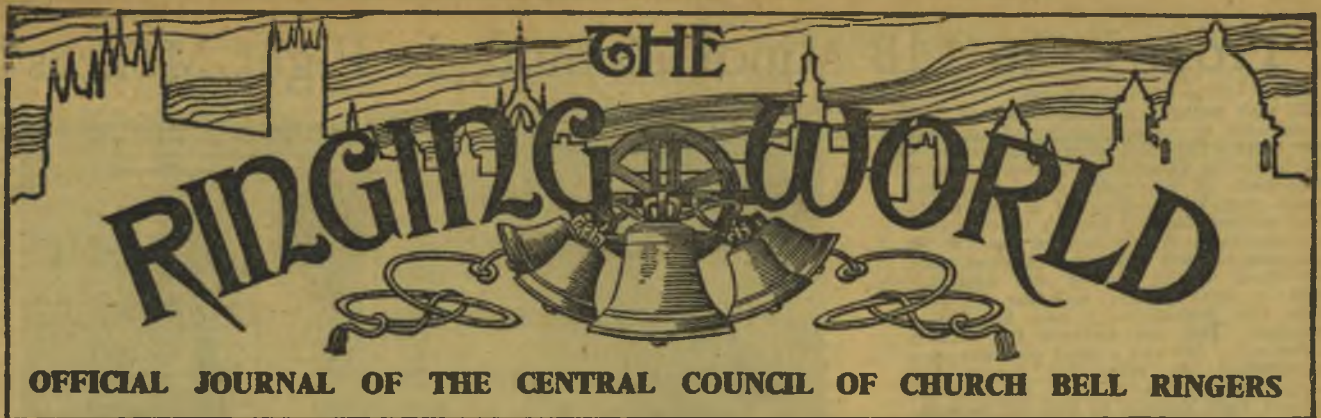




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A PIONEER AMONG WOMEN RINGERS

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK: A MEMOIR

KATHLEEN LOCK (Mrs. A. E. Lock) was a daughter of the late Mr. H. Holifield of Abingdon and a member of the famous Holifield family of Appleton. She learned to ring at Appleton about 1908 and became an unattached member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1909. Although she rang regularly in Abingdon with her father and brother, there was at that time an unwillingness to elect the very few women ringers to membership of local bands. Kathleen Lock was one of the few women ringers at that time in the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the only one in North Berks. She rang her first peal at Drayton, Berks (Parker's Twelve Part), on Easter Monday, 1913. Five Holifields took part in that peal including G. Holifield, snr. Among the band was her future husband A. E. Lock and G. Caudwell, who remained a close friend of them both until his death in 1960.

In 1913 the local Press records that on Christmas Day the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, presented "Miss K. Holifield with a gold brooch in appreciation of the regular way in which she had assisted them in ringing for divine service. . . . The hope was expressed that she would long continue to assist them in the belfry." Little did those ringers know that the long period of 57 years of devoted service was to be given to St. Nicholas' belfry . . . service only to be curtailed by death.

During the First World War (in 1916) Kathleen Holifield married Albert E. Lock, a member of a well-known family of master stone-masons and there began a great ringing partnership which only ceased with his death and which still today continues to bear fruit. Between the years 1921 and 1932 the Locks began to build the foundations of the North Berks Branch of the O.D.G. By systematic teaching and regular visits to local practices the art of change ringing was fostered by them both; yet never did they lose sight of the prime purpose for ringing—the call to worship. By 1933 twenty-four out of the thirty towers in the area had full Sunday Service bands.

By their hospitality, which was always open-handed, their love of young people and their willingness to help, they built up a Branch with a strong tradition of service ringing, a high standard of friendship and loyalty and withal capable of peal ringing in the standard methods. Even today many of the towers within the Branch can raise a Sunday Service peal band. In all this Kathleen Lock not only supported her husband but also acted as his chauffeur, for love of driving a car was her second great interest (she was one of the first women to drive in the area).

Throughout her husband's secretaryship of 38 years she rang several nights a week in local towers and also represented the Branch for 35 years on the Guild Committee. After his death she continued to do this and also helped the Culham College Society from its foundation until illness curtailed her active ringing. Even then she would often drive her car to Appleton or Hagbourne to take part in the social side of ringing; also to Radley to allow the local captain to attend practices.

As far as can be ascertained Kathleen Lock rang about 166 peals, chiefly in the standard methods on all numbers, but she had peals of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative to her credit. Kathleen is believed to be the first lady to ring Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus. She was a member of the Ladies' band which attempted the ladies' peal at Twyford, Berks, on Easter Monday, 1914. This peal came to grief in the fourth part. With her husband she was a member of the peal band which met regularly immediately after the 1914-1918 war, building up Major ringing in the Oxford Diocese. Both of them were also in the band which met regularly during the 1930s under the leadership of Mr. W. F. Judge and which laid the foundations for the spliced records which came after the 1939-45 war.

Throughout her life Kathleen Lock was a devoted member of the congregation of St. Nicholas', Abingdon, and continued to attend services there until the fatal complaint, which had been "held" two years before after five months in hospital, began its final attack. Throughout her life she proved to be a good companion, a loyal friend, showing no pettiness; she showed a keen interest not only in ringing but in cars, the teaching profession (she taught for many years in Appleford), her church where she served on the P.C.C. for many years, the local history of Abingdon, Dr. Barnardo's Home and all the young ringers with whom she came in contact. In her youth she was considered to be very beautiful and throughout her life of eighty years she did not lose this charm and her years sat lightly on her.

Her death came rapidly at the end at Portsmouth where she was staying with her sister. Her ashes were buried at Appleton in her father's grave beneath the sound of the bells she loved so well. This service was taken by the Vicar of Abingdon, as was the memorial service at St. Nicholas', Abingdon, on Thursday, June 30th, exactly seven years after the death of her husband. A large number of ringers from the North Berks Branch, other Branches of the Guild and the Oxford Society were present, including the Master of the Guild, Canon C. E. Wigg.

Although perhaps by present-day standards her ringing achievements were not great, yet it is due to standards set by women such as Kathleen Lock that the women of today owe so much. Her loyalty, integrity, friendship, love of her dogs and enthusiasm and at the end her fortitude and courage will long be remembered by all those who came in contact with her.

M. R. C.

From 16 to 148 Minor Methods in Eight Months

THE most methods yet rung to a peal were achieved at Ashbocking, Suffolk, on July 13th, 1966. This peal grew from rather a bizarre start in October, 1965, when some of the members of the evening peal band in the Ipswich area were talking of a peal in 14 Minor methods for Bob Lester's benefit. After some discussion it was decided that if we were going to have a serious attempt at some multi-Minor ringing during the winter it would be best to start with the 16 basic Treble Bob methods as a base for further expansion. This was arranged for Barking on November 2nd and a good peal was rung but somehow or other Bob Lester had managed to get on to the treble, where he has remained right through to the 148 methods. Our next peal really must be 14 methods for him! A feature of this peal was that only the conductor had rung more Minor methods. Three weeks later another good peal was scored, this time at Ashbocking in 26 methods.

DISAPPOINTMENTS

After a month's break we suffered our first disappointment when an attempt for 32 methods limped to an early conclusion on a cold December evening after one hour. Undeterred, the next attempt, on January 11th, was for 40 methods, and our presumption received its just reward when again the peal was lost in the second 720. However, our confidence was not too shaken and on January 25th the 40 methods were "in the bag" in 2 hours and 42 minutes. An attempt for 48 methods a fortnight later failed in the second 720 once again, but for the next attempt another four methods were added, and on February 22nd we met for 55 methods at Ashbocking. After 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing, with two courses of Plain Bob to ring, there were some very long faces to behold when the tenor clapper dropped out.

This disappointment, however, was soon overcome when the next week we rang the peal all over again, this time with the final two courses of Plain Bob included. This peal was not without some drama, as Janet had to ring the second without a stay, which had been broken the previous evening at the learners' practice. Up to this point the fifth had been rung by Colin Loke, but when the Midland Bank thoughtlessly transferred him to Leighton Buzzard it looked as if 55 methods might be the end of the road.

GEORGE PIPE JOINS BAND

Foolishly George Pipe had casually mentioned an interest in multi-Minor ringing and proved himself very capable of ringing it when from scratch he looked up 40 methods and joined the band in a 40-method peal at Ashbocking on March 15th. A successful run was kept going on April 12th, when 66 methods were rung, again at Ashbocking. This run was brought to a halt on April 26th, however, when P. W. Saltmarsh's 720 in 19 methods was included in an 84-method attempt. The peal was set up when the ringing would not settle down due to too many mistakes in the new 720. After spending the evening practising this extent we again decided to increase the number of methods and started to study for an attempt at 100 methods. Our first try for this failed after half an hour, when the classic mistake of putting all our efforts into the first 720 was made and arriving in the second 720 knowing little about it. Again the remainder of the evening was spent in hard practice.

With the Whitsun holidays looming nearer a peal was hurriedly arranged for four days later with Diana Pipe kindly stepping in to ring the treble. We were sorry we could not repay the compliment and ring the peal, but two bells crossed in the fifth 720 after two hours (and 81 methods). However, another member of the Pipe family was called in at the last moment on May 25th and we were very grateful that Jim could come as the



The band (left to right): Robin H. Rogers, Robert E. Lester, Janet I. Rogers, Howard W. Egglestone, Alice E. J. Lester, G. W. Pipe.

100 methods at last came round in 2 hours and 41 minutes.

In retrospect this peal was the turning point of the campaign as the band returned from the Whitsun holidays refreshed and full of confidence for the next step. This confidence received a slight dent after an attempt for 113 methods was lost after 55 minutes, but after another evening's hard practice and after studying two new 720's recently produced by A. R. Peake and H. Chant, it was decided that two more peals could beat the existing record and with this incentive we went away to study the methods. The first attempt for 134 came to grief in the second 720 but the fact that the new 720 had been rung at the first attempt gave us confidence to go to Barking on June 29th, when a good peal was rung in 2 hours and 52 minutes. With the church in full view of the belfry we were very pleased to see that the Vicar, who had to walk across the church to the vestry to collect something, decided to do so as we went into the only three leads of Plain Bob in the peal! After an hour and a half's practice at Henley the attempt for the 148 methods was set for Wednesday, July 13th at Ashbocking. The conductor managed to miscall the peal in the second 720, but a fresh start was made and the peal was rung in 2 hours and 50 minutes.

EIGHTEEN ATTEMPTS

In the eight months from the first peal, the band met for 18 attempts and nine peals were rung. The total number of methods rung during the attempts was 168. Three of the attempts were at Barking, for which we are indebted to the Rev. G. A. Reade and the local ringers; the other attempts were at Ashbocking. To Andrew Beckwith, the tower master, and the Rev. H. W. Johnson go our most sincere thanks; no request for the bells was refused at all. Luckily the only residents of Ashbocking near enough to the church to be annoyed by our incessant ringing were the rooks in the elms next to the tower and the cattle in the adjoining meadow.

As the band have left it to me to write this report they only have themselves to blame if I have the last word. When the first peal was scored I was the only member of the band to have rung any multi-Minor ringing at all. To have achieved 148 methods in eight months reflects great credit on the band's enthusiasm and application. The ringing generally was of a very high standard and improved with each

peal. Janet and Robin Rogers travelled something like 40 miles for every attempt, all of which were evening peals. Alice Lester, after having a great deal of trouble putting a blue line to a name in the first 16 methods, made a very fine job of them all at the end. George Pipe, with so many other interests, ringing and otherwise, calling on his time, made a splendid job of joining the band, in effect, at the halfway stage. Bob Lester's steadiness and experience helped a great deal in setting the pace and holding the beat. Last, but not least, I must not forget Colin Loke, whose drive and enthusiasm first got the project under way and who chased the conductor into the slog of learning all those names again!

There are now compositions available to get up to 160 methods into seven extents and we wish good luck to the next band to attempt this. As for our band, we are now going to enjoy what is left of the summer with a clear conscience that we shouldn't be looking up methods!

