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MEETING THE COST OF BELL RESTORATIONS

By Dr. P. J. Perry, University of Christchurch, N.Z.

JUDITH Scott's letter of June 3rd advocating a Central Fund for bell restoration surely deserves the most urgent attention of all ringers, and more serious consideration than it seems to have received at this year's Central Council meeting.

We must admit that the value of bells and ringers as such is marginal to the preaching of the Gospel in the twentieth century, and that if the Church is to be true to that Gospel almost every claim that is made on its limited resources merits prior consideration to those of its bells. As men and women active in church and community, ringers are not luxuries, but their bells undoubtedly are. Moreover, we enjoy the use of costly equipment, which gives us very great pleasure, at, in most cases, a less than nominal cost; to do so is, in the circumstances, verging on hypocrisy.

Is there any other recreation where the participants pay next to nothing for the use, maintenance and replacement of expensive equipment as we do? The old argument of the value of our service to the Church in proclaiming its existence and message no longer has much weight; highly though most of us value Sunday service ringing, we must be prepared to admit that this can no longer justify the expense to the Church which it involves.

In brief, the bells of Britain must be endowed to face a future of necessarily increasing expense and a diminishing willingness and ability to pay on the part of the Church. And such a future may be much nearer than we like to think. Clearly any endowment must begin with the ringers themselves, and primarily with those peal and tour ringers who make most recreational use of the bells, although it should also include the less peripatetic and the less peal conscious. (As to details of any such plan this would be of great importance and requires much thought, but lies outside the scope and purpose of this article.) Equally clearly any money paid from a trust fund should be paid as far as possible on a pound for a pound raised locally basis, but also bearing in mind the size and affluence of the local population and the extent to which the bells are likely to be used.

But more than an appeal to ringers is surely needed: to raise a fund with a worthwhile annual income some

national appeal to industry, to individuals and to institutions must be undertaken. Such appeals have substantially aided many undertakings, new (and old) universities, cathedrals and churches for example and I see no reason why an appeal of this kind if conducted competently (which means professionally in this case) should not raise several hundred thousand pounds.

As to the management of such a fund, I refuse to believe that there are insufficient ringers of ability and integrity to undertake this task. In my own limited experience over ten years and in three localities in Britain I am sure I could find a group capable of undertaking such a task (again provided they received adequate professional advice on e.g. investment policy). And as Judith Scott pointed out, a national fund by being national avoids many of the problems which bedevil a local one.

Finally, the matter is urgent. If it deserves attention, and however much deliberation and planning it requires, it deserves and requires them now; it will be too late when the crisis is upon us and the bells are silent.

NOTE.—Miss Judith Scott is secretary to the Council for the Care of Churches, and her letter in the issue of June 3rd was received too late for consideration by the Central Council at Bath, although copies were available for the Standing Committee. Mr. E. A. Barnett, the then secretary of the Central Council, wrote upon the subject in the issue of May 20th, and doubted whether Associations like the Kent County, who had had belfry repair funds for over 50 years, would surrender their independence.—Ed.

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Wratten's Wringers' Tour again Centred on Cheltenham

THE fourth annual tour of Wratten's Wringers was held from July 2nd to 9th and was centred, as usual, on Cheltenham. The tour party consisted of Diana Chapman, Gill Hussey, Peter Bridle, John Hunt, George Cousins, George Thoday, Richard ("Cap'n Crunch") Sweet, Victor Griffin, Chris Kippin and Cyril Wratten, assisted part time by Tony Kench and sundry other ringers from the Cheltenham and Swindon areas.

As numbers were somewhat smaller than last year, we were not able to attempt two peals on the first Saturday, but we made up for this by ringing Hampstead Surprise Royal on the fine ten at Daventry, Northants, our only ten-bell attempt of the week. On the way back to Cheltenham we dropped in at Qumton, Warwickshire, to enable Cyril to salve his conscience by attending at least part of his local Branch meeting and for the rest of us to "grab" a new tower.

Sunday morning brought the arrival (very early) of George Thoday, who had spent the previous day cheering the West Indies at Trent Bridge. We enjoyed ringing for morning service on the twelve at Cheltenham Parish Church, Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus being brought round. Richard was particularly delighted with the twelve-bell ringing since it gave him his first opportunity to rise above tenth's, despite some previous twelve-bell experience at another Gloucestershire tower!

After lunch we headed towards Birmingham, Packwood being our objective. We arrived in time to see a christening party beat us to the church. The spare half-hour was spent in various activities, mainly learning the method for the peal, but despite the wait a good peal of Belvedere was scored. The tenor ringer, unlike his cricketing cavaliers, was disposed to coast along, and the time of 2 hours and 31 minutes was ample evidence of his nocturnal driving activities! A pleasant hour or so was spent after the peal renewing acquaintances with Maurice Hughes and Ian Maycock.

SNUFF WITH THE RECTOR

On Monday morning the peal ringing began in earnest with an attempt for Pitman's six-spliced "all the work" Surprise Major at Hampton, near Evesham. With half of the record Spliced Major band ringing, this attempt should have been a "walk-over," but unfortunately, after an hour and three-quarters' good ringing, the conductor unwittingly varied the composition, which deprived us of the 65's and the peal. Perhaps we should have taken heed of Geoff Hemming's advice before the attempt and rung "Yorkshire and score." The afternoon's attempt for Superlative at Hinton-on-the-Green was, however, successful, the morning's conductor being banished to Evesham to listen to the Test Match. As the peal came round Mrs. Amy Thomas arrived home and it was the pleasure of some of us to renew old acquaintances. In the evening we met the Rector of Evesham, the Rev. Albert Webb, quite by chance in a local hostelry, and before the end of the evening some of the harder members were seen taking snuff with him, with varying degrees of success, much to the amusement of the remainder of the party. Later we said farewell to Tony Kench.

The Evesham area was again invaded on Tuesday and Sawley Surprise Major scored at Badsey. After a late so-called lunch we made our way to Oxford, where we were due to ring Bristol at St. Martin's and All Saints'. Having duly inspected the peal boards and remarked lightheartedly about the slow times of some of the peals recorded, we succeeded in ringing our peal in 3 hours and 7 minutes, one of the slowest on the bells. This gave rise to the rumour heard in Oxford a few weeks later that we rang until 11 o'clock (we in fact finished at 8.45 p.m.). The elements were unkind that evening, undoubtedly due to England losing the Test Match, and the journey back to Cheltenham was quite hazardous in the pouring rain.



After the peal of London at Hanbury, Worcs (left to right): John Hunt, George Cousins, Richard Sweet, Gill Hussey, Cyril Wratten, Diana Chapman, Peter Bridle, Chris Kippin and George Thoday. Vic Griffin is missing.

On the following morning we headed eastwards to Kingham, where the musical Taylor eight were soon tapping round to the first peal of Alloa outside Scotland. This was the only peal during the week when the tenor ringer really "got cracking" and George was most put out to see his fast time of two years ago broken by a secondary "tenor king"! At lunchtime Richard became attracted to a hunting horn for sale in a shop in Chipping Norton and, after much amusing haggling, succeeded in purchasing the instrument. The ensuing attempts in the High Street to play the horn caused consternation so we beat (and blew) a hasty retreat to Churchill to ring a peal of Cheltenham. Despite attempts at sabotage by the members of the band who preferred the 2nd's place version of this method (Pudsey!) we were eventually successful, scoring the second peal in this method also.

FIRST BLANK DAY IN FOUR TOURS

Thursday morning brought our now annual pilgrimage to Ledbury. Previous attempts here, both thought to be "in the bag," failed due to shift courses and inadequate bobs, so this time we decided to ring "Yorkshire and score." Our only anxiety was, as usual, the conductor, especially when it was discovered that the chosen composition was not composed by Mr. Pitstow, and, what is more, parted the tenors, but even he seemed to be on form and the attempt, as usual, looked "in the bag." Unfortunately we reckoned without fate, and after three hours' ringing the tenor clapper snapped. The conductor was, of course, blamed for pulling too hard, especially when it was discovered that this was the third tenor clapper this year that had broken on him, but recriminations were soon forgotten over a glass of beer.

The afternoon attempt for Spliced at Upton-on-Severn came to an untimely end after half an hour due to the same unlucky person shifting with the organiser, who was conducting this time, and so we returned to Cheltenham with our tails between our legs, having had the first "blank" day in four tours. The usual Thursday practice at Cheltenham did much to brighten our spirits, however, and Cambridge Maximus was attempted, much to Richard's excitement, as he was now able to go to 12th's place for the first time! The hunting horn was again much in evidence and credit must go to Frances Fairbank, who

managed to play two notes on the thing, the previous maximum being one for the musical members of the party and none at all for the remainder, including the owner!

Worcestershire was again the objective on Friday, and Stoke Prior was selected for the morning's attempt of Rutland, which was duly scored. At lunchtime John and George Thoday took on the local coalmen at darts and, much to the latter's consternation, beat them handsomely. The start to the afternoon's attempt for London at Hanbury was delayed while Richard told us (again) how he had rung the second there to an inordinately long peal of Bob Major lasting nearly eight hours. Suitably impressed, we succeeded in ringing our humble 5,000 of London in 2 hours and 56 minutes, which sufficed for most of us near the end of the week. The evening was spent in the traditional Friday evening manner, preparing ourselves for the final day's peal ringing.

