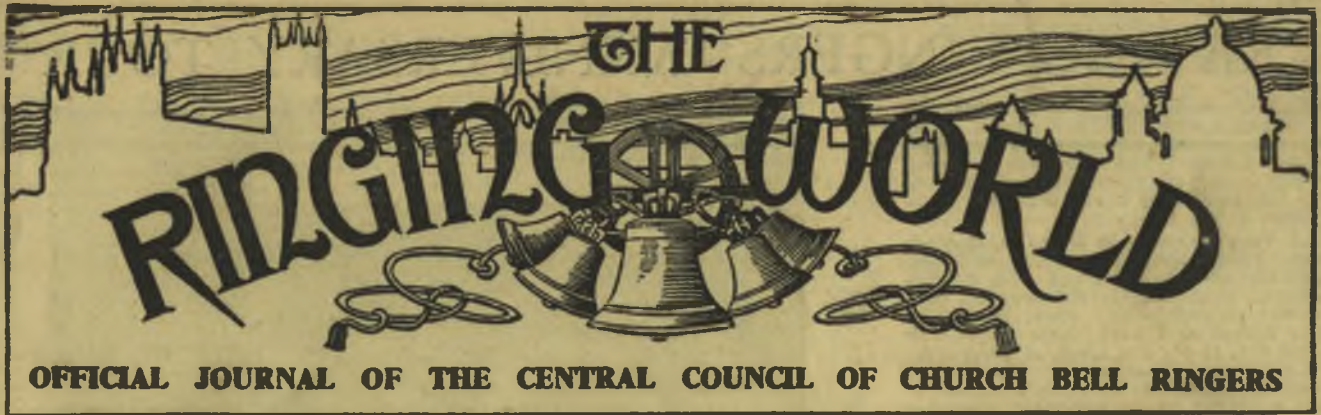




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MORE THOUGHTS ON THE LADIES

"Like a breath of summer laden,
Like a cheery ray of hope,
Is the sight of gentle maiden
Deftly handling of a rope."

SO sang the redoubtable William Willson many years ago. "W.W." was a staunch supporter of the lady ringer, and well he might be, for his daughter Lilian was a most accomplished performer and was chosen by Miss Parker for the first peal to be rung by ladies.

From 1892, when Mrs. George Williams of Brighton became the first lady to ring in a peal, and four years later, when Miss White of Basingstoke took part in a tower bell peal, ringers became increasingly aware that a new influence was at work in the Exercise. Very gradually it came to light that there were, in certain parts of the country, lady ringers who were joining freely in the work of the belfry, and taking part, by no means incompetently, in an activity that had hitherto been regarded as confined to men. Thus we find, as early as 1892, a certain Miss Macray at Ducklington, daughter of the Rector of the parish, who was not only an accomplished change ringer on tower bells and handbells, but a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and, we are told, leader and instructor of the local band. At another parish we hear of two daughters of the Vicar performing in the tower and "in hand." So wrote "Plain Speaker" in "The Bell News": "How I envy the local band at such a place! Croquet, lawn tennis, etc., etc., you are doomed to an apathetic forgetfulness. The ladies will practice (sic) ringing and get profit thereby, both mental and corporeal. Gentlemen — 'The Ladies'."

The Exercise did not, as a whole, endorse the enthusiasm of "Plain Speaker." Some there were who chose to ignore the ladies, holding the view that this was another superficially attractive activity that had aroused the curiosity of the female mind, and that when the novelty had worn off then no more would be heard of lady ringers. Many welcomed the movement, others regarded it cautiously; some treated it facetiously. But there was a large body of ringers who were sure that the whole thing was a mistake and that it held dangers for the future. The objectors fell into three main classes. There were those who objected just because they objected to ladies in any situation or activity; there were some who could not reconcile themselves to the intrusion of girls and women into the seclusion of the belfry; and there were

others who quite sincerely believed that this was no sort of physical activity for the female sex, and classed it vaguely with football and boxing as one of those things no refined young woman should attempt.

But the movement was growing and nothing could stop it. Before many years had passed it was clear that not only could a lady ring a bell without physical harm, but could also, in the intellectual field of change ringing, hold her own as method ringer and striker. And, moreover, it was found that in many instances the lady ringer, once she was interested, was keen, reliable in her work and attendance, and intelligently ambitious. So, in 1906, the Rev. H. Drake was able to write: "My experience is, that while of course here are some ladies who will never take to ringing, these are less numerous than among the other sex, and when they do take to it, they usually do so, not only with greater keenness and zest, but with a quicker intuition of its intricacies, than the more blundering but more logical man."

But the road of advancement of the ladies to the position of high regard they now hold was not entirely smooth. There was the extraordinary episode at St. Paul's Church, Dagenham, in 1911, when an acting incumbent forbade a young lady to enter the belfry, giving as his reason: "The belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place." Ringers from all parts of the country reacted in wrath, and the subsequent correspondence, which ran into several weeks, was so strongly against the clerical gentleman, and so firmly on the side of the integrity of ringers both male and female, that we may well say that out of a very distasteful start there emerged a train of thought and action that benefited the cause of the ladies to an immeasurable degree.

The cause was not yet won. As late as 1913 the "Hants and Berks Gazette" published a letter signed "Grandsire" in which the writer strongly opposed the presence of ladies in the belfry, viewing their intrusion with concern. "I am quite unable to understand," he wrote, "why ladies should prefer to leave their many womanly pursuits and pastimes, and to range themselves with a number of men in a belfry to manipulate a huge bell of so many hundredweight."

As we all know, there were vast influences at work that made inevitable the entry of women into virtually all man's activities, and in due course Miss Parker brought the ladies to complete recognition. Since then their own skill and achievements have proved their case and provided their absolute right to the accolade.

E. C. S.

RAVING RINGERS' ANNIVERSARY TOUR

THE tenth anniversary of the Society was celebrated with a tour in Cornwall during July. The weather was indifferent but could not mar a week full of good bells and good company, which added up to one of the finest tours yet, enjoyed by a record number of 21 members.

Ted Venn arrived early at the St. George's Hotel, Truro, headquarters for the week, taking over the unenviable task from the proprietor of shepherding in the stragglers from a Friday evening journey down, the last of whom arrived at 3 a.m.! Most people slept in next day, as our first tower, at Cardynham, was not until late afternoon. The minibus navigator, Barry Saunders, hotly denied he made a mistake on the way to St. Neot, but if a taste of narrow Cornish lanes was needed then we were in the deep end to start with. Ron Russ and Chris Clarke shared the bus driving, and if Ron, who was driving at the time, thought he had learned it all in Australia, he was wrong! A brass band playing at the local fete lent an air of triumph to our arrival at St. Neot. Bristol was the highlight at Bodmin (an extremely fine octave), but all tastes could not have been catered for because the joint ringing masters for the week, Michael Coleman and Ron Russ, were both seen beating a hasty retreat down the fire escape! We were consoled by a local ringer's remark that it was the best bit of Scientific he had heard for years. Thinking of fire escapes, I wonder how many towers have them?