THE BAND

Robert E. Lester, treble.—First learned to ring at Burch Apton, Norfolk, a call change tower, in 1928, moved to Suffolk ten years later and learned change ringing at St. Matthew's and St. Clement's, Ipswich. He started teaching ringing at Barking, Suffolk, in 1954. Is Ringing Master of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild and has been one of the leading peal ringers in Suffolk over the past decade. Present peal total approximately 350 (conducted 50).

Janet I. Rogers (née Porter), second.—Aged 22. Introduced to ringing at the age of 12 by her father at Sutton-in-Holderness, near Hull, Yorkshire. Rang her first peal at the age of 13. Married Robin Rogers in 1965 and moved to Bury St. Edmunds. As well as being a very competent tower bell ringer is also a very promising handbell ringer. Present peal total 56, of which she has conducted four.

Alice E. J. Lester, third.—Aged 27. Taught to ring at the age of 15 by her father, Robert E. Lester, at Barking, and rang her first peal a year later. A mathematics teacher at Northgate Grammar School for Girls, Ipswich, for the past seven years, in September she takes up an appointment with the British Army Children's Schools in Singapore for a

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FROM 16 TO 148 MINOR METHODS IN EIGHT MONTHS—Continued.

two year tour. Has represented Suffolk on the Central Council for the past four years. Has rung 125 peals.

Robin H. Rogers, fourth.—Aged 24. First learned to ring at the five-bell tower at Grafton Regis, Northants, in 1957, and most of his early ringing was Doubles. Obtained B.Sc. (Chemistry) at Hull University, where he met his wife. Moved to Bury St. Edmunds on his appointment as assistant works chemist to the British Sugar Corporation. Peals include 42 Doubles variations. Present total 80 (conducted 25).

George W. Pipe, fifth.—Aged 31. A well-known member of the famous Grundisburgh ringing family, his peal ringing activities on both sides of the world have justly earned him the reputation of a very fine ringer and conductor. Having rung Cambridge Major by the age of ten, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge, Maximus at 13, and turning Exeter tenor in to Major at the age of 19 with his father as strapper, he spent seven years in Australia and called the first peals of Double Norwich and Cambridge outside Britain. Now settled back in Ipswich, he is Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild and is an honorary member of the Central Council. Employed as contracts manager with Ransome, Simms and Jeffries of Ipswich. Present peal total 354 (conducted 134).

Howard W. Egglestone, tenor (conductor).—Aged 30. Learned to ring at Boreham, Essex, 1950, and rang his first peal at Boreham in 1952. Rang in the Chelmsford district for several years with Joe E. G. Roast's band, who previously had held the most methods record. Moved to Suffolk in 1962 and is employed by Keady Mixed Concrete (U.K.) as local manager. He is Ringing Master of the young band at St. Peter's, Henley, and Ringing Master of the South Eastern District, Suffolk Guild. Is also a Central Council representative for Suffolk. Previous Minor ringing in Essex includes 80 Minor methods and 60 Surprise Minor (conducted). Has also rung Stedman and Cambridge "families" and 22,400 Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Major silent. Present peal total 316 (conducted 94).

OUTING

COALBROOKDALE GO OVER THE WELSH BORDER

On July 9th the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, their wives and friends, were joined by the ringers of St. Michael's, Madeley, with their wives and friends, for an afternoon on the Welsh Border.

First stop was at Clun, where the bells were soon going to changes. A beautiful run brought us to New Radnor and then on to Kington. After ringing here, tea was partaken of and the journey continued to Eardisland, where we joined an outing from Wolverhampton. A ring on the lovely eight and on to Leintwardine, our last stop. Then the journey home after a lovely trip on a beautiful day. Thanks to all who contributed to its success. A. S. B.

INCOMPLETE ADDRESSES

A delay of four days occurred recently in "Ringing Worlds" dispatched to Kent, through incomplete addresses, by omission of the main postal town. Among the sufferers were readers at Crayford, as Dartford had been omitted. For 14 years we addressed the former secretary of the Central Council without including the word Dartford.

Ladies' Guild Annual Meeting at Exeter

FIRST OVERSEAS MEMBERS ELECTED

HOW thrilled Mrs. Fletcher would have been with the successful annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held at Exeter on July 2nd. Although Exeter is away in the West of England, no less than nine of the Guild's Districts were represented, and the large number of towers open during the day provided ample scope for those visiting the area for the first time. A number braved the Saturday traffic and got to Buckfast Abbey, where Mr. Aubrey Bennett had very kindly obtained permission for the bells to be available. As far as ringing was concerned, however, perhaps the highlight of the day was the rounds rung on the 12 bells of the Cathedral by 13 members of the Guild. Our grateful thanks to the Cathedral band for allowing us to do this. (Was it the first time by an all-ladies' band?) We like to think the result justified the attempt.

The Guild service was held at St. Mark's Church, conducted by the curate, the Rev. R. Chapple. We were delighted to find that the Rev. J. G. M. Scott was to be our preacher, and would thank him most warmly for sparing time for us in the midst of his busy preparations to move from one parish to another. We expected a challenging address, but we were more than a little startled when he announced his text, not from the Bible but from the Book of Common Prayer—"With my body I thee worship." It may not have been the first time this has been the theme of a sermon to ringers, but it was new to us, and we listened with absorbed attention while Mr. Scott presented an aspect of ringing some of us had not considered before. Altogether it was a memorable service, with fine singing which drew favourable comment from the organist.

Afterwards about 80 ringers and friends gathered for tea, a wonderful spread prepared by Mrs. Chapple and the members of the Mothers' Union at St. Mark's Church Hall. No speeches after tea, apart from a very warm vote of thanks from the president (Mrs. Jacqueline King) to all who had contributed to a very successful meeting.

At the business meeting which followed members stood in silence in memory of the founder of the Guild, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, who died on September 29th last year. Much has been written about her since then, and certainly she was outstanding, not only as a ringer but also as an organiser. At Exeter we heard from one of the first members of the Guild, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, of the Kent District, how Mrs. Fletcher gathered together 40 ladies (which in itself was no mean feat in the year 1912) before she attempted to start the Guild. How delighted she would have been that at Exeter we elected our first member from Australia, Miss Nancy Page, of St. George's, Perth, and two members from the United States of America, Miss Betsy Proctor and Miss Christine Kelsey, from Washington. Mr. and Mrs. P. Staniforth had brought the two latter members to the meeting, and they acquitted themselves well at the various towers they visited. We now look forward to the formation of our first overseas District—will it be in Australia or America?

All the officers were re-elected, with thanks for their services during the past year. Once again the treasurer (Miss J. Beresford) was able to report that income exceeded expenditure, though, with that caution which is the hallmark of a good treasurer, she would not allow us to be self-satisfied with our

balance in hand, and all District secretaries are asked to note that the price of badges has had to be raised to 6s. 6d.

As a result of the report of a sub-committee appointed last year, it was decided to vary the arrangements for the annual general meeting next year. This will be held at Lincoln, with the committee meeting in the morning, service at noon, followed by buffet lunch, then the business meeting. After further ringing an informal dinner will be arranged for the evening.

The Guild's peal book was on display, and a special vote of thanks was accorded Miss Muriel Reay, whose beautiful lettering gives each peal added significance.

The meeting concluded with a very special vote of thanks to Mrs. P. Burnham, secretary of the Devon District, who had made all the arrangements. One of the Guild's newer District secretaries, Mrs. Burnham had never attended a Ladies' Guild annual general meeting before, but she made an excellent job of it and gave us all a most enjoyable day. D.C.

READING UNIVERSITY OUTING

On the morning of June 22nd, outside Wantage Hall, a party of ringers anxiously awaited the arrival of the minibus which was to take them to Sussex for the day. Anxiety was not quickly dispelled as the minibus was half an hour late, but as permission had not been obtained to ring at Petworth, the first tower, the late start did not matter.

Arriving at Petworth we found the Vicar was taking a service, so on we travelled up gradually heightening countryside to Arundel where, after a lot of rushing around, we finally obtained a key. Ringing was fairly good and touches of Grandshire Triples and Stedman Triples were brought round without much hitch.

Upper Beeding provided the climax of the day—a touch of Bristol Surprise Major, accomplished with the help of a local ringer. A pleasant journey along the foot of the Downs brought us to the anticlockwise ring at Ditchling, where methods included Cambridge Minor, Plain Bob Major and Grandshire Triples. St. Peter's, Brighton, proved to be a great disappointment for no one turned up to meet us with a key. After a meal at a nearby café we made our way back across the Downs to Hurstpierpoint.

Here ringing was fairly good and a difficult touch of Stedman Triples was successfully brought round by M. G. Ingram, who claimed he had never called it before! (We all thought different, though!) The last tower of the day, Lower Beeding, proved to be the first ring on steel bells for most of the party, and ringing was not of a good standard despite the easy-going bells.

Our sincere thanks are extended to incumbents and those who met us and to Fred Scott, who kindly drove the minibus which, to our great surprise, didn't break down as it had done on many occasions before.

G. J. N. C.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, C. Pain 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. Brown 6, J. McDonald 7, F. Scoones 8. For Confirmation service. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss J. M. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright 3, C. Pain 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald (first as cond.) 7, P. Over 8. For Matins.

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Letters to the Editor

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Valentine is quite correct in saying that Peterborough Cathedral bells were rung on Armistice Day, 1918, when Mr. Tom Tebbutt rang the tenor to extents of Grandsire Doubles. They were also rung at the annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association on August 4th, 1919, as seen in the report in "The Ringing World" on August 15th, 1919. I rang on each of these occasions.

At the business meeting the Dean said the restoration of the bells was included in a commemoration scheme, which was to cost £20,000. It was suggested that a light ring of ten should replace the heavy five. The scheme evidently never materialised. — Yours sincerely,

A. RICHARDSON (Mrs.).

Surfleet.

LARGEST BELL IN AMERICA

Dear Sir,—I wrote with reference to your article about Messrs. Petit and Fritsen casting a bell for Chicago's First Presbyterian Church, which is said to be the largest bell in the U.S.A.

This statement is incorrect. The bass bell of the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon, at the Riverside Park Church, New York, is much bigger. This bell, cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, is the largest tuned bell in the world. It is, therefore, the largest bell in the U.S.A. This bass bell has proportions of around 19 tons, and is hung for swing chiming (mechanical). As a matter of interest, the bass bells of this carillon in New York can be heard on some copies of the 1812 overture by Tchaikowski. A photograph of the bell can be found in Nicholls' "Bells Through the Ages" and some old copies of the "Encyclopædia Britannica." —Yours sincerely,

JAMES HEDGCOCK.

St. Helens, Lancs.

COURSING ORDER DIFFERENCES

Dear Sir.—Mr. A. York-Bramble's article on Stedman Triples ("Ringing World," July 22nd, page 478), seems to be based on his idea that my article, to which he refers, is not "aptly named and inclusive." I think possibly that it is not correctly named, hence the inverted commas, but it seems that his definition of "coursing order" indicates that the coursing order for, say, Cambridge Surprise ought to be 526734. I don't think this is generally accepted.

Therefore, if one can choose a cyclic order for a method with a position cyclic different from that of Plain Bob and name it "coursing order" then the use of these words may equally apply to Stedman in the text in which I have used them. I don't claim that I am right in using the heading "coursing order" in Stedman Triples, but it seems a reasonable description even if it is technically incorrect.

The conclusion reached at the end of his article seems pointless therefore.

As to whether my article is inclusive or not, I suggest that if Mr. York-Bramble read it carefully he would find information in excess of that which he seems to have laboriously repeated. Nevertheless, I would like to see an article of this type which is totally inclusive. —Yours faithfully,

DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

Rochdale.

THE INFILTRATION

Dear Sir.—A few weeks ago I went to my usual Friday evening haunt, one of our local six-bell towers. It was a typical hot June evening, and as I ascended the short spiral stairway I got even hotter and more oppressive. I thought to myself, "Crikey, we've got a crowd here this evening," and sure enough we had—18 of us packed in a space not as big as our front room, and that's not very big. It occurred to me a little later on that there appeared to be a lot more of the fairer sex in the company. There were eleven of them to seven of us.