Of course, the weather decided to turn against us in the morning and we accordingly splashed our way down to Stratton St. Margaret to ring a peal of Wessex, which was successfully concluded. One famous ringer in the band was heard to remark that it was a change to hear these bells rung to something other than Spliced. . . . The final attempt was at Highworth, a ring which we found much better than we had expected and, after two mysterious false starts, rang an enjoyable peal of Fordcombe, one of the more musical of the Lincolnshire variations.

Farewells were said rather hastily afterwards, as one member of the party had a train to catch to yet another ringing tour, and therefore our thanks to Cyril for another first-class tour must be reiterated. Our thanks are also due to Margery Wratten for again putting some of the party up (or putting up with some of the party, as one person was heard to remark!) for the fourth year running, and not least to the incumbents and tower captains.

R. C. K.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Garrod 1, J. Weaving 2, D. Digby 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, R. J. Wilsber 6. For the Patronal Festival (St. Peter). Also on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Owen 1, N. S. Blamire-Brown (first "inside") 2, R. J. Wilsber 3, Miss S. J. Farnes 4, D. Digby 5, S. Healing (first quarter) 6. Conducted by Peter Owen. To welcome the birth of a son to Audrey and Ron Short.

MIDDLESEX ASSN. AGAINST CHANGE

Saturday, August 20th—a glorious summer day—a North and East District meeting at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill—a delightful octave and a panoramic view of the countryside for miles around for those not actively participating in the tower. What more can a ringer ask?

The attendance was slightly above average, despite the fact that the holiday season was in full swing, and visitors were welcomed from Southampton and Cheshire. It was nice to see Miss Pat Laycock in our midst again after a 12-month stay in Canada.

In the absence of the Vicar the service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Dare, Vicar of St. Paul's, South Harrow, whilst Mr. Brian Apperson accompanied at the organ. This was followed by a splendid tea prepared by the members of the local band.

At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. F. W. Goodfellow, five new ringing members were elected to the Association, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. Woolley and Mr. and Mrs. Murphy (Harrow) and Mr. Martin Jordan (Hendon). The provisional election of Mr. Maurice Ingram (Birmingham) as a non-resident life member prior to a peal of Stedman Triples at Harrow was ratified.

On a suggestion originating from Miss Ruth Foreman it was decided to hold "Surprise" practices at St. Mary's, Hendon, on the second Wednesday of "even" months (February, April, etc.) in a similar manner to that recently established by the South and West District on the first Wednesday of "odd" months, the inaugural meeting to be held on October 12th.

A discussion also took place on a proposition submitted to the Editor of "The Ringing World" for a revision of the format of peals rung in the Greater London area to show borough, county, dedication and locality.

but this was not favourably received, the general consensus of opinion being that no useful purpose would be served by adopting this method as diocesan boundaries had not changed and Greater London had only been brought into being under the London Government Act for administration purposes.

Following a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting a return was made to the belfry and ringing continued in a variety of methods under the able guidance of Mr. T. G. Hawkins.

E. H. K.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN TABERNER, J.P.

John passed peacefully away on August 24th, aged 74 years. He had been a member of the Lancashire Association for 50 years, but it is in the smaller community of Higher Walton, near Preston, that he will long be remembered.

His whole life was devoted to his beloved All Saints' Church, his prosperous retail business and the welfare of the village in which he spent his life.

At his church he had been a member of the Parochial Church Council ever since its inception and had prided himself on never having missed a meeting until his illness of a few months ago. He had been a regular ringer there for about 50 years and a churchwarden for some 30 years. Although his ringing did not progress beyond Treble Bob, he set a wonderful example in attendance and devotion to duty.

A man of steadfast faith and strong convictions, he was never prepared to compromise his principles.

The funeral service was held on August 27th, and many people from all walks of life gathered to pay their tribute to his life and example. The bells were chimed to whole pull and stand before the service and rung half-muffled afterwards, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside immediately after the committal.

On the same afternoon a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory at Samlesbury, but unfortunately an attempt for Treble Bob Major at his own tower was lost when the treble clapper came out in the very last course of the peal.

W. M.

BOTTISHAM, CAMBS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Payne 1, A. Martin (first quarter) 2, W. J. Osbourn 3, D. E. Latchford (cond.) 4, A. Payne 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Fairhaven.

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Letters to the Editor

THE USE OF AN "X"

Dear Sir,—An article specifically addressed to beginners ought to be confined to established facts. The instalment on page 558 of R. B. Smith's series violates this axiom so blatantly that his readers should be warned.

His last note states that most composers use an x for a call Before to indicate that it alters the length of the course. The C.C. Collection of Peals, Group II, Section II, contains 19¹ compositions of Plain Bob Major by 40 composers, not one of whom uses an x for a bob Before. Unless Mr. Smith can name a greater number of composers of Plain Bob Major who do use an x, he should retract his statement.

The use of an x (more properly a multiplication sign) originated in the first edition of Stedman in the Snowdon series, where it was introduced to indicate the two bobs that behave as one in the twin-bob system. It has subsequently been freely used in an analogous manner in other methods, for instance, in and 5ths in London Surprise Major. In Plain Bob Major it is well established as an indication of 5ths and 4ths.

Nearly every bob Before in the C.C. Collection is indicated by a numeral. By contrast with the dashes used for other bobs, a number suggests some difference in effect. It so happens in Plain Bob Major that the number of leads added to the course is equal to the number of bobs Before. Such a direct indication of the result of bobs Before could not be improved on, hence it is not surprising that it has become the accepted normal way.

In the second column of his instalment, Mr. Smith writes 3x to indicate three bobs Before. The bobs are completely denoted by the 3; the addition of a redundant x is fatuous.—Yours sincerely,

M. HODGSON.

Chesham.

GREATER LONDON PEALS

Dear Sir,—Concerning the recording of peals rung in the Greater London area, I was surprised to read that Mr. Cobb's sensible proposals had been rejected by those members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild present at the meeting at Harrow, on the grounds that we are a body of Church bellringers. I was particularly surprised in view of the fact that a suggestion, made at a recent meeting, that the name of the Association be changed to "The London Diocesan Guild"—which would have emphasised the fact that we are workers for the Church, not the county—was thrown out with a vehemence which had to be seen to be believed, not even a word of discussion being permitted.

As far as the example of Kilburn is concerned, the new form would be: "City of Westminster, London.—At the Church of St. Augustine, Kilburn." which to at least one member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild is neither unpopular, unhelpful, misleading nor irritating.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN SPREADBURY.

Southgate, N.14.

CAMBRIDGE PEAL DUPLICATED

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal rung at St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge, on August 11th, may I point out that the peal has been inadvertently duplicated, and that the first publication, on page 561, should be disregarded.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. THODAY.

Cambridge.

INJUNCTION THREAT AND COMMON VIEWS

Dear Sir,—After reading the article over and over again, I thought of a "No mention in the Act" among the technicalities of the Noise Abatement Act. Does this mean that church bells can go on and on and on haphazardly, regardless of rhythm and time? Being a ringer myself who has been brought up to the discipline of rhythm, I can feel for Mr. Paul Marriott. This was illustrated to me by our parishioners after a peal was rung at our own tower by what was supposed to be a creditable band, like the company at Newton-le-Willows.

Dear Editor, the object of my letter is not to create any ill-feeling or friction between ringers and myself, for I am and always have been a lover of church bells. If the views of Mr. J. Gilbert (Handsworth), Mr. J. Phipps (Chesterfield) and Mr. Harold Chant (Falkirk) were accepted in all towers, it would go a long way towards suppressing the likes of Mr. Paul Marriott.

My little bit of advice to every peal ringer is to imagine that in every tower are these words towards the bells: Let thy speech be better than silence or be silent.—Yours, etc.,

J. B.

Greenfield, Oldham.

Note.—Although church bells are not specified in the Noise Abatement Act, it does not mean that bells can be rung indifferently, thus creating a nuisance. Injunctions have been obtained under Common Law, one noted case, so we are informed, being of church bells rung at 7 a.m. on a Sunday.—Ed.

DISCOURAGED

Dear Sir,—Where have all the ringers gone? (S. G. S., September 2nd.) I'll tell you where some of them are. They have gone away disheartened by ringers who encourage none but competent ringers at their towers.

I am a comparative novice by some standards, having been ringing only 21 years with no more than three Major Surprise and some half dozen Minor Surprise methods in my repertoire. At the present time I am instructing a band of six learners on a difficult 23 cwt. six and am the first to admit that the striking at times is not all that it could be, but they are keen and regular attenders both at practice nights and every Sunday, which I consider most important. I would agree with anyone who says that a high standard of ringing should be encouraged, but surely it is better to have the bells rung regularly by ringers who will improve their performance week by week than seldom or not at all.

Recently I took one of my more promising learners to a tower where I have always been made welcome (I hope not only for my ringing ability). Admittedly it was Sunday evening, but the poor fellow stood by for an hour without as much as "Would you like a few rounds?" It would not have been so bad if he could only ring rounds. No ringer ever goes away from our belfry without having had the best we can offer, and when more ringers realise, as I was taught, that the bells are for the service of the Church and not for their convenience, then will the ringers start coming back.—Yours truly,

GORDON W. RENDELL.

