50; five rang 51—60; one rang 61—70; five rang 71—80; one rang 81—90; two rang 91—100; two rang 101—110; four rang 111—120.

W. AYRE (Convener),
The Old School House,
Leverstock Green,
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
K. W. H. FELSTEAD
H. L. ROPER.

Mr. Walter Ayre, in moving the adoption of the report, made two corrections. In the Swansea and Brecon Guild there were five peals of Caters instead of five peals of Royal, and one peal of Triples rung for the Peterborough Guild was now transferred to Non-Association. In the meritorious performances he called attention to the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter and Mr. Peter Border's magnificent effort on the tenor. Also the first peal of Maximus outside Great Britain, at Melbourne. In the outstanding performances there should be recorded the seven peals of Surprise Major rung at Loughborough in seven different methods with seven different conductors.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Winchester and Portsmouth) seconded the adoption.

The committee was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

Central Council Sales Reach Record Figure

THE large increase in the sale of publications reported last year has been maintained and the income therefrom has now reached a record figure of over £400, reports the hon. librarian. This is mainly due to the continued increased demand for the "Beginners' Handbook" and for the very promising start with the sale of the "Collection of Surprise Methods," which became available early in the year.

The increase of postal rates during the year has naturally led to an increase in expenses, but this has been offset to a degree by the fact that there has been an increase in orders for larger quantities. It would be helpful if more could be done in this direction by Associations purchasing quantities of the more popular publications to sell to their members at their meetings, and so ease the burden of distribution.

We tender our thanks to the donors for the following additions to the library: "Bell-ringing in the Schools of Today" by Michael King; "Bells and Their Use as a Means of Christian Education" by W. R. Denton; copies of "Spliced Triples" per Mr. J. Segar; copies of "Irish Bell News" per Mr. F. E. Dukes.

In conclusion I have to report the sad news that Mr. R. F. B. Speed intimates that he would like me to arrange for someone else to take over the sales section of the library. Due to increased business and family commitments and the continuing increase in sale of publications, Mr. Speed finds that he cannot spare the time demanded by the work involved. We shall be sorry to lose the valuable help Mr. and Mrs. Speed have given for the benefit of the Exercise during the past eight years and no words of mine can adequately express our thanks to them. We are indeed most grateful for the enormous amount of work they have done for us.

FRANK W. PERRENS,
Hon. Librarian,
68, Warwick Avenue,
Coventry.

Mr. F. W. Perrens in moving the adoption of the report said he would like to emphasise the help given by the Association in purchasing quantities of publications for sale to their members.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded.
The President: May I very warmly, in the name of all, underline the last paragraph of our very grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs.

Speed for their work in connection with the sale of publications.

Supporting the president, Mr. G. Dodds asked if some of the smaller publications which were out of print could be reprinted.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood asked, in regard to stocks purchased by the Association, were they on sale or return or was there payment in advance?

Mr. Perrens: I think I should mention cash. What I know of the finances of most Associations today, I am certain they could afford to take a reasonable number and pay for them.

Mr. H. L. Roper said he had had experience of hawking Central Council publications. Some did not go very well. Could he have an assurance that the librarian would take them back?

Mr. Perrens: We are only too willing to accommodate anyone who has a surplus that he cannot sell.

The report was then adopted.

SALES AND STOCK OF PUBLICATIONS for the year ended December 31st, 1965.

	Copies sold	Stock	Value at cost	£	s.	d.
Methods Sheets—						
D.N.C.B.M.	22	714	8	18	6	
Stedman	45	504	6	6	0	
Preservation of Bells	173	156	8	9	0	
Four-Way Minor Table	37	945	15	15	0	
Handbell Ringing	240	763	62	15	9	
Collection of Peals,						
Section III	22	100	2	10	0	
Doubles Methods	168	1230	61	10	0	
Model Rules	56	432	5	8	0	
Village Bells	16	2	1	3		
Card—"Care of Bells"	57	169	2	2	3	
Plain Major Methods	5	—	—	—	—	
"On Conducting"	208	797	47	6	5	
Handbook	104	479	41	18	3	
Electrical Switchgear						
Card	5	849	3	3	8	
Grandsire Caters	120	880	28	8	4	
Beginners' Handbook	3051	1923	71	6	2	
"Ringing for Service"	147	1988	54	9	2	
Stedman Compositions	71	717	50	0	6	
Minor Methods	249	961	161	3	4	
False Course Heads	52	237	16	18	7	
Recruiting Leaflet	520	1213	5	1	1	
Prayer Sheet	174	2826	14	14	4	
Surprise Methods	376	1124	97	3	7	

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Bellfounders will be Extremely Busy—

Foreshadows Towers and Belfries Committee

THE work of the Towers and Belfries Committee for 1965 again constitutes an all-time record. Advice on tower and bell restoration was given in a total of 118 churches, an increase of seven more than in 1964. Last year it was noted that the great increase in requests for advice was occasioned by the architects' reports in connection with the second cycle of inspections carried out under the Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure, and this year's work has increased for the same reason. On many occasions the convener has been hard pressed to deal with the day to day correspondence in connection with these requests and reports.

As in former years, this report is compiled from statistics sent to the convener by individual members; and of the 118 requests for advice 27 were dealt with by correspondence. Members of the committee visited 91 churches.

The churches where advice was sought may be analysed geographically thus: Bedfordshire 1, Berkshire 13, Buckinghamshire 11, Cambridgeshire 3, Cornwall 3, Derbyshire 2, Devonshire 13, Essex 2, Gloucestershire 2, Hampshire 1, Herefordshire 3, Hertfordshire 1, Kent 4, Lancashire 1, Lincolnshire 2, Middlesex 2, Norfolk 2, Northamptonshire 7, Oxfordshire 12, Shropshire 1, Somerset 15, Staffordshire 1, Surrey 4, Sussex 1, Warwickshire 2, Wiltshire 1, Worcestershire 1, Yorkshire 1.

Total for England 112. Australia 3, New Zealand 1, Southern Rhodesia 1, United States of America 1: 118.

It is impossible to comment in detail on individual towers in a report such as this and it should be remembered that each full report on bells, gear, tower and acoustics normally takes from six to eight typed pages. An analysis of the reports submitted reveals the following:

Thirteen parishes sought advice on augmentation, an increase of three above those in the previous year.

The number of towers seeking advice on the recasting of bells decreased to 14 in 1965.

Sixty-one churches sought advice on re-hanging or were advised by members of our committee to rehang completely their bells, an increase of eight above the previous year.

MAINTENANCE ESSENTIAL

The number of churches seeking advice on repair or maintenance increased to 82. An increase in this section of our work is always a matter of satisfaction, for if more routine maintenance were done many rings of bells would not deteriorate so rapidly. These inquiries have trebled during the past three years.

Inquiries regarding tower oscillation and requests for advice where extensive damage had been done to masonry increased to 42, 20 more than in 1964, and requests for advice on sound control increased to 43.

Somerset again headed the list of inquiries, with Berkshire and Devonshire second; but if one classifies the work done under the heading of Dioceses, Oxford takes first place with 36 requests for advice on bell restoration.

The committee met to consider in further detail the proposed new book on bell towers, bell hanging and maintenance of bells and gear. It was resolved to recommend that two books be printed: the first to deal with bell towers and bell hanging, and a separate book on bell maintenance. The convener regrets he has been unable during the past few months to devote as much time to this as he hoped, owing chiefly to his wife's serious illness, and to the tremendous volume of inquiries and correspondence regarding inspections and reports, 65 of which were dealt with by him. He has also given 23 lectures to members of diocesan, architectural and professional organisations, parochial church councils, youth organisations and in adult education colleges. It is evident that there is

growing interest in all matters connected with bells and ringing, and our bellfounders and bellhangers will be extremely busy in the coming years.

FREDERICK SHARPE, F.S.A., F.I.O.B.,
Convener,

Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

B. AUSTIN, A.R.I.B.A.,

A. J. FROST, A.R.I.B.A.,

F. E. COLLINS, M.I.Inst.E.,

J. FREEMAN,

H. J. SANGER,

REV. J. G. M. SCOTT, M.A.,

B. D. THRELFALL, M.A., A.M.I.C.E.,

J. WORTH.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

Mr. F. Sharpe (life member) said the committee was different from other committees in that its work was done by individuals which was afterwards analysed. The committee had been extremely active and he would like to give appreciation of his colleagues in the work they did. Mr. Barnett had pointed out they had run into some expense but that no committee had done more for less money than the Towers and Belfries Committee and that the expenditure referred to was for two years' committee meetings. The committee recommended that instead of one they produce two books. They had a sum of £500,

but as "The Restoration of Bells" was practically out of supply they should like it to contain a chapter from the main book.

Mr. J. Sanger (Bath and Wells) seconded and paid tribute to the tremendous amount of work Mr. Sharpe did for the committee. They had occasion to call him in for a difficult job in Somerset and they owed him a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Harold Rogers: I would like to endorse very wholeheartedly what Mr. Sanger has said. Most of you feel very distressed to hear that Mr. Sharpe's wife is seriously ill. We all know how she supported him while he was in the chair. I propose that we send her a message of goodwill from the meeting. (hear, hear).

Mr. R. F. B. Speed said there was going to be a new book on the preservation and repair of bells. The present book, revised three years ago, was to be reprinted.

Mr. Sharpe: How many copies are left?

Mr. Speed: About two dozen.

Mr. Sharpe: I think the committee will have to think of this in slightly different terms. It will be reprinted within two or three months.

The report was adopted and the present committee re-elected with the addition of Mr. Trevor Roderick, who was proposed by Mrs. D. King and seconded by Mr. R. F. Collins.

Biographies Committee Reports Many Deaths

DURING the 75 years of the Council's existence there has been a total of 862 elected members, representing 83 different Associations, Guilds or Societies.

The following members and past members have died during the year: G. C. Woodlev, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1932-1947 (attended four meetings); J. R. Newman, Worcester Association, 1909-1914 (four meetings); F. C. W. Knight, Royal Cumberland Youths, 1948-1950 (two meetings); G. H. Cross, St. Clement's Youths, 1929-1934; Royal Cumberland Youths, 1935-1959 (13 meetings); Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Ladies' Guild, 1915-1952, life member 1953 (41 meetings); W. H. Southard, Truro Guild, 1927-1932 (four meetings); E. C. Gobey, Midland Counties Association, 1912-1914, 1933-1935 (six meetings); J. T. Dyke, Bath and Wells Association, 1927-1953, honorary member 1954-1961 (18 meetings); C. Harrison, Midland Counties Association, 1945 (did not attend); T. Metcalfe, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, 1913-1936 (one meeting); A. Paddon Smith, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, 1921-1953 (15 meetings); P. Crook, Lancashire Association, 1927-1929, 1939-1950, 1957-1962 (12 meetings); S. H. Symonds, Suffolk Guild, 1929-1945 (three meetings).

Another past member whose death has not previously been reported was: Canon J. D. Pearson, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1946-1947, died 1962 (did not attend).

It would not be inappropriate to mention here that this year is the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Percival Hewwood, the founder and first President of this Council.

G. H. Cross was a competent ringer and conductor on tower- and handbells and exercised much influence in Norwich and London. He also composed many peals.

J. T. Dyke was a ringer of knowledge and character and through his example and standard of performance assisted many others to strive for perfection. He was elected a life member of the Council after serving on the Standing and "Ringing World" Committees and helping in the publication of the first "Beginners' Handbook."

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher was an outstanding ringer, conductor and administrator. Her ringing achievements, both on tower bells and handbells, are unique and at the age of 20 she formed the Ladies' Guild. Her connection with this Council began in 1915, and in

1953 she was made a life member after serving for many years on the Records, Peals Collection and Editorial Committees. In addition, Mrs. Fletcher greatly assisted her husband in carrying out the duties of honorary secretary and treasurer of the Council over a period of 21 years.

A. Paddon Smith was a noted ringer in Birmingham. He had held offices of secretary and Master of the St. Martin's Guild and, after years of public service, was, in 1951, elected Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

The committee have adopted a different method for the distribution of Biography sheets to new members. This method, we hope, will ensure an earlier return of the filled in sheets and so enable all biographical records to be kept more up to date. Also, a fresh approach will be made to recover some backlog but, in the meantime, the following are a few names, with Association and date of Council membership, about whom the committee has not got enough information to prepare a biographical sheet. Any assistance would be appreciated: H. J. Bradley, Royal Cumberland Youths, 1920; T. Collinson, Birmingham, 1898; G. Hitchman, Birmingham, 1897; F. T. Snence, Chester, 1900; W. Stainthorpe, Yorkshire, 1900; C. G. B. Wolleston, Devonshire, 1902.