On Sunday, July 24th, we divided between Kenwyn and Probus for morning service ringing, Surprise being rung at both towers. Those of us at Kenwyn were pleased to see Alan Carveth.

STRING OF INCIDENTS

In the afternoon ringing preceded a baptism at St. Erme and followed one at Newlyn East, where we spliced a rope to get the treble in action again, despite the stay being broken. This incident proved to be the first of an unusually long string. The handy eight at Mawgan-in-Pydar sounded to London and four-spliced in the evening.

Monday began at Camborne, where we rang some rather doubtful stuff called Hunslett Little Bob Major before going on to Carbis Bay, where the Rev. A. S. Roberts met us. Ringing on the light ten here never really got going, because some of the cars which took the overflow from the minibus were late in arriving. The church is not easily seen when travelling west on the main road, and one well-known spliced record man (who had been to Carbis Bay before) navigated his car-load right into St. Ives! The ringing we did never settled to an agreeable pace, but a whip round produced £2 for the church building fund, so we left in happier frame of mind for Zennor, where six-spliced Minor was accomplished. The Vicar at Sennen (Land's End parish) gave us an interesting tour of his church, which has strong naval connections. He seemed overjoyed that Jim Linnell knew the bird on the Cornish crest, the chough, now almost extinct in the county. His conducted tour then extended to Land's End proper, where we were afforded V.I.P. parking and a look at all the best views around the point. Paul has the highest church in Cornwall (with a good six), even if the belfry floor did groan a little under our weight. Vic Wood met us at Gulval, where we learned that his uncle, Mr. W. Wood, now 91, still rings twice every Sunday. We had a complainant here—a howling dog, but the competition of our Hunslett Imperial Court Bob Major proved too much for him!

Tuesday was spent in the Launceston area. We suffered another broken rope at Altarnum (a difficult eight in a tall tower). The bells at St. Mary's, Launceston, were later enjoyed before Mr. Sheppard from Holsworth joined us for London in St. Thomas' small belfry. At Lezant the Vicar shook everyone by the hand, a much appreciated gesture. The day ended at Linkinhorne, which boasts the longest draught in Cornwall, about 100 feet. The bells are good for their weight but, of



Members at Truro headquarters (left to right). Back row: Jim Linnell, Tony Smith, Bob Reeves. Fourth row: Barry Davis, Maurice New, Barry Egglefield, Graham Paul. Third row: Chris Clarke, Ray Vickers, Keith Walpole, Michael Coleman, Tedd Venn, Peter Heritage. Second row: Ron Russ, David Floyd, Barry Saunders. Front row: Sue Smith, Gill Brearley, Marion Pettis, Diana Reeves and Merrilyn Chambers.

course, tricky to handle. We had trouble with the 3rd; the Hastings stay appeared to be a fraction short, causing the bell to jam and throw over.

ALMOST "IN ORBIT"

The unlucky streak was still there next morning at Liskeard, where a faulty tenor slider nearly put "Badger" Coleman in orbit! We lost the rope and, with a locked central chamber, were powerless to put things right. Over in Devon, ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, was lifted out of the doldrums with a good half-course of Cambridge Royal. At Emmanuel, our time was cut short by the late arrival of the minibus. As if this was not enough, we had barely started a course of London when the treble rope broke. Back over the border in Cornwall, the six at St. Stephen-by-Saltash must surely rank as one of the finest in the county. Even the local pub has a set of handbells.

On Thursday, Stratton was the main attraction, and the renowned bells were enjoyed for an hour before lunch. The afternoon was free, and by special invitation we raised a band for a quarter to mark the opening of the local fete. It was billed as Grandsire Triples, but we rang Lincolnshire with five firsts, and a large number of critics. Later, Keith Walpole, Gill Brearley and Merrilyn Chambers went surfing in a typical Atlantic gale. How Merrilyn braved it we shall never know, being used to the gentler climes of Perth, W.A. Most of the others conducted the "Ravers' World Cup Final" in a field near Bude. With the score at 2-0 (or was it 3-0?), the Cobblers had an Oxford Guild team well beaten when heavy rain came. Not before time, as the exercise was rapidly winding some of the old contemptibles, like our Master, "Gordon" Clarke, in the Oxford goal. It just went to prove ringing fitness does not count for much! In the evening, ringing at Tintagel was cancelled at the last minute, and we were fortunate in securing Marhamchurch as a replacement. The A.G.M. of the Society followed in a crowded minibus as the rain poured down outside. The reunion is to be held at Kettering, and next year's tour in Sussex.

Friday was All Saints' Day—nine towers, all with Saints' names. Bill Cross, from Great Tew, on holiday at Gorran Haven, joined us for the first group, the highlights being St. Ewe, with a churchyard full of exotic trees and a fine little six rung from a belfry less than six feet wide, and St. Austell. Once we'd conquered the long draught here, methods up to Bristol were enjoyed. We then moved through the heart of the clay mining area up to the Wadebridge district, where at St. Wenn we found the church was lit with bottled gas. St. Brooke was well hidden in a valley, a test for good navigators, not all of whom passed with flying colours. Even Barry Egglefield, riding on the minibus roof at one time, failed to see it. The day concluded with one of the week's highlights, a course of Glasgow at St. Mabyn.

Perran-ar-Worthal (a fine six) was first on Saturday, July 30th, but the treble had no stay. The Vicar, who combines the living with Stithians, said some of the stays at the latter tower were weak. They held, but the tenor rope broke below the sally after only a couple of pulls! Constantine was incident-free, and the excellent light six were enjoyed with some keen local support. Some then found home-made beer in Helston, while others lunched on the sands at picturesque Poldhu Cove. Throughout our visit to the Lizard, and a pull on England's most southerly ring at Landewednack, most ears were glued to transistor radios, for it was World Cup Final Day. We resurfaced at St. Keverne to find no rope on the fifth, due to a local misunderstanding. This was the last incident of an unprecedented number during the week. Methods up to four-spliced were later rung on this tuneless though rather odd-struck eight. The P.O. radio-telescope at Goonhilly Down was much admired and photographed before most of us rang at Kea, open for the Truro Guild Festival. Ringing finished at Truro Cathedral with Cambridge Royal.