The following Monday evening I went to our eight-bell tower. The position was even worse, the poor male captain was being kicked around by seven females, and for the rest of the evening only had me to support him. Now, sir, all these women around interested me not a little; on reaching home I got a Kent County report out for the year I was elected a member (1925); a quick look, though not perhaps an accurate one, showed that in that year there were 40 ladies listed as members of the Association. On going through our latest report I found that out of a total of 1,120 members 391 of them were ladies, over a third.

Surely this infiltration into our belfries is now reaching alarming proportions. Worse, however, is to come—they are even collaring our officers' jobs. In our District Ashford has 11 tower secretaries and two captains, Canterbury seven and two, Lewisham three and three, Maidstone 10 and nil, Rochester four and nil, Tonbridge six and nil. It would seem that Rochester is so far the most successful in beating off this invasion as regards tower officers. On top of this, the Lewisham District's secretary and both representatives are ladies. Isn't it time a stop was put to all this? One cannot help thinking that perhaps in 50 or 60 years' time (I shall have left the country before then) the sight of a mere male in the belfry will cause as much chatter in the tower and outside as a lady ringer did in the years before the 1914-18 war.

It is not beyond imagination to visualise towers all over the country having only lady ringers, and us men, whose province this has been for hundreds of years, being scorned even an entrance to the tower. It could happen, you know.

Now, you girls, before you descend on me like a ton of bricks, let me say quickly that I am only leg pulling. All this boloney just followed on quite naturally after my little bit of research. I have many friends among the ladies, of all ages, and I love them all, bless them. We all realise that without them we would be lost. As we say this way, "You can't do anything with 'em, on the other hand you can't do anything without 'em." Carry on, girls!

Just one more little point and this is no leg pull. How I wish I had been born 40 years later.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. LUCK.

Canterbury.

5,003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir.—The peal of Grandsire Caters published in your issue of July 22nd should be No. 5 and not No. 3. The mistake is due, I think, to my imperfect typing.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster, Wilts.

AN OFFER TO AMERICAN SERVICE MEN

Dear Sir,—I read with special interest Miss Ann Garner's article in "The Ringing World" of July 15th and have written her a letter similar in content to this one, more or less as follows:

As a civilian employee at the U.S. Air Base at Bentwaters in Suffolk, I have explained the intricacies of change ringing to many interested Americans; several have asked me to teach them bellringing while they are over here. Reluctantly I have pointed out that unless they live in or near Washington D.C. it would be pointless to do so.

However, this gave birth to an idea, which I have been working on for several weeks. I hope soon to have published in the monthly Base newspaper a short article on the development of bell- and change ringing in England, and concluding with offering the services of my tower and ringers to any American Serviceman and his family from Washington D.C. who is starting his three-year tour over here, so that they may take part in our training scheme. I hope to enlist the aid of other active towers in the district and I have written to the Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild about this.

It is to be hoped that our American friends would be able to join the Suffolk Guild and maybe ring a few peals before they return home to become useful members of the Cathedral hand, Washington D.C.

I feel more than certain that a scheme of this nature would, if successful, give rise to other rings being installed in other parts of the United States of America. I always say "Supply the ringers and someone else will supply the bells."—Yours sincerely,

PETER S. BEDFORD,

Ringing Master of the Aldeburgh Ringers, Suffolk Guild.

C.C. DEPOT IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir.—In the particulars about Mr. W. B. Pitcher, this year's leader of Australian ringers, on page 474, I read that "Hopes are being entertained that his shop will become a depot for Central Council publications in Australia." It may be of interest to your readers to know that thanks to Mr. Pitcher's kind offer to manage such a depot, a consignment of C.C. publications is already on the way out to him.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. PERRENS.

Coventry.

FOUNDER MEMBER OF OXFORD GUILD?

Dear Sir.—In "The Ringing World" for July 8th (page 448) it was stated that Mr. Frederick Selwyn, of Banbury, celebrated his 95th birthday on June 24th, and it also stated that he was a founder member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Although I have been a member of that Guild for 69 years, I had no idea that one of the founder members was a boy of ten years of age when it was founded in 1881! —Yours sincerely,

Carbis Bay.

H. MILES.

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LOST TWO

Leicestershire ringers were very successful on their tour. Of nine peals attempted seven were scored. The two lost were Cambridge Royal at St. Andrew's, Plymouth (a pair over), and Double Norwich at Appledore, Devon (a miscall).

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

"RINGING WORLD" VIEWED FROM A DISTANCE

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to add a few words regarding the current discussion about improving the sales of "The Ringing World" with or without an improvement in the appearance of the paper?

I question whether the officers and committee involved with the newspaper's policy are so near the woods as not to be able to see the trees, so that perhaps a word or two from 3,000 miles away may prove of some value.

Out of some 40,000 alleged ringers in Great Britain, how many do you suppose ever ring peals—10 per cent.—some 4,000, and of these how many ring peals more than once or at most twice a year—three per cent.—some 1,200. Does it not therefore seem hopelessly out of proportion that usually one quarter of the whole paper (including space allotted to advertisements) is given up to the publication of peals and quarter peals?

Has it ever occurred to anyone that beyond the 1,200 "elite" there are some 38,000 ringers, or at worst, I guess some 36,000 ringers who have no interest in peals whatever!! Do these people ever get any pages devoted to their interests—hardly ever!! Why then are you surprised that your sales go only a couple of thousand beyond the peal ringing fraternity? It seems to me that you have to basically decide either to have a newspaper for peal ringers (who can then pay the proper "shot" for its publication), or, alternatively, to have a newspaper for bell ringers and by aiming the paper's interests primarily to them, you can easily double existing sales.

Suggestions therefore are: A whole page for beginners (25 per cent. of the whole fraternity are still ringing or struggling with elementary changes).

A regular feature on the elements of conducting—a mystery that baffles 90 per cent. of the fraternity.

Regular articles supplied on various subjects which could be classified as "Educational" from which the Education Committee, those now responsible for advice on bell and tower maintenance, and so on, should find it their duty to provide material for our newspaper.—Yours, etc..

A. J. M. COLLINS.

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Note.—In the first half of the paper, seven pages are generally devoted to reading matter. Peals occupy four pages, quarters 1½ and notices 2½ pages. Of the alleged 40,000 ringers, only 10,000 can be regarded as potential readers, including those who glance through the belfry copy. To the others, ringing is a secondary interest—activity being limited to Sunday service ringing, either rounds, call changes or Doubles, and occasional practice. A new series starts this week on Plain Bob, by the only man who has conducted the extent of Major. Educational feature articles have been frequent this year (some contributed by Education Committee members). These include ropesight, clapper problems, leading a local company and organising a ringing meeting.—Ed.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. COLEMAN

AN APPRECIATION

The news of the tragic death of John W. Coleman at the age of 21 will be received with deep regret by all those who knew him. With so much in life that was his to achieve, John possibly underestimated his own ability. He was always kindly disposed, polite and modest as well as full of enthusiasm for ringing.

Having virtually taught himself to ring, his inspiration built up and maintained a band at Cobham, Kent, while he was still at Rochester Grammar School. It was his enthusiasm which introduced and encouraged my brother and myself in our first steps in change ringing and played a leading part in our method advancement.

He had rung something over 100 peals, including Surprise Royal and Spliced Surprise Major, but it is chiefly for the good humour, leg pulling and the memorable times that he will be endeared to many in Kent and, I'm sure, in Nottinghamshire.

Our sympathy is extended to his parents and family. D.S.O.

MR. E. W. TIPLER

With deep regret we learn that Ernest William Tipler passed away on Friday, July 22nd, at the age of 77. "Tip" (as he was known to all the older ringers) had been unable to ring for a number of years as he was crippled with rheumatism and arthritis. The end came peacefully, however, and he was buried in Lutterworth Churchyard after a service in the church conducted by the Rev. A. B. Pettitt on July 25th.

The local ringers rang with the bells half-muffled for service on the Sunday following his death and again for half an hour on the evening of the funeral, assisted by three ringers from Rugby Parish Church.

The Leicester Guild was represented at the funeral by Mr. B. G. Warwick, the chairman of the Leicester District, and wreaths were sent by the St. Mary's, Lutterworth, ringers, Rugby Parish Church and the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Ernest started ringing in 1908 and rang about 70 peals—59 were recorded for the old Midland Counties Association and 12 for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. It is believed that he rang in an all "Ernest" peal conducted by his old friend Ernest Morris. In recent years he was made a life member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

He was probably better known as a composer than a practical ringer and he always kept the writer well supplied with compositions. Others have benefited from his methods. Every annual report of the Leicester Guild contained more examples of his skill as a composer. The writer never had to use a composition twice as he has left quite a number still unring.

The Leicester Guild and conductors everywhere will mourn his passing and our sympathy goes out to his widow, son and daughter. May he rest in peace. B.G.W.

MR. FRANK C. CASTELL

St. Agatha's Church, Brightwell, Berkshire, suffered a severe loss by the passing of tower captain Frank Castell at the age of 76. Although he had not been quite himself for some months, the end came suddenly on June 19th.

An unassuming man, known to everyone as "Sexton," Frank was part of St. Agatha's, and had been associated with the church since early childhood. Joining the choir when he was seven, he soon turned to ringing, although opportunities for change ringing did not come until 1937.

Never a prolific peal ringer, Frank rang about 50 peals, and had been a ringer for 66 years. He kept no records; everything was done in the service of the church. Where he excelled was in teaching beginners, and many hundreds must have received their first instruction from him. He was most particular about good handling and striking, and kept his ropes and bells in apple-pie order.

He had been sexton since 1925, and was at least the fourth generation of his family to perform that duty, their unbroken service going back 150 years. He had also been parish clerk for the last 21 years.

At the funeral, handbells were rung over the open grave by A. Webb 1-2, J. Berry 3-4, M. Bishop 5-6, R. Heyworth 7-8. In the evening 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by Susan Heyworth 1, A. Cope 2, C. Corderoy 3, J. Berry 4, M. Bishop 5, R. Heyworth (cond.) 6. J.O.B.

MR. T. E. MALLARD

"Tom," as he was affectionately known to all in the belfry, had been a bellringer at Warminster for 22 years, having learned to ring at Corsham. He came under the instruction of the late Mr E. F. White, who was Ringing Master at Warminster during the years immediately following the second world war and attained a fair standard of change ringing, but was really known and admired for his outstanding ability as a tenor ringer. The wonderfully even beat he was always able to produce was indeed unique.

He was one of the most reliable members of the local band, being only absent through illness or holidays. During the last year his visits to the belfry for practice had lessened, owing to failing health, but his duties of Sunday service ringing were faithfully and regularly performed until his entry into hospital.

During his membership he had held office as secretary and treasurer of the band, the latter office being held at the time of his death. He had also represented the ringers on the Parochial Church Council and was a sidesman. He leaves a gap which cannot easily be filled. The sympathy of the band goes out to his widow in her sad loss.

G. K.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, A. Bull 2, J. Phippen 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. E. Norris 6, N. G. Kneel (cond.) 7, P. Roynon 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. E. Mallard.

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For the Beginner

THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB SIMPLIFIED

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part I: Introduction, Construction and Ringing the Method

ON May 2nd, 1715, the first-ever peal of Plain Bob was rung. This was a peal of Triples, but was followed ten years later by a peal of Major, on May 26th, 1725. In the ensuing 250 years Plain Bob, on even numbers of bells, has become the most popular of all methods for teaching to learners when they first embark on change ringing. On odd numbers, Plain Bob lacks the vitality and interest created by Grandsire and Stedman, but on even numbers few methods excel the music it produces. Plain Bob is the foundation for all "treble dominated methods," which includes almost every even bell method rung in these times. It is for this very reason that learners should have an intimate knowledge of Plain Bob and its influence on other methods if they wish to become accomplished ringers. This series of articles has been written because it is felt that a complete article from A to Z is required on this method. Much that is included will probably have been said in different ways before, but it is hoped that most people will find something new about this method and its influence on other methods.