T. J. LOCK (Convener),

57, Holloways Lane,

North Myms,

Hatfield, Herts.

W. PARROTT,

W. H. VIGGERS,

J. WILLIS.

The report was proposed by Mr. T. J. Lock (Middlesex Association) and seconded by Mr. W. Viggers (Guildford Guild). Mr. Viggers said apart from Mr. Hewitt all the sheets were up to date. He had been a member of the committee for 19 years and during that time things had been sorted out and the pattern of presentation changed. They were now concerned that the photographs should be up to date. That of Mrs. Fletcher was very old.

The hon. secretary said the names of Mr. P. Crook and Mr. S. H. Symonds should not appear in this report but in next year's.

After the adoption of the report the committee was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

Comprehensive Survey by Overseas Ringing Committee

ONE of the things that started off the idea of the Overseas Report was the increase in the amount of travelling undertaken by ringers abroad on business, holiday or as emigrants; likewise Commonwealth and American friends visiting our shores. As well as this, a faint hope (as it was in 1959!) that one day perhaps another "Great Adventure" might take place either to Australasia or the Americas.

Nineteen-sixty-five saw such a tour and what excellent reading it made. Previous reports have dealt fully with bells, etc.: we feel these should now be well known. "Dove's Guide" is now as up to date as present information will allow and we are happy to state many intending travellers abroad requiring details of towers contact us for the necessary addresses. We welcome this and have a quite thick file at the Exercise's disposal.

We commence our report by once again conveying to ringers in Britain—greetings from fellow ringers around the world.

AUSTRALIA

The highlight of course was the tremendously successful Great Adventure II led by Tom Lock towards the end of the year. It will go down, as did the 1934 visit, as one of the most memorable occasions in ringing history. Full details were published in "The Ringing World."

Consequently A.N.Z.A.B. ringing received a great boost and this has been reflected in their later performances. Eighteen peals were rung in Australia in 1965 as follows: Minor, two to seven methods 5, Grandsire Triples 2, Bon Major 3, D.N.C.B. Major 1, Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 2, Lincolnshire 2, Plain Bob Royal 2 and Kent Maximus 1. An outstanding local effort was the peal of Lincolnshire Major conducted by W. D. Watson. There were 99 quarters in a variety of methods including several of Surprise, Sydney and Adelaide setting the pace.

Paid-up members total 119, and whether one visits Perth, Hobart or one of the larger cities there is increasing evidence of keenness in the art. The A.N.Z.A.B. Annual Festival was held in Melbourne in June and this event does much to bring these far distant towers together. Restoration and new work continues. Apart from the very fine new ten at St. Andrew's, Sydney, work is now in progress on the octave of St. Peter's, Ballarat. Bendigo and Melbourne Cathedral are now enjoying renovated rings, Parramatta are hoping to augment their six to eight, and several other towers are earmarked for attention.

All in all, a very successful year with results that do credit to the country. In April the A.N.Z.A.B. Central Council representative, P. M. J. Grav, "visited his constituents" and spent a thoroughly enjoyable tour of a good number of ringing centres. Finally a word about "Ringing Towers." This really is a splendid publication and we recommend it to British ringers generally. The magazine needs support and at 5s. per annum it's money for new ropes!

NEW ZEALAND

There are 14 members at Christchurch and eight at Hamilton. Last year two quarters and a peal of Triples were scored at Christchurch and the tourists rounded this off with a peal of Bob Royal.

Christchurch were also able to visit Hamilton in the North Island and record a quarter peal. Ringing also continues at Papanui.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Grahamstown.—The worn hearings of the tenor and the cracked gudgeon of the sixth have been repaired and Sunday afternoon ringing is maintained. Rope replacement is now imperative.

Woodstock.—A Doubles band exists although activities are much quieter than of recent years. Visitors included the Rev. and Mrs. Godley from Dorset.

Cape Town Cathedral's ten still await their new tower.

Durban, St. Mary's.—The bells are in good order and Cyril Chambers works hard to maintain ringing here. **St. Paul's, Durban,** band has twelve members and activities here have attracted newspaper publicity. Practice night is Wednesday and the bells are rung every Sunday evening.

RHODESIA

At Salisbury the Blagroves continue to maintain a high level! A peal of Bob Major was a very fine achievement and six quarters are also recorded. The band is fifteen strong and visitors are fairly frequent. It is hoped that Frank Blagrove will visit Bath at Whitsun.

Que Que, under Harry Earl, have a weekly practice and several beginners. These two towers (a ten and a four) form the Central African Provincial Guild, covering 485,000 square miles!

KENYA

Kilifi.—Frank Blagrove during his visit to this distant tower found an all-African band ringing call changes from cards.

U.S.A.

Groton.—A good year for the Groton schoolboys. Membership stands at 14 in the Guild taught by Russell Young and Warren Motley. Three quarters and several long touches of Stedman Triples are noted together with the Great Adventure peal of Double Norwich with Motley on the treble. Groton are hoping to visit Kent School during 1966 and England again in 1967.

Washington.—Fred Price's mass tuition programme continued on in 1965 and we can only hope that ringing will be maintained at this glorious Cathedral. There is certainly abundant keenness here. The bells were rung for the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and on several other notable occasions.

Kent.—Kent School are progressing well, benefiting from the occasional visitor and looking forward to a ringers' gathering with Groton.

Chicago.—Some interesting news from the Mitchell Tower on the Chicago University Campus. Mr. D. Morgan, from Witney, Oxon, paid two visits there and some definite moves are being made to teach a band within the University. The bells are a fine White-chapel ten and come under the care of Mr. D. A. Robins, the carillonneur. A course of Cambridge Surprise Royal was discovered in the belfry!

CANADA

Vancouver.—There are 14 ringers at Holy Rosary Cathedral and these people have enjoyed several visitors this year. A trip was made to Mission City in April.

Victoria.—The Izard family maintain the ringing tradition at the Cathedral. Their band is 18 strong and there are always beginners on the go. Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Bob Major are regularly attempted. Practice night is Tuesday and ringing takes place every Sunday.

Mission City.—The Benedictines of Westminster Abbey under their Ringing Master, Father Dunstan Massey, O.S.B., have had a very good year. There are 20 ringers in the Monastery and high hopes of a quarter peal being recorded this year we hear.

Quebec.—A. J. M. Collins, in Ottawa, has gleaned some useful news from Holy Trinity Cathedral. David Bulleid is in charge here, and St. Matthew's, Quebec, have been kept going as well. As Tony Collins says, "We now have proof that all the six towers in Canada are in working order." (Intending tour organisers please note!) The bells were rung half-muffled for the Cathedral Churchill Memorial Service and by all accounts sounded very impressive.

Calgary.—Our circular to Calgary somehow went astray but the reports in "The Ringing World" give ample evidence that there's plenty of enthusiasm here. Inter-province trips have helped Canadian ringing considerably.

INDIA

Poona.—All we are waiting for is for some understanding company to send a representative to India! The Cathedral of the Holy Name has a fine eight but all the news we have is of W. C. West's visit there during the first world war.

This concludes our survey for 1965. Sincere thanks to all our faithful ambassadors in the Overseas "Ringing World."

GEORGE W. PIPE (Convener),
A. VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Mr. G. W. Pipe moved the adoption of the report. He gave a very hearty welcome home to Mr. Frank Blagrove. He was pleased to report that as a tribute to their Australian friends eight members of A.N.Z.A.B. had rung a peal of Crewkerne this Whitsun. He also congratulated Mr. Rick Dirksen of Washington Cathedral on ringing his first peal.

Mr. A. V. Sheppard (Sussex County Association) seconded.

With the Council's permission, Mr. F. T. Blagrove gave an interesting review of conditions in Africa. Starting at Capetown, he said there were eight bells at Woodstock and six of the ringers were from England. They were capable of ringing Triples and Major. At the Cathedral, Capetown, there was a ring of ten (tenor 24 cwt.) awaiting the erection of the tower. It was hoped the bells would be ringing by Christmas next year.

Some 500 or 600 miles along the coast at Grahamstown there was a ring of eight by Warner's dated 1879. They were well-nigh unringable. Another 500 miles away, at Durban, there were two rings of bells supplied by Taylor's. At St. Paul's there was a ring of eight, where Cyril Chambers was in charge, and at St. Mary's there was a ring of ten but not a change ringing hand. The bells were all dedicated to war leaders and one to Edith Cavell.

Another 1,000 miles away was Salisbury Cathedral, where the bells were installed in 1960 and there was a 24 cwt. tenor. No English bell ringers lived in the town but there were two outside—one 15 miles away and the other 70. Generally speaking they managed to get up to Plain Bob Triples. At Que Que there was a ring of four. It would cost them £600 to augment to six. They had adopted the title of Rhodesian Guild. At Kilifi, East Africa, there was a ring of six.

The report was adopted and Messrs. G. W. Pipe and A. V. Sheppard were re-elected.

A GIFT FROM MELBOURNE

Mr. T. J. Lock, leader of Great Adventure II, said he had been asked to offer to the Council a gift from the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, a finely-produced book about Australia entitled "Australia—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." He expressed the hope that the Council would keep the book in its library.

There was an illuminated address which read: "Presented to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers by St. Paul's Society of Bell Ringers, Melbourne, Australia, as a token of our appreciation for the visit of a team of English bellringers during September, 1965, on the tour known as Great Adventure II. May the friendship and enthusiasm created by this visit endure, and may the future bring many more Great Adventures to us both."

The president, in accepting the gift, said he was sure they would wish him to congratulate Mr. Lock and all concerned on the success of Great Adventure II. It was a very delightful gift and he hoped that their secretary would express their grateful thanks for that lovely gift and the great kindness that had been shown to their ringers in Australia.

Report of the Records Committee

TOWER BELLS

- January
 2 5040 Regina Bob Roy., Oxford D.G.
 9 5152 Finedon S.M., Peterborough.
 21 5120 Shepperton S.M., Middlesex.
 22 5120 Filton S.M., Gloucester and Bristol
 25 5024 Quantock S.M., Lincoln.
 30 5120 Mauretania S.M., Gloucester and B
 February
 6 5040 Ebury Court Bob Roy., Oxford D.G.
 8 5088 Xingu S.M., Lincoln.
 15 5120 Uffington S.M., Lincoln.
 20 5040 Fulham S. Roy., Middlesex.
 20 5024 Deddington S.M., Oxford D.G.
 March
 6 5056 Eccleston S.M., Kent.
 23 5152 Griffin S.M., Gloucester and Bristol
 27 5024 Douai S.M., Oxford D.G.
 April
 18 5152 Debenham S.M., Suffolk.
 22 5152 Ditchat S.M., Middlesex.
 May
 15 5056 Chelsfield S.M., Oxford U.S.
 20 5024 Uppingham S.M., Middlesex.
 29 5040 Ashbourne Col Bob Roy., Win-
 chester and Portsmouth.
 June
 10 5024 Sprothorough S.M., Middlesex.
 24 5024 Alford S.M., Middlesex.
 26 5184 Kippen S.M., Oxford D.G.
 July
 4 5088 Chorley S.M., Lancashire.
 8 5120 Wyrardisbury S.M., Middlesex.
 10 5000 Primrose S. Roy., Chester.
 10 5040 Upton Court Bob Roy., Oxford D.G.
 10 5088 Henley S.M., Peterborough.
 27 5056 Lustania S.M., Midland Counties.
 August
 6 5120 Skelton S.M., Yorkshire.
 September
 10 5056 Finborough S.M., Suffolk.
 12 5088 Highclere S.M., Winchester and P
 18 5280 Selwood S.M., Lancashire.
 18 5088 Richmond Bob Maj (first in the
 method on tower bells), Surrey.
 18 5056 Hernhill Imp. Maj., Kent.
 November
 4 5170 Thurston S.M., Middlesex.
 13 5024 Icknield Court Bob Maj., Oxford.
 18 5088 Marsham S.M., Middlesex.
 December
 4 5024 Bloxham S.M., Oxford D.G.
 12 5039 Winchester Bob Caters, Essex.
 13 5152 Nantwich S.M., Lincoln.
 16 5120 Brentham S.M., Middlesex.
 23 5184 Kirkeate Bob Maj., Yorkshire.
 30 5060 Hunslet Bob Cinques, Yorkshire.

SPLICED

- Jan. 2 5024 10 Spliced S.M. (all the work),
 Kent.
 23 5040 42 Spliced S.Roy., Yorkshire.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

- May 15 16368 Cambridge Surprise Maximus,
 St. Martin's.
 June 3 5568 Londinium Surprise Maximus,
 St. Martin's.
 Dec. 18 17248 Yorkshire S.M., Lancashire

HANDBELLS

- Feb. 10 5280 6-Spliced Surprise Major (all
 the work), Hertford.
 Aug. 20 5120 23-Spliced S.M., Middlesex.