The Society provided service bands at Probus and Kenwyn next morning, the opposite of the previous Sunday, before we gathered at Probus for farewells.

R. K. R.

UNUSUAL HANDBELLS WILL BE HEARD

At the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association to be held at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on October 22nd, ringers will have the opportunity of hearing tunes played on an unusual set of handbells. The bells, cast by J. Jarrett, of St. John's, Worcester, are set in a case and played by striking with hammers. They are of excellent tone, of great age, and belong to a family which has a long and interesting history in ringing. It is recorded that in 1833 a John Hinton participated in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 8,448 changes, at St. Helen's Church, Worcester, and a tablet in the ringing chamber of All Saints', Worcester, records his death in 1845. Beside this tablet is another in memory of his son, James, who died in 1886. The "Bell News" of February 9th, 1884, says: "Among our record of peals in this number will be found an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bromsgrove, a neat town in Worcestershire, lying midway between Worcester and Birmingham, by eight members of the Worcestershire Diocesan Association.

"The local papers, in giving notice of this performance, call it 'Change Ringing Extraordinary,' and to a certain extent this is so. The ringer of the 2nd bell, Mr. James Hinton, is totally deaf, so much so that no matter how loud and shrill a noise may be made close to his ear, he is unable to catch one particle of the sound. Our readers may ask, 'How, then, can such a one afflicted in this manner, know when the bobs are called?' In this instance, a person, Mr. T. Albutt, was employed to gently tap the deaf ringer when the calls were uttered, and probably this is the first peal in which a deaf ringer has been engaged or the services of a tapper have been called into requisition. Mr. Hinton has for about 25 years laboured under this disability. We recollect him in the full enjoyment of all his faculties, prosecuting the study of the art with vigour and success, and promising to be as clever a ringer, both upon the handbells and at the rope's end, as his father was before him. Suffering from some affection of the eyes he underwent a surgical operation which, though

partially restoring his powers of vision, was, it is said, the means of depriving him of that of hearing."

PIONEER IN WEST COUNTRY

James had two sons who practised the art. James (junior) left Worcester for the West Country, where he pioneered the growth of change ringing in the area. When he died, in 1910, ringers from all over Britain subscribed to his headstone. His brother, George, remained in Worcester, participating in many peals, including the first on the ring of 12 in Worcester Cathedral.

He and his friend, the late William H. Johnson, belonged to a Victorian concert party, the Bijou Minstrels, giving as their turn an unusual display of tune playing on handbells. First they would play with four bells in each hand (the first ever to do so). Then, as an encore, additional bells were strapped to each foot. The climax of the performance was reached when other bells were added to the knees, elbows and head, the latter coming into play as each performer bowed at the end of the dance routine which was executed while playing.

George Hinton died in 1945, his son, George (junior), also a keen ringer, surviving him by only a year. Father and son were signwriters by trade, and inscribed most of the handsome peal boards in Worcester Cathedral. Albert, another son, played clarinet and violin. A very fine musician, he is a veteran broadcaster, now living in Swansea. John Hinton, the son of George junior, rings at Worcester Cathedral and it is he who is reciting on the old boxed bells which until a few years ago had lain idle since the death of James (senior) in 1886.

The tradition seems likely to continue. Philip, his ten-year-old son, is learning to ring, can handle a bell and rings rounds. He is also a promising young pianist, who received a standing ovation at a recent event, and hopes to repeat his success at the forthcoming dinner. Thus Philip will become the sixth generation of the family.

Tickets for the dinner are obtainable from the general secretary.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH'S NEW FOREST TRIP

The annual outing of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild took place on September 24th and was an unqualified success. Aided by some beautiful weather and some first-class organisation on the part of the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) the programme was strictly adhered to. Accommodated in two coaches, the party numbered over 50, including friends and relatives. In addition to the chairman, the Rev. Roger Keeley (Ringing Master), Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary), Mr. F. Read (vice-chairman) and Mr. and Mrs. P. Minchin, of Swindon, were present.

South-West Hampshire and the New Forest area comprised the venue, and the early-morning drive amid the ever-changing autumnal colourings was enjoyed. After a short halt at Salisbury, Lyndhurst was reached at 10.20 a.m., where the nice ring of eight was put to good use until a move was made to Brockenhurst, which has one of the oldest churches in the Forest. Possessing a very light six, some good ringing was maintained. The party were joined by Mr. and Mrs. N. Tilley and family, of Great Bedwyn, who were on holiday nearby. Lunch was taken at Lymington, and later the eight bells at St. Thomas's were rung in rounds and Triples. Milford-on-Sea was the next tower, and after 45 minutes' ringing on another nice eight, tea was enjoyed at a local restaurant.

Leaving Milford the next tower was at Sopley, where the party found six bells after being led to expect only five. The augmented ring, however, proved a very pleasant one. The eight bells at SS. Peter and Paul's, Ringwood, were the last on the list, and a further 45 minutes' ringing completed an interestingly varied programme.

On the way home a halt was made at Salisbury for refreshment. This was one of the best-attended and most enjoyable trips for several years. One cannot conclude without paying tribute to Mr. Cobb (hon. secretary of the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) who supplied details of the route and sketch maps of how best to reach the towers and parking places. Thank you, Mr. Cobb. W. A. E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Nailsea (6) on September 17th, when visitors were welcomed from Chippenham, Carlisle and Bradford Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Hammond), who afterwards joined the company for tea at the Church Hall.

At the business meeting new members were elected from Backwell, Long Ashton, Yatton, Chew Stoke and Clevedon (one each), while seven members were re-elected and five new members elected from Easton-in-Gordano.

Subject to permission, meetings were arranged as follows: A.G.M., Wraxall, December; practice meetings, Weston-in-Gordano, October, and Stanton Drew, November.

Further comment was voiced about the annual report and resolutions were passed for consideration by the general committee suggesting that a report editor be appointed, and that the Association's financial year should end on October 31st instead of December 31st, as at present.

Votes of thanks included a special mention for the Nailsea ringers, who provided tea, and best wishes to the Rector, always a good friend to the ringers, who will be leaving Nailsea for Keinton Mandeville in the near future. Ringing continued at the Parish Church until shortly after 8 o'clock.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The meeting of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Society of Sherwood Youths, the first at Eastwood since the rededication of the bells was a great success. Having been rehung on new bearings, the musical ring of eight (tenor just short of a ton) was found to go well but needed working at to produce good striking, due mainly to a lengthy draught of rope. Ringing ranged from call changes to Yorkshire Surprise. The Rector of Eastwood, himself a ringer, was on hand to welcome everyone, but unfortunately he had to leave soon afterwards on another engagement.