CONSTRUCTION AND RINGING THE METHOD

The construction of Plain Bob is quite straightforward and is best explained by first considering "Original Minor," or "Plain Hunt," as it is often called.

Fig. 1
Original Minor

123456
214365
241635
426153
462513
645231
654321
563412
536142
351624
315264
132546
123456

Considering the block of figures shown in Fig. 1 it will be seen that the treble proceeds from 1st place to 6ths place, striking over bells in the order 24653 and then from 6ths place back to 1st place (lead), striking over bells in the order 24653 once again. Here we have the first rule for ringing Plain Bob even before we consider the question of "dodges."

Rule 1. Always pass the bells in the same order when hunting from last to first position as when hunting from first position to the back.

During the time taken by the treble to proceed out to the back and returning to lead, each of the other bells has proceeded either

(a) Out to 6ths position, in to 1st position and back to its original starting position, or

(b) In to 1st position, out to 6ths position and back to its original starting position.

On closer inspection one will see that odd numbered bells have started by moving out to 6ths position, and even numbered bells have started by moving in to 1st position.

Rule 2. Odd bells move out to start; even bells move in to start.

In the early stages of change ringing one is often advised not to remember all the numbers but to remember the position in which one is striking. For example, the person ringing the treble on its second blow at the back should remember that the bell is primarily in 6ths place and only incidentally striking over the 2nd bell—it could equally well be any other bell if some "bobs" and/or "singles" have been called.

To return to our original theme, however, we see that there is a regular pattern to the order in which the bells have been followed by the treble, i.e. starting from the smallest even bell (2nd) to the largest even bell (6th), then from the largest odd bell (5th) to the smallest odd bell (3rd), if we exclude the treble for the present time. This pattern becomes more pronounced with a greater number of bells, and on eight bells would be:

2, 4, 6, 8, 7, 5, 3 (1).

Having now considered Original Minor, we should study how Plain Bob Minor differs from this method (See Fig 2). Comparing the two blocks of figures shown (Figs. 1 and 2), we see that they only differ in the last row (or change). Instead of 6ths place being made as the treble leads full, 2nds place is made. This forces the other bells to take one step back from the direction in which they were moving, before continuing in that direction. This procedure is referred to as **dodging**, and each bell involved in this stepping back process is said to **dodge**.

Referring once again to the figures, and in particular to the row 135264, one observes that no bell, other than the treble, has returned to its own original position. If the block is repeated a further four times (five in all) the figures return to 123456 after a total of 60 changes instead of 12 in the case of Original. Each of these five blocks is called a **lead**, and the row when the treble leads at backstroke at the end of a lead is called the **lead end**. The complete block of five leads is called a **course**.

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1. Constructing and Ringing the Method.
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At the first lead end it will be observed that the 3rd bell is in the position occupied by the 2nd bell at the commencement of changing and the 3rd bell now rings the block which the 2nd bell rang in the previous lead. Similarly, the 2nd bell is in 4ths position at the first lead end, and then rings the block which the 4th bell rang in the previous lead. The importance of knowing where each bell starts cannot be overstressed and will be referred to again later.

Throughout the 60 changes comprising the plain course of Plain Bob Minor the treble, of course, is plain hunting (i.e. 1st place to 6ths place and back again). It will be remembered from considering Original that the treble passed the other bells in the order 24653 on the way out to 6ths place and in the same order when moving back from 6ths place to lead. The only effect which Plain Bob Minor has on the treble's order is to move the last bell in the order to the first position in the order, as indicated below:

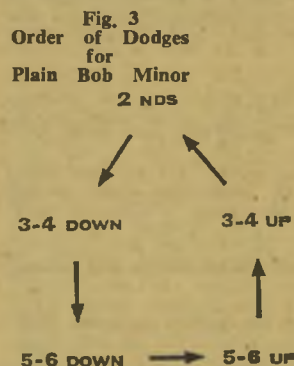
1st lead, treble passes 24653

2nd lead, treble passes 32465, etc.

We considered earlier what basically happens on an "inside bell" (i.e. any other bell than the treble) in the plain course of Plain Bob Minor. However, many people prefer practical guides until they are able to see or hear the treble leading, so that they know when to dodge. Two methods of knowing when to dodge are usually practised.

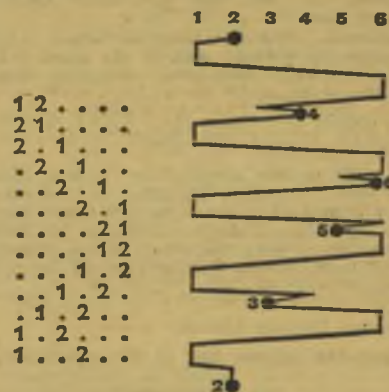
First method. This involves remembering the order or cycle in which dodges occur, each bell starting from a different place in the cycle. At the end of the first lead the 2nd bell dodges 3-4 down, the following lead 5-6 down, then 5-6 up, followed by 3-4 up, and finally makes 2nds.

To aid the memory further still, two types of diagram may be used. The first is merely putting the written word in diagrammatic form as shown below in Fig 3.



The second type of diagram is constructed by drawing a line through the path followed by each bell, which is a good "shorthand" way of writing methods down, as shown in Fig 4

Fig. 4. The "Blue-line" of Plain Bob Minor.



Second method. An equally reliable guide is to associate the position of passing the treble with a particular dodge, as follows:

(a) Pass treble crossing from 5ths to 6ths position, dodge 3-4 down.

(b) Pass treble crossing from 4ths to 5ths position, dodge 5-6 down.

(c) Pass treble crossing from 3rds to 4ths position, dodge 5-6 up.

(d) Pass treble crossing from 2nd to 3rds position, dodge 3-4 up.

(e) Pass treble crossing from 1st to 2nds position, make 2nds and lead again.

This method, of course, relies upon the treble being in the correct position, and this method is not recommended if a learner is ringing the treble.

(To be continued)

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Royston on July 9th. The ringers were made very welcome by the Rev. Mr. Webb, who took an active part in the ringing with learners and accomplished alike.

After cups of tea in the Church School the Vicar presided at the meeting. A committee meeting on July 29th at the Clarence Hotel, Barnsley, was decided.

Evensong was attended by most of the ringers present, after which ringing continued until 8 p.m.

WARMINSTER IN WEST SURREY

Warminster bellringers' annual outing was on June 18th. In fine, sunny weather, which seems to be reserved each year for this event, the party, with friends from Malmesbury, Trowbridge, Melksham, North Bradley and Corsley, left Warminster at 9.30 a.m. en route for Guildford, where most of the day was to be spent.

Arriving at the new Cathedral of the Holy Spirit—which is approached from the By-pass at Guildford, and is a wonderful sight—we were met by Mr. Pearson (now happily recovered from his illness), with his wife and daughter, who conducted us to the belfry, where the fine ring of ten bells (tenor 30 cwt.) was much enjoyed. Lunch was taken in the Cathedral grounds, the catering of Ern and Mary (Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris) being well up to their usual high standard. Lunch over, we proceeded into the town, ringing for a wedding at Stoke-next-Guildford (6, tenor 7 cwt.) on the way and, leaving the ladies to their shopping, three towers in Guildford were visited on foot: Holy Trinity (8, tenor 23 cwt.), St. Mary's (6, tenor 15 cwt.) and St. Nicolas' (10, tenor 22 cwt.), where our efforts met with praise from the local representative who met us.

Taking our farewells of David Tubb and Carolyn White, we re-entered the coach, Haslemere and tea being our next objective. This over and the chores finished, we again set sail, with the Pearsons in attendance, to Petersfield (8, tenor 16 cwt.).

After saying farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Catherine we headed west, through Winchester, watching the sun setting as we went, and noting the "Fawley Flares" in the distance. Reaching the well-remembered spot above Stockbridge, supper was eaten and the "last rites" were performed. This done, sights were set for home, the journey through the "Wallops" being accomplished without incident, and a tired but happy party arrived home at about 11.15 p.m.

Ringling was of a high standard all day, thanks, in some measure, to our guests, methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise being rung. Thanks are due to incumbents, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson (who arranged the visit), our guides in Guildford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris and lady helpers for our lunch, and a patient coach driver. N.G.K.

BROMLEY'S DAY AT TAYLOR'S FOUNDRY

The 18 Bromley ringers and friends from Hayes, Chislehurst and Bexley who made the 140-miles journey to Loughborough on June 25th to visit the bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. unanimously agreed that it was well worth travelling that distance. Mr. Paul Taylor was waiting for them and personally took them on a conducted tour, explaining all that went into the casting of Taylor bells and frames, wheel-making and tuning. Kate and Andrew Macve, from Buxton, joined the party for the day. The lovely little bells were rung under the guidance of Tony Lewis, the Ringing Master for the day.

A picnic lunch followed before ringing on the pleasant but none-too-easy ring at Rudington. A salad tea followed at Southwell before ringing on the glorious Taylor 12 at the Minster. More Taylor bells were enjoyed at Newark (10), where local ringers joined us.

Ringling throughout the day had been very good considering that 85 per cent. of the band had never rung on 10 or 12 before. Well done!

Methods rung included Cambridge Major, Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal, the best ringing being a course of Cambridge on the back eight at Southwell and Stedman Caters at Newark.

Our sincere thanks are expressed to Mr. P. L. Taylor and also to Mr. Foster for making the arrangements, and Sheila Copping for secretarial duties. T.L.

MR. DAVID OSENTON MARRIED

Many Kent ringers and friends made their way north for the wedding on June 18th of Mr. David S. Osenton, representative for the Rochester District on the Kent County Association Committee, and Miss Margaret A. Nurse, of Holbeach, Lincolnshire, at the Baptist Church, Long Sutton, Lincs.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. Leslie Evans and the Rev. Howard North.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length princess line gown of white duchesse satin and a three tier waist-length veil held by a headdress of white satin rosebuds and lilies of the valley. She carried white orchids and white roses, and she was attended by two bridesmaids and two pageboys. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. Christopher T. Osenton, was best man.

The reception was held at the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, and was attended by some 90 guests. After the speeches a touch of Grand-sire Caters was rung on handbells by the band, which had previously rung a peal in the same method at the hotel for the occasion. The peal attempt at Pinchbeck by seven friends from Kent and one from Holbeach was halted when a rope broke after 50 minutes, but a peal at Trumpington, including more Kent ringers, was successful.

NO LONGER UNRINGABLE

For some considerable time there has been a rumour among Essex ringers that the five bells at St. James', West Tilbury, were unringable, but very recently an opportunity arose to dispel these rumours and to prove that the silence of these bells arose only from lack of ringers and the application of a spanner to various nuts on the bell frame. (Owners of "Dove's" please note!)

As St. John's Church, Tilbury Docks, is closed for rebuilding, all weddings arranged for that church are now held at West Tilbury, and a request from one couple for the bells to be rung for their wedding inspired the Rev. P. N. Bond, curate of St. John's and Missions to Seamen chaplain, to obtain the church and tower key and investigate the possibilities.

The tower was rebuilt in 1883 and is in good condition, as is the wooden frame installed, no doubt, at the same time. The seven cwt. tenor was recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1953 and rehung on ball bearings, and the fittings of the other four, cast by assorted founders from the 17th century onwards, seem to be contemporary with the frame and in quite good condition.

After adjustments to ropes (and repairs to the Ellacombe chiming system) the bells were raised singly and went very well, although there is some unnecessary frame movement near the third, which, it is hoped, will be cured by the judicious application of a spanner and penetrating oil!

A band was gathered from Orsett and Fobbing towers (including Mr. A. Reeve from the latter tower, who is now over 90), and the bells raised on the afternoon of July 23rd. Rounds and call changes, as well as touches of Grandsire Doubles, were rung, to the joy of two of the remaining West Tilbury ringers who were present, and the "go" of the bells was found to be very good considering their long period of disuse. The happy couple expressed their joy in having bells for their wedding, and it is hoped that the bells may now be rung more frequently.