The above is the report of the Records Committee, being the first peals in the method and progressive performances which have been published in "The Ringing World" of 1965

J. R. MAYNE (Convener pro tem.),
 170, Headstone Lane,
 Harrow, Middlesex.
 F. T. BLAGROVE,
 L. K. MARSHALL.

Mr. F T Blagrove, in moving the adoption of the report, said Mrs. Marshall was not standing. The librarian had referred to the work of Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Fletcher in looking after the papers of the committee. Mrs. Fletcher had suggested a binder and he moved that a binder be provided as a memorial to her.

Mr. E. K. Lewis seconded.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the report of the committee be adopted, that Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and C. A. Wratten be elected to the committee and that a binder should be provided as a memorial to Mrs. Fletcher. Also that the Council expresses its sincere thanks to Mr. John Mayne and Mrs. Marshall.—This was agreed to.

Mr. Beresford proposed that Dr. S. E. Sibson (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) be elected to the committee and this was agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEE

There were 15 nominations for the Standing Committee and the following 12 were elected: Mrs. Barnett, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, W. B. Cartwright, W. G. Wilson, J. F. Smallwood, F. E. Dukes, P. A. Corby, J. Bray, R. F. B. Speed, W. F. Moreton and H. J. Sanger.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The president said that next year Whit Tuesday would be on May 16th and the Bank Holiday on Monday, 29th. Would it be the wish of the Council to meet on May 30th? They would like to know the views of the secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild (The meeting will be in Nottingham.)

Mr. W. L. Exton replied that ringing in the city of Nottingham would be restricted unless it was on a bank holiday.

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved that the meeting be held on Tuesday, May 30th, and this was agreed to by a substantial majority.

1968 MEETING

Two invitations were received for the 1968 meeting—from the Surrey Association for Croydon and the Worcestershire and Districts Association for Worcester. The Council, after listening to speeches from Messrs. W. Parrott (Surrey) and D. Beacham (Worcester) decided by a substantial majority to accept Worcester.

The Council then adjourned for the civic reception given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Bath. Their Worships were thanked by the president.

The thanks was expressed by warm applause. Mr. Lewis (Hereford Guild) asked if the Council would publish a Doubles book giving details of Plain methods and variations.

Mr. C. K. Lewis replied that whether the Council would spend money on a book which was contrary to its Decisions was doubtful: it would be extremely dangerous. He would like to discuss it with his committee before expressing an opinion.

VOTE OF THANKS

The president expressed the thanks of the Council to many new friends. They were exceedingly grateful to the Mayor of Bath and the city of Bath for the use of that hall, and also to the Rt. Rev E. J. Wilson, who celebrated Holy Communion and gave them such a happy welcome. They must also thank the Master (the Rev. H. F. Warren) for his welcome, and the Rector of Bath Abbey (Preb. G. Lester). They were also grateful to the Bath and Wells Association, particularly Mr. G. Salmon and Mr. Eric Naylor for all the local arrangements, and to clergy and steeplekeepers for the use of bells which were enormously appreciated.

Finally the president thanked the various retiring members for the valuable work they had done, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

Mr. R. S. Anderson thanked Canon Thurlow for presiding, and the meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.

EALING, MIDDY.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Fulwell 1, M. Sprackling 2, Susan Davis 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, R. Mitchell 5, P. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. Porter 8. For morning service.

ELY, CAMBS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sandham (first of Minor) 1, J. W. Pickett 2, R. P. Turnill 3, F. W. Talbot 4, D. F. Murrell 5, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day and Confirmation service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Cyril A. Wratten informs us that his "A Collection of Surprise Compositions" (price 5s.) is nearly exhausted.

For his 25th wedding anniversary Mr. Dennis Jones rang his 25th peal at Christ Church, Southport, on May 26th.

The peal at Backwell, Somerset, on May 28th, was the 125th of Surprise Major by Michael J. Hobbs.

Dublin ringers took advantage of the heat-wave on Whit Monday to travel to Arklow for an enjoyable ring on bells made famous by Washbrook.

Mr. J. Hedgecock, Ringing Master at St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens, Lancs, has been accepted for a three-year teacher-training course at Christ Church College, Canterbury, in September.

The ringers of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Rothwell, Yorkshire, on June 4th, would like associated with the peal the name of Mr. Percy Massam, tower captain at Rothwell, whose birthday it was on this day.

A survey of Herefordshire church bells by Mr. Frederick Sharpe shows that the oldest bell in the county is at Brockhampton. It was cast in the 13th century. Herefordshire has more mediaeval bells than any other county in Great Britain.

After a peal of Wickhambreaux on May 28th the band congratulated Mr. Sidney Walter, now in his 84th year, on his fine performance throughout the peal. Mr. Walter, who lives at Wickhambreaux, has been a member of the Kent County Association since 1902.

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PEAL HARVEST AT BATH

Only one peal was lost during the Central Council's visit to Bath out of 17 attempted within the Association's area. Successes were:—

Saturday: Backwell, Long Ashton, Portishead.

Monday: Crewkerne, Curry Rivel, Drayton, Frome, Martock, Minehead, Shepton Mallet, Timberscombe, Yeovil.

Tuesday: Charlton Horethorne.

Wednesday: East Coker, Mark.

Friday: Everecreech.

The only peal lost was at Barrow Gurney on Monday and the band consisted of folk mainly from Birmingham!

KNOWLE PARISH CHURCH

The Rev. A. A. Upton, of The Parsonage, Empshott Road, Southsea, has published privately a book on Knowle Parish Church, Warwickshire, entitled "Knowle Collegiate Church." A chapter is included giving the history of bellringing in Knowle, and a list of all peals rung in the tower with relevant details. Rules and regulations of the Knowle Church Bell Ringers' Society are also published. The book is being sold by Mr. Upton for two guineas, plus postage and packing, and the author suggests that ringers should approach their local libraries to secure one on loan.

BUFFALOES' PEAL ATTEMPTS

Mr. J. H. Taylor, of Sutterton, Boston, Lines, writes expressing pleasure at the steps taken by Mr. Stote and Mr. Theobald to arrange a peal to commemorate the centenary year of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. He does not think a peal has ever been rung by the brethren and expresses the hope that there are sufficient brethren in Lincolnshire to ring a peal of Doubles, Minor or Triples.

KENT ASSOCIATION RINGING SCHOOL

On May 14th the Lewisham, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts of the K.C.A.C.R. joined forces to provide a one-day school at Frindsbury. The day commenced with prayers in church, which were followed by a talk on raising and maintaining a band, given by Mr. Alexander Waddington. Elementary change ringing was covered, partly in the belfry and partly in the nearby hall by Mr. Frank Darby. Mr. Ian Oram and Mr. Stanley Jenner gave lectures on conducting, followed by practical application in the tower. Bell control and ringing rounds were subjects dealt with by Mr. Walter Dobbie. At the end of the afternoon all enjoyed a talk on belfry maintenance and sound control, given by Mr. William Hughes.

Tea was served in the hall by members of the local band and lady helpers. Following the meal, the thanks of all were expressed by Mr. Terence Barton to the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, to Frindsbury ringers for the local arrangements, to the sub-committee for the organisation, to the lecturers, and to all concerned in providing the meal.

During the evening many of the people attending the course joined in a practice at Rochester Cathedral. W. H. D.

YOUNGEST VICE-PRESIDENT OF YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION



The youngest vice-president of the Yorkshire Association is Mr. Michael R. Meadows, of Wentworth, who is only 23 years of age. He was elected on Whit Saturday at the annual general meeting of the Southern District to succeed Mr. Norman Chaddock. Mr. Meadows has been a ringer for about nine years and has been captain of the Wentworth ringers since 1960. He has rung about 40 peals and more than 100 quarter peals. From 1962-65 he was a member of Sheffield University Society, being its secretary for part of this time.

Other elections at the meeting, which was held at Doncaster, were J. Seager to General Committee, Yorkshire Association; Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, Assistant Ringing Master.

A bus is to be hired to take members from Sheffield, Doncaster and Rotherham to the Association's dinner at Catterick in October. Reservations before the end of June to the secretary (with a s.a.e.).

Next meeting in Hemsworth area, joint with Barnsley and District Society.

YOUNGEST RINGING MASTER IN OXFORD GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Eynsham, Mr. James F. List, of Northleigh, who is 17 years of age, was elected Ringing Master. He is thought to be the youngest Master in the Guild.

Other officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. P. E. Wilkins; deputy chairman, Mr. D. Smith; secretary, Mr. E. D. Patching; treasurer, Mr. A. Cantwell; Guild representatives, Messrs. P. Pearce, G. Holden and A. Cantwell.

Reports from towers shows that Woolton, now under Tom Venn, have a Sunday service change ringing team and have rung their first quarter. Efforts are being made to raise the money for rehanging Black Bourton bells, which have been unringable for years.

Canon C. E. Wigg and his wife attended the meeting, and wives and friends of local ringers provided a tasteful tea for 54.

Branch outing, July 9th, Loughborough Foundry.

"ODD-STRUCK"—TYNESIDE JUNIORS' MAGAZINE

St. George's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, Newcastle, had a sell-out of their first number of "Odd-Struck." Four more pages are added to this issue and the price increased to 6d. Andrew Craddock and Geoff White are joint editors of this number.

The issue is brimful of adolescent humour (the Editorial Committee might like to read it to ascertain what appeals to young readers). Here are examples: Belfry—steelmeal; Change Ringing—Rounds at St. John's; Double Bob—Conductor with a stutter; Single Court—One girl friend.

Another extract, from "So you want to ring bells":

Bellringing's not so easy when
It comes to Stedman Cinques.
I think you know, if I were you,
I'd stick to tiddlywinks.

A long handbell peal of 13,440 Plain Bob Major is to be attempted by St. George's Guild towards the end of July.

KEELE HAVE A GOOD FIRST YEAR

The retiring Master (Mr. Philip C. Kimber) reported at the annual general meeting of the University of Keele Society on May 11th a successful first year. Two peals and three quarters had been rung; two members had scored their first quarters, one her first peal and one his first quarter as conductor. Officers elected for the 1966-67 session were: Master, Anthony P. White; secretary/treasurer, Philip W. Gay.

SALISBURY BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

Martin Church was the venue for the annual striking competition of the Salisbury Branch on May 21st. The light ring of six was put to good use before the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. G. Baverstock. Over 40 ringers sat down to tea, kindly arranged by the local band.

The competition took place after tea, the result being: 1 Fittleton (Grandsire), 2 Wilton (Grandsire), 3 Enford (Grandsire), 4 St. Thomas', Sarum (Grandsire), 5 Martin (Grandsire), 6 Broadchalke (call changes). The judges, Messrs. J. Hartless, R. Marlow and L. Cobb, made some helpful remarks about each team's efforts. Thanks were expressed to the judges for their services by Mr. H. A. Roles (Branch chairman). G. A. T.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its annual cup contest on June 4th at Barlborough, near Chesterfield. Three teams came under the scrutiny of the judge, Mr. H. Chant, and his marker, Mr. S. Pilkington. Wentworth rang first (Oxford T.B.), followed by Warsop (Oxford T.B.) and a team from Sheffield University (Cambridge Surprise). Warsop were the winners and thus retain the cup for another year, the University team second, and Wentworth third. The Rector presented the cup to Miss Iris Cooke, of the winning team.

General ringing to a wide variety of methods took place in the evening. A. K.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. 7
Wilfred Williams 2	David P. Hilling 8
Tudor Edwards 3	George E. Thoday 9
William A. Theobald .. 4	Cecil W. Pipe 10
John H. Fielden 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry 11
Antony R. Kench 6	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Jennifer K. Murphy .. Treble	Thomas J. Lock 5
Diana M. Pipe 2	A. Patrick Cannon 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Philip M. J. Gray 7
Ronald K. Russ 4	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Arranged as a tribute to Australian and New Zealand ringers and with the band's good wishes to Monica Collins and John Martin, of Woking, due to be married in Australia on June 4th, 1966.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Enid Lawson Treble	Frank B. Lufkin 6
*Ann Lawson 2	Kenneth Lawson 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	George E. Feirn 8
G. William Critchley .. 4	Norman V. Harding .. 9
Jack L. Millhouse 5	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

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

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 or 23 lb. in C.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Doris E. Colgate 6
Ann Jenner 2	Trevor A. Cross 7
Judith M. Corby 3	Stanley Jenner 8
Andrew J. Corby 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. 9
Ian H. Oram 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung on the 30th anniversary of the conductor's first peal at Cudham, Kent, on May 30th, 1936.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., June 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Walter Ayre Treble	Edgar C. Shepherd 6
Eric Naylor 2	S. Arthur Read 7
Trevor A. Cross 3	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 8
William A. Theobald .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
Ronald G. Beck 5	H. William Barrett Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd, (No. 5).
Rung as a welcome to H.M. the Queen, who visited the Bath and West Show on this day. Tenor 21 cwt.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 17 methods, comprising 384 changes each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindrum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 320 of Bristol and 192 each of Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 140 changes of method. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Ivor Goulter Treble	*Michael J. Hobbs 5
*Jennifer M. Taylor .. 2	*Bruce Wakefield 6
*Diane M. Chapman .. 3	Cyril A. Wratten 7
*Anthony R. Peake 4	*Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Major in 17 methods. † First peal of Spliced away from treble. ‡ 25th peal together. § 100th peal together.