At the business meeting, following a much appreciated tea, Miss B. Hooks of Greasley and Mrs. T. Parsons of Eastwood were elected Southwell Guild members. The Mansfield District chairman welcomed the Society of Sherwood Youths and all visiting ringers, two of whom were from Great Yarmouth.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Rector and to the ladies for the tea, after which ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Next meeting (Mansfield District): Warsop, November 26th. D. J. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Many of the St. Albans District members and a number of visitors were welcomed at a successful meeting on September 17th. Two towers were available, the 23 cwt. eight at Barnet being rung in the afternoon. The special method for Barnet, Stanstead Triples, was achieved, although an unexpected "bob" had some worried! Methods from rounds to Cambridge and London were also rung. There were no tea arrangements, but everyone managed to find somewhere to eat and eventually arrived at Monken Hadley, the tower for the evening.

Due to lack of time and the keenness of all to ring, an informal business meeting was held in the belfry. The secretary, Mr. Roy Brown, gave a reminder of the coming District activities, namely the car outing on October 1st, the District practice at Tewin on Wednesday, October 5th, and the next District meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, and King's Walden on October 15th.

Some very enjoyable ringing followed of Ealing Surprise Major, the special method being successful, and methods up to various Surprise Major methods and Spliced were rung. J. A. F.

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Letters to the Editor

MORDEN, DORSET, BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the Charminster (and other) ringers' glowing account of their activities at Morden, Dorset.

For the record, these ringers are not the first to devote attention to these bells in recent months; nor is local enthusiasm anything new. Because of it, in fact, the Rector approached the local Guild belfry inspector—Mr. Reg Young, of Wareham—to see what could be done about getting the bells (which had been silent for some years) going. Not only Mr. Young, but many people in the village have spent—and are spending—a good deal of time and energy into putting Morden bells into working order again.

A new set of ropes is on its way and the two loose bolts securing the tenor to its stock are pending replacement. As they are completely rusted up the "tightening of a few nuts" reported by the Charminster ringers would have been quite impossible.

The instigator of the quarter peal, incidentally, was able to try out the bells beforehand when he turned up uninvited (but not unwelcomed) on a Sunday tour of some seldom-rung Dorset bells organised by Geoff Dodd and myself. We kept the tenor rigid enough for a very brief ring—but no more—with wooden wedges between the crown and stock. As a crack had already started in the bell and spread from the crown down into the waist, I dread to think what 45-odd minutes of ringing it loose on the stock must have done to it.

I would urge our Charminster friends when in quest of future material for their admittedly creditable form of "grabbing" to make a few local inquiries and/or to ensure that dubious bells such as these have been checked over by someone who knows something about bell-hanging.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Surrey.

A MEMORY LAPSE

Dear Sir.—On reading Mr. P. Chapman's letter recently I am prompted to write further as we at Staverton were also involved.

After waiting an hour or more and finding that the party did not arrive, our Vicar wrote to Mr. Knights to see what had happened. The Rev. Mr. Larwill received a reply, which he promptly handed to me.

Mr. Knights was very apologetic and I am sure he will not mind me quoting an extract from his letter to explain the circumstances, as follows:

"In early August, when I had received all the replies to my requests for permission to ring at various churches, only two, Staverton and Daventry, were able to give permission, although the Vicar of St. Mary's, Warwick, did offer us an alternative, but unsuitable time. In view of this I wrote to Staverton, Daventry, St. Mary's, Warwick, and the bus company informing them that we would have no alternative but to cancel the proposed outing. As I posted all four letters myself I am certain that they left here and it would therefore appear that something went wrong in the delivery."

I would add here that apologies are accepted but that the party missed the chance of a ring on a very good ring of six bells at Staverton, and an even better ring of ten at Daventry.—Yours faithfully,

STANLEY F. WEBB.

Staverton, near Daventry.

NEWS FROM U.S.A.

Dear Sir,—As a note of interest to those marking the progress of our hands here in Washington, I am quite pleased to report on the condition of one of our bands, the Whitechapel Guild of the National Cathedral Girls' School. Last year the Guild numbered about 18 girls—both advanced and beginner—and a very good year's progress was achieved, culminating in quarter peals of Stedman Triples and Bob Minor. Apparently last year's enthusiasm was contagious, for at the activities assembly recently 48 new girls signed up to take bellringing this year, bringing the total potential membership for this year to 56, approximately one-fifth of the entire upper school (9th–12th grades).

On other matters, we have had the great fortune to be visited twice by Mr. Roger Bailey, of Cambridge University, who is currently touring North America. A few weeks ago Roger called a peal of Bob Major for us, and next Saturday will join us in an attempted peal of Minor in four methods (Cambridge, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob).

Our best to all in England, and we shall keep you posted of our progress from time to time.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD S. DIRKSEN,

Bellmaster.

Washington Cathedral, D.C.

AN EXPLANATION

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. P. L. Chapman's letter regarding non-receipt of information that the plans for the outing of the Ely District on August Bank Holiday had been changed, the following explanation seems necessary.

Of the six towers originally written to requesting permission to ring, three were unable for a variety of reasons, to grant permission. St. Mary's, Warwick, offered an alternative but unsuitable time, and two towers, including Daventry, were willing for us to ring.

On July 31st, as soon as I had received the last reply to my requests, I wrote postcards to the towers that had given permission to ring, to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Warwick, and to the coach proprietors through whom a coach had been booked, informing them of the cancellation of the arrangements. As the coach did not turn up for the journey it would appear that one, at least, of the postcards was delivered.

If Mr. Chapman would draw the attention of the ringer and verger who waited in vain on August Bank Holiday to this letter and also add my regrets to them for the time they wasted, I would be most grateful.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. R. KNIGHTS.

Harrow Weald

INCORRECT

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the claim for the first peal of Surprise on the bells at Bolney since rehanging (page 613) is incorrect. I conducted a peal of Adelaide Surprise Major there on January 17th, 1966, and I am not sure that even that was the first.—Yours sincerely,

D. E. SIBSON.

Putney, London.

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REPLY TO MR. WILSON

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's letter ("Ringing World," September 23rd), is he not being rather short-sighted? I contend he is.

Every daily newspaper, weekly journal, parish magazine or what have you will tell him that but for their advertisements they would not be able to pay their way.

It does not necessarily need a person to write an article on, for instance, "How to take down and rebuild a car" for a ringer who has a car to sell to advertise it to fellow ringers in "The Ringing World."