Thus the rumours of yet another "unringable" have been dispelled; the frame does need tightening, and it is hoped to carry out this work very shortly. Meanwhile, any outing parties wishing for a short ring at West Tilbury, on a very pleasant toned light ring of five, would, I am assured by the Rector and churchwarden, be welcomed; intending visitors should contact the Rev. P. N. Bond, Missions to Seamen, Athlone House, Dock Road, Tilbury, Essex (Tel. Tilbury 2080), who can make the necessary arrangements. Just a note—the bells are a ground-floor ring, with a rather long draught of unguided rope, but are quite easy to handle! P.N.B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The length of the quarter peal at St. Laurence's, Reading (page 453), was 1,200 changes and not as printed.

Will Mr. T. Taylor, whose last address was 24, Matlock Road, Ambergate, Derbyshire, please send his new address to the Editor. His copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned, marked "Gone away."

The ringers of the peal of Minor at Wragby on July 23rd would like associating with the peal the name of Irvin Slack, who was unable to take part due to a minor accident while at work, and also to thank Alan Newbould for standing in at very short notice.

Members of the Clerical Guild rang a quarter peal at Mapledurham, Oxon, on July 25th in honour of the birth of twin sons (Giles and Patrick) to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood, and the birth of a son (Nicholas John de Bailleul) to the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. C. Coussmaker.

CORRECTIONS

Location of peal on page 468 in issue of July 15th was Birstall, not Drighlington.—Correspondent's apologies.

Peal at Cranford (page 482) was rung as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Venn, and not a 21st.

In the peal at Warnham, Sussex, on May 28th (page 400), the conductor was Christopher T. Osenton, and not as shown.

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CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL PEALS

It was almost a year ago that Jack Phillips conceived the idea of doing what was done on Saturday, July 23rd—that is, in connection with the City of London Festival, the College Youths should ring three peals of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Giles'. Cripplegate, all starting at the same time. In February he started work on the somewhat formidable task of arranging the bands for this. Anyone who has done any peal organising will know that it is not always easy to get 12 ringers for one peal, and when you are getting 36 ringers for three peals it is quite something.

However, the organisation was successfully accomplished, and on July 23rd the 36 ringers all duly arrived. The writer had suggested that all 36 should assemble at St. Paul's and march through the streets of the City with the steward at the head bearing the mace, but unfortunately this suggestion was not accepted.

For each peal the composition was to be the same, one by John Chilcott being selected. It had also been hoped that all three peals would start at the same time, 3 p.m., but unfortunately the late arrival of one member prevented this.

However, by 3.10 p.m. all three peals were under way, and the City, on the last day of its Festival, was alive with the music of Stedman Cinques. As all three peals were successfully rung, there is nothing to report about the actual ringing. By ten to seven silence had descended once more on the City, and the ringers, with their wives and friends, were gathering in the Lord Raglan for suitable refreshment after a warm afternoon's work, and happy in the knowledge that this unique attempt had met with complete success.

It is perhaps worth noting that besides all the ringers being members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, they are nearly all regular ringers in London. W. T. C.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY

The peal at Loughborough Parish Church on July 14th was specially arranged and rung for the installation of Sir Harry Pilkington as the first Chancellor of Loughborough University. Sir Harry came to hear the start of the peal, the ringers of which included two graduates from Loughborough and the president, secretary and treasurer of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The ringers were wine and dined in a manner befitting the occasion after the peal (bread and cheese had been threatened for failure). A peal board is to be erected to commemorate the event.

TO SINGAPORE

A loss to English ringing will be the departure next September of Miss Alice E. J. Lester, of Needham Market, Ipswich, to Singapore. She is going to teach at the British Army Children's School for two years. Her friends in the Old Country wish her many happy experiences at Singapore despite the inability to take part in record peals. Last week we recorded that Miss Lester was a member of the band that rang at Ashbocking 148 methods of Spliced Minor, the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIVE TO BE RESTORED

The heavy five at Isleham (Cams) are to be restored. Arrangements are being made for them to go to Loughborough in November.

The bells, a minor ring in F (tenor approx. 25 cwt.), are to be rehung in a new frame, with the possible addition of a treble. None of them are to be recast or retuned as it is intended to retain the character of the ring described by Raven in "The Church Bells of Cambridgeshire" as "unusually grand, of deep and solemn tone."

The third bell is 500 years old, treble and second 450 years, the fourth was recast in 1819, and the tenor was cast by John Darbie in 1680. About 100 years ago the tower fell down, but not one of the bells was broken, and it was when the tower was rebuilt that the bells were rehung in the present unsatisfactory frame, which has been the cause of the trouble.

A LOSS TO TEMPLECOMBE

The quarter peal rung at Templecombe on July 16th was a farewell compliment to Mrs. Daphne Howcutt, who is moving to Tilehurst, near Reading. She will be greatly missed at Templecombe, where she has rung for many years. She was one of the original members of an advanced methods band formed in the area some 18 years ago, chiefly through the efforts of the well-known blind ringer, Mr. F. J. Hazzard. He did not feel fit enough to ring in the quarter peal, but was present in the tower and checked its progress and the correctness of the calls. The ringers were hospitably entertained afterwards by Mrs. Howcutt and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, and they wish her all happiness in her new home.

FARMER GOING TO AUSTRALIA

Members of the Southwell Guild and surrounding Districts will be sorry to know that Mr. C. W. Towers has sold his farm at Thrumpton and is emigrating to Australia. He was a member of the Midland Counties (Loughborough District), then joined the Southwell Guild after the war.

His uncle, Mr. A. Kingsbury, taught him to handle a bell, and for many years he rang at Thrumpton, Kingston and Barton. His last tower was St. Peter's, Nottingham.

Best wishes, Charles, from all your ringing friends. S. A.

LAVENHAM RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE

Lavenham ringers, wives and friends held their annual outing on July 16th, ringing at five towers in Lincolnshire—Fulney (8). Pinchbeck (8). Ewerby (10). Bicker (8) and Donington (8). Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, and lunch and tea were served at the Red Cow Hotel, Donnington. Home was safely reached at 10.30 p.m.

The ringers thank, through "The Ringing World," the incumbents and towerkeepers for their help in making this outing such a great success, also Mr. A. J. Haynes, the organiser. M. T. S.

ALE FOR THE RINGERS!

The peal at Castor, Northants, on July 9th, the first on the bells in the village for 13 years, caused many favourable comments in the village. One of the churchwardens expressed his pleasure at what he described as a "fine ring" by leaving a £1 note for the ringers to buy some ale!

STANLEY GETS AROUND

Nearly 40 years ago I climbed the steps of Earl Soham belfry in Suffolk to watch the ringers, and before I could get out again the late W. G. Crickmer had pounced upon me and suggested that I come up one night to learn to pull a bell with the tongue tied. Being interested I did so and that was the beginning. To his credit, although he had not much patience he had perseverance, and my word he needed it. I must have nearly broken his heart but in the end I was ringing Plain Bob Minor "inside." We used to go on our bicycles to Worlingworth, Wilby, Badingham, Framlingham and Monk Soham.

The years rolled by; I married and went to live at Hemingstone and joined the band at Henley, the home of the great Rev. W. C. Pearson. Here several young ringers were taught but no great progress was made, but at least these people knew how to ring a bell and, like myself, I think that some day they will want to ring again. Then came Howard Egglestone and a new era dawned. Somehow he had a gift for getting the message across and in about a year I rang my first peal—Plain Bob Major "inside" for my silver wedding. When I read of the "Great Adventure II" and the wonderful time they had I got that sneaking feeling that I would like to see for myself. I realised that these were ringers out of the top drawer and I wondered what they would think of me.

Well! here I am, and the towers I have collected on the way include St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, and in Sydney, Australia, St. Andrew's Cathedral, St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, St. Mark's, Darling Point, St. Jude's, Randwick, St. James', Turramurra, and St. Paul's, Burwood. Wherever I have visited I have been made most welcome. The bells (I am not an authority on this point) range from good to indifferent, but there are always young ringers wanting to ring, while I am sure the ringers at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral would welcome some new ropes.

There is one point I am clear about, and that is the state of the belfries here; they are well kept, with carpets on the floor and even washbasins, while the majority in England are a disgrace. It's about time that old coconut matting went out and something decent put on the floor. Ringers here are longing to come to the home of ringing ("Ringing World," July 15th); one is coming before I return; she was picking out towers from "Dove's" tonight. Make it "home" for them when they come. I must say these Australians are gluttons for punishment; we have had punctures, broken ropes, lost quarters, the lot, and still they come up for more. Among the ringers I have made many new friends. Thank you Australia. Thank you Australians, I did not deserve it.

To all my friends in the South East, Suffolk, District, especially Henley, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Oulton and Bramford; greetings and thank you for your good wishes. I shall soon be on my way to New Zealand, where I hope to ring, and so continue to send a message round the world, a message of love and goodwill. On my return I am going to try to make our bells and belfries like they should be—"Home" for the ringers of the world.

STAN BLOOMFELD.

LEICESTER RINGERS' TWO-WEEK TOUR OF THE WEST COUNTRY

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Glos.—At the Church of St. Lawrence

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Martin Green Treble	Howard C. Palmer .. . 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 6
R. Brian Mills 3	*R. Kingsley Mason .. 7
William A. Lacey 4	Roland H. Cook .. . 10

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* 100th tower for a peal.

MILBORNE PORT, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Mon., July 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Howard C. Palmer .. Treble	Malcolm E. Wade .. . 5
William A. Lacey .. . 2	Roland H. Cook .. . 6
Martin Green 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 7
R. Brian Mills 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Denis Knox.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of

St. Candida and the Holy Cross.

On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. . 5
Malcolm E. Wade .. . 2	Roland H. Cook .. . 6
Martin Green 3	William A. Lacey .. . 7
R. Brian Mills 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by William A. Lacey.

The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., July 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	R. Brian Mills 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Howard C. Palmer .. . 6
Roland H. Cook 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 7
William A. Lacey 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.

On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt 11 lb. in E flat.

Howard C. Palmer .. Treble	William A. Lacey .. . 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Malcolm E. Wade .. . 6
Martin Green 3	Roland H. Cook .. . 7
R. Brian Mills 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

WERRINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.

On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	William A. Lacey .. . 5
Martin Green 2	Malcolm E. Wade .. . 6
R. Brian Mills 3	Roland H. Cook .. . 7
Howard C. Palmer 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason

CITY OF BRISTOL—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Martin Green Treble	Howard C. Palmer .. . 5
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Malcolm E. Wade .. . 6
R. Brian Mills 3	Roland H. Cook .. . 7
William A. Lacey 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by William A. Lacey.

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

C.C.C. 21.	Tenor 42 cwt
David E. Parsons .. Treble	Antony R. Kench .. . 7
Wilfred Williams .. . 2	Stewart F. Kimber .. . 8
Frank E. Darby 3	Philip A. Corby .. . 9
George W. Pipe 4	Frederick E. Collins .. 10
John Armstrong .. . 5	Philip A. F. Chalk .. 11
Andrew Pearmain .. . 6	Frank C. Price .. . Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

C.C.C. 21.	Tenor 42 cwt.
G. William Critchley .. Treble	James G. A. Prior .. . 7
John Chilcott 2	John Phillips .. . 8
Andrew N. Stubbs .. . 3	David T. Darby .. . 9
David P. Hilling .. . 4	Rodney B. Meadows .. 10
Robert E. J. Dennis .. . 5	Robert C. Kippin .. 11
John Hill 6	John H. Crampion .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

C.C.C. 21.	Tenor 34 cwt 6 lb.
Alan Patterson Treble	Robert N. Harris .. . 7
Harold N. Pitstow .. . 2	Christopher H. Rogers .. 8
Raymond G. Cousins .. 3	M. Roger Ashmore .. . 9
John D. Rock 4	Michael V. Chilcott .. 10
Alan J. Frost 5	John S. Mason .. . 11
William T. Cook 6	Roger Overington .. Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

The above three peals were rung by arrangement at the same time to mark the City of London Festival

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL—At the Priory Church of St. James with St. Peter.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt

Richard J. Bowden .. Treble	Cyril A. Wratten .. . 6
*Andrew Howard .. . 2	John C. Slater .. . 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. . 3	D. John Hunt .. . 8
†Richard W. Sweet .. . 4	Victor Griffin .. . 9
†Roger M. Heyworth .. 5	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal on ten. † First of Surprise Royal "inside." ‡ First of Royal. 200th peal as conductor.

Rung for St. James' Day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Derek Yates Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis .. . 5
Alan F. Scholfield .. . 2	John Worth .. . 6
Frank Osbaldiston .. . 3	A. Peter Whitehead .. 7
Harold C. Lanyon .. . 4	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by John Worth.

Rung as a compliment to Mr and Mrs. Basil Jones on their marriage on Saturday, June 18th, 1966.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 720 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob

and 2,400 Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

David Harradine .. Treble	Reginald W. Worrall .. 4
Geoffrey Green .. . 2	Ernest Pimlott .. . 5
Christopher Jones .. . 3	*Derek Escourt .. Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.

* First peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of every method for every bell.

Tenor 14 cwt in F.

*Clare F. Dolphin .. Treble	*Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
†Ian C. Maycock .. . 2	†Edward Holdsworth .. 6
*F. Mark Robottom .. 3	Antony R. Kench .. . 7
*Stephen F. Royal .. . 4	*Ernest J. Gower .. Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major † First of Spliced Surprise Major "inside." First of Spliced Surprise Major and 25th peal as conductor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

UFFULME, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 or 20 lb in E flat.

*William M. Taylor .. Treble	Clive G. Bryant .. . 5
*Philip J. Daniel .. . 2	Roger J. Gay .. . 6
*David J. Ley 3	Charles P. Yates .. . 7
John L. Queen 4	Frank D. Mack .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Frank D. Mack

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a farewell tribute to the ringers of 2, 3 and 6 on their departure from Shebbear College

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

UPLYME, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*David B. Ellery Treble	Henry G. Keeley 4
Cuthbert W. H. Powell .. 2	† Frank G. Knight 5
Melvyn J. Hillier 3	Harry Parkes Tenor

Conducted by Cuthbert W. H. Powell.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Cambridge Minor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co Durham.—At the Church of All Saints.
Stranton.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb in F.

Susan Roach Treble	William Maughan 5
Kenneth Lawson 2	James Burton 6
Mrs. Margaret Lawson .. 3	* Jack Roach 7
Peter Wishart 4	John Pladdys Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

* 25th peal

A tribute to the conductor on attaining his majority. Also a 17th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YAXLEY, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Peter Woollven Treble	Michael M. Hawes 4
* T. Raymond Garrett .. 2	George E. Bonham 5
Peter S. Abbott 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal "inside."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church St. Michael the Archangel.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Peter G. Brown Treble	* Jennifer M. Syder 5
Marian Wood 2	John Warner 6
* Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	Alan R. Syder 7
Peter Wood 4	* Robert J. Lindsell Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.

* First peal in the method. First of Major as conductor. First in the method on the bells

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

* Miss Vivien A. P. Cross Treble	James L. Towler 4
David E. Culham 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3	Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

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

On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 23 methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Delight, (2) College IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clements, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Peter G. Pitt Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
Miss Lesley Ward 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3	Brian J. Vaughan Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Herbert E. Audsley Treble	David S. Osenton 6
Olive D. Tester 2	John A. Howard 7
Frank Osbaldiston 3	W. Arthur Riddington .. 8
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Martin L. Howe 9
Alexander Waddington .. 5	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves and Valerie J. White, who were married at this church later this day.

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

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Ernest J. Ladd 5
Nina J. Thomas 2	Jonathan I. Porter 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Dennis A. Hewitt 7
Kenneth Warner 4	C. Martin Press Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by C. Martin Press.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to David Osenton and Margaret Nurse, married at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, this day.
Rung after meeting short for Caters.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, Kent.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. 181. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

* Peter D. J. Beal Treble	* Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
* John A. Hayward 2	D. Paul Smith 6
* Nicholas J. Chesson .. 3	* Tony Lewis 7
* Brian E. Jemmett 4	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 30 extents Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

* Jane H. Seeward Treble	David W. Grimwood 4
† Judith M. Squirrell .. 2	Cyril W. J. Beeching 5
Dawn V. A. Petts 3	* Percy J. Southon Tenor

Conducted by Cyril W. J. Beeching.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Robert B. Smith Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey 6
Patricia E. A. Morris .. 2	Samuel J. Haines 7
Brian S. Chapman 3	John M. Jelley 8
B. Stedman Payne 4	A. James Poyner 9
David F. Moore 5	Russell S. Morris Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

Rung for the installation of Sir Harry Pilkington as first Chancellor of Loughborough University this day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Surfleet Surprise, College, Norwich Surprise, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Double Bob.

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

Joan Gilbert Treble	Albert E. Flatters 4
Janet E. Hubbard 2	Keith R. Davey 5
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

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

On Mon., July 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being eight methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Beverley Surprise, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B

Maurice Bennett Treble	Alan G. Payne 4
Joan Gilbert 2	George W. Massey 5
Frank Taylor 3	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Jean S. Anderson Treble	Robin J. Collis 6
* Pamela E. Brown 2	Harold R. Blagden 7
Christopher H. Rogers .. 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
Douglas M. Boniface .. 4	Peter N. Felton 9
Patricia Rogers 5	Harold W. Rogers Tenor

Arranged by Wilfrid G. Wilson. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Royal. First of Little Bob Royal for all except ringers of 8 and 10.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLEDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 BOSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Martin F. Lock 5
John Hill 2	Vernon Green 6
Margaret A. Bould 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
200th different Surprise Major method as conductor.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

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

Derek P. Jones .. Treble	Roland Beniston 5
Samuel J. Haines 2	Richard J. Clifton 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Gordon H. Lane Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

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

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th obs.).	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.
W. Geoffrey Hair .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
John K. Smith 2	Joseph W. Cotton 6
William F. Woodward .. 3	Derek P. Jones 7
Gordon H. Lane 4	Norman W. Cotton Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

Rung for the opening the St. Peter's, Netherseale, Festival of Music and the Arts.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of ten extents of Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin and 12 of Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*Alfred W. Foreman .. Treble	Thomas E. Spight 3
Frank C. W. Arnold 2	Robin Churchill 4
H. William Barrett Tenor	

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

* First peal of Doubles.

REEDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., July 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.	
K. Nuala Toone .. Treble	*Martin Seuneky 3
Diane Toone 2	Stephen Toone 4
Stephen F. High Tenor	

Conducted by Stephen F. High.

* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., July 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven extents, being extents of Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's Bob.	Tenor 4½ cwt.
Jack Mowle Treble	Henry Tooke 4
H. William Barrett 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
Robin Churchill 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

First peal on the bells since the tenor has been recast.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
Giles A. Shedden .. Treble	William Birmingham 4
Frederick R. Scott 2	Ronald F. Diserens 5
Frank W. Lewis 3	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CASTOR, Northants.—At the Church of St. Kyneburga.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 10 lb.

Gilbert F. Cowlin .. Treble	Frank E. Sismey 4
Bernard J. Branston .. 2	*Graham F. Oliver 5
Alf Waller 3	Roy W. Spencer Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth, who is tower captain at this church.

UFFINGTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Tenor 13 cwt.	
Michael Stimson .. Treble	Alan Jacques 4
*Lionel Atton 2	Charles Black 5
Mary Stimson 3	John H. Bluff Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal in seven methods.

A birthday peal for the conductor. A wedding anniversary peal for Michael and Mary Stimson.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENKRIDGE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation (No. 2).	Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
Lucy Smith .. Treble	Richard J. Warrilow .. 5
Jeffrey B. Webb 2	*Cyril T. Collins 6
*Frederick R. Wiggin .. 3	Edmund Malin 7
Clive M. Smith 4	Eric E. Speake Tenor

Conducted by Edmund Malin.

* First of Stedman Triples.

RUGELEY, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods: 2,640 Grandsire (10 different callings and one Morris's 240), and 2,400 Plain Bob (four different callings), with three changes of method.	Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.) in G.
Richard B. Dorrington .. Treble	†Lance G. Hill 4
*Angela Bagnall 2	Clive M. Smith 5
*Cyril T. Collins 3	Tim Pendlebury Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal of Doubles and in more than one method. † First peal. Rung with bells fully open in grateful thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr. John H. Joyner, previously churchwarden and Ringing Master at Rugeley, who passed on to a fuller life on July 10th.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.	
Arthur Newell .. Treble	David Oliver 3
Neal Handley 2	Graham Fisher 4
Sydney Adams Tenor	

Conducted by Sydney Adams.

Rung as a farewell to C. W. Towers and family, who are emigrating to Australia.

NORTON DISNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three 720's Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.
Ruth Blackshaw .. Treble	Graham Fisher 4
Frederick Derry 2	J. Edward Brown 5
Maurice W. Harrison .. 3	James A. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James A. Musson.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. A. Musson, wife of the conductor.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

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

C. Jack Gibson Treble	Thomas J. Brock 4
Ernest G. Pearce 2	Ronald H. Bullen 5
Norman P. J. Cossey 3	H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of St. Simon and St. Martin and 18 extents of Plain.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Jack Pilgrim Treble	John Marjoram 4
Vernon Bedford 2	Peter Bedford 5
Adrian Knights 3	Harry Archer Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Knights, and as a 24th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Archer.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas-of-Myra.

On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble	Frank H. Hicks 6
Arthur G. Mason 2	*James M. Hills 7
Olive D. Tester 3	Herbert W. Woolven .. 8
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4	Colin A. Tester 9
John A. Howard 5	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of Surprise "inside" and first of Royal.

(Northern Division)

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12 part.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.
Janet E. Blake Treble	Derek Slater 5
Charlotte M. Harris .. 2	Frank H. Hicks 6
Valerie J. Howard 3	John A. Howard 7
M. Peter Howard 4	Eric H. Knapp Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

Rung as a welcome to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the occasion of the centenary of Dr. J. M. Neale, the hymnologist.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Winchester College Society)

OLD ALRESFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of St. Clement's, one of Child-wall and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Philippa M. Duggan .. Treble	John G. Pusey 4
††Barry R. M. Johnson .. 2	†Richard L. Underwood .. 5
††Katharine J. Maundrell 3	Richard H. Youdale .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First in three methods. First as conductor. First in three methods for the Society.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5,000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 25½ cwt.

David Nichols Treble	John Robinson 6
W. Eric Critchley 2	Vernon Bottomley 7
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	Frederick A. Munday .. 8
*Neil Donovan 4	Wilfred F. Moreton .. 9
A. William Kirkby 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby.

* 100th peal.

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

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

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

J. Neville Parkin Treble	Alan Sheppard 5
*Margaret Whitehead .. 2	*Ronald R. Wanford .. 6
David Smith 3	Kenneth B. Sissons .. 7
Arthur Rogers 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung on the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wigglesworth, the parents-in-law of the ringer of the seventh and uncle and aunt of the ringer of the fifth.

SELBY, Yorkshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.

On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12 part. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Derek J. Swann Treble	Leslie M. Woodhead .. 5
*David Whitehead 2	G. Frederick Terry .. 6
*Alan Grundy 3	Ronald R. Warford .. 7
Kenneth B. Sissons .. 4	Alan Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal on the rehung bells.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. B. Sissons.

(Beverley and District Society)

EASINGWOLD, North Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Tues., July 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

*Ian Armstrong Treble	Mary I. Hildred 4
†Susan Mitchell 2	Terrence W. Brighton .. 5
Jennifer E. Pearce 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal attempt.

Rung after meeting short for Triples, and believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

HARESFIELD, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., July 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*R. B. Sawyer Treble	A. Tubb 4
†C. H. Legge 2	R. Cox 5
E. Cribley 3	R. Purnell Tenor

Conducted by R. Purnell.

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

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnett, married at Holy Trinity Church, Malvern, Worcs, on July 16th, 1966.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5112 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 3,648 Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough and 480 each of Little Bob and Double Bob with 245 changes of method.

Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

The first peal of four-Spliced "in hand" by all the band, in the county and by the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At 45, Holtie Crescent.

On Tues., June 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4	*Thomas Cullingworth .. 7-8
W. Arthur Riddington .. 9-10	

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

* First peal "in hand."

SUTTON BRIDGE, Lincolnshire.—At the Bridge Hotel.

On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* 50th peal "in hand."

Rung as a wedding compliment to David S. Osenton and Margaret A. Nurse, who were married this day at Long Sutton.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.

On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Edward J. Beer 3-4	Stuart Sandford 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* 200th peal

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

and the

HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—In the belfry of the

Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., July 18, 1966, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

Malcolm D. Barsby 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 3-4
B. Stedman Payne (cond.)	5-6

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1. Margaret Godfrey 2. Carol Cousins 3. Wendy Wallace 4. Amanda Powell 5. C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,440 Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1. Margaret Godfrey 2. Amanda Powell 3. Wendy Wallace 4. R. Rayfield 5. C. H. Macve (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. 100th quarter on the bells for 1 and 6. Rung for Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Wendy Wallace and Coral Cousins.

ALTON, HANTS.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Sansom 1. M. Chennell-White 2. Lesley Read 3. K. Tremear 4. M. Harbord 5. C. Chennell-White 6. D. Hughes 7. R. Corke (cond.) 8.

ASHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. B. Bindon 1. Miss M. J. Beale 2. K. E. Beale 3. N. J. Maggs 4. R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5. For Confirmation service.

BARMING, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Sandra Gunner 1. W. T. Grice 2. W. R. Manser (cond.) 3. Janet Woodruffe (first "inside") 4. B. W. Pankhurst 5. T. Crocker 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine Baldock 1. Ann Harris 2. G. Pullinger 3. J. M. Swift (first of Plain Bob Major) 4. H. G. F. Reynolds 5. P. Fox 6. I. V. J. Smith (first of Bob Major as cond.) 7. A. R. Baldock 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On June 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Mears 1. C. M. Smith 2. Miss B. Pickering 3. P. G. K. Davies 4. R. B. Dorrington 5. J. D. Holden 6. E. E. Speake 7. R. M. Hodister (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3. For Confirmation service. Also on July 17th, 1,152 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Miss P. Mears 1. E. E. Speake 2. Miss B. Pickering 3. R. B. Dorrington 4. J. D. Holden 5. R. M. Hodister (cond.) 6. First in two methods 1 and 3. Rung for the first Festival and Choral Evensong at St. Leonard's.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on July 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda Waters 1. R. Minton (first in method) 2. A. Swotton 3. V. Sheppard 4. D. Hunns (first as cond.) 5. J. Garner 6. For the wedding of Norma Crawford, a loyal Sunday school teacher.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on July 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. M. Hussey 1. B. Martin (first "inside" and of Major) 2. J. Collard (first of Major) 3. F. J. Sampson 4. T. Newlands (first of Major "inside") 5. J. C. Slater 6. J. F. Pedler 7. D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. M. Hussey 1. B. Martin 2. J. Collard 3. T. Newlands 4. D. J. Hunt 5. S. Bateman (13, first quarter) 6. Conducted by all the band. Rung in fond memory of Frank Skidmore, who died July 18th, 1960.

BRISTOL.—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Baldam (first quarter) 1. B. Martin 2. J. Collard 3. Miss G. M. Hussey 4. T. Newlands 5. D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On July 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Doreen E. Kendrick (first of Major) 1. Mrs. N. Randles 2. E. M. Jones (first of Major) 3. F. R. Evans 4. G. H. Randles 5. H. Price (first of Major) 6. D. H. B. Millward 7. D. N. Collins (first of Major as cond.) 8.

CAERLEON, MON.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1 leading): M. Swain (first quarter) 1. T. Fry (first quarter) 2. P. Chambers 3. P. Berrow (first "inside") 4. G. Wilkinson 5. R. Palframan (first as cond.) 6. D. Phillips 7. Rung to celebrate the forthcoming wedding of Mr. D. Pike and Miss M. Powney.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Tranter 1. R. Evans 2. H. Tranter 3. F. Taylor 4. A. Lloyd 5. J. G. Rich 6. A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7. J. A. Molinoli 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to dedicate the foundation stone of the first Pastoral Centre at Sutton Hill, Dawley New Town. Coalbrookdale is in the Dawley New Town area.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1. K. Beale 2. Mrs. D. Crocker 3. F. Arscott 4. R. Parker 5. R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Minor (Trinity Sunday and Cambridge): F. Cooper 1. E. J. Osborne 2. L. Gascoyne 3. A. Eise 4. L. Goodall (cond.) 5. G. N. Goodall 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Catherine Bradley (local ringer) and Mr. Richard Wigglesworth, who were married this day.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Clarke (cond.) 1. W. Smith 2. B. Wyld 3. J. Aldridge 4. M. Stone 5. T. Stevens 6. To welcome John Wyld, born July 15th.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Davis 1. Miss J. K. Murphy 2. Miss A. Horsford 3. Miss M. Simmett (first of Stedman) 4. J. Porter 5. D. Heighon 6. W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7. M. Sprackling 8. For morning service. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss M. Simmett 1. M. Sprackling 2. Miss A. Horsford 3. Miss S. Davis 4. A. H. Fulwell 5. J. Porter 6. W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7. F. Bishop 8. For morning service.

ELING, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Widgery (first of Minor) 1. Gladys D. Northway 2. Anne Buchanan (first of Minor) 3. Rhonda M. Purkess 4. T. Matcham 5. D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Sutton 1. G. E. Bonham 2. M. Presland 3. F. Osbaldiston 4. A. K. Peck 5. R. D. Bellamy (first of Minor as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss V. Titherly 1. Miss R. Earle 2. D. M. McLean 3. B. Stepany 4. Miss A. Bradbury (first as cond.) 5. G. Titherly 6. H. Goldsmith 7. E. Breed 8. Rung for Evensong during the Festival of Flowers at St. Mary's Church.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire S. Major: Ann P. Bond 1. Cecilia J. Bland 2. Susan E. Williams 3. C. Valerie Mills 4. W. Ayre 5. P. W. Harper 6. R. E. Sheppard 7. A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of Spliced S. Major 2, 3, 4, 6, 7. Also on July 10th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: C. Valerie Mills 1. Ann P. Bond 2. Elizabeth Gibbs (first "inside") 3. Susan E. Williams 4. R. J. Picton 5. B. M. Barker 6. P. W. Harper 7. A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of T.B. Major 2, 3, 5. Also on July 24th, 1,250 Lincolnshire S. Major: F. Byrne 1. B. M. Barker 2. A. V. Good 3. H. Collings 4. Susan E. Williams 5. P. W. Harper 6. A. R. Kench (cond.) 7. R. E. Sheppard 8. First in the method by all except conductor.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On July 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (62 bobs and 28 singles): E. Clifton 1. L. Sweatman 2. A. Bourner 3. H. Deacon 4. B. Johnson 5. J. Cooper (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Daphne Johnson and Peter Deacon.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On July 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Minor: Lynne I. Clowe (first of Minor) 1. T. W. Brighton (25th quarter) 2. Susan Mitchell 3. A. C. Banton (cond.) 4. Susan E. Thompson 5. Jennifer E. Pearce 6. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): T. Briggs (aged 89) 1. T. Bent 2. Jean Endall 3. J. Bramley (cond.) 720 4. H. Bray 5. G. Olliffe (cond.) 540 6. W. Tanser (aged 76) 7. Rung before Matins on the Patronal Festival.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Tessa May (first quarter) 1. D. A. Wilks (cond.) 2. P. Williams 3. J. Gatter 4. R. L. Horder 5. H. L. Crisp 6. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Jones (first quarter) 1. R. L. Horder 2. R. Jones 3. J. M. Portman 4. W. C. Panter (cond.) 5. J. Gatter 6. Rung for the institution of Rev. R. T. Urwin as Vicar. Ringers of the front five have associations with Exeter School, of which Mr. Urwin is an Old Boy.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 10th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: W. Oatway 1. Mrs. H. Oatway 2. Miss S. Davis 3. Miss A. Horsford 4. J. Porter 5. A. M. Stacey 6. R. Mitchell 7. A. H. Fulwell 8. W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9. Mrs. J. Rose 10. For Matins.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. K. Pinney (first quarter, age 12) 1. H. E. Turner 2. D. Robinson (first "inside," age 12) 3. Audrey Look 4. W. H. Turner (cond.) 5. L. E. Wear 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1. C. Koriwright 2. L. Childs 3. J. Mitchell 4. L. Derrick (cond.) 5. H. Hardwidge 6. Rung in memoriam Ronald Quint, beloved husband of Rose Quint.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Bruce (first quarter) 1. A. Taylor 2. W. Tyson 3. K. W. Cheeseman 4. K. Arthur (cond.) 5. T. Sewell 6. A welcome to Amanda Taylor, daughter of the ringer of 2, born July 6th.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. R. C. Clarke 1. Nancy Kempell 2. K. Richardson 3. K. Dallison 4. W. Dunn (cond.) 5. S. Smith 6. For the Patronal Festival.

ORMESBY, N. YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Roach (first in the method) 1. Ann Lawson 2. Enid Lawson 3. Margaret Lawson 4. K. Lawson 5. P. Wishart 6. T. Cox (cond.) 7. J. Roach 8. For the opening of the Tees-side Industrial Eisteddfod.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Corry (first quarter) 1. J. N. Longridge 2. J. Knight 3. T. Bleatham (cond.) 4. B. Ridout 5.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—On July 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. S. Bailey 1. J. Pilgrim 2. C. F. Pocock 3. D. Peers 4. P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5. R. Peers 6. A. J. Martin 7. J. J. Fox 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Ann Freeman and Mike Pilgrim earlier this day at All Saints', Caldy.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Long 1. Catherine A. Salter 2. Marie R. Cross 3. C. J. Jones 4. Daphne J. Pollard 5. D. J. H. Salter (cond.) 6. A thankoffering for the life and work of Kathleen Lock. Also on July 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Allen (first on working bell) 1. Valerie Hook (first "inside") 2. Catherine A. Salter (first as cond.) 3. M. C. E. Hodge 4. Daphne J. Pollard 5. Marie R. Cross 6. Rung on the birthday of the conductor, and for the birthdays of Marie R. Cross, Daphne J. Pollard, Margaret Hockham, Deborah Jones and C. J. Jones.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. E. Shrimpton 1. F. W. James 2. J. Pullon 3. A. C. Freeman (first on a working bell) 4. M. V. White (cond.) 5. P. Firth (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Sung Eucharist commemorating the anniversary of the consecration of the church. Also as birthday compliments to ringers of 1 and 4.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Martin, on July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Skelton 1. H. Rumens 2. Mrs. A. Abrahams 3. P. Young 4. N. Skelton 5. P. Bushell (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. Rung to wish the Rector a speedy recovery, and as a farewell to Philip Young.

SEATON, RUTLAND.—On July 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1. R. C. Woodward 2. R. N. Scholes (first quarter) 3. G. T. Norris 4. G. W. Hand 5. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Clare Elizabeth Crowden.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (1, 2 leading): C. England 1. M. Bristol 2. J. Cornelius (cond.) 3. G. Norcliffe 4. F. Welch 5. R. C. Beale 6. R. Welch 7. P. England 8. First quarter 1 and 2. After the wedding of Mr. G. Ashford and Miss M. Pond.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On July 17th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: D. P. Smith 1. M. T. Sprackling 2. R. Ship 3. Patricia Rogers 4. S. P. Darvill (cond.) 5. L. C. Way 6. K. J. Rider 7. W. G. Wilson 8. C. T. Richards 9. J. W. Smith 10. C. 11. Rogers 11. M. J. Uphill 12.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bellow 1. Miss A. Brown 2. Miss G. Thomas 3. S. Bendle 4. Mrs. J. Gray 5. P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Gray 1. Miss E. Brocklehurst 2. R. Sweet 3. S. Bendle 4. J. Slater 5. P. Gray (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 15th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): R. A. Webster 1. R. W. Smith 2. Mrs. P. A. Smith 3. G. Davis 4. F. E. Simey 5. R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. First quarter in more than one method 2 and 3. First of Major on the bells since rehanging. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand-sire): K. Bidgood (first quarter) 1. Gwendoline Bidgood 2. W. H. Harford 3. G. Upsell 4. Mrs. C. M. Lucas (cond.) 5. Rev. R. C. Lucas 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Reg. W. Charles, organist and choirmaster for many years and a friend of the ringers. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: T. P. Edwards (cond.) 1. Ruth E. Havard 2. G. J. B. Stickland 3. E. N. Thomas 4. T. Yeomans 5. J. Clatworthy 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Sandra Ford, a local ringer, married at St. Mary's this day.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On July 20th, 1,260 Erin Triples: H. W. Knight 1. R. Rice 2. M. Dodson 3. W. Rice 4. S. G. Smith 5. P. J. England 6. G. Prescott (cond.) 7. J. K. Baker 8. First of Erin "inside" by all except 1 and 7.

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EXMOUTH, DEVON.—Come to Exmouth on Sunday, August 14th, and join in the Ringers' Evensong at Withycombe Raleigh at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. Everybody welcome.—D. Wills, Sec. 9587

MANACCAN, CORNWALL. — Visitors please note that practice night is now Thursday instead of Wednesday. 9583

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Saturday, August 13th, at 3 p.m. Rededication by the Archdeacon of Carlisle of the restored ring of six bells in new frame. Names for tea to the Rev. C. R. Ridley, Thurstby Vicarage, near Carlisle, by August 10th.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 9568

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MEETINGS

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Arnold, 20, Green Springs, Farnham, Crondall, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9536

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. — Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6th at St. Thomas's, Exeter. Bells 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — G. Skinner, 38, Harston Road, Exeter. 9572

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Woolhope, Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, by Wednesday. 9581

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, August 6th, Rushden (5), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; Ashwell (6), 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. No Norton practice in August.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9552

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Meeting, Bushey Heath (8), August 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30 p.m., Bushey (8). Names essential to Mrs. E. Norris, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9567

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Business meeting at Cranford, Saturday, August 6th. Ringing 3.30-5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Chiswick from 6.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—W. S. Deason. 9519

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's, Offton (6), near Ipswich, Saturday, August 6th, 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. 9585

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting. Withyham (8) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec., Norman Cottage Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. 9560

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting, Breamore (4), Saturday, August 6th, 3-4.30 p.m. Service at Ringwood 6 p.m., followed by ringing. Please make own tea arrangements.—L. F. Cobb. 9602

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Practice on Wednesday, August 10th, at All Souls', Bolton, 7-8.30 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 9605

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Ebrington, near Chipping Campden, on Friday, August 12th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Homfray, Sec. 9597

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Evening meeting, Whatton, August 12th. Bells 7-9 p.m. Also final night of skittle and putting tournament in aid of Whatton Bell Restoration Fund, which is being held each evening 6.30-9 p.m. (Started July 8th.) 9586

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on August 13th at 7 p.m. 9607

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — An evening meeting at Tempsford (6), Saturday, August 13th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. A friendly welcome awaits all who come along.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 9595

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick (6), Saturday, August 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. I. D'Aguiar, Flat 2, Rosegarth, Driffeld, by previous Thursday. 9550

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, August 13th, at Penshurst (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. R. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst, Kent, by Wednesday, August 10th. Names, please, to secretary for annual outing on October 8th, 1966. 9561

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Littlebury (6), followed by ringing from 6 p.m. to 8.30 at Wendens Ambo (6). All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall, Harston, Cambs. G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting at Wroughton, Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday. 9596

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Cossington (5) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Yates, Cossington Rectory, Cossington, Leicester (Telephone Sileby 208), by Wednesday, August 10th. Also open: Ratcliffe (5), 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. 9588

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Burton Dassett on August 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire (Tel. 387). Avon Dassett may also be available.—F. W. Hancock, P. S. Bennett, Secs. 9580

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LATE NOTICES

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—Due to tower restoration work, ringing suspended until August 18th. 9609

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Hunsdon (8), Saturday, August 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing Widdford (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec., 55, North Road, Hertford, by Friday latest. 9608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Crosthwaite (near Kendal) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9612

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hale, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Please bring sandwiches, as there will be no tea provided.—M. E. D. 9610

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Oswestry on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after tea till 8 p.m. Names for tea (4s.) to Miss Griffiths, Coach and Dogs, Church Street, Oswestry.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9611

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY INVADE DERBYSHIRE

SATURDAY, July 2nd, dawned bright and clear for Ted's Tour, or, more properly, invasion of Derbyshire. We announced our arrival in Derbyshire by ringing Stedman, Yorkshire, Kent and Plain Bob at Matlock. With a temporary pause to retrieve a lost ringer, we sailed on to Youlgreave to ring the heavy eight there for a pleasant half-hour, adding Grandsire and Bristol to our repertoire.

Our stalwart party had already decided to walk to Bakewell and had sent the coach on ahead to forestall any waverers. John and Dave, however, in need of a dinner and deciding that discretion was the better part of valour promptly hitched a lift. Everyone assembled in due course and the party (now numbering the traditional 13) set off for Eyam. This did not prove to be the worst catastrophe to befall the village since the plague of 1666 for some fine ringing was achieved, including a speedy touch of spliced Kent, Cambridge and London. Hope was our next stop, where we gatecrashed a flower festival to ring Grandsire, Yorkshire, Stedman and Spliced.

Officially, the day's ringing was now concluded, but we set off to Castleton, having received no reply to a written request to ring, and successfully grabbed the bells. The variegated sallies—locally made we were told—and the curious tone of the bells provoked a good deal of comment. The day was brought to a close with John left to splice the sixth's rope, it having broken when caught—perhaps with too much enthusiasm—in Queens.

Our target for the night was a youth hostel. Ted, Derbyshire born and proud of it, took one half on the picturesque route, while the rest, ably led by Bob, took a direct route over hill and dale. Fortunately all arrived safely and, after an overnight stop, we walked again to Tideswell to ring Stedman, Grandsire and London for the service. Staying to the service, we were treated to the unusual spectacle of morris dancing halfway through "All things bright and beautiful."

It was a very pleasant week-end to round off the term, D. R. McL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The opinion has already been expressed that insufficient consideration was given at Bath to fixing the date of the 1967 meeting. This opinion is being justified as it is becoming known that many people will have to work on the day appointed for the meeting.

In order to ensure the success of the meeting it is very desirable that the Council should take the unusual step of reconsidering the arrangement. Will every member therefore write to me before August 23rd to advise which of the following dates is most convenient for the Council meeting:

Saturday, May 27th,

Monday, May 29th,

Tuesday, May 30th.

Members to whom the date is immaterial should indicate the fact

I shall report the outcome to the Standing Committee for that body to decide in consultation with the Southwell Diocesan Guild whether to change the date of the meeting. The Standing Committee's decision will be announced immediately in "The Ringing World."

This notice is published with the concurrence of the President

I must emphasise the importance of every member co-operating in this procedure

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

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QUARTER PEALS

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Judith Brooks 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, R. Birch 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, A. Lamb 6. For Matlins.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Rachel Saggz 2, Sylvia Knight 3, A. Bourner 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, D. Knight 6. First by an all local band since recommencement of ringing. Also on July 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Dury 1, F. Goodearle 2, A. Bourner (first as cond.) 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson 5. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight (first as cond.) 2, E. Clifton 3, L. Sweatman 4, B. Johnson 5, A. Bourner 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On July 17th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, G. E. Fearn 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Harris (first of Caters) 5, C. A. S. Webb 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, C. W. Bragg 8, P. J. Stretton 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Crabtree on the birth of a son (Stephen Paul).

TEMPLECOMBE, DORSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. D. J. Howcutt 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Miss R. M. Julius 3, T. E. Marks 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, F. Priddle 6. A farewell compliment to Mrs. Howcutt, who is moving to Tilehurst, near Reading

WAMBROOK, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss M. Beale 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, K. Beale 4, R. F. Arscott 5.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Reepham, Saturday, August 13th, 3 p.m. Bring own teas. 9553

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 8.30.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9566

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting and Guild Executive Committee meeting at Marlesford on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Finch, 4, The Bungalows, Marlesford, Woodbridge, Suffolk, by Wednesday, August 10th. Committee meeting 7 p.m. at the Parish Room, Little Glemham. Little Glemham bells (5) available after tea.—T. N. J. B. 9589

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Merton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Christ Church, Colliers Wood. Names for tea to G. Hawkes, 21, Cecil Road, S.W.19, by Tuesday, 9th.—B. Bull, Assist. Sec. 9556

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Pulborough, Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting after tea. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 9600

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, Thursday, August 18th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9520

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Ticknall, on August 20th, 3 p.m. Melbourne 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Peter Marriott, Arch View, Ticknall, Derbyshire.—C. A. T. 9591

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Hemsworth on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing at Badsworth (4) 2.30 to 3.30; Hemsworth (8) 3 to 4.30; Wragby (6) 6 to 7.45; Crofton (6) 7 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided at Hemsworth, where Mr. C. Moxon hopes to meet his ringing friends again. Meeting after tea (4.30 to 6). All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. of Southern District. 9604

QUARTER PEAL TOUR OF THE PEAK DISTRICT

ON the afternoon of July 16th, 12 enthusiastic ringers plus an aspiring enthusiast, Roy Stedman Mould, aged four months, left Chesterfield for a quarter peal tour of the Peak District. Under the eagle eyes of four conductors we hoped to gain five quarters.

Everyone set off in good spirits feeling sure that on such a pleasant day and with such "expert" ringers success was inevitable. Eyam was the first stop and everyone settled down well to Kent Treble Bob Minor, feeling certain of success until one person tried to come out of the slow when he wasn't in it! The second attempt had the same fatal result, whereupon we had to content ourselves with a meagre 552.

This cast a slight gloom on the proceedings, but with the hope of better things to come we headed for Great Longstone for Cambridge Surprise Minor. The attempt was successful in spite of incurring the displeasure of our infant traveller.

Elated with success we made for Fairfield for a quarter of Plain Bob Major on the fairly light ring of eight. Once again the quarter was gained but the striking was rather rosey. After a short break for tea an attempt for Plain Bob Minor was made at Taxal but proved unsuccessful.

The final hurdle was Bob Doubles at Chapel-en-le-Frith. Here we rang with gay abandon until confusion at a bob, two extents from home, resulted in our relinquishing all hopes of success.

After the inevitable inquiry we proceeded to a local hostelry to drown our sorrows. We would like to thank Edward Mould for arranging the tour, and the clergy and local ringers for allowing us the use of the bells. Details:—

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On July 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. D. Arkwell 1, Ann M. Smith 2, Christine Mould 3, T. Wylie 4, E. G. Mould 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 2 and 4.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.—On July 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Timons (first attempt) 1, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, Verena Simpson 4, F. A. Adams 5, J. Watkins (first of Major) 6, J. D. Arkwell 7, E. G. Mould 8.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The six at South Mimms were the afternoon hosts for the St. Albans District meeting on July 16th. Methods from rounds to London and York were rung before the service, which was led by Father Clare. The tea was held in the Village Hall.

Father Clare took the chair at the business meeting. New members elected were Miss Jean Digby (Tewin), Miss J. Meggy (St. Michael's St. Albans), and Miss Carrie Smith (South Mimms) was transferred from probationary to full membership.

The next mid-week District practice is at North Mymms on Wednesday, August 3rd, and, in view of the success of the past practices, it was decided to continue these further. Radlett being added to the list for Sept. 7th.

Under any other business the secretary, Mr. Roger Brown reported the resignation of Miss Christine Rimmer from the District Committee due to commitments outside the area. The whole District joined in thanking Chris and wishing her well for her future. A vote of thanks went to Father Clare, to Miss Dodds for playing the organ, and to the South Mimms ringers for the tea.

Evening ringing took place at North Mymms, several courses of Hertfordshire Surprise Major, the special method, being rung

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