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30½ cwt.

Johnson's Variation.	Eric Naylor 5
Arthur G. Mason Treble	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Shelagh R. Collins 2	Joe E. G. Roast 7
Walter Ayre 3	Norman Harding Tenor
Cecil W. Pipe 4	

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Fiftieth peal on the bells.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F

Thomas Cullingworth .. Treble	Kenneth Lawson 5
*Ann Lawson 2	Tony Lewis 6
*Enid Lawson 3	Ian H. Oram 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Eric N. Harrison 5
George E. Fearn Treble	Michael J. Fellows 6
Ruth M. Foreman 2	David J. Purnell 7
Ronald G. Beck 3	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor
Philip H. D. Jones 4	

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

250th peal as conductor.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Andrew J. Corby 5
Joe E. G. Roast 2	John G. Gipson 6
Donald F. Murfet 3	Peter Adcock 7
Tony Lewis 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

SHEPTON MALLET, Som.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	John C. Slater 5
Stephen Ivins 2	James R. Taylor 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	David P. Hilling 7
Ronald J. Sharpe 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by D. Knox.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

TIMBERSCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Petrock.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Margaret Lawson Treble	Norman V. Harding 5
Peter A. Sharp 2	Kenneth Lawson 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Frank B. Lufkin 7
G. William Critchley .. 4	Jack L. Millhouse Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

CHARLTON HORETHORNE, Som.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Bridle Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	Rev. Roger O. Fry 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	John C. Slater 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

MARK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Wed., June 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Walter Ayre Treble	Jack L. Millhouse 5
Shelagh R. Collins 2	Peter A. Sharp 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	H. William Barrett 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., May 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Michael Stone Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 4
Ronald Short 2	H. E. George Jeanes .. 5
Fred Sandy 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung on the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. G. Jeanes.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., May 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Ebor Surprise and four Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.	
*J. S. B. Powell Treble	†Anthony K. Fertin 4
Julia A. Fellows 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
P. John Hall 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal, † 50th peal and 25th of Minor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of (1) Northumberland, (2) Sandiacre, (3) Alnwick, (4) Newcastle, (5) Munden, (6) Chester, (7) Carlisle.

David J. Midgley .. Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. 4
*Felicity T. Webber 3	Charles A. S. Webb .. 5
	Roy Worrall Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

BRERETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Fri., June 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eleven methods, being two extents of Fortune and four each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps.

John R. Scott Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	James S. Baker 3
	Gerald Parsons 4
	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*Kelth W. Eaton .. Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.
*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	A. Doreen Edwards .. 4
John E. Brough 3	*John R. Scott 5
	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.

* First peal in four Minor methods.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WEALD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Robert Bridges .. Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. in F
Sidney King 2	Derek Riley 4
John H. W. Smith .. 3	Stan Clark 5
	William H. Aley Tenor

Conducted by William H. Aley.

Rung as a birthday compliment and tribute to Harry King, a ringier at North Weald since 1905 and tower captain since 1943

Also to mark his retirement after 25 years as churchwarden.

ASSINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund K. and M.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*Eileen Gibbins .. Treble	Tenor 10½ cwt.
Rachel J. R. Orman .. 2	George N. Orman .. 4
Alan R. Andrews .. 3	Edward E. Davey .. 5
	Arthur G. Button .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 384 changes each of Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 of Bristol and 192 each of Ashtand, Cassobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method.

W. Bertram Kynaston .. Treble	Tenor 17½ cwt.
James R. Taylor 2	Michael J. Hobbs 5
*Diane M. Chapman .. 3	Edward R. Venn 6
Anthony R. Peake 4	Peter Bridle 7
	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Major in 20 methods.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Herbert E. Audsley .. Treble	Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.
Lucile M. Corby 2	Richard Hayes 6
*Hilary P. Hinde 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 4	D. Paul Smith 8
*†Judith M. Corby 5	Robert W. Hinde 9
	*†Philip A. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

Rung as a farewell to the Dean of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stannard.

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

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Bruce N. Butler .. Treble	Robert W. Hinde 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Judith M. Corby.

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

Ernest Bennett .. Treble	Dennis McCormick 6
John Ascroft 2	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Margaret Crossthwaite .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite 8
Margaret E. Fort 4	Alan Gardiner 9
*Christopher Watson .. 5	Roger Barnes Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal on ten.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.

On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Anne E. Bateson 2	Derek Butterworth 6
Bernard Moss 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
Cyril Crossthwaite 4	Richard J. Parker Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

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

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Malcolm A. Phillips .. 5
*Julie Lethbridge 2	David G. Wilford 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
David F. Moore 4	Richard S. Starkie Tenor

Composed by M. Bruce. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of Immanuel.

On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	Tudor P. Edwards 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Derek Butterworth 6
Jeffrey Kershaw 3	John H. Fielden 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., May 26, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, viz.: 2,540 Bristol, 1,600 London, 480 each Cambridge and Superlative, 126 changes of method.

*Kenneth Wilson .. Treble	Tenor 12 cwt.
Ronald Kenrick 2	*Eric Cook 5
*Norman Heaps 3	Thomas Hesketh 6
*Martin Snape 4	*Dennis Jones 7
	Joseph Ridyrd Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Joseph Ridyrd.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jones, also for the former's 25th peal.

ALMONDSBURY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat

*Allison M. Mann .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Geoffrey Cheetham 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	*John H. Fielden 7
J. Colin Ashworth .. 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 12 extents St. Simon and 10 each of St. Martin, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

*Pauline Moss .. Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.
*†James E. Dickinson .. 2	†David H. Garnett 3
	*Bernard Moss 4
	†Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First of Doubles without a cover. † First of Doubles. First peal on the bells (a ring of five by J. Taylor and Co.) since 1914.

Rung on the eve of the induction of the new Vicar, Canon R. F. Cookson.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.	
J. Martin Thorley Treble	Michael Stimpson 5
Beryl E. Cawser 2	Brian S. Chapman 6
*Alan Evans 3	B. Stedman Payne 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

MONKS KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.	
Malcolm E. Wade Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey 5
*Roger J. Starbuck 2	Samuel J. Haines 6
Martin Green 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Howard C. Palmer 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on eight bells "inside."

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

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR

Brian S. Chapman Treble	W. Ernest Rawson 5
Alfred Ballard 2	B. Stedman Payne 6
Christopher M. Sturgess 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 5th. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Marv.

On Thurs., June 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HARLESDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

*Claudia A. Critchley Treble	*Dennis Knox 5
*Joan Beresford 2	*G. William Critchley 6
Alick Cutler 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
*Ruth M. Foreman 4	*John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E	
*Caroline Stewart Treble	Charles A. S. Webb 5
Norman Sherratt 2	†Gerald Parsons 6
Harold Dowler 3	†Philip W. Gay 7
Raymond J. Ballard 4	Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Rutland.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 6
Shelagh R. Collins 2	Arthur Gibbs 7
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	Rev. Giles C. Galley .. 9
Norman V. Harding 5	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
Rung to convey the best wishes of the band to Monica E. Collins, of Adelaide (S. Australia), and John Martin, of Bendigo (Victoria), on their engagement. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.

On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.	
Albert Diserens Treble	Frank W. Lewis 7
Robert C. Kippin 2	Edward W. Colley 8
Frederick R. Scott 3	J. Keith Ward 9
Helen M. Diserens 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 10
John N. Diserens 5	Ronald F. Diserens 11
John Manley 6	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.	
Reginald W. Rex Treble	Frank W. Lewis 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	Tom Page 6
J. Keith Ward 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Geoffrey K. Dodd 4	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

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

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.	
Edward R. Venn Treble	John Manley 5
Peter J. Heritage 2	Sydney M. Bailey 6
Frederick R. Scott 3	Noel J. Diserens 7
Maurice G. Ingram 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.	
Edward R. Venn Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
Maurice G. Ingram 2	William Birmingham 6
Peter J. Heritage 3	Dennis Knox 7
Frederick R. Scott 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by D. R. Carlisle, et al. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.	
*Mary R. Coleman Treble	*Edward C. Buckby 6
*Jean Marlow 2	John G. Mitchell 7
Sheila J. Staley 3	*Kevan J. Chapman 8
*Eric J. Chapman 4	*Richard J. Cowley 9
*Philip Bosworth 5	Murray A. Coleman Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal of Royal.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Tenby, Pems.—At the Church of St. Florencius.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, three of Kent T.B. and one of Oxford T.B.	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
*Derek H. Walters Treble	Adrian C. Boorman 4
Philip C. Rogers 2	L. Henry Jenkins 5
Rev. Russen W. Thomas .. 3	John Hill Tenor

Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Adrian C. Boorman.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, Dorset.—At the Minster Church of St. Cuthberta.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
*Katherine J. Maundrell .. Treble	*Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 6
*Mary E. Elmes 2	*William T. Perrins .. 7
*Helen A. Hobbins 3	*John W. Blackwood .. 8
†Raymond Haines 4	Lewis F. Cobb 9
*John N. Longridge 5	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal.

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

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.	
Gillian M. Hussey Treble	Trevor A. Cross 5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	Philip Mehew 6
James R. Taylor 3	D. John Hunt 7
Roger Baldwin 4	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROAD HINTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 27 methods/variations, viz.: Two extents each of Stedman Slow Course, Union Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, St. John, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, one extent each of All Saints, Rushall, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, April Day, Seighford, Old Bob Norfolk, Kennington, Dedworth, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and five extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Janet P. Pink	Treble	K. Barry Osborne	4
Pamela A. Osborne .. .	2	Derrick P. Bailey	5
Colin C. Hillier	3	Paul A. Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal, first attempt. Most methods to a peal by all the band. All Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's, Devizes.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version	Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D
Derek Yates	Treble
Frank Osbaldiston .. .	2
Basil Jones	3
Harold C. Lonyon .. .	4
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .	5
	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

OLD HILL, Worcestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents of Plain Bob
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E

Joseph William Cotton ..	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	6
Richard B. Dorrington ..	2	Gordon H. Lane	5
Cyril Taberner	3	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5120 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

D. Mary Beresford .. .	Treble	*Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. .	5
Joan Beresford	2	*Joe E. G. Roast	6
*Ian R. Panton	3	*Dennis A. S. Symonds .. .	7
Peter J. Eves	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Glasgow Surprise Major.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version Tenor 23 cwt. approx

John Walden	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	6
*Harry Poyner	2	*Harold Gibson	7
*Beryl N. Reed	3	*James A. D. Woolford .. .	8
A. Robin Heppenstall ..	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
John Freeman	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John Freeman.

* First peal of London Royal First in the method on the bells.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., May 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods/variations, viz.: Two extents Grandsire and five extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford and April Day.

Tenor 12 cwt

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	David Oliver	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison .. .	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Albert Foster	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

A birthday peal.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A

Grace Burchnall	Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft .. .	4
Katherine Burchnall .. .	2	*David R. Chambers .. .	5
Eleanor Rose	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* First peal in three methods.

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

On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven independent 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Keith Hilton	Treble	Doreen Metcalfe	4
Harold Denman	2	†S. Geoffrey Pick	5
Mary C. Poyner	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal. † First 'inside'.

Rung by members of the N Notts District to celebrate the birth of James Stephen Woods, whose mother, Mary, is the treble ringer's sister and was a ringer at this church prior to her marriage.

BARTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

*Arthur Newell	Treble	Reginald Stretton	4
Neil Handley	2	Graham Fisher	5
*Roy Whitworth	3	David Oliver	Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.

* First peal of Minor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., June 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in A flat.

*John W. Carter	Treble	†J. Ian Margets	4
Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .	2	Ralph W. Bickers	5
†Thomas J. Brock	3	*Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

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

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. L. Ludbrook, a ringer at Kelsale for 48 years.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12½ lb. in F.