Much the same applies in respect of gardeners who grow bulbs, as many do in Lincolnshire, or poultry fanciers (like myself), who breed rare breeds of poultry, ringers who keep catering establishments to cater for meetings, or seaside boarding houses for holiday accommodation, motor coach proprietors to cater for ringers' outings.

Come off it, Mr. Wilson, have a look in your own church magazine and see if that is 100 per cent. about things to do with the church, as you seem to want "The Ringing World" to be about bells and ringing!

Then there is the question to ask Mr. Wilson, where does he go to do his shopping—to the shop which shows nothing in its windows, or to the one (or the stores) which has a full display? Does the successful business man say "I won't fill my shop or store with a wide variety until the outside public come into my empty (or half-empty) shop"? No—he knows it is up to him, as it must also be to "The Ringing World," if he or that journal expects to draw custom. That is good business ethics, the other is the sure way to bankruptcy. You are no window dresser, Mr. Wilson!

Lastly, there comes your jibe of "seeing one's name in print," in what is reckoned to be a country of free speech, a thing we had six years of war (1939–45) to preserve from the Nazis and other totalitarians. Please bear that in mind, Mr. Wilson! In a democracy it is the individual's right to criticise bureaucracy and anything apertaining to it.

If one does not sign one's name and uses a nom-de-plume it is considered wrong and cowardly by some people; so between the two, where do we stand? Must we all be as Quakers and let the likes of Wilfrid Wilson have all the say? Or is "The Ringing World" to be a sort of "closed shop," publishing only what Mr. Wilson thinks it should? — Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
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Rung at Barnes on November 21st, 1965.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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RINGERS' CATHEDRAL WEDDING



TWO members of Guildford Cathedral Society of Change Ringers were married on Saturday, September 24th, at the Cathedral, where the bells were rung for the ceremony. Miss Carolyn White, only daughter of the Dean's verger, Mr. A. White, and of Mrs. White, of 2, Cathedral Cottage, Ridgemount, Guildford, was married to Mr. David James Tubbs, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Tubbs, of 47, Bushy Hill Drive, Merrow, Guildford. The bridegroom is conductor of the Cathedral ringers and also of the Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, ringers. The bride

learned to handle a bell at Romsey Abbey before coming to Guildford.

The Dean of Guildford, the Rt. Rev. G. Clarkson, officiated, and Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Canon A. C. G. Oldham.

The bride was given away by her father, and the bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Windeler (cousin of the bride), Miss Diana Halpas (friend) and Miss Carole White (niece of the bride). Mr. M. J. Smith was best man. A reception for 105 guests was held at Onslow Village Hall before the couple left for a honeymoon in Guernsey.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 18th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, C. H. Rogers 3, K. J. Rider 4, M. J. Uphill 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith 8, C. T. Richards 9, H. W. Rogers 10. For Nave Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Shelly (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Pickles 2, F. Kirk (cond.) 3, G. H. Foster 4, R. Bedford 5, E. Chambers 6. For the retirement of Rev. K. Frampton and the ordination of Rev. J. Morris.

QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Cooles 1, C. Barnes 2, R. L. Jones (first in method) 3, Miss S. C. Thexton 4, Miss R. J. Cotton 5, E. E. Dodda 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, D. J. Carter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. R. Darby, curate of this church.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: M. F. Hall 1, D. F. Baker 2, S. S. Barratt 3, J. V. Starkey 4, T. R. Nicholls 5. First quarter attempt 1, 2, 5.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, D. Attwater 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss Carol Wickens, a ringer of this parish, who was married this day to Mr. David Gosling.

CHESTER.—On Sept. 8th, at All Saints', Hoole, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss B. L. Johns 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, T. Holmes 3, A. Putnam 4, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 5, Miss A. E. Ripley 6. To celebrate the engagement of Miss J. F. Burdett and Mr. J. R. Morley.

DURSLEY, GLOS.—On July 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss N. C. Coom 1, P. H. D. Jones 2, J. H. Taylor 3, R. C. L. Brown 4, D. J. Baker 5, E. Shuttleworth 6, D. J. Orledge 7, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of John Hallett and Jean Allen.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Day 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, A. W. R. Wilby 4, R. D. R. Brown 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, J. D. Painter (cond.) 7, L. G. Coburn 8. Rung for Evensong, and with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williamson, who were married at St. Paul's Cathedral on September 7th.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's, on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Foley 1, Gwynneth James 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, S. James 4, J. W. Thorp 5, P. M. F. Searles 6, J. Kemp (cond.) 7, V. Tubby 8. For the Bishop of St. Albans' visit. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): J. Thorn 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, Gwynneth James 3, S. James 4, P. M. F. Searles 5, J. Kemp 6. For the ordination of Rev. Charles Harris.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Rung to welcome Bishop and Mrs. Weller to Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): Margaret R. Durrington 1, K. E. Jackson 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. S. Gaylor 4, E. J. Conquest 5, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 6. Rung after Evensong, for Battle of Britain Sunday, and for the ordination of the new curate, the Rev. L. Lack.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Topp 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MERIDEN, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Miss L. Wilcox 2, Miss R. J. Wilcox 2, S. S. Barratt 3, J. V. Starkey 4, D. F. Baker 5. First quarter attempt 1, 2.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): A. Millson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Searle 2, Miss A. Hills (first quarter) 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, A. Bull 5, A. Cheasley 6, K. Dallison 7, R. Chivers (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Cheasley, on their 46th wedding anniversary.

OCKLEY, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss I. Goucher 1, Miss H. Alford 2, R. Banner 3, N. Carter 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY VISIT NORFOLK

THE University of Bristol Society's reunion summer tour was this year organised by David Heighton. The party met at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Sunday, August 28th, to join the local band for Evensong ringing. For 13 of the party, headquarters was at the Station Hotel, Norwich, but Ivor Trueman and Frank Mack and their families and Pam and Arthur Wright camped in David's garden at Saxlingham Nethergate.

August Bank Holiday morning was bright and sunny and three sixes were visited—Bunwell, East Harling and South Lopham. Lunch was taken at Diss, followed by ringing on "hand-picked eights" (to quote the organiser) at Diss, Palgrave and Eye. Schole Church, which was severely damaged by fire and is now rebuilt with contemporary fittings and furnishings, was the last tower of the day. It has a ring of six with a 4½ cwt. tenor and a waiting room adjacent to the small ringing chamber. That evening heavy rain poured down, causing minor flooding to the campers, but they were in good spirits when seen the next morning.