Montacute, Somerset.

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STANLEY IS BACK

It was a strange coincidence that my previous contribution should appear in "The Ringing World" at the same time as the account of the record peal of Minor at Ashbocking, as I live within earshot of these bells and know the ringers personally.

My last letter was written from my hotel in Sydney, where I had a fine time with the ringers, particularly Willie Watson. I made the trip by train to Melbourne for a week-end with my cousins and, of course, a ring at St. Paul's Cathedral, where I received a grand welcome. With my usual luck we again lost a quarter of Plain Bob Major, but it was a joy to ring these beautiful bells.

Returning to Sydney, I rang at All Saints', Parramatta, and was able to meet Margaret Goodyer, who has just returned from England with about 70 towers under her belt! Congratulations to her son, Philip, who rang his first quarter while I was in Sydney. Tom and Margaret must be proud to have a son carrying on the tradition. For my final evening, after practice at St. Jude's, Randwick, we met at Enid Roberts' home, where I took my leave of the many friends I had made.

Willie Watson, faithful to the last, saw me off at the airport for New Zealand the next morning. I arrived at Wellington determined to ring at Christchurch Cathedral. Inquiries indicated that the only way to get there on a Sunday was to fly the 152 miles at a cost of £10 return, so I was airborne again. At Christchurch I found the Cathedral and was getting my bearings when I saw two men talking beside the Cathedral. On going over to them I found one was Nelson Sloan, the man I was looking for, and John Dunn, who hails from Birmingham. Needless to say my day was made; they gave me a grand time and I was able to ring for the evening service and catch my plane back to Wellington after the service.

My next move was to Auckland and from here I set my sights on Hamilton; this was easier as I was able to get there by bus. Mr. Coldwell met me and I was able to ring on this nice eight for Evensong and catch my bus back to Auckland—a very pleasant evening. From there I moved across the Pacific to Los Angeles and Jamaica and finally to London Airport. In 55 days I had circled the globe. I had delivered a message from Roy Law in Cape Town to Ray Idle in Christchurch, I had rung at Melbourne on the bells in which George Pipe has a special interest, I had met wonderful people in Sydney and, above all, I had been taught a lesson. Here in England we have lovely old churches with rings of bells hanging silent, while people in other parts of the world have not enough to go round. It is up to us to get them ringing again, for there is no doubt in my mind that ringing is one of the greatest fellowships on earth and the bigger it becomes the better the world will be.

On the evening of my return I called in at a party being given in honour of Miss A. E. Lester, who is shortly leaving for Singapore, and was welcomed with musical honours—so much for my previous article.

A peal has been rung at St. Andrew's, Sydney, since I left, and through "The Ringing World" I offer my hearty congratulations to the ringers. This Christmas I shall have a lump in my throat and my thoughts will turn to my many friends across the seas, people who last year I did not even know. May they continue the good work. And, to all in England, let's show 'em—we have the bells, let them speak to the world and not hang in silence until they fall down in decay.

STAN BLOOMFIELD.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued**BELLS AT ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE**

Dear Sir,—Over the past three to four weeks there has been some conflicting reports regarding the above bells and inquiries made to members of the Council have met with little information. Having heard on Friday last that builders were removing the bells I decided to visit the church as soon as possible.

On Sept. 5th I visited the tower and found that the five bells, together with all fittings and frames, have been removed by John Taylor of Loughborough. Two bells were already loaded on a lorry for a destination unknown. In place of the ring, I understand that a single bell will be installed on a metal headstock. (No doubt Messrs John Taylor will supply fuller details in due course.)

For the records, there is no ring of five bells (tenor 10½ cwt.) at All Souls', Eastbourne.

—Yours sincerely,

R. W. R. PERCY.

Hon. Gen. Sec., Sussex County Assn.

RINGING AT BRAINTREE

Dear Sir,—You published in the September 2nd edition a letter from Mr. Roy Threadgold, whose address is shown as Braintree.

As Roy says that he seldom gets beyond the stage of Bob Doubles as conductor or researcher, it could be taken that this is the limit of our activities at Braintree. Actually, Roy—who is far too modest about his ringing ability, both in theory and practice—rings at Wethersfield, near Braintree. We at Braintree are fortunate enough to have a band for Surprise Major on most Sundays. —Yours truly,

R. J. LINDSELL.

Braintree.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

At a well-attended meeting of the Guild at Halifax Parish Church on September 3rd full advantage was not taken of the 12, which are the loveliest ring of bells in the district. The Rev. Mr. Sorsby conducted the ringers' service and an excellent tea was provided by the local band.

Mr P. Birkett presided over the business meeting, during which he, as a delegate to the Yorkshire Ringing Societies, announced the desire to hold the Ringing Festival of 1967 at Halifax. Mr. E. Lord put on record that Halifax was proud to be chosen as the venue, and his proposal that the committee meet to make preliminary arrangements was carried.

Ringings continued until 9 o'clock. W.M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

At a special meeting at Haresfield on August 20th a resolution was unanimously approved informing the Association that they would strongly resist any attempt to interfere with present boundaries.

Prinknash bells (8, 21 cwt.) are to be hung for ringing when the Abbey tower is eventually completed. The Abbot, the Rt. Rev. Dyfrig Rughon, has said that they would much appreciate being members of Stroud Branch when the time comes.

Minchinhampton's oldest bell, the fifth, has become cracked, and the annual meeting in December will be transferred to Chalford.

Tony Bishop's Party in the West Country

THE West Country was again selected by Tony Bishop's party for their tour, which started on August 6th, with Yacombe as a base. Attending were Deborah Hopkins, Vanessa Rodrigues, Kay Tremee, Prisca Hornby, Lesley Read, Tony Bishop, Alan Bagworth, Rodney French, Keith Sansom, David Hughes and Michael Uphill.

The first commitment on Sunday was ringing for morning service at Up Ottery, where a good start was made with Cambridge. The afternoon's ringing was at Stockland and on the lovely six at Luppitt, where we found an enthusiastic local band. The eight at Honiton were well rung to Stedman for the evening service. Shouts from a bedroom window welcomed us back to the hotel—they were from Gill Sims, our 12th ringer, who had just arrived.

A strenuous day had been prepared for Monday. Before lunch ringing took place at Hawkchurch. Uplyme and Lyme Regis, where Erin and Double Norwich were both well struck. In the afternoon the six at Symonds-bury and the eights at Bridport and Bradpole were enjoyed. That evening Westminster was attempted on the pleasant bells at Netherbury, and Hexham at Broadwindsor. Finally, after moving the choir stalls, we rang Stedman and Bob Major at Winham. We arrived at Yacombe in time to hear the end of a quarter peal to mark the dedication the previous day of the newly-augmented bells from five to six (tenor 14 cwt.).

FREE AFTERNOON EARNED

Tuesday was cool and blustery but this could not daunt our spirits. The sixes at Hinton St. George (where York went well), Merriott and the heavy-going bells of Norton-sub-Hamdon were rung before preparing ourselves, by having lunch, for the 24 cwt. six at Montacute. The magnificent bells were rung to Durham and Oxford T.B. and were much praised before enjoying a well deserved free

afternoon. For evening ringing we visited Kingsbury Episcopi and Martock, where a half-course of Superlative produced the best striking.

The fine weather continued on Wednesday. The sixes at Membury and Chardstock (where Michael Uphill called his first "Devonshire Surprise" of the week) were rung before going on to the lovely eight at Thorncombe. The incident of the afternoon was at St. Michael's, Honiton. The man who met us was unable to open the tower door with the key so he calmly took a pickaxe to the lock and informed us that he had done the same thing for another visiting band a few weeks earlier! Before ascending the staircase we were warned to keep to the outside as parts of the steps towards the centre were likely to be missing. An oil lamp illuminated the ringing chamber. However, we were pleased with our Bob Minor and lower in peal. Two ringers from Luppitt obtained permission for us to ring at Cotleigh, where London was enjoyed.

LADIES TO THE FORE

The ladies opened Thursday's programme with a good course of Cambridge at Dalwood. Kilminster and Shute bells were rung before splitting up for a free afternoon, which was spent walking. In the early evening we were ringing at the lovely twin-tower at Ottery St. Mary, and this attracted an audience. The eights at Sidmouth and Sidbury followed.

Friday was another heavy day of ringing and we were pleased to be joined at Ilminster by Chris Marshall and Fred Sage. Curry Mallett, North Curry and Curry Rivel were among the towers visited and the last of some nine towers was at Stoke-sub-Hamdon, where Cambridge and Carlisle went well. Saturday was wet and cold and we took leave of each other soon after ringing at Glastonbury, having previously rung at Somerton and Butleigh.

L.R.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**Eastern District**

When the Eastern District met on August 27th ringing took place at Hessle and Kirk Ella in the afternoon and Cottingham after tea. Evenson was at Cottingham.

The new District vice-president, Mr. Alan Sheppard, presided at the meeting and gave a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bottomley and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton and ringers from Dewsbury and Coventry. The meeting approved the committee's recommendation fixing District meetings on the third Saturdays of February, May (A.G.M.), August and November. Sherburn-in-Elmet has been provisionally booked for the next meeting on November 19th, with Tadcaster it available.

Four new members were elected—Misses L. I. Clowe and S. S. Brenland (Huntington) and Messrs. J. Brook and A. Shingles (St. Mary's, Beverley).

A DAY TO REMEMBER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Ringers and friends of St. Mary's, Peterborough, will not forget August 29th, the day arranged for them in Leicestershire by Mr. G. Davis, and the splendid way Mr. G. Cowlin organised the ringing at the ten towers visited. All the 25 ringers, at different stages of experience, enjoyed themselves.

Promptly at 9 a.m. we were at Desford (a delightful six). Next came Ratby, and despite the absence of stays on the treble and second, good touches of Plain Bob and Kent Major were rung. Two good sixes followed at Groby and Markfield.

We claim the indulgence of the people at Anstey (8) for the poor ringing that followed lunch. By the time we reached Rothley (6) and Sileby (8) the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding had settled and morale restored. At Asfordby (6) the striking could hardly have been bettered. But the best ringing of the day came after tea at Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6) with standard methods to Cambridge. With all in high spirits, we felt that Buckminster (6) could not let us down. Double Oxford was the highlight here. Our best thanks to all who made us so welcome. P.A.S.

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POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

TUESDAY morning, September 6th, saw the Parliament Square area of Westminster literally seething with police of all ranks, representative of all Forces in the country who attended the memorial service in the Abbey, led by the Dean, Dr. Eric Abbot, for the three Metropolitan Police officers who met death on duty in such tragic circumstances recently. The Metropolitan Police Band and Choral Society also took part in this service. Arrangements had been made to relay the service inside St. Margaret's Church and in the Abbey Cloisters for the great number of police and civilians who attended.

The capacity congregation in the Abbey was led by Her Majesty's representatives and members of the Government, Lords and Commons, the Judiciary, the Commissioner (Sir Joseph Simpson) leading the serving ranks of all departments and divisions, and representatives of many other Forces.

The "back eight" half-muffled bells of St. Margaret's Church were rung to two touches of Stedman Triples before the Abbey service by members of the National Guild of Police Ringers, comprising Supt. R. J. C. Hagley and Sergt. H. A. May (Surrey Constabulary), Constables A. Jacques and J. Smith (Leicestershire and Rutland, Constable G. Cousins (Herefordshire), Constable C. Neal, ex-S. Ch. Insp. J. Lott and ex-Contable N. S. Bagworth (Metropolitan).

COMMISSIONER'S THANKS

Immediately at the conclusion of the Abbey service the half-muffled bells of the Abbey were rung for a short period by the "staff band" of the Abbey, and the above-named police ringers commenced an attempt for a quarter peal of Stedman Triples at St. Margaret's. The latter was brought to an untimely conclusion in the fifth course, mainly by the sudden and most unexpected appearance in the belfry of the Commissioner himself, who had made the climb to see and thank the ringers personally. A fresh start was made for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples after his departure, which unfortunately came to grief two courses after the halfway single had been successfully passed.

The ringers were entertained to lunch in the senior officers' dining room at New Scotland Yard by Mr. R. Linge, Dep. Commander No. 1 District of the Metropolitan Police, to whom Supt. Hagley expressed the sincere thanks of the police ringers for all he had done at such short notice to make the necessary official arrangements. The equally sincere thanks are also passed to Mr. J. W. Euston for all he did to have the bells of St. Margaret's ready for the occasion.

N. S. B.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

With reference to the notice published on pages 519 and 551, I now confirm that the meeting of the Central Council at Nottingham will take place on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MAYNE-DALRAINE.—The marriage between John R. Mayne and Marguerite E. Dalrairie will take place at King's Road Evangelical Church, Berkhamsted, on Saturday, September 24th, 1966, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 114, Park Street Lane, Park Street, St. Albans, Herts. 9895

DEATH

CLAYTON.—On September 6th, 1966, Dorothy, beloved wife of Harry, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton Mowbray, passed peacefully away in hospital. 9905

PERSONAL

G. J. B. S.—Come back! All is forgiven!—
L. C. G. C. R. 9913

"And he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes."—Haggai i, 6.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HEDGE COCK.—Will ringing friends please note that the address of Mr. James Hedgecock, of St. Helens, Lancs. during term time will be c/o 5, Green Dell, Tenterden Drive, Canterbury, Kent. 9903

BANWELL, SOMERSET

Rededication of the ring of eight bells by the Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th. Refreshments available. Numbers, please, to W. Rice, Stoneleigh, West Street, Banwell. The bells have been rehung at a lower level in a new frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 9790

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. E. Jeater has received a money order for £2 1s. 10d., dispatched from Sydney, N.S.W., on August 16th. Details are awaited.

The Society of Sherwood Youths scored two peals in the West Country. George A. Dawson conducted Bob Royal at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and Richard Inglis Minor in five methods at St. Juliot, Cornwall.

Miss Valerie Mills participated in a farewell peal at Apsley End before leaving for Chelsea College, Eastbourne. We always regarded ringing as a good subject for physical education.

The first peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus was rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on September 3rd. Jack L. Millhouse conducted and the band came from Lincolnshire, Bristol and Kent.

Twenty-one peals were rung during a peal week in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Conductors were W. F. Moreton (7), W. E. Critchley and J. H. Fielden (4 each), S. Armeson (3), R. E. Price (2) and W. Massey (1).

Congratulations are due to Malcolm Bowers of Lelant for the way in which he rang his first peal—on a working bell to five Minor methods—at Manaccan on August 27th. After the peal the Vicar and the ringers were entertained to refreshments at the New Inn by Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, a vice-president of the Guild.

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GIFT OF RING OF EIGHT AND TOWER

A tower and ring of eight bells are to be given to the Church of St. Margaret, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, by Mr. Alan J. Brush, head of the A. J. Brush Organisation, in memory of his father, the late Mr. A. W. Brush, who died last January.

The bells are being supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry, and the casting took place on September 7th. The tenor bell, weighing 11½ cwt., is inscribed with the name of Arthur William Brush. Others have the names of Alan Brush, his wife and his mother, and also the present Vicar of St. Margaret's, the Rev. John Bundock, who was at school in Leigh with Mr. A. W. Brush. A stone on the tower will record Mr. Alan Brush's gift.

The tower is designed in campanile style to match the church, which is of a classical design. It will be surmounted by a small cross, the top of which is 70 feet from the ground or twice the height of the church. The architect of the tower is Mr. Laurence J. Selby, F.R.I.B.A., and the builders are Messrs. A. J. Arnold and Sons.

IN THE NORTH-EAST

Mr. Wilfred Williams is by now accustomed to publicity and his very successful peal tour with 12 successes in the North-East received both Press and radio coverage. It was pleasant to hear Wilfred speaking in the Home Service over the breakfast table about his "busman's holiday," as the radio commentator suggested in a reference to his association with St. Paul's.

We have also had sent to us a copy of "The North Eastern Evening Gazette" giving a picture of Ormesby Church during one of the peals. Five toddlers from a nursery school are posed in front with their hands on their ears. We cannot imagine that the London Surprise Major was so badly struck or so loud as to justify such action. Is it a method of inculcating prejudice against church bells?

After commenting that the toddlers found the noise too much for them, the report goes on: "But the eight men locked in the bell tower have rejected a camping holiday for campanology. They are a band of dedicated bellringers from the South touring North-Eastern churches, ringing for pleasure."

Also mentioned in the report with Mr. Wilfred Williams is Mr. Peter Border. After recounting his single-handed ringing of the tenor at Liverpool Cathedral, he is now credited with achieving a peal of 75,280 changes! Certainly a challenge to Mr. Bob Smith of the "Extent of Major" fame.

HECKINGTON AND DISTRICT OUTING

Worcestershire was chosen by the Heckington, Lincs, and District ringers for their outing on August Monday.

Despite being a small company, owing to harvest activities, a most enjoyable day was spent at the following towers: Church Lench, Upton Snodsbury, Fekenham, Stoke Prior, Crowle, Alvechurch and Redditch.

Methods rung were Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Bob Major, Triples and Minor, Double and Single Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Premature calls often found our driver off "course," home being reached at 1 a.m. Warm thanks are extended to the clergy and local ringers, also to Mr. Edgar Cole for arranging another excellent outing. J.A.M.

ENTHUSIASM TOWARDS RINGING SHOWN AFTER QUARTER PEAL

A quarter peal was rung on August 26th at East Morden, Dorset, by the Charminster ringers. The ring is composed of five bells (tenor 9 cwt. in G) and is hung in two tiers since the tower is very slender. The three trebles form the top tier and the two tenors are below.

Before ringing could take place the old ropes, which had been on the bells for over 50 years, had to be replaced with better ones. The Charminster ringers did this in the afternoon and the bells were pulled up and tried out. The only bell which gave trouble was the tenor, which was found to be loose on its headstock. This was remedied by tightening a few nuts, and after it was oiled it went as well as the others.

The quarter peal, which was 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, was rung by the following: W. C. Shute 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins (conductor) 4, E. H. Amey 5. It is believed to be the first on the bells but this is subject to correction.

After the quarter, welcome refreshment was found at the local and it was here that great enthusiasm was shown towards ringing by some of the villagers. If only more bands would get together to ring the bells which are rarely rung perhaps they would stir up enthusiasm among the local people to get their bells ringing regularly again as this band has done.

Other five-bell towers where a quarter has been rung are at Long Bredy, Piddletrenthide, Sydling St. Nicholas, Leigh, Bishop's Caundle, Melbury Abbas, Bradford Peverell and Stoke Abbott. The backbone of the ringers of these quarters: Miss M. Lush, J. B. Cooper, E. H. Amey and T. F. Collins, the latter pair sharing the conducting. Well done!

THE LATE MR. A. J. PITMAN'S PAPERS

Mr. Trevor M. Roderick informs us that the papers of the late Mr. A. J. Pitman are being dispatched to him and that he will keep them safely until the Central Council decides who is to inspect them. Before Mr. Pitman's departure from South Wales, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association presented him with a filing cabinet in which to keep his papers.

DERBYSHIRE BELLS TO BE REHUNG

The bells of St. Michael's, Hathersage, have been lowered prior to dispatch to the Whitechapel Foundry for cleaning, retuning and quarter turning before being rehung in a new metal frame with all new fittings.

Hathersage has a ring of six (tenor about 12 cwt.). All the six bells are over 300 years old, and it is thought that the treble and the fourth, both undated, could be as old as 500 years. The small sanctus bell, known locally as Tommy Tinkler, is dated 1460 and bears a Latin inscription to the memory of Robert and Joan Eyre, together with the Eyre and Padlev coats of arms.

An eight-bell frame is to be installed, but there are no immediate plans for increasing the ring from six to eight. At present the local ringers perform only rounds and call changes, although some 80 years ago the ringers used to ring Grandsire, London and various other methods. The only record of a full 5040 peal was in September, 1963, when members of the Derby Diocesan Association rang seven extents of Plain Bob Minor. R. E. R.

FORTHCOMING BELLRINGING COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL, YORKSHIRE

The principal lecturers on the above course, to be held from Friday night to Sunday, November 11th to 13th, will be Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. N. Chaddock.

The aim will be to offer suitable lectures and activities for both elementary and advanced students (particularly tower captains and tutors). There will be an alternative choice during most lecture periods and there will also be ringing at 4-, 6- and 10-bell towers nearby.

Topics will include initial instruction, method ringing and splicing, conducting, maintenance, handbell ringing, etc. Special needs of particular students will be met.

Applications should be sent to: The Warden, Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorkshire. Average cost of the course (fees and board) is about £3 per student. Grantley Hall is a lovely country mansion and food and accommodation are excellent.

SURPRISES AT BOGNOR

When Mr. D. L. Cawley visited Bognor Regis, Sussex, recently, he was disappointed on consulting "Dove" to find the details: "S. John Bapt., 8, 10-3-12 in A flat. Chiming only." After having been to Chichester Cathedral in the morning, he went to Evensong at Bognor. Surprise, surprise, as he approached the church he heard beautifully struck Stedman Doubles with 7-6-8 covering coming from the tower. A machine, he thought.

But the open belfry door invited investigation, and the second surprise came when he found the tower captain and one of her regular team playing the bells (by Gillett and Johnston, 1952) by clavier. This part of a bunch of surprises was completed by an invitation to sign the visitors book (not always found in towers with proper rings). The captain informed her astonished visitor that they practised regularly on their chime and on a fine set of handbells (which she produced) on Wednesdays in winter. The final surprise came during the announcements for Evensong: "The bellringers will be holding their outing."

If all towers with ringing peals had ringers as enthusiastic as those at Bognor, which has only a chime, albeit a very fine-toned one, the future of the Exercise would be rosy indeed.

Incidentally, the outing referred to above was to the Son et Lumière at Salisbury, not to other towers with chimes! D. C. L.

TO SINGAPORE

Miss Alice Lester is leaving by air for Singapore, where for two years she will be teaching at one of the Service schools. There was, however, a farewell peal at Ashbocking by the band who rang in the peal of 148 Minor methods. This was a modest attempt of 14 methods which they set out to do some eight months ago. All the band moved to the left from their normal bells and Bob Lester eventually rang his 14 methods peal!

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

Cambridge University Guild's Week was held in Lincolnshire. There were four peal successes, viz.: Stedman Caters at Grantham; Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Surfleet; Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Burton-on-Stather; and Bristol Surprise at Billingborough. Some 19 ringers took part in these peals.

MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' TOUR OF THE NORTH-EAST

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.
 Wilfred Williams .. Treble .. 5
 Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2 .. 6
 W. Eric Critchley .. 3 .. 7
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
 Rung in memory of Mr. A. J. Pitman, the composer of the peal

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

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble .. 6
 Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2 .. 7
 Edward Jenkins .. 3 .. 8
 Cecil W. Pipe .. 4 .. 9
 John H. Fielden .. 5 .. Tenor
 Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Olive Barry, of Gloucester.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

William A. Theobald .. Treble .. 5
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 2 .. 6
 Peter Border .. 3 .. 7
 Tudor P. Edwards .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

ORMESBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Wilfred Williams .. Treble .. 5
 William A. Theobald .. 2 .. 6
 Edward Jenkins .. 3 .. 7
 Peter Border .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Edward Jenkins .. Treble .. 5
 Cecil W. Pipe .. 2 .. 6
 William A. Theobald .. 3 .. 7
 Tudor P. Edwards .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by Richard Parker. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
 * 450th peal.

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

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble .. 7
 William A. Theobald .. 2 .. 8
 W. Eric Critchley .. 3 .. 9
 Wilfred Williams .. 4 .. 10
 Cecil W. Pipe .. 5 .. 11
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6 .. Tenor
 Composed by D. E. Parsons. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
 * 200th peal together.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Durham.—At the Parish Church.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams .. Treble .. 6
 William A. Theobald .. 2 .. 7
 Cecil W. Pipe .. 3 .. 8
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 4 .. 9
 Edward Jenkins .. 5 .. Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

DARLINGTON, Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon .. Treble .. 5
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 2 .. 6
 George E. Thoday .. 3 .. 7
 Michael Maughan .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

William A. Theobald .. Treble .. 6
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 2 .. 7
 George E. Thoday .. 3 .. 8
 Cecil W. Pipe .. 4 .. 9
 Peter Border .. 5 .. Tenor
 Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Wilfred Williams .. Treble .. 7
 Edward Jenkins .. 2 .. 8
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 3 .. 9
 William A. Theobald .. 4 .. 10
 Eric N. Harrison .. 5 .. 11
 Michael Maughan .. 6 .. Tenor
 Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

SUNDERLAND, Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Roker.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

William A. Theobald .. Treble .. 6
 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 2 .. 7
 Tudor P. Edwards .. 3 .. 8
 Cecil W. Pipe .. 4 .. 9
 George E. Thoday .. 5 .. Tenor
 Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble .. 5
 Ralph G. Edwards .. 2 .. 6
 William A. Theobald .. 3 .. 7
 Cecil W. Pipe .. 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERES

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.) Treble .. 6
 M. Susan Jackson (Girton) 2 .. 7
 K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 3 .. 8
 V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 4 .. 9
 J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) 5 .. Tenor
 Composed by A. S. Hudson (Clare). Conducted by K. J. Darvill.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare) Treble .. 6
 C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) .. 2 .. 7
 M. Susan Jackson (Girton) 3 .. 8
 W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 4 .. 9
 A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn) 5 .. Tenor
 Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by A. R. Heppenstall.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

R. Leigh (St. Cath's) Treble .. 5
 M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.) 2 .. 6
 *M. Susan Jackson (Girton) 3 .. 7
 *H. E. Bishop (Selwyn) .. 4 .. 8
 Composed by C. W. Woolley (Selwyn). Conducted by V. Nutton.
 * First in the method.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

J. B. Cooke (Queens') Treble .. 5
 C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 2 .. 6
 V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 3 .. 7
 E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 4 .. Tenor
 Composed by H. Hodson. Conducted by B. D. Threlfall.

NORTH COUNTRY TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KESWICK, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite.

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Frederick R. Scott .. Treble	*Brian Street 5
*Eunice A. Lewis 2	Maurice G. Ingram .. 6
Edward R. Venn 3	Frank W. Lewis 7
Anthony D. Sansom .. 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Frederick R. Scott.

* First peal of Lincolnshire.

Rung for the engagement of Colin Forsyth and Jennifer Gowling, members of the local band.

ALLENDALE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Frank W. Lewis Treble	Maurice G. Ingram .. 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	*Anthony D. Sansom .. 6
Edward R. Venn 3	Frederick R. Scott .. 7
Robert M. Ashman .. 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

* 25th county for a peal.

DARLINGTON, Durham.—At the Church of St. John.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Edward R. Venn Treble	Maurice G. Ingram .. 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Frederick R. Scott .. 6
Anthony D. Sansom .. 3	J. Keith Ward 7
Robert M. Ashman .. 4	Frank W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Frank W. Lewis.

First peal as conductor.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

John R. Ridley Treble	Maurice G. Ingram .. 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Frederick R. Scott .. 6
*Anthony D. Sansom .. 3	Frank W. Lewis 7
Robert M. Ashman .. 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

* 100th peal.