Derek Slater	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5
Olive D. Tester	2	W. Arthur Riddington .. .	6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. .	3	Colin A. Tester	7
John A. Howard	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Valerie J. Howard .. .	Treble	Colin A. Tester	5
George Francis	2	*W. Arthur Riddington .. .	6
*Martin L. Howe	3	Christopher T. Osenton ..	7
John A. Howard	4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. .	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 50th peal together.

HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's twelve-part (6th obs.). Tenor 15 cwt.

Janet M. Percy	Treble	Frederick J. Lambert .. .	5
*Rosemary Earl	2	Betty Percy	6
Christine M. Baldock .. .	3	†Alan R. Baldock	7
Kathleen A. Rivett .. .	4	Robert W. R. Percy .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Triples. † 50th for the Association. First in the method on the new bells.

Rung as part of the celebrations for the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LAUNCESTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Alan Carveth	Treble	Rev. A. S. Roberts	5
Frances M. Rickard .. .	2	Derek A. Trethewey .. .	6
Graham F. Dunstan .. .	3	Anthony J. Davidson .. .	7
Anthony Locke	4	Wilfred C. Boucher .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Wroth, of Launceston, a ringer at this tower for 60 years. Also with the best wishes of the band to Frances M. Rickard on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., June 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 110 lb.

Margaret Lawson Treble	Norman J. Goodman .. 5
*Ann Lawson 2	Roderick W. Pipe .. 6
Kenneth Lawson 3	Clifford A. Barron .. 7
*Enid Lawson 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

David Nichols Treble	Herbert O. Chaddock .. 6
Patricia Rogers 2	John S. Seager 7
Neil Donovan 3	Rodney H. French 8
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 4	Richard E. Price 9
Richard J. Tibbetts .. 5	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Patricia Lockwood Treble	*Alan Newbould 5
Valerie M. Massam 2	*Guy Cox 6
Christopher A. Moxon .. 3	Ian North 7
Irvin Slack 4	Robin Brown Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal.

(Leeds and District Society.)

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

On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent and Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Patricia Lockwood Treble	*Alan Clifton 4
David S. Lockwood .. 2	Ian North 5
Eric Robinson 3	Irvin Slack Tenor

Conducted by Irvin Slack.
* First peal attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall 1-2	*Christine C. McNair .. 5-6
Robert B. Smith (cond.) .. 3-4	Frederick Shallcross .. 7-8
Neil Bennett 9-10	

Composed by York Green. ("Changing Ringing" p. 221.)

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In three methods, comprising 3,360 London (No. 3) and 840 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
John R. Mayne 3-4	Christopher W. Woolley .. 7-8
Gerald Penney 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

This is the first peal to be rung in three Surprise Royal methods on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

Rung as an engagement compliment to the conductor and Lesley-Anne King. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., June 3, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WINDSOR SINGLE BOB MINOR (II)

Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price 5-6	

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

First peal in the method by all and believed to be the first in the method for the Association

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,320 Bourne S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (first in method as cond.) 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace (first in method) 3, Carol Cousins (first in method "inside") 4, R. Rayfield (first in method) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Gaynor Wallace 1, Carol Cousins 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On May 1st, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): G. Wilcox 1, G. Edwards 2, K. Eaton 3, J. Scott (cond.) 4, L. Perry 5. First quarter in five methods by all. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Soper 1, F. Smith 2, S. Brook 3, Mrs. W. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. F. L. Freeman, who celebrated her 100th birthday this day.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foster 1, M. E. Hearnshaw 2, S. E. Davis 3, J. Arkwell 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, L. Udall (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. L. K. Usherwood, Vicar of Edale, formerly lay reader and Sunday school teacher at Baslow.

BENTWORTH, HANTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: D. M. Hadley (first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5. A farewell to Ingrid and Derek White, on their removal to West Germany.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Pyke 1, D. Stocker (first in method) 2, Julia Collinge 3, Mrs. B. van-Aselt 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, P. S. Abbott 2, E. J. Whiting 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, J. Jefferies 5, J. F. W. Allen 6. For the marriage of James Robert Hall and Sandra Georgina Childerley.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Lloyd 1, Julia M. Saunders 2, Margaret L. Ellwood 3, R. D. Baker 4, K. W. Price 5, P. J. Barker (cond.) 6.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Osborne 1, T. N. Lanaghan 2, A. Fleet 3, Mrs. P. Lanaghan 4, W. Sidwell 5, R. Harris (cond.) 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Betty Robbins 1, Diana M. Bradford (most methods to a quarter) 2, J. L. Anderson 3, R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, Rev P. T. Robbins 6. For Whitsun Evensong.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Whit Monday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 variations): Jennifer A. Bilham (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, C. R. Smith 3, C. A. Ottaway 4, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 5, T. N. Willis (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Flower Festival.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. H. Netherton 1, Miss R. I. Cotton 2, Miss I. E. Shanks 3, G. W. Shanks 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. For Whit Sunday.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosetta Roberts 1, R. Wetenhall (cond.) 2, Marjorie Street (first of Doubles) 3, W. Pooley 4, B. Street (first Grandsire Doubles) 5, Barbara Rodgers 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer (age 14), who is leaving for Leicester.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: R. Taylor 1, O. G. Barnard 2, A. Cook 3, H. D. Lister (cond.) 4, L. Forster 5, C. Orves 5, T. Lockwood 7, S. Arbon 8. For the Singing Festival.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Butler (first of Major) 1, Lucile Corby 2, Judith Corby (cond.) 3, A. Leves 4, R. Weeks 5, P. Corby 6, A. Corby 7, G. Waters 8. First of Surprise Major "inside" 4 and 5.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On May 28th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. A. Eele 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, J. Froom 3, Mrs. C. A. Randle 4, B. C. Castle 5, R. K. Rivers 6, C. A. Eele 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. Rung by St. Nicholas', Hurst, band.

FINCHLEY, MIDD.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Warren 1, A. Richardson 2, G. Ellis 3, P. Taylor 4, I. Campbell 5, Miss R. Foreman 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for deanery service.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. F. Cobb 1, J. L. Cloughton 2, W. T. Perrins 3, J. Baverstock (first in method) 4, D. Wilson 5, J. N. Longridge (first in method) 6, A. T. Collins (first in method as cond.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8.

GORING, OXON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tull (aged 10) 1, Carol Tull (aged 12) 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, S. Franklin 5, Miss M. G. Trent (first "inside") 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, L. Haines 8. For Whitsun Evensong.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—At St. Vulfram's, on May 7th, 1,440 Prittlewell Surprise Royal: M. Green 1, S. J. Haines 2, M. E. Wade 3, W. E. Rawson 4, D. A. Frith 5, W. A. Lacey (cond.) 6, J. M. Thorley 7, R. H. Cook 8, A. M. Lindsey 9, R. K. Mason 10. First of Prittlewell by all. Rung after meeting too late to start for a peal.

KEYWORTH, NOTTS.—At 5, Meadow Drive, on May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine L. J. Mills 1-2, B. M. Buswell (first of Major as cond. "in hand") 3-4, W. L. Exton 5-6, R. B. Mills 7-8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Pryke 1, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 2, L. Pryke 3, F. Hunt 4, C. Poulson 5, A. J. Haynes 6, E. Cracknell 7, R. Chambers 8. For Evensong.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On May 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Young 1, W. Clamp 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, J. L. Day 6, O. Homewood 7, R. E. Manton (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 5 and 7. Rung for Whitsun Evensong.

PRESTON (Weymouth), DORSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Barbara Moss (first quarter) 1, A. J. Slade 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 4, D. Cull 5, R. Voss 6. To mark the 80th birthday of Rev. E. V. Tanner. M.C.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Martin 1, T. Newlands 2, J. Collard 3, D. Rennolds 4, F. J. Sampson 5, J. R. Taylor 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, Miss G. M. Hussey 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss C. Reed 1, Miss J. Brown 2, M. Tunnicliffe 3, P. S. Rove-Jones 4, Miss F. Cannon (cond.) 5, T. Culver 6, D. G. H. Hollis 7, J. Daffers 8. For Evensong. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. F. Oakshett 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, Miss J. Brown (first of Stedman Triples) 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, P. J. Spice 5, R. C. Stevens 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, D. G. H. Hollis 8. Rung for the wedding of Susan M. Brown (local ringer) to James H. Holroyd.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynn Hollingsbee (first quarter) 1, Christine A. McGarrick 2, K. I. Davis 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, C. J. Wyld 6. For the wedding of Miss J. Phillips to Mr. D. J. Phillips.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On May 30th, 1,168 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Gay 1, V. A. Hemming 2, Miss J. A. Fellows 3, P. J. Hall 4, C. J. Royal 5, R. J. Snack 6, A. K. Fortin 7, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 8.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints and Reverse Canterbury): W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Oliver 4, M. W. Harrison 5, Rung for the Deane Confirmation service.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. W. Baines 1, Miss V. A. Stevens 2, Miss P. M. Butcher 3, Mrs. B. Baines 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Lady Dorothy Macmillan.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. N. Mounsey (longest length on tower bells) 1, Anne Parry 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, Mary C. Poyner 4, Doreen Metcalfe 5, J. A. Coates (cond.) 6. Also on May 25th (Mayer-making day): Doreen Metcalfe 1, P. N. Mounsey (first "inside") 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, D. Butler 4, J. A. Coates 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. Both rung on the top six.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Whit Sunday, 1,344 Bob Major: Carol Francis (first of Major) 1, Janet Cave 2, Jacqueline Hedges 3, Gloria Simpson 4, Beryl Platt 5, Teresa Langdon 6, D. Langdon 7, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 8. A farewell tribute to Rev. Eric Rees, curate for 14 years.

ELING, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Hilary Widgery (first quarter) 1, Ann K. Longman (first in method) 2, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 3, T. Matcham (first in method) 4, B. Mackrell 5, P. R. Parsons 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): H. Ivings 1, W. M. Ivings 2, R. Rose 3, G. Herbert 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. In memory of Gladys Wilby, organist for the past 35 years.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles (called alternately): R. H. Roberts (first quarter) 1, R. Allinson (first in two methods) 2, Gladys D. Northway 3, W. R. Gilks (first quarter) 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—On April 15th, 1,296 Minor (London and Cambridge Surprise): J. Sheppard 1, Sheila Hallett 2, R. Taylor 3, M. Bartlett 4, C. Jenkins 5, E. Skipsey (cond.) 6.

GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, B. G. D. Vince 4, H. W. Egglestone 5, H. Stacey 6, W. L. Exton 7, C. Sangwin 8.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,200 Grand-sire Doubles: Daphne Webb 1, Pauline M. Kingston 2, F. C. Hall 3, G. Kingston 4, G. A. Atkins (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HEVER, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Gribble 1, P. Everest 2, R. Everest 3, R. Hayes 4, H. Evans (first as cond.) 5, Miss R. Day (first quarter) 6.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Susan Mitchell 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, Mary I. Hildred 3, T. W. Brighton 4, Jennifer E. Pearce 5, A. C. Banton (50th quarter as cond.) 6. First of Oxford T.B. for all. For Whitsun, and as a compliment to John and Margaret Woolley, on the birth of a daughter.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on Whit Sunday, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: D. T. C. Smith 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, Dorothea E. Rowbotham 3, Ruth M. Foreman 4, W. G. Knight 5, R. A. Fardon 6, M. F. Lock 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8. First quarter 3, 4, 5 and 7. For Evensong.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Bowers 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgely (first of Stedman Doubles as cond.) 3, A. P. Smith 4, M. Peters 5. Rung for Evensong.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda Green (first quarter) 1, M. J. Warren 2, B. A. Lord (cond.) 3, Vivian Cross 4, D. E. Culham 5.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Lambard 1, Matjotie Legg (cond.) 2, G. Prescott 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. Half-muffled after the funeral service, as a tribute to T. A. Bale, churchwarden at this church.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Glynis E. Perry (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, J. Ottaway (first quarter) 3, F. W. Tomlin 4, A. R. Crowson 5, A. Faulkner 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, K. G. Gardner 8. For Confirmation.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples (from Holt's Original): M. Bartlett 1, R. Taylor 2, Brenda Boyce 3, C. Jenkins 4, W. Rice 5, G. Prescott 6, E. Skipsey (cond.) 7, Sheila Y. Hallett 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the University, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Humphrey (cond.) 1—2, G. A. Dawson (first "in hand") 3—4, I. V. J. Smith (first "in hand") 5—6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Vanessa Rodrigues 1, May Welch 2, Elizabeth Barber 3, Elizabeth Wills 4, Hilary Pardoe 5, P. Brand (cond.) 6. For SS. Hugh and Hilda's Day.