Tuesday started with ringing on the eight at Marsham and the pleasant ten at Aylsham. Our first look at the sea was at Cromer, where we found a lovely six in a very tall tower and managed to ring a course of Cromer Alliance. A long lunch break was intended to let the children play on the beach, but it started to drizzle so that the promise of the timetable was not fulfilled. The rain got worse as we moved on to the new six at Holt, followed by the "rough" five at Bale, where the tenor has been rehung by boys from Gresham's School. In the large tower at Saxthorpe we found a six with a 2½ cwt. tenor. At first Frank Mack was the only person confident round the front end, but the rest improved with practice.

CHILDREN'S DELIGHT

On Wednesday we rang first at Brooke, with its round tower, a characteristic of many flint churches, and anti-clockwise six. The five at Shottesham came next. Access to the ringing chamber is gained by an outside spiral staircase, much to the delight of the children. A short journey brought us to Saxlingham Nethergate (6). Here our "tenor king" distinguished himself by failing to pull the eight cwt. tenor up "right" in peal. After ringing, David and Bridget, helped by various in-laws, entertained us to lunch. Following a

splendid meal we were able to inspect the camp site. The eights at Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary and Redenhall provided the afternoon ringing. At the last-named we rang a course of Norfolk Surprise Major and noticed the first of several peal boards recording that "bold and regular striking," which, it seems, was a feature of Mr. Samuel Thurstan's peals. In the evening we rang at two Norwich churches—St. Michael at Coslany and St. George's, Colegate.

Loddon was the first tower on Thursday, and then Beccles, with its fine detached tower, where ringing was curtailed through a service. The long climb at Kessingland, with its steep steps, provided a challenge for both young and not-so-young. The long lunch break was spent at Lowestoft, but a strong wind spoiled the prospects of the swimmers. Ringing in the afternoon included the eight at Lowestoft, Pakefield and Norton Subcourse (6). In the evening we rang at St. Giles', Norwich, with its ringing chamber full of historic peal boards.

The eights at North Elmham, Gressenhall and East Dereham provided the morning ringing on Friday. After lunch we rang on the sixes at Yaxham and Garveston and the eights at Hingham and Hethersett.

The five at South Walsham were the first visited on Saturday and here the Doubles experts demonstrated their prowess with a six-score of Chace. We then moved on to the six at Ranworth and admired the view from the top of the tower. Acle was the last tower before moving on to Great Yarmouth for a long lunch break and at last we had some sun.

A tour round the docks, for some of us at least, brought us to Gorleston, and then back to Yarmouth to ring on the fine 12. Here we managed Grandsire and Erin Cinques and Kent Maximus, but a touch of Stedman would not go. That evening we all dined Chinese at Norwich before retiring to the hotel, where a presentation was made to Bridget and David in thanks for their organisation and hospitality.

The company: Roy and Jane Blackler, Mary Bliss, Mike Bew, Catherine Powell, Edward and Christine Mould and baby, John Norris, Ross and Judith Robertson, Michael Sprackling, Pam Sturdy, Frank and Mary Mack and family, Ivor and Heather Trueman and family, Arthur and Pam Wright, John and Beryl Baldwin and Judith, David and Bridget Heighton and Fiona. M.T.S.

MR. W. A. YATES' TOUR

MR. WILLIAM A. YATES again chose to visit the West Country for his annual tour. Accompanied by a few friends, a number of selected towers in an area renowned for the weight and magnificence of its bells were visited during the week-end of July 15th-17th.

Having spent the previous night in Trowbridge, we were able to make an early start on Friday at Westbury, Wilts. The ringing on these heavy bells was not quite up to standard, and this was attributed by certain members of the party to the unnatural thirst which had required quenching the previous evening. This was "stoutly" denied by the members concerned. Indeed, to prove their point, some excellent ringing followed at Batcombe, although the bells were a disappointing six. The next tower, at Evercreech, proved rather an anticlimax, at least inside the belfry. Everyone agreed that the bells were not as good as those at Daventry, but perhaps we are biased.

After lunch we rang at Ditchat. There are certainly no bells to touch these in Northamptonshire. Chewton Mendip followed. It must be very difficult to ring badly on these magnificent bells. We couldn't manage it! We were taken on an impromptu tour of some Somerset lanes on the way to the next tower, at Congresbury, by navigators who suddenly developed an earnest desire to increase our knowledge of the area. A venerable member of the party, having watched one or two people perform on the tenor at this tower, decided they were "nut cases" to do so, and told them so. Indeed, I think anyone who rings at Cheddar, our last tower of the day, although not necessarily needing to be "nut cases," must at least have strong nerves. The tower sway is quite alarming. We spent the night in Glastonbury.

The first tower on Saturday was selected especially to enable the ringers from five-bell towers to prove how good they were. The tower for this Doubles recital was at Ilchester. After yet another guided tour of Somerset, we rang at Ilminster, where there is a noble ring, Chard was visited before lunch. The tenor here was likened by one member of the party to that of a certain five-bell tower in Northamptonshire. A quick ring at Honiton (the eight) preceded a visit to another glorious octave, at Broadclyst. We excelled ourselves by ringing a course of Glasgow in good style. On the way back to Glastonbury we rang on the good light ten at Culmpton and the ring of eight at Wellington, Somerset. These latter bells would be grand for peal ringing.

Sunday morning saw us trying to ring for service at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and Dinder, but we were too late for both services. However, Mr. Hull, of Dinder, kindly allowed us to ring his bells for half an hour. In the afternoon we were pleased to join the local ringers in ringing for the service at Wells Cathedral. The hour's ringing was much enjoyed.

Although we had some experienced photographers in the party we were unable to produce a reasonable group photograph. Consequently readers of this journal will have to forgo the dubious pleasure of seeing the smiling faces of the participants for this year. It is rumoured that a Mr. Armstrong Jones is to be invited on the next tour!

Our thanks go to Bill Yates for his excellent organisation, and to all incumbents and local ringers who met us. G.C.P.

BY-MEETING AT MEOPHAM, KENT

On Saturday, September 10th, a by-meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at St. John the Baptist Church, Meopham; some 60 members and friends attended. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. B. L. Birchmere, Vicar, who had been instituted to the living on the previous Wednesday. A collection of £2 19s. 1d. was given to the Meopham tower fund.

Following tea, a short business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. J. Cheal, owing to the District secretary, Mr. T. Barton, being on holiday. The meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Baker (82), of Bobbing, for many years a ringer in the Sittingbourne area. The Meopham band of ringers were welcomed on joining the Association, as also were three new members from Bredgar and two from Hartlip. The meeting heard with regret news of the sudden illness of Mr. Tom G. Dennis, of Rainham. Mr. L. Mitchell, of Newington, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, also to the ladies who served tea. Further ringing then continued upon the tower bells in various methods. F.C.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District evening practice was held at Ware (8) on September 24th. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. The date of the next meeting is Saturday, October 8th, at Hertingfordbury (6).