A WEST COUNTRY WEEK-END

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	Arthur G. Mason 7
Thomas H. Francis .. 2	Alexander J. Martin .. 8
John Worth 3	Alan McFall 9
Richard Inglis 4	Derek Butterworth .. 10
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 5	Basil Jones 11
Christopher T. Osenton 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Brian J. Woodruffe .. Treble	Arthur G. Mason 7
Richard Inglis 2	Alexander J. Martin .. 8
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton 9
Alan McFall 4	Derek Butterworth .. 10
Basil Jones 5	Thomas H. Francis .. 11
Jack L. Millhouse .. 6	Edward Jenkins Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

Rung to the memory of Albert J. Pitman.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	Arthur G. Mason 7
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 2	Alexander J. Martin .. 8
John Worth 3	Christopher T. Osenton 9
Thomas H. Francis .. 4	Derek Butterworth .. 10
Richard Inglis 5	Robert B. Smith 11
Basil Jones 6	Edward Jenkins Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by John Worth.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATER

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Robert C. Kippin .. Treble	David E. Parsons 6
Frank E. Darby 2	†David P. Hilling 7
John Armstrong 3	Noel J. Diserens 8
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 4	John H. Crampson 9
*John D. Rock 5	Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* 250th peal. † 200th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 extents (10 callings).

George Norcliffe .. Treble	Charles Gratton 4
Jack W. Drew 2	Robert Parker 5
Stella Crocker 3	Thomas J. Hill Tenor

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.

First peal of Doubles on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean, who were married earlier in the day.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Richard W. Sweet .. Treble	Eric T. Lee 5
*Trevor Newlands .. 2	John F. Pedler 6
*David Rennolds .. 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Major.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Trevor Newlands .. Treble	Andrew Howard 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	D. Paul Smith 6
Richard W. Sweet .. 3	D. John Hunt 7
George T. Cousins .. 4	Dennis A. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method by all the band.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	Maurice New 5
Richard W. Sweet .. 2	David P. Hilling 6
D. Paul Smith 3	D. John Hunt 7
Cyril W. Wratten .. 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First in the method on the bells.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Surfleet, Beverley, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Richard W. Sweet .. Treble	Maurice New 4
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	D. Paul Smith 5
George T. Cousins .. 3	D. John Hunt Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STALYBRIDGE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

William H. Riddle .. Treble	David C. Walker 5
Sidney Hough 2	Jeffrey Brannan 6
Ann Hardman 3	Dennis Mottershead .. 7
John Gibbons 4	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MICKLETON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Robert W. Sherriff .. Treble	Frederick G. Kinchin .. 5
Robert J. Edden 2	William H. Male 6
Richard J. Danby .. 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 7
*Peter C. Randall .. 4	F. Mark Robottom Tenor

Conducted by William H. Male.

* First of Triples and of Grandsire.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*Peter C. Randall Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall 5
†Doris Randall 2	James L. Garner-Hayward .. 6
Clare F. Dolphin 3	*Robert H. Randall 7
Ernest J. Gower 4	Edward Holdsworth .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Edward Holdsworth.
* 15th peal. † First peal on eight bells and "inside." ‡ First peal. First peal by the Sunday service band.

ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Percy Stone Treble	Hubert G. Summer 5
Colin Sweeney 2	Ian D. Thompson 6
Frank W. Perrens 3	L. Michael Callow 7
John W. T. Taylor 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the future happiness of Ian F. Garvie and Janet Barker, married earlier in the day at this church.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ETWALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Keat T.B., Plain, Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

John A. Dodd Treble	Peter Marriot 4
Michael A. Willis 2	Gordon A. Halls 5
Sampson Walklate 3	David W. Friend Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung with best wishes to Mr. John Murfin and Miss Noreen Wickham, both ringers at this tower, who were married at this church on August 6th, 1966.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Geoffrey M. Brewin 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
C. Martin Press 3	John G. Gipson 7
Philip J. Rothera 4	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Composed by N. J. Piistow. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

HEMINGFORD GREY, Hunts.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
John R. G. Spicer Treble	Chris L. Bell 4
*Michael Dines 2	George E. Bonham 5
Paul E. Wells 3	Harold S. Peacock Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.
* First peal, first attempt.
A farewell toll to Michael and Andrew Dines, members of the local band, upon leaving the district.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BROMLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. George.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: One extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*David N. Wenden .. Treble	Felix H. Erith 4
Susan C. Wenden 2	Adrian G. Semken 5
*Derek W. Bloyce 3	Philip G. Erith Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First peal. † First in four methods.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band as an 82nd birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. A. W. Cole.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) London and Wells, (3) Durham and York, (4) Berwick and Surfleet, (5) Norfolk and Ipswich, (6) Primrose and Hexham, (7) Cambridge and Beverley, with 128 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Christine M. Webb .. Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
Ian H. Oram 2	Tony Lewis 5
Richard G. Crosland .. 3	*D. Paul Smith Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* Most methods to a peal "inside." 150th peal of Surprise as conductor.

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

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*Paul W. Miller .. Treble	Colin J. E. Wyld 4
Shirley P. Town 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
Ian R. Russell 3	Alastair D. Macfadyen .. Tenor

Conducted by Alastair D. Macfadyen.
* First peal. † First peal "inside." First peal as conductor.

EAST SUTTON, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 42 methods: (1) Horton, Hanley, Milton, Cheddleton, Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (2) and (3) Lindley, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden, (4) London, Wells, Dearne Valley and Cuncastre, (5) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley, with 163 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Tony Lewis Treble	Ralph Bird 4
Mary S. Faircloth 2	Ian H. Oram 5
John Faircloth 3	*Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 600th peal. Most methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Kenneth Davenport .. Treble	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Susan Rothera 2	Philip Rothera 8
Iris Lemare 3	Dennis Latham 9
John Robinson 4	F. John Nelson 10
Richard Starkie 5	Jeffrey Brannan 11
Andrew C. Stubbs 6	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

LANGDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Alan Metters Treble	Nicholas M. Newby 4
†Kevin Price 2	*James Blackburn 5
James E. Burles 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal in five methods. † First in five methods on tower bells. First in five methods as conductor.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Ruth E. Havard .. Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 6
Geoffrey R. B. Stickland .. 2	John S. Mason 7
Ellis N. Thomas 3	Tudor P. Edwards 8
Mary E. Pryor 4	David J. Llewellyn 9
Donald G. Clift 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

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THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PORHKERRY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Curig.
 On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Grandsire, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.
 Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. Treble .. *Raymond S. Price .. 4
 Mary E. Pryor 2 .. †Barrie A. Williams .. 5
 Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3 .. David J. Llewellyn .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb.
 Derek J. Godfrey Treble .. D. R. Lynn Jones .. 4
 Christine Brett 2 .. Thomas E. Hiddins .. 5
 William T. Petty 3 .. Harold Preece Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

Rung muffled following the funeral of Mrs. Florence Hughes, wife of Mr. David L. Hughes, for many years a ringer at this church.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Ten-course block extended. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 Samuel J. Haines Treble .. Joseph W. Cotton .. 6
 Derek P. Jones 2 .. Roland H. Cook .. 7
 Richard J. Clifton 3 .. Gordon H. Lane .. 8
 Rupert A. Clarke 4 .. G. Ronald Edwards .. 9
 Arthur E. Rowley 5 .. David F. Moore Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 David F. Moore Treble .. Joseph W. Cotton .. 6
 Samuel J. Haines 2 .. Paul J. Rigby .. 7
 Richard J. Clifton 3 .. Gordon H. Lane .. 8
 Derek P. Jones 4 .. R. Kingsley Mason .. 9
 Arthur E. Rowley 5 .. G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

GRENDON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.
 Robert Farmer Treble .. Paul J. Rigby .. 4
 Joseph W. Cotton 2 .. Gordon H. Lane .. 5
 Vivienne M. Rigby 3 .. Derek P. Jones Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and Plain Bob and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 2 cwt. 94 lb. in E.
 *Leslie F. Bailey Treble .. Desmond P. Mortlock .. 4
 Peter N. Mackley 2 .. Richard A. J. Bower .. 5
 Geoffrey H. Pullin 3 .. Henry Tooke Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* 75th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.
 Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble .. Peter J. Heritage .. 6
 Edward R. Venn 2 .. Barry R. Eggesfield .. 7
 G. Robert Mordaunt .. 3 .. Victor Griffin .. 8
 Frederick R. Scott .. 4 .. J. Keith Ward .. 9
 Bruce Wakefield 5 .. Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St. Peter-le-Bailey.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.
 Charles Coles Treble .. Peter J. Heritage .. 5
 Frederick R. Scott .. 2 .. Edward R. Venn .. 6
 J. Keith Ward 3 .. Alan R. Patterson .. 7
 David P. Hilling 4 .. Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.
 Robert A. Reeves Treble .. Paul R. Davis .. 5
 Pamela E. Powell 2 .. Mark W. Sayers .. 6
 Diana Reeves 3 .. Alec W. Ivings .. 7
 Charlotte A. Bennett .. 4 .. Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
 Rung in memory of John E. Sayers, a former ringer at Adderbury Parish Church, who died on August 2nd, 1966, aged 22 years.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: Three extents of Kirkstall Delight and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.
 Marie R. Cross Treble .. Michael C. E. Hodge .. 4
 Peter Woolven 2 .. Christopher I. Rowson .. 5
 Robert A. Partridge .. 3 .. James R. White Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—At New College.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.
 Norman H. Leslie Treble .. Philip Walker .. 6
 Peter J. Heritage 2 .. Victor Griffin .. 7
 G. Robert Mordaunt .. 3 .. Dennis A. Leslie .. 8
 Anthony D. Sansom .. 4 .. Brian R. White .. 9
 Edward R. Venn 5 .. Francis A. White .. Tenor

Composed by Clement Glenn. Conducted by Victor Griffin.

ROSS-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 24½ cwt.
 Patricia E. Hibbert .. Treble .. Dennis A. Leslie .. 5
 Cyril J. Hibbert 2 .. Francis A. White .. 6
 Norman H. Leslie 3 .. Brian R. White .. 7
 John W. T. Hibbert .. 4 .. George T. Cousins .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHILTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Norwich, Warkworth, Bacup, Bamborough, Kelso, Lincoln and Coldstream. Tenor 11½ cwt.
 James Linnell Treble .. Roger W. Smith .. 4
 Alan A. Paul 2 .. Charles E. Truman .. 5
 Barry E. Saunders .. 3 .. Graham C. Paul .. Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

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

CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Great.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.
 C. M. P. Johnson .. Treble .. Peter J. Stretton .. 6
 *Harold J. F. Muncey .. 2 .. David J. Purnell .. 7
 John C. Eisel 3 .. Barrie Hendry .. 8
 David R. Ingram .. 4 .. J. Alan Ainsworth .. 9
 Edward W. Colley .. 5 .. Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe (87). Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Edward W. Colley .. Treble .. James Insley .. 6
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 2 .. John C. Eisel .. 7
 George E. Fearn .. 3 .. Martin D. Fellows .. 8
 John R. Insley .. 4 .. J. Alan Ainsworth .. 9
 David J. Purnell .. 5 .. Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On St. Bartholomew's Day, Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.
 *John N. Lindon .. Treble .. David R. Ingram .. 5
 George E. Fearn .. 2 .. Peter J. Stretton .. 6
 †Merrin Hutchings .. 3 .. J. Alan Ainsworth .. 7
 John R. Insley .. 4 .. Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* 150th peal. † First peal of Surprise on an inside bell.

Rung as a tribute to the memory of Ernest W. Tipler.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four 720's Oxford Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 Ruth Blackshaw Treble Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
 Harry Barnes 2 J. Edward Brown 5
 F. William Midwinter .. 3 James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A birthday compliment to James H. Musson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Single Court and Double Court. (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise. (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall and Childwall. (7) Pinehurst and Buxton.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Howard W. Egglestone .. Treble Alice E. J. Lester 4
 *Robert E. Lester 2 Robin H. Rogers 5
 Janet I. Rogers 3 George W. Pipe Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* Most methods to a peal "inside."

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fourth before her departure for Singapore for two years.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Andrew J. C. Brown .. Treble †Jeremy R. Pratt 5
 †Rosemary J. Cotton .. 2 †Nigel Thomson 6
 *Juliet Stoy 3 Richard C. Stevens 7
 †Sandra C. Thexton 4 Frederick E. Collins .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt.

W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
 Herbert E. Audsley 2 Herbert W. Woolven .. 7
 Alexander Waddington .. 3 Martin L. Howe 8
 Albert W. Bond 4 Christopher T. Osenton .. 9
 Cyril S. Jarrett 5 Douglas P. Snoswell .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

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

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*David L. Nicholson .. Treble *Stanley Arnold 5
 John Howard 2 George T. Jennings .. 6
 Derek Slater 3 Michael Reed 7
 Hedley Burton 4 †Ian Wickens Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ian Wickens.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of George T. Jennings, the ringer of the sixth.

BOLNEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Douglas P. Snoswell .. Treble Herbert W. Woolven .. 5
 Cyril S. Jarrett 2 W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
 Martin L. Howe 3 Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
 Herbert E. Audsley 4 Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

First peal of Surprise on the bells since rehanging.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Douglas P. Snoswell, of the St. Peter's, Brighton, band.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

MANACCAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Anthony Locke Treble *F. Malcolm Bowers .. 4
 Alan Carveth 2 Rev. A. S. Roberts .. 5
 John H. Taylor 3 Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First peal. First peal since rehanging and first of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. H. Dixon, Vicar of Manaccan with St. Anthony-in-Meneage, on his impending retirement.

THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL RINGING SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the National Episcopal Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Rung on the light eight of the Cathedral ten.

*Geoffrey Dirksen Treble Diana Wriggins 5
 *Sarah Irwin 2 Roger D. Bailey 6
 *Ann Gardner 3 Christine Kelsey 7
 Betsy Proctor 4 †Richard S. Dirksen .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey, of Lancashire, England.

* First peal. † First in method.

This peal marks the first full peal for the Cathedral Ringing Society, and is dedicated to Miss Katharine Lee.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

Katharine J. Maundrell Treble †Robert Allinson 5
 *James C. Alexander .. 2 Malcolm M. Powell .. 6
 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. 3 William T. Perrins .. 7
 Richard F. Prime 4 Ronald N. Marlow .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by William T. Perrins.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

John C. Eisel Treble Michael J. Fellows 5
 James Insley 2 Roderick W. Pipe 6
 John R. Insley 3 J. Alan Ainsworth .. 7
 Robert Edwards 4 Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

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

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Lynne I. Clowe Treble Terrence W. Brighton .. 4
 Susan Mitchell 2 Susan E. Thompson .. 5
 Christopher J. Groome .. 3 A. Colin Banton .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung by members of the local band for Evensong and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

(Selby and District Society)

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.
 *Susan Mitchell Treble *Terrence W. Brighton .. 4
 *Mary I. Hildred 2 A. Colin Banton 5
 *Jennifer E. Pearce 3 †Simon P. D. Burnett .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal at first attempt. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. George's Guild)

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Sun., July 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Parker's 12-part. Tenor size 16 in B flat.
 *J. Geoffrey White 1-2 Rodney A. Yeates 5-6
 *Pooky Glaser 3-4 Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 7-8

* First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTCHURCH, Kent.—At The Rectory.

On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Nicholas J. Chesson .. 1-2 Joan A. Hayward 5-6
 †Peter M. Wilkinson .. 3-4 *Peter D. J. Beal 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First peal of Major "in hand." † First peal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
 Joseph Whalley 1-2 *Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 3-4
 Mary Whalley 5-6

* First peal away from 5-6.

NOTICES

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UNIVERSITY WELCOMES

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All new ringers coming to Durham in October are invited to write to Mr. S. C. Wells, 30, Forrester's Road, Burbage, Leics. 9898

HULL COLLEGES GUILD.—Would any ringers coming up to Hull next term please contact Mr. P. Church, 149, Norton Street, Radford, Nottingham. 9892

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—For details would all freshers coming up in October please contact the Secretary: R. J. Southgate, Fairlight, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk. 9876

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All freshers welcome. Ringing: Sunday, October 9th, St. Mary Magdalene's, 10-10.30; St. Ebbe's, 10.30-11. Tuesday, October 11th, business meeting, 8.15 p.m., in North Lecture Room, St. John's.—A. P. Foster, St. John's.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All new students will be very welcome. For further details please write to the secretary, Maurice Ingram, 22, Warren Hill Road, Birmingham 22C. 9840

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Would any freshers going to Southampton for the new session like to contact Miss H. A. Walters, 8, Colbrook Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex. 9810

UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER.—Will anyone coming to Lancaster this October please write to: K. Lewin, 38, Shaftesbury Road, Luton, Beds. 9860

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. For details please write to: Miss H. Essen, 50, Wensleydale Road, Hampton, Middx. 9896

TELEPHONE NUMBER

The telephone number of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Smith is now MARPLE 5125. 9885

MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 329th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Albert Restaurant, 20, Albert Embankment, London, S.E.1 on Saturday, November 5th, 1966, at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (30/-) may now be obtained from the Secretary. Remittances to be made payable to the Society, please. Albert Embankment is on the south bank of the Thames and the Albert Restaurant is about midway between Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges.

J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London S.W.12. 9838

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—A Flower Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available 6.30-9 p.m. Ringers and flower lovers welcome. 9745

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Bagshot (8). Thursday, September 22nd, 7.30-9 p.m.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, CREWKERNE.—Tower Sunday on September 18th. Service 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. E. J. Burt. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All ringers welcome. 9862

ST. HELENS, LANCS.—Will tour organisers please note that communications about the bells of St. Thomas' Church should now be sent to Mr. Robert Carrington, 150, St. Helens Road, Rainford, Lancs. These bells are not available for peal ringing. 9902

PRINTING.—Tower and Association secretaries requiring stationery, meeting notices, tickets, membership cards and other small printed items should contact F. W. Lewis, 38 Boston Avenue, Reading. Reasonable prices. Estimates by return. 9750

NEWCHURCH, ROMNEY MARSH

Festival of Flowers, Harvest and Old Farming Implements, Tools and Crafts
SEPTEMBER 17th, 18th and 19th.
Special service and free Harvest Supper,
Sunday, 18th, 6.30 p.m.
In aid of Church Bell Restoration
Appeal. 9900

ST. JAMES THE GREAT, BIRSTALL, LEICESTER

Flower Festival

September 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th.
Tower open for ringing. Saturday, 17th,
from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 2.30 p.m.-8 p.m.
9899

MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting and striking competition, Poynton, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, advise Mr. S. Hough, 4, Edale Close, Hazel Grove, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Elton and Alwalton, September 17th. Bells: Alwalton (5) 2.45-4 p.m.; Elton (5) 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—Michael J. Dyer. 9883

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting at Long Melford, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 4s. 6d. per head) 5.15 p.m.; please send names to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 9786

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition, Thames Ditton, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 Tea 5 p.m. General ringing evening. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton. 9842

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Little Hadham, September 17th. Bells 3.30. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing in evening Braughing.—D. H. Kingston. 9885

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Barnet, September 17th. Bells 3-5 p.m. S.M. Stanstead Triples. Own tea arrangements, please. Monken Hadley 6 p.m. S.M. Ealing.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9832

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Manchester and Rochdale Branches.

Joint Meeting on

Saturday, September 17th, 1966

SADDLEWORTH, St. Chad (8) 10 cwt.
2-3.30 p.m.

FRIEZLAND, Christ Church (6) 15 cwt.
3-4.15 p.m.

Tea in Schoolroom of St. John the Baptist, Roughtown, Mossley, at 4.30 p.m.

MOSSLEY (Roughtown) St. John (6),
11 cwt., 5.30-7 p.m.

MOSSLEY, St. George (8), 12 cwt.,
6.30-9 p.m.

Names for tea are essential.

Send names to Mr. W. H. Nield, 151, Stockport Road, Mossley, to arrive not later than Wednesday, September 14th.

J. Brannan (Manchester).
G. Cheetham (Rochdale) 9866

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting September 17th, Stoney Stanton (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to M. Vernon, Long Leys, Stoney Stanton. 9894

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday September 17th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9862

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Middleton Stoney (6), Saturday, September 17th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Thorncombe, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9843

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Southminster on newly augmented ring, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Tillingham (6) available 2.30-3 p.m. 9889

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, September 17th, Elston, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Sibthorpe (4) in evening. Names to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton. 9894

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District) and THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, September 17th, Eastwood (8). Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings.—D. J. Beach, Sec., Mansfield District.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting at Oakley (6), September 17th, 6.30 p.m.—A. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 9846

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to D. J. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9871

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, September 17th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 9817

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, Tuesday, September 20th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9717

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Swithland, Wednesday, September 21st. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner. 9907

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—280th anniversary, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea (2/6) 5 p.m. Names to R. T. Watts, 2, New Street, Painswick, Stroud, Glos, not later than Tuesday, September 20th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 25th. Ringing 2 p.m.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, September 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by September 21st.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9910

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9911

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

The annual dinner will be held at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, September 24th at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets at 17s. 6d. each are available from W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Please send s.a.e.

As no requests for ringing have been received, will anybody intending to do so please write in order that arrangements can be published in "R.W." of September 23rd.—W. H. D.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, September 24th, at Brightwell, Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 20th, please.—C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Stratton Strawless (6) Saturday, September 24th. Commence 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teams from all Districts and fellow members from any other Association welcome. Names of teams competing to Mr. F. C. Goodman, 260, Norwich Road, Costessey, Norwich, NOR 57N. Buffet tea.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9833

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Striking competition. Hitcham and Burnham, Saturday, September 24th. Evening meeting, Wednesday, September 28th. Dorney 7 p.m. Branch dinner-dance, November 19th, Beaconsfield. Tickets 26s. All welcome.—Miss Hague, 9881

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Peterborough (6), September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Spencer, 69, Newark Avenue, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday, essential.—R. H. Daw. 9915

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Pitsford on Saturday, September 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. D. Isaacs, 9, The Square, Pitsford, by the Tuesday previous. 9923

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gayton on September 24th. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, by Tuesday previous. 9904

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING, NOTTINGHAM Saturday, September 24th, 1966

Ringling arrangements as per programme

Names for lunch and tea to
Mr. S. Foskett, 6, Charles Street,
Arnold, Nottingham.
J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec.
9831

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Enford, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 20th. 9906

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crawford Cup Contest at Gamston, Saturday, September 24th. The first team will ring at 3 o'clock prompt. Buffet tea served in school-rooms from 4 o'clock till 5.30. Names to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Wednesday, 21st. 9886

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Westham (6), September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, September 21st. —G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 9850

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Defynnog, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon. —M. R. E. 9872

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Meeting, St. Clement, September 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by September 20th. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 9874

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Peers, 42, Lea Road, Dronfield, Sheffield, by September 28th. (Tel. Dronfield 3848). Eckington (8) 7-8 p.m. —B. P. Morris, Sec. 9931

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ermington, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 and after tea. Service and address 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Yealinton bells (6) available 7.45 to 9. Names for tea to me, please, not later than Monday, September 26th.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, Phone: Plymouth 36891. 9847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual District meeting at Cheriton, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Newington bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea to Miss P. Court, 8, Quarry Walk, Seabrook, Hythe, by Thursday, September 29th. 9819

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The A.D.M. will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Please send names for tea to me by Wednesday, September 28th.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 9916

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The final of the Striking Competition will be at

Aughton on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 3 p.m.
8-bell section at Christ Church.
6-bell section at St. Michael's.
Names for tea to D. R. Jones, 226, Prescott Road, Aughton, not later than Sept. 24th.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 9912

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Colchester, October 1st. St. Peter's (8) 2.45-4.30, followed by service and meeting. St. Leonard's (6) 6.30-7.15. Shrub End (6) 7.45-9. Own tea arrangements.—J. M. A. 9912

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Autumn general meeting will be held at Wantage, Berks, on Saturday, October 1st. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in the Victoria Cross Gallery 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church. Applications for tea tickets (together with remittance, 3/3 each) to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, September 26th. List of towers will be distributed with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to same address.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9827

LATE NOTICES

RUBY WEDDING

LANGLEY.—On September 18th, 1926, at St. Mary the Virgin's, Leigh, Lancs, Edward Langley to Lily Peacock. Present address: 16, Roskear, Camborne, Cornwall (late of Wokingham, Berks, and Taunton, Somerset). 9925

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHAMPION.—The address of Colin and Myrtle Champion is now 15 Cradock Place, Durrington Hill, Worthing, Sussex. Telephone Swandean 3347. 9930

HODGE.—Renumbering of Address.—As from October 1st, 1966, the address of Michael Hodge will be: 56, Bath Street, Abingdon, Berks. Tel. Abingdon 901.

WRIGHT.—The address of Leslie Wright is now Maltings Close, Welnetham Road, Rougham, near Bury St. Edmunds. Tel. Beyton

PUBLICATIONS

"METHOD SPlicing, MINOR METHODS," by H. Chant, 9s. post free from Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. 9918

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—A dinner will be held on Saturday, November 12th, at Wells Town Hall, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Cost £1 approx. Full details later.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec. 9914

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Would all freshmen coming up in October please write to: E. N. Thomas, Danygraig House, Aberdulais, Neath, Glam. First practice of term: Wednesday, October 5th, 7.45 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's. 9920

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, September 24th, at The Meet, County Cricket Ground, Grace Road, Leicester, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets from J. M. Jelley by phone (Narborough 3732) only—by Friday, September 16th latest. Ringing: South Wigston 2.30 to 3.30, Aylestone 3.30 to 4.30. 9921

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Newcomers to the University and local training colleges please contact Miss B. Cooke, 43, Queen's Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne 2. See Union notice board for meetings. 9932

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Please will all freshers or people coming to other Brighton Colleges write to M. J. Bew, Hestercombe, Carlton Road, Harpenden, Herts. 9934

CANCELLED

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting at Christow, Saturday, September 17th, cancelled because of clash with Buckfast Abbey meeting.—G. Skinner, Hon. Sec. 9933

MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Stroud Branch.—Practice, Avening, September 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea (names, please) 5 p.m. Cheriton (4) available.—E. Cribble, France Lynch, Stroud. 9875

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, September 17th at 6 p.m. Names for outing.—L. W. Allen. 9927

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District) and **PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Rutland Branch).—Joint meeting at Somerby, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Stimson, Highfields, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, by the 16th.—J. H. Cook. 9917

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ilton (6), Saturday, September 24th. Service at 4.30. Usual arrangements for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 9924

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Aspley Guise (note change), Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) 4.30 p.m. Short service 6.30-7. Ringing until 8.30. 9922

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M. and ringing meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss W. Aird, 18, Hobart, Whitley Bay. 9938

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, September 24th, Ware (8), 7 to 9 p.m.—P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 9928

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Bolton on Saturday, September 24th. St. Peter's, Smithills 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All Souls' 6 p.m.-8 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 9937

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Idle on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea only provided.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 9936

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—A.G.M. arranged for September 24th at Lancaster has been cancelled. Details later. 9940

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Change of date of meeting at Northwold to Saturday, October 1st.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9935

QUARTER PEALS

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