PEMBROKE.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Lingard 1, A. F. Walters 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, J. D. Thomas 4, L. H. Jenkins 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6. Rung open, in memorial Mrs. Mary Buckland, M.A. Oxon, Cathedral librarian, bellringer and tower secretary at St. David's.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Puddy (first quarter) 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, J. Sheppard 3, E. T. Skipsey 4, R. Taylor (cond.) 5, C. R. Jenkins 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. W. Darvill 1—2, K. J. Darvill 3—4, V. Nutton (cond.) 5—6, S. P. Darvill 7—8, F. C. Hobson 9—10. First quarter of Royal "in hand" by all except the conductor. Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Slade.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara J. Duck 1, Frances M. Rickard 2, A. Locke 3, C. W. Jose 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. F. Dunstan 6. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, A. Locke 4, C. W. Jose 5, D. A. Trethewey 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, A. Beattie 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Frances M. Rickard.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Godfrey 1, Mrs. R. 1. Crosby 2, H. W. Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, J. B. Nicholson 5, R. I. Crosby 6. For Evensong.

SEATON, RUTLAND.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. T. Norris 1, A. Naylor 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, R. Crowden 4, G. W. Hand 5.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. M. Taylor 1, P. R. Denton (first "inside") 2, D. J. Ley 3, J. L. Queen 4, P. J. Daniel (first as cond.) 5, W. J. Moore 6.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. H. Down (first quarter) 1, A. G. Selley 2, H. Ransom 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, W. E. Richards (cond.) 5, P. S. Down 6. A compliment to David Petherick, on his 21st birthday.

SILEBY, Lincs.—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): R. A. Clarke 1, H. C. Palmer 2, M. Green 3, M. E. Wade 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, R. K. Mason 6. Rung after meeting short for Major.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Clark 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, S. B. Donble 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, B. E. Jemmett 6. First of Surprise 1 and 2.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on May 15th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, M. J. Uphill 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, C. T. Richards 12. For the nave service opening Christian Aid Week.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORCS.—On May 26th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: E. Short 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Scott 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson 8. For Confirmation.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss P. Lay (first quarter) 1, F. Trinder 2, V. Clifton 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. Walker 1, P. Wren (first "inside") 2, D. Boniface (cond.) 3 and 4, Wendy Gilbert (first "inside") 5.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. E. Bisat 1, M. J. Crowell 2, C. F. Mutton 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, A. Diserens 5, Margaret A. Bould 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, H. Trewin 8. Birthday compliment to Albert Diserens.

STURRY, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Payne (first quarter) 1, P. Harrison 2, Diana Grayling 3, Tina Bouldin (cond.) 4, A. Pullin 5, G. Thompson 6. First "inside" 3 and 5. For Evensong.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Wenden 1, D. N. Wenden (first "inside") 2, J. H. Gould 3, R. Stephenson 4, D. Bloyce 5, A. Semken (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment for the ringet of the treble.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): F. D. Mack (cond.) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. West 4, D. A. Wills 5, A. E. Knight 6. First quarter in three methods for all except conductor.

TOITERHNOE, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Horewood 1, R. J. Scott 2, R. Rowley 3, W. F. Sear 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For Evensong.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: F. W. Colwell 1, Miss H. Arney 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls (first as cond.) 5, T. Crabbe 6. Rung for Eucharist.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grand-sire and P.B. Doubles: Sally Palmer 1, K. G. Waller 2, Maureen White 3, P. Page 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. J. Lambert 6. For Whitsuntide.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,330 Plain Bob Royal: J. Southey 1, T. H. Norris 2, K. J. Walpole 3, A. Tubb 4, D. Rothera 5, R. G. Smith 6, B. B. Hullah 7, D. K. Adkins 8, D. E. House 9, G. B. Thompson (cond.) 10. For consecration of new Church of St. Andrew, Chorleywood.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: B. M. Bindon 1, A. A. Reed 2, M. J. Beale 3, J. E. Brewer 4, F. Avery 5, K. E. Beale 6, R. F. Arscott (first as cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8. First for 1, 3 and 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire and P.B. Doubles: Sandra Ivey 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, Christine Mason 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. A. Stone 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Hunt, of West Meon.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. W. Yates (aged 9, first on eight) 1, Toni M. Rogers 2, Janet I. Rogers 3, G. E. Green 4, W. A. Yates 5, P. C. Case 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. H. Rogers 8. For Evensong.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Elkington 1, J. W. Bailey 2, R. E. Smalley 3, K. Coleman 4, P. Reynolds 5, M. J. Woods (cond.) 6.

WISTANTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): R. J. Burrell 1, J. S. Baker 2, F. S. Sutton 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, T. E. Trickett 5, G. K. Green 6. Rung for the Nantwich R.D.C. chairman's service.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. J. Harvey 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Jack West, a ringer for 68 years.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline M. Sewell 1, Jane Blackler 2, P. Church 3, C. P. Starbuck 4, P. W. Hawcock 5, R. Blackler (cond.) 6. Also on April 24th, 1,296 Merton D. and Morning Star T.B. Minor: Jane Blackler 1, R. Blackler 2, Elizabeth J. Foster 3, S. Humphrey (cond.) 4, Susanna Poppleston 5, G. A. Dawson 6. First in the methods for all the band. The conductor has "completed the circle" as conductor.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, D. G. Yeo 2, E. T. Lee 3, M. J. Horseman 4, P. J. England 5, W. H. Kingcott 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, J. Brain (cond.) 8.

Letters to the Editor

RETIRING SECRETARY'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—I should be grateful if you would allow me, on behalf of my wife and myself, to thank those past and present members of the Central Council who so generously subscribed to the presentation made to us on Monday.

The handbag is a beautiful one; we hope to use the money (£67) on another lasting reminder of our years in office, one which we would otherwise have regarded as a desirable but unattainable luxury.

May I also repeat our thanks for all the help and friendship received over the years.—Yours sincerely,
E. A. BARNETT.
Crayford, Kent.

PRESIDENT'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Jack Bray and all others who shared in the happy task of organising the presentation to Teddy and Olive Barnett, on Teddy's retirement from the position of secretary to the Central Council. The sum of £86 was given. A handbag was purchased for Olive and a cheque for £67 was presented to Teddy. The gifts were given to them at the Central Council meeting at Bath.—Yours sincerely,
GILBERT THURLOW.

Norwich

LEADING PEAL TOWERS

Dear Sir.—Miss Reay is quite right about Birmingham Cathedral. Someone does not read "The Ringing World"! In my article on page 664 last year I mentioned not only that St. Philip's had passed the 500 peal mark but had also passed Crayford's total and had separated Erith and Crayford, which had held the lead between them for at least 30 years, as far as church towers are concerned. At the moment (up to and including May 13th issue) I make the respective totals of the leading towers as follows: Erith 648, Birmingham Cathedral 564, Crayford 530, Willesden 505. The Bell Foundry's total is 1,167.—Yours sincerely,
K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

TOWN CRIER'S BELL

Dear Sir,—Whilst on holiday recently I came across a town crier's handbell inscribed: "John Walker 1848, J. Spencer M. Walker 1888."

I wonder if any of your readers could identify this bell, as the present owners would like to pass it on to the Walker family.—Yours truly,
H. RUMENS.
Salisbury.

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PEAL FEES FOR CHURCHES NOT "RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir.—The rather pathetic excuse by Mr. G. Massey regarding the peal booking fee spoilt the reading of the account of what appears to have been a very successful meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (page 332).

As far back as December, 1964, the question of a booking fee or levy was raised at Taunton, and early in 1965 an assurance was given that in 1966 the peals secretary would take steps to have it abolished.

It is a thousand pities that Mr. Massey did not test the real feelings of the meeting.

It will be remembered that this peal booking fee was introduced several years ago to help "The Ringing World" through its financial crisis. Presumably the crisis is still with it; if so it is time that those concerned should say so.

No one doubts the efficiency of all who help to produce our journal and judging by its present standards it is extremely well organised—second to none, I should think. I believe it is worth a great deal more, as its present price is ridiculously low and quite unrealistic. I am not against voluntary subscriptions, on the contrary. At quarter peals, tours, etc., I have often been the instigator of whip-rounds and collections for "The Ringing World," but I dislike intensely being forced to contribute to something I have already paid for, whatever its price.

I think it is time that all Associations should get together and impose a levy on all peal ringers—the proceeds to go to the churches where the peals were rung. It is time that our pleasurable hobby should be paid for, but to the right place, where in most cases it is badly needed to purchase new ropes.—Yours truly,

R. BEALE.

Taunton.

CORRECT NAME

Dear Sir.—The correct name for the method rung as Glamorgan Delight ("Ringing World," June 3rd, page 364) is Hatherop, this being the name given to it when it was included in a handbell peal of Spliced Minor at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, on November 9th, 1964.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Stratton St. Margaret.

MRS. MARY BUCKLAND

Cathedral librarian, bellringer and tower secretary at St. David's, Pembroke, Mrs. Mary Buckland, M.A. (Oxon), died suddenly on May 9th. She will be missed throughout the St. David's D.G. and beyond. Her cottage, which was opposite the campanile, had become known as "The Bellingers' Arms" due to her custom always to invite ringers to light refreshments after practices.

Only three weeks before her death she had entertained a number of Guild members after a monthly practice and was looking forward to the annual general meeting, which was held at St. David's on June 11th.

MR. HERBERT JONES

A ringer at Ludlow Parish Church for most of his life, Mr. Herbert Jones (77), a retired printer, was found dead at his home at St. Laurence's Flat, Hosyers Almshouses, Ludlow, on May 26th. He had rung 65 peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District of the Essex Association held a meeting on May 21st at Foxearth. Ringing commenced at 3 and a service was held at 4, conducted by the Rev. Canon J. H. L. Pennell. Tea followed and a business meeting in the village hall was attended by some 25 ringers.

Further ringing took place on both tower and handbells, methods ranging from Plain Bob to four-unliced Surprise Major. J. M. S.

OBITUARY



MISS MARY E. A. BRAGG

The death of Mary Bragg in tragic circumstances at the end of last month was a tremendous shock, and brought grief and distress to her family and many friends. After lunch on May 25th Mary was returning to her work as a logobax operator with a firm of manufacturing chemists, when she was knocked from her bicycle as a motorist opened the door of his car. She fell heavily, hitting her head, sustaining a fracture of the base of the skull. Although everything possible was done at Farnham Hospital, where she was conveyed by ambulance, Mary died at 1.15 next morning without regaining consciousness.

The second daughter of Major and Mrs. F. J. Bragg, of 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Mary was 19 years of age last September. Of a lively and generous disposition, she was extremely popular with everyone, taking part in many activities, but mainly those connected with her parish church, of which her family are loyal supporters. Sunday School teacher, bellringer, hospital choir, St. Michael's Cells Group—these and many other social events always found Mary in the midst—always happy, always helpful. She had, in the words of her Vicar, the precious gift of making herself indispensable. The evening before her accident was spent collecting for the Save the Children Fund.

A regular attendant at Sung Eucharist, she took part in bellringing for morning and evening service on most Sundays. A member of a well-known bellringing family, she was taught to handle a rope by her grandfather, the late Mr. W. Denyer, at St. Michael's. In addition to her parents and sister, two brothers, Robert and James, are left in bereavement, and the sympathy of the whole Exercise is extended to them in their sorrow.

The requiem funeral service at Aldershot on June 3rd was attended by some 200 relatives and friends. The Master of the Guildford Guild (Mr. P. Smart) was among the many bellringers present, and half-muffled ringing took place before and after the service. A quarter peal was also rung in the evening and a peal is to be attempted later.

The Vicar of Aldershot, the Rev. T. H. Dart (himself a bellringer), was the celebrant at the service, assisted by the Rev. Michael Sellars. A full choir was present. In his address the Vicar spoke of the happy life that Mary had enjoyed and of the meaning of Christ's resurrection to the active Christian. The interment took place in Aldershot Cemetery, the Rev. Michael Sellars pronouncing the committal sentences, and Mary was laid to rest beside her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Denyer. The wealth of flowers gave some indication of the sympathy and love in which Mary's family is surrounded, and a memorial fund has already been opened with the object of placing something in the Children's Chapel at St. Michael's Church.

WHITSUN AND SPRING OUTINGS

EAST RIDING RINGERS

The East Riding Ringers were favoured with most glorious weather for the outing to North Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire on Whit Monday. The party of 45 was made up from Cottingham, Goole, Hessele, Hornsea, Howden, Kirk Ella, North Ferriby, Selby and Sutton-on-Hull and, with good co-operation from all concerned, the first tower, Gamston, was reached almost exactly on time. Harold Denman, active for many years in the North Nottinghamshire area, had been most helpful with suggestions for the tour and was waiting to meet the coach. At Sutton-on-Trent several of the older members were pleased to renew acquaintances with the Misses Burchnell.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed in the grounds of Newark Castle and many of the young ladies would have found bikinis more appropriate for their spell of sun-bathing on the lawns. Mr. Raithby (who also assisted with arrangements) and Mr. Hooper met the party at Newark Parish Church and although plans to ring for a wedding had been postponed it was decided to go ahead with a prearranged touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Charles Hobson, which proved to be some of the best striking of the day.