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OBITUARY

MR. T. G. DENNIS

A member of St. Margaret's band at Rainham, Kent, for over 40 years. Mr. Thomas G. Dennis died suddenly in hospital on September 11th. The funeral was at Rainham Parish Church.

The Southwell Diocesan Guild Crawford Cup has been won by Wollaton. Warsop, last year's winners, came second. H. Chant was the judge.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire (first quarter) 1, Amanda Powell 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, R. Rayfield 4, Carol Cousins (first as cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Harvest Matins. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Amanda Powell 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Tony Bishop and Deborah Hopkins.

ALVELEY, SALOP.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss F. Salter 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, P. Goodhew 3, J. Barker 4, A. Osbaldiston (cond.) 5, S. J. Caldwell 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Bob Major: R. C. Ingram 1, M. Kirkham 2, B. Downie 3, Miss C. Jennings 4, R. Liggins 5, M. G. Ingram 6, A. S. Burbridge (cond.) 7, D. T. Finmore 8.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, Diana Chapman 2, B. Shackleton (cond.) 3, P. J. England 4, E. T. Lee 5, P. Bridle 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8. First by all.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. J. Talbot 1, Kathleen E. Chikott 2, Jean L. Kimber 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, J. Schofield 5, N. Thomson 6, F. D. Jennings 7, R. J. Cook 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 10. For Harvest Festival; also to mark the departure of Juliet S. Stoy to Bristol University, and the birth of a daughter to Margaret and Derek Spittle.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Stocker 1, Janet Pyke 2, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 3, R. C. Kift 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rev. D. R. Crouch to St. Mark's.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, Angela Newing 3, Rev. P. Newing 4, I. Harris 5, J. Benfield 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung as a thankoffering for return to health after six months' illness of ringer of 2.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Pemberton (first quarter) 1, Christine Mould (cond.) 2, Marjorie Yarnold (first of Doubles) 3, J. Watkins (first of Doubles) 4, M. P. Phipps 5, E. G. Mould 6.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Drury (first quarter) 1, R. J. Ellis (first quarter) 2, Janet I. Rogers 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, H. J. Culpin 6.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent): A. Shirley Beanland (first of T.B.) 1, Susan Mitchell 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, T. W. Brighton 5, Jennifer E. Pearce 6. For Evensong, and to mark the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Stamford Bridge.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Margaret's, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (with tenor covering): Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 1, E. Howes 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, R. Shipp 5, N. V. Harding 6, C. Cousins 7. For Harvest Festival.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On Sept. 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Harber 1, Mary Pryor 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, J. Barton-Plumb 4, F. W. Corney 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Williams 8. To celebrate the ordination of Geoffrey Stickland, a member of the Cathedral band.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Allen (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, H. Wilton 3, D. Webber (first quarter) 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, W. Trevett 6. Recorded on tape by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Spry.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Erin Triples: D. E. Cobb 1, K. Warner 2, M. B. Jefferys 3, C. G. Wright 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, I. L. Dear 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, R. Durrant 8. For Evensong. First of Erin Triples for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Young 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, R. Looker 5, R. Preston 6, O. Homewood 7, R. Manton (cond.) 8. As a farewell to the Rev. David Moore, also for the Harvest Festival.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Hutchby (first of Major) 1, F. Salter 2, J. Hallet 3, M. Foskett 4, C. Starbuck 5, J. G. Hall 6, P. Bellamy-Knights 7, S. Humphrey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Wylie 1, Susan Davis 2, P. Robinson (first quarter at first attempt) 3, Marjorie Yarnold 4, J. D. Arkwell 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6. As a farewell compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, on his departure to Norwich City College.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Tipper 1, D. Hatherly 2, A. Reeves 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. To welcome the Rev. L. R. Burt, curate, and his family to Petersfield.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss S. E. Smith 3, G. Gammon 4, A. F. W. Burbridge 5, J. F. A. Rolph (first quarter Stedman "inside") 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris (first quarter Stedman) 8. For Harvest Festival.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Aug. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Saggara 1, A. J. Bull 2, D. D. Atfield 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, K. Dallison 5, K. Game 6, G. A. West 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and for the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bull, and the 12th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. K. Dallison.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynette Starkey (first quarter) 1, Rita Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, B. L. Burrows 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Marie's, 1,360 Bob Major: H. O. Chaddock 1, J. Guest 2, R. Birch 3, R. J. Tibbets 4, B. Holland (cond.) 5, A. Friskney 6, L. E. Smith 7, G. K. Chaddock 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan E. Alder (first quarter) 1, S. R. Hare (first of Minor) 2, J. F. Bowler 3, D. C. Brown (first of Minor) 4, R. J. Foster 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6. For the combined dedication and Harvest Festival Evensong.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Linell (first quarter) 1, D. Hutley (first "inside") 2, K. Westwood (first Grandsire Doubles) 3, P. Warboys (cond.) 4, H. Watts 5, C. Taylor (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Fry 1, W. E. Gearing 2, Rev. R. G. Bryant 3, Miss A. O'Brien (first Major) 4, P. Tombs 5, F. Jones (first Major) 6, M. A. New 7, A. R. Peake (cond.) 8.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cousins 1, E. Howes 2, Miss S. R. Collins 3, R. Newson 4, W. Houghton 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, R. Shipp 8. For Harvest Festival.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On Sept. 24th, 3,512 Plain Bob Major: S. P. D. Burnett 1, Susan Mitchell 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, Mary I. Hildred 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, T. W. Brighton 6, A. E. Hartley 7, A. C. Banton (cond.) 8. Longest of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. A peal attempt brought round.

USK, MON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Woodward 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia Clench 3, G. Knight 4, P. S. Kay 5, S. Kear 6, D. Hughes 7, R. S. Clench 8. On the retirement of the Rev. J. Graner, and the emigration to Canada of P. S. Kay, ringer of the 5th.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Thomas 1, I. L. Dear (cond.) 2, Laura Grindrod 3, E. T. Newnham 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. Duncan 6, D. E. Cobb 7, R. Durrant 8. For Matins.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Beverley and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, Betty Day 3, R. A. Stone 4, P. Page 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, on their marriage.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Sherrick 1, Susan D. Cowan 2, K. J. Walpole (cond.) 3, A. W. R. Wilby 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, F. W. Ellis 6. A farewell to Mick Sherrick on leaving for Germany with the Army; also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, who leave for New Zealand shortly.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Craghill (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Bumphrey 2, G. N. Brown 3, D. Hunns 4, H. Byrom 5, L. Bumphrey (cond.) 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,312 Pudsey Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, Diana Chapman 2, D. G. Yeo 3, P. Bridle 4, P. J. England (first in method) 5, E. T. Lee 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. A 78th birthday compliment to H. W. Knight.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The first quarter peal by a local band at Great Barton, Suffolk, for many years was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur W. Rolfe.

Will Mr. Ivor Trueman, of Braishfield, Romsey, Hants, send his new address to "The Ringing World," as his copy has been returned to this office.

The first quarter peal since the erection of the new ringing gallery at St. Peter's, Benington, Herts, was rung as a golden wedding compliment to a one-time bellringer and churchwarden, Mr. G. Bird, and his wife.

Geoffrey K. Dodd was conducting two youngsters through their first peal on eight bells at Aldermaston. Selected was Plain Bob Major. Twelve-year-old Philip Taylor was on the fourth and Peter Furness (14) was on the fifth.

Foreman ringer at Littleham, Devon, for 54 years, Mr. Oliver Gatter and his wife celebrated their golden wedding last month. A complimentary quarter peal was rung on the bells of Littleham Church to mark the occasion.

Mr. C. R. Miles, of 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, has taken on the secretaryship of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Guild. He says: "We are trying to revive the activities of the Branch, and are restarting meetings."

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"UNTOUCHED FOR ALMOST 80 YEARS"

Twerton-on-Avon's annual outing was held on September 24th, when members from various towers were welcomed. Ringing started on the ground-floor octave at Clanfield (Oxon) (quite a good ring, augmented by J. Taylor in 1905). At Bampton the party had pleasure in ringing on the heavy octave, which are a little tough to ring. It is understood that the back two bells are to be rehung on ball bearings within a week or two.

Just along the road lies Aston, where the visitors found a lovely six, untouched for almost 80 years and yet on being inspected by a bellhanger a short while ago, nothing could be found to be put right—a great credit to the local steeplekeeper. Houses have been built very close to the church and one occupant had the wireless at full blast to blot out the sound of the bells!

The party met Mr. Harry White at Appleton, where it took a little while to get used to the famous ten. The little six at Abingdon (St. Nicholas'), restored in 1933 by Gillett's, were enjoyed and also another lovely little six at Hinton Waldrist, where the visitors had the pleasure of meeting the Leslie twins, Dennis and Norman. Some of the ringing was recorded.

Proceedings ended on the octave at Shrivenham, where there are quite delightful bells, but some of the ringing was on the "tired" side. Our thanks to all who met us and to our usual coach driver, who is very understanding about the peculiarities of ringers. A. F. L.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY

As many of the Exercise are aware, the Southampton area has always contained several enthusiastic ringers. During 1966 much progress has been made in the ringing of standard methods amongst the Fairley, Eling and Romsey bands, resulting in regular attempts at quarter peals. The culmination of the year's progress occurred on September 17th, when a group of eight ringers from these towers attempted four quarter peals at six-bell towers in the Andover area of Hampshire, and completed the day with a visit to the eight-bell practice at St. Thomas', Salisbury.

That the attempts were all successful can be attributed to the ringers' enthusiasm and to the excellent state of the four rings of bells. The band hope that the messages of thanks sent will be passed on by the respective Vicars, and would like to congratulate the local bands on the condition of their bells.

D. C. J.

REDEDICATION AT LECHLADE, GLOS.

The rehung ring of six at St. Lawrence's Church, Lechlade, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Gloucester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 22nd. Visiting ringers will be most welcome and the bells will be available until 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served free in the school after the service and those wishing to partake should notify the tower secretary, Mr. H. R. Hayden, Burford Street, Lechlade, by Wednesday, October 19th.

On the previous evening a dance is being held in the Memorial Hall, the proceeds from which will go towards the Bell Fund. Tickets are 15s. each (including refreshments) and may be obtained from Mrs. C. Baxter, Downington, Lechlade, or from the shop of Davis (chemist), Market Place, Lechlade.

FRIENDS HONOUR MR. A. J. PITMAN'S MEMORY

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Aberavon, Glamorgan, on September 17th was the first occasion on which friends of the late Albert J. Pitman were able to meet. It was also the nearest Saturday to his birthday. It was therefore a fitting occasion for some who had known him and rung with him for much of their lifetime to remember him on the bells of his home tower. The bells were rung open, as he would have wished that they should be, and it was a good peal. It was in this tower that Jack Pitman rang Parker's six-part and called it for his first peal, in 1914. His second peal was also rung here in 1919. Not only did he conduct this peal of Grandsire Triples but he composed it for the purpose.

JUDGING RINGING IN THE SUN

The striking competition of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District) was held on the fine six bells at Thames Ditton on Saturday, September 17th. The judges, Major Bragg and Mr. Viggers, of Aldershot, listened from a seat in the sun in a very pleasant garden—surely the perfect place to judge ringing. Five towers were represented, the winners being Egham, with only 14 faults. One team of younger ringers were amazed that the judges knew they were nervous! Major Bragg and Mr. Viggers were able to give really valuable advice, most of which went home. The evening concluded with general ringing up to London Minor. R. C.

SELBY ABBEY RINGERS' OUTING

Once again the Selby Abbey ringers and friends were on their way for their annual outing on September 10th, this time to North Lincolnshire in a mini-coach. An early morning start did not seem to favour the ringing at Scunthorpe and only Grandsire Triples was struck well. We were not to be disillusioned, however, and the excellent eight at Burton Stather were struck much better. Kent and Oxford Spliced and Plain and Little Bob Spliced were brought round at Winterton before a packed lunch was eaten.

Appleby, Brigg and Kirton Lindsey did not produce any ringing of outstanding merit, although it was pleasing to notice the younger members were certainly improving their "Original." Messingham, our last tower, provided us with the best ringing of the day, and Cambridge, Selby Delight and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were all struck well.

Thanks are due to incumbents and Ringing Masters for a most enjoyable day. A. G.

JUVENILES TO THE FORE

Young ringers are in evidence in our peal columns. At Blyth, Notts, Paul N. Mounsey, now 12, was making his first attempt at a tower bell peal, though he has rung two peals "in hand." Those who have rung on Blyth bells will understand what a considerable achievement is represented by that peal, though mere Bob Minor.

The first peal of Single Oxford Bob Caters was rung with common Grandsire bobs and singles.

"COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS IN THE POPULAR MAJOR METHODS"

A new edition of this book, to replace the one published in 1950, has recently been issued by the Central Council. It is in some ways complementary to "