For the afternoon ringing the two light sixes at Coddington and Barnby-in-the-Willows were rung at the same time, the coach and cars ferrying members of the party between the towers. The sign at the local hostelry in Barnby, The Willows, also included the notice "If your wife drives you to drink get it here."

An excellent meal was fully enjoyed at the Newcastle Arms, Tuxford, but the consumption of tea by the young Hessele contingent was affected to some extent by the lack of competition from their leader, the Rev. Fred Ross, who was unable to be away from his parochial duties. At this tower ringing continued until about 7.45 p.m. and all seemed very pleased with the variety of bells rung during the day.

Community song sheets were available for the return journey but the singing tended to lack the "gusto" normally provided at social functions by Ronald Ducker and David Johnson and the piano accompaniment of Keith Goldthorpe. The duties of Ringing Master were shared by Graham Smith, Ian Booth, Charles Hobson, Howard Palmer, Mr. Kirk and David Johnson. A.B.C.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX

Willingdon, Sussex, ringers had their fourth annual outing on May 7th, starting at 8 a.m. Surprise was expressed to find Bodiam ropes padlocked to the well. A visit to the captain's house found that he had just returned from an all-night fishing expedition. Cambridge Minor was rung at Pluckley, and a broken stay at Lenham limited ringing to Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire.

After a picnic lunch we were met by the Kent veteran, Mr. W. Gosling, at Boxley and allowed to climb to the top of the tower and enjoy the very fine view. At Meopham the fields gave way to hops and apple orchards and the tower showed signs of a vast programme of repair work, parts of the walls having been heavily reinforced by concrete beams.

With Mr. R. L. Sills' help a fine course of Cambridge Major was brought round at Wrotham, the highlight of the day.

The last tower was Mereworth. The evening meal at the Castle Hotel, Tonbridge, concluded a very successful day. Our grateful thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains. R.W.R.P.

TOTTERNHOE OUTING

The 16th annual outing of the ringers of St. Giles', Totternhoe, Beds, took place on May 14th, when a visit was made to the New Forest.

So popular has this event become that for several years it has been necessary to engage two large coaches, and nearly 80 people were aboard when the two luxurious monsters took the road promptly at 7 a.m. and proceeded through beautiful Buckinghamshire and Berkshire to Hampshire, where we found the New Forest looking unusually fresh and lovely.

Ringling took place at Romsey Abbey, Ringwood, Lymington, Brockenhurst and Alresford, varying from rounds to London Surprise, and a high standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day.

Jack Scott, who has organised the Totternhoe outing from its inception, has a flair for finding interesting and beautiful churches, with good bells, and beautiful scenery, and this year he excelled himself! It would be invidious to select any ring of bells among those we so enjoyed on this happy day for special mention—all were excellent.

For those who care to look around England's beautiful churches (and that includes us all, I hope), this trip provided a rare feast, from the great old Abbey at Romsey to the exquisite blend of two distinct periods at Lymington; but most striking of all, perhaps, was the little Church of St. Nicholas, Brockenhurst, which stands among the leafy glades of the New Forest. Here is no great cathedral, but in the peaceful atmosphere of this beautifully-tenided country churchyard this tiny church, so serene in its gracious simplicity, seems to speak with the authority of all Creation, as it tells of man's devotion from its medieval beginnings to the present day.

Sincere thanks to incumbents and to those who met us and made us welcome, to our drivers, to Jack Scott for his excellent arrangements, and finally to our fellow adventurers for their congenial company and their punctuality. A.E.R.

HEADCORN, KENT

Members and friends from the Church of SS. Peter and Paul left Headcorn at nine o'clock on Whit Monday, their first call being at Charing, where some Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung. The next tower was at Chilham, where unfortunately only seven of the eight bells could be rung owing to the second being out of action. Efforts here were not worthy of comment, and rounds for beginners was notably more successful than attempts for Grandsire and Plain Bob. Owing to the heat of the day some of the ringers visited the "local" for some refreshments.

The next stop was at Canterbury, where lunch was enjoyed by everyone at the Queen Elizabeth Restaurant.

The party then made for St. Stephen's, Hackington, where some poor courses were brought round. After a pleasant ride through the country, ringing was on the eight at Faversham and then at Tunstall. Here, with the aid of Mr. Terry Barton, the best ringing of the day took place.

Tea was enjoyed in the village hall at Tunstall, and thanks must be given to Miss Jean Vidler and helpers for providing such an excellent spread. The last tower of the day at which the visitors called was Lenham, where a good course of Plain Bob Major was rung.

On the whole it was a very enjoyable day and it was wonderful to see Mr. Harry Baker, of Frittenden, who was accompanied by Mrs. Baker, in such good form. It was very unfortunate that Mr. George Grant (previously Headcorn captain for many years) could not come on the outing owing to illness.

OSSETT, HORBURY AND ROTHWELL JOINT OUTING

With a long journey before them, ringers and friends from Ossett, Horbury and Rothwell made an early start on May 14th for their annual outing, this year into the Lake District. Going by the A.1, a stop for morning coffee was made at Leeming and lunch was taken at the Royal Oak Hotel, Keswick.

After lunch a few minutes' journey brought the ringers to St. Kentigern's Church, Crosthwaite, in the churchyard of which is the grave of Robert Southey. Parts of the present building date back to the 12th century, but the alterations and renovations on the outside are far from being a work of art. However, the bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) helped to remedy the feeling of dismay, and various well-struck touches were accomplished under the organisation of Miss Pat Lockwood.

From Crosthwaite, via Thirlmere and Grasmere to Ambleside, where Mr. I. North acted as Ringing Master and, through no fault of his, the standard of ringing was not up to the pitch of perfection which one likes to hear—a great pity, since the bells (8, tenor 32 cwt.) have a fine tone when heard some distance from the tower, though the sound in the ringing chamber would belie this.

Following tea at Ambleside, the next halt was at Hawkshead—a charming village (in spite of the drizzle with which we were greeted) of narrow streets and nooks and corners, with a delightful old church dominating the scene from the hillside. The ringers, this time in charge of Mr. R. Brown, produced some good touches of Major and Minor methods on a grand light eight (tenor 8 cwt.).

For part of the day the party was joined by Mr. T. Duffin (at one time a member of the Ossett tower) and his wife, who now live near Kendal.

The journey home via Settle (where a halt was made for refreshments), Skipton and Leeds was completed by 11.30. Thanks must go to Mr. I. Slack for the careful planning which made the outing such a success. E.N.

A WHIT MONDAY OUTING

On a gloriously hot day in May, made especially for sun bathing, not ringing, 14 ringers from eight different towers, including Cheltenham and Birmingham, assembled at Eddington, a picturesque village in Wiltshire. The rounds here were noticeably better than the Bob Minor, owing to the "go" of the bells. At the next three towers, at Corsley, Hemington and Norton St. Philip, an assortment of Cambridge, Spliced Minor and Kent was rung and at Wellow an excellent course of Cambridge.

Following lunch came a mishap at Melksham, where ringing was held up by the loss of a stay. Reverse Canterbury Minor was the highlight of the next two towers, at Holt and Hilperton.

The climax of the day was at Bradford-on-Avon, where a course of Bob Minor was rung by special request, and at Trowbridge the most that could be attempted was Cambridge Major and Grandsire Cinques.

Grateful thanks are acknowledged to the clergy, local ringers and the organiser.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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COMPOSITIONS

5,120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456 M B W H

63254	x	—		
32654	1/F	—		
25346	x	—		
54326	—	x		
34256	—	x		

42356 "A"

42563	x	—		
52364	—	1/F	—	
24365	—	1/F	—	
43265	—	1/F	—	
32465	—	1/F	—	
42635	—	x	—	

56234	—	—	—	
23564	—	—	—	
23645	x	—	—	

34625 "B"

24653	—	1/F	—	
45236	—	x	—	
53246	—	x	—	
23456	—	x	—	

Contains 24 5678's and 24 6578's.
First rung at Woburn March 5th, 1966.

5,039 WINCHESTER BOB CATERS

By A. J. HOUSE

23456 1 2 3 4

51364	S	S	—	
45362	—	—	—	
25463	3	—	—	
35264	3	—	—	
42365	2	S	—	
23465	2	—	—	

Repeated, calling 1st course 1.3.

24365	—	—	—	
32465	—	—	S7	
52364	3	—	—	
45362	—	—	—	
25463	3	—	—	
35462	3	S	—	
34265	2	—	2	
34265	3	—	—	

Bob—3rds place under treble after the lead-end.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(B.76)

By E. W. TIPLER

23456 B M W H

45236	—	—	—	
25634	—	—	—	
53246	x	—	3	
52436	—	—	2	
26435	—	—	2	
63254	x	—	—	
56234	—	—	—	
42635	—	—	—	
62534	—	—	—	
35426	—	—	3	
42356	—	—	—	
53624	—	—	3	
34625	—	—	—	
23456	x	—	—	

First rung (to Aldenham Surprise) at All Saints', Wokingham, on January 1st, 1966.

5,040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

By SIMON HUMPHREY

W M H 23456

—	—	—	42635
—	—	(S)	65423
—	—	S	43652
—	—	—	64235
—	—	S	25643
—	—	—	62354
—	—	S	34625
—	—	S	65342
—	—	—	36254
—	—	—	23465

Repeated five times.

Bracketed call in 1st and 4th parts only.

5,088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN

23456 M B W H

35264	2	—	2	3
56342	2	—	2	—
24365	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—
26435	—	x	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
64523	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—	—
62345	—	x	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—

23456 2 — 2 3

Rung at Maulden February 19th, 1966.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD J. PARKER

V B W H 234567

—	x	—	—	352647
—	—	—	—	632547
—	—	—	—	236745
—	—	—	—	625347
—	—	—	—	365247
—	—	—	—	235647

Repeat twice.

No 82's, or 83's.

First rung at Lewisham, Kent, September 18th, 1965. Conducted by Tony Lewis.

1,966 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Composed by JAMES TOPP

231456 S H L Q

246351	x	—	x	
432561	x	x	—	x
342516	—	x	—	—
356412	x	—	x	—
543162	x	x	—	x
412356	—	—	S2	—
135462	—	x	—	x
315426	—	x	—	—
143256	—	—	A	—
421536	—	—	A	—
254316	—	—	A	—
532146	—	—	A	—
314562	—	x	—	x
152436	—	—	S2	—
146532	x	—	x	—
451362	x	x	—	x
312456	—	5.6, 11.12, 14.15.	—	—

5,024 ANDOVER SURPRISE MAJOR

By H. G. CASHMORE

23456 M W B H

52436	3	—	—	
34625	—	—	—	
26543	—	—	—	
45362	—	—	—	
35264	—	—	—	3
56342	—	—	2	—
64523	2	2	—	—
42635	2	2	—	—
23456	2	2	—	3

First rung at Andover March 26th, 1966,
conducted by Alan R. Pink.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Various members expressed thanks for the ground-level belfry at the Society's meeting held at Batley on May 28th. It was most pleasant to ring a touch and to sit outside on such a sunny afternoon while others performed.

After an interesting and very amusing afternoon an excellent tea was provided in the school, to which justice was done. A short meeting was held and before long members were back in the belfry enjoying a variety of methods.

Next meeting: East Ardsley, June 25th.

C. S. N.

OUTING

SHIPLAKE, OXON

The Whit Monday ringing outing was centred for the first time in Warwickshire.

Helped in the early arrangements by the secretary of the Warwick Archdeaconry and met and welcomed at each well-kept tower, this all added to a most enjoyable day. Thank you, Warwickshire, your representatives and incumbents.

Towers visited were Leamington, Kenilworth, Warwick (St. Nicholas') and Wootton Wawen.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandire Caters: R. Suckling (cond.) 1, I. Quilher 2, A. Wiffen 3, Mrs J. Syder 4, P. Wood 5, A. Syder 6, J. Warner 7, R. Lindsell 8, I. Pantan 9, A. R. Lawrence 10. For the Cathedral Festival.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, 1,277 Grandire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, A. Ballam 3, W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, H. Clarke 6, C. Cousins 7, W. Goodship 8, R. Stannard 9, J. Banks 10. Thanks to Mr. R. Newson and Mr. W. S. C. Cousins for the welcome they gave the seven ringers from Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Eglesfield 1, D. Coxhill (first quarter) 2, J. Chance 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, B. E. Saunders 5, J. Linnell 6.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maryl R. Crosswaite (College of Education) 1, Angela M. Bates (College of Education, first quarter) 2, H. C. Bennett (University of Warwick, first quarter) 3, K. F. Gardner (Lanchester College) 4, J. H. Fielden (Lanchester College) 5, S. C. Walters (Lanchester College, cond.) 6. First quarter by the Coventry Colleges Guild.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Sheila Y. Hallett 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, Brenda H. Boyce 3, J. Sheppard 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, E. T. Skipsey 6, R. C. Taylor (cond.) 7, W. S. Rice 8. First in method for all except 2 and 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Rice 1, H. G. Bird 2, H. Shuck 3, W. Rice 4, S. G. Smith 5, P. J. England 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8, For Marins.

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BIRTH

HAYNS.—On June 11th, 1966, to Diana (née Prynn) and John, a daughter, Alison Helen, at 81, Windfield, Leatherhead, Surrey 9325

GOLDEN WEDDING

HARMAN.—On June 24th, 1916, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent, Albert Harman to Mildred Eugene Bush. Present address, The Mount, Sandford, near Godshill, I.O.W. 9304

PERSONAL

Will Mr. T. Taylor, of 2,4 Matlock Road, Ambergate, Derbyshire, kindly send his address to our circulation department, as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned.

H. H. F., W. E. B., J. N. L.: June 10th, 1945. Happy 21st anniversary. 9300

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we weary not."—Galatians vi, 6.

PUBLICATIONS

"METHOD SPLICING, MINOR METHODS," by H. Chant, 9s. post free from Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. 9319

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF CARDIGANSHIRE," price one guinea, plus postage and packing 1s. 10d.; "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s. Also a few copies only: "The Church Bells of Radnorshire," price 15s., plus postage 1s. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 9175

MISCELLANEOUS

LAVENHAM.—Ringing Anniversary and Festival of Flowers, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church.—M. T. Symonds. 9255

ST. MARY'S, EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS

Flower Festival, July 7th—10th

Ringing: Thurs., July 7th, 6-6.30 p.m., 7-7.30 p.m.; Fri., July 8th, 6.30-7 p.m.; Sun., July 10th, 9.30-10 a.m., 6-6.30 p.m.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER. — Alternate Sunday ringing 5 p.m. next on June 19th. Fourth Friday practice 7 p.m. next on June 24th.—J. Euston. 9323

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1620. —The 343rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Service 10 a.m. Bells (12) available 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.) at 1 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Thurs., June 23rd. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Phone 2074. 9331

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.

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

The new charge for sets of 12 cards (minimum) is 10s. post free. For quarter peal cards second copy, written out in style of a peal is essential. Receipt sent only with stamped addressed envelope. — "Ringing World" Office, Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Evening meeting, Wookey (6), Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2-9 p.m. 9296

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Knutsford, June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise: Mr. N. Hough. 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 9292

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry. — Meeting, June 18th, Church Lawford. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rev. D. G. Spiller, The Rectory, Church Lawford, Rugby. 9299

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: South Wingfield (6) 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea if required; Crich (8) 6-8.30 p.m. Service South Wingfield 4.30 p.m. followed by tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. J. Sterland, Ogston, The Meadows, Swanwick, Derby. Good attendance requested.—E. J. Sterland, D. J. Beach, Hon. Secs. 9302

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Warboys, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9297

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roudon Hamlet, Harlow 9289

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Hatfield, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9262

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Swanscombe, Saturday June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. O. Newbury 94 Broomfield Road Swanscombe.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9218

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch).—Joint meeting to be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Knutsford (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 9270

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. E. Fort. 9321

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Newchurch (8). Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cons of tea 5 p.m.—P. A. Moran, Branch Sec. 9309

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Joint meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, 1966

St. Mary's, Church Road, Barnes. 2-3 p.m.; St. Mary's, Paradise Road, Richmond, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Chertsey Road, Twickenham, 3.30-4.30 p.m.

Tea, Church Hall, Isleworth. 5 p.m. Evening ringing. All Saints', Isleworth. Names for tea Mr. H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth 3921. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9256

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Walsham-le-Willows (6), June 18th, 6.30 p.m.—9.—H. W. H. Leather, Dis. Sec. 9245

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Brewers Arms, Ringmer, for those who notify me.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9283

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bromsgrove (10) 3 p.m., Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. C. L. Hawkins, Lansdowne, Chapel Street, Bromsgrove, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 9223

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Elisabeth's, Reddish, on Monday, June 20th. Ringing 7-9 p.m.—J. Brannan. 9316

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on June 21st at 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 21st, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 28th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; July 5th, St. Lawrence Jewry; July 12th, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—J. G. A. Prior. 9315

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at Feltham, Tuesday, June 21st. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9263

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A mid-week evening practice will be held at Chesham on Thursday, June 23rd. 7 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 9285

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Norton-Fitzwarren, June 25th. Bells 6.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 9307

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Shipham (6), Saturday, June 25th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 9326

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Studham, Saturday, June 25th, 3-4.30. Tea at Great Gaddesdon 5. Bells from 5.45. Arrange own tea with Mr. R. Goldsney, Bell Cottage, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, not later than 23rd. 9303

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, June 25th. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Methods: London, Bristol, Yorkshire and Cambridge. Individually and Spliced as required. Only Surprise Major will be rung.—P. S. Bennett. 9306

DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Belper on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. and after tea, Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Arnold Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper. 9318

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at South Kirkby (6), Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Fox, Marwin, Barnsley Road, South Kirkby, Pontefract. 9301

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual meeting on Saturday, June 25th, at Staindrop. Ringing from 3.15. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9323

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition at Bentley on Saturday, June 25th. Tea 5 p.m., followed by results. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, 45, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants (Farnborough 41792). General ringing after tea. 9281

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks, to coincide with the rededication of the new ring by the Bishop of Tonbridge on June 25th at 3 p.m. A buffet tea will be provided to follow the formal proceedings and general ringing will take place after the meeting. No names for tea required.—W. H. D. 9250

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting, East Ardsley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only provided. 9312

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 25th. Sheepy bells (6) 3-4.30; Congerstone bells (6) 6-8 p.m. Tea at Horse and Jockey, Congerstone, at 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 9310

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Bitteswell, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea (important, please) to Mr. R. Kemp, Clifton House, Bitteswell, Rugby, Warwickshire, by Wednesday, June 22nd. Please support this one.—Ron Hughes, Sec. 9308

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Striking Competition, Saturday, June 25th, at Rippingale. Opening service 2.30 p.m. prompt. Competition 3 p.m.—5.30 p.m. Tea and presentation of trophy 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Haw, 53, Horsegate, Deeping St. James' Peterborough, by June 20th certain 9258

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Ashton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome. 9313

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lowick on June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Coales, Branch Sec., The Gables, Twywell. 9311

ST. NICHOLAS', SEVENOAKS, KENT

Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m.
Rededication by the Lord Bishop of Tonbridge of recast ring of eight bells in new frame (tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F). See notice of Tonbridge District of Kent County Association meeting. 9287

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Semley, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Canon W. F. Rogers, Semley Rectory, Shaftesbury, by Tuesday, 21st. 9295

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Limpsfield Chart, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.40 p.m. Names for tea to W. Tidy, Vine Cottage, Tally Road, The Chart, Oxted, by June 22nd.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9288

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willingdon, June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Percy, Esperance, 47, Oldfield Road, Lower Willingdon, by Wednesday previous.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 9264

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing arrangements: Cadoxton and Neath 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Mary's 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Sketty 7.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will follow. Names for tea, please, by June 18th.—J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycnoch, Swansea. 9278

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Corporate Communion at Ubley on Sunday, June 26th. Bells available 7 a.m. Service at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast for those who notify Mr. B. Parker, 2, Innicks Close, Ubley, by Friday, June 24th.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8859

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Great Longstone (6) 2 p.m.—3 p.m.; Fairfield (8) 3 p.m. onwards; Tideswell (8) 8 p.m.—9 p.m. No arrangements for tea, but buffet in St. Peter's Church Hall being run in connection with Flower Festival or teas at 5s. 6d., 6s. and 6s. 6d. per head may be ordered in advance from Mrs. J. Woodruffe, 66, Rockfield Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Business meeting 6 p.m. in Schoolroom.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 9320

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Mistley on Saturday, July 2nd, commencing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley, Manningtree, by Thursday, please.—H. Turner, Deputy Master. 9322

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m. Service St. Mark's, Exeter, 3.30 p.m. Tea (5/6) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please, and s.a.e.) to Mrs. P. Burnham, Ranchi, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth, by Thursday, June 16th. Bells available: Littleham, Newton St. Cyres, 9.45-10.45; Buckfast Abbey 9.45-11.15; Withycombe Raleigh, Brampford Speke, 10.30-11.30; Rewe 11-12; Lymptstone 11.15-12.15; Broadclyst 11.45-12.45; Clyst St. George 12-1; Pinhoe 12.30-1.30; Topsham 12.30-1.30; Exeter, St. Thomas' and St. David's 1.45-3 St. Mark's 2.30-3.30 Heavitree 6.15-7.15; St. Petrock's 6.45-7.30; Cathedral 6.30-8.30. 9234

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Leake, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, June 27th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 9269

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 2nd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. Application for tickets (8s. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, by June 28th. List of towers on receipt of s.a.e. by Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxburrow Road, Radley.—Miss M. R. Cross. 9328

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint half-day outing on Saturday, July 2nd, by private cars. Towers arranged as follows: Epworth (Lincs) (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Gainsborough (Lincs) (8) 3.30-5 p.m.; St. Giles', Lincoln (8) 6 p.m.—7.15 p.m.; Tuxford (Notts) (8) 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements in Lincoln.—Andrew King (Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham) and Donald Beach (17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts), Hon. Secs. 9298

SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District) and **NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Eastern Branch).—Joint ringing meeting at Beccles on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk, by Wednesday, June 29th. Barsham bells (5) also available.—T. N. J. B. and N. P. J. C. 9305

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held on

Saturday, July 2nd, at Alton

Meeting at Somerscales, Turk Street, at 2.30 p.m.

Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.45 p.m.

Tea at Somerscales 5.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Cork, 21, Upper Grove Road, Alton, Hants, by Tuesday, June 28th. Towers open: Old Alresford (6) and Warnford (6) 10.30-11.30; New Alresford (8) and West Meon (8) 11-12; Ropley (6) and Selborne (5) 11.30-12.30; St. Lawrence's, Alton (8) 12.30-2.15; Hawley (8) 6.30-7.30; Petersfield 7-8.30. David J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9210

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtown, Birkenhead. 2329

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Cafes near church.—M. I. Foskett, Hon. Sec. 9330

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Chesterfield District

Over 40 members and friends were present when the fourth annual striking competition of the Chesterfield District was held at Old Brampton on May 14th. Under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes, this year's entry of six teams, which included a mixed team of under 21-year-olds, each rang their test piece of 240 changes or its equivalent before the time came to adjourn for tea.

After a short business meeting the judge, Mr. D. R. Carlisle (Sandiacre), announced the results, which were as follows: 1 Old Whittington "A" (Oxford T.B.), 252 points; 2 Old Whittington "B" (Oxford T.B.) 202; 3 Old Brampton (Grandsire Double), 196; 4 Bolsover (Plain Bob), 190; 5 Staveley (Plain Bob), 146; 6 Under-21 team (Plain Bob) 120.

As no tower is allowed to hold the District Shield for more than two years in succession, the runners-up, Old Brampton, were accordingly declared this year's winning team, who together with Old Whittington will represent the District at the Association final at Horsley. The shield was presented to the captain of the winning team, Mr. J. Arkwell, by Mr. Carlisle.

Next meeting: Creswell (8), June 11th.
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Three of the bells appear to have been cast by John Palmer II, of Gloucester, in 1656, the third was cast by Evan Evans, of Chepstow, in 1701, and the treble is a Taylor bell added in 1914, when the others were rehung.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Philip Morgan, and Mrs. C. S. Smith played the organ. Members of the Mothers' Union kindly prepared tea in the Village Hall and these ladies were sincerely thanked by Mr. Tom Stephens.

Before the business began, members remembered with prayer the late Mr. Philip Trew, of Lower Machen. New members elected were Miss Sally Guest (Usk) and Masters William and Richard Shore (Chepstow).

The six bells at Cymcarvan were also available and during the evening attracted nine visitors from Herefordshire. The Rev. A. W. Sneyd warmly greeted all who gathered in his church, expressing to them his delight at having the bells ringing out over the scattered farmsteads, hamlets and woodlands of his parish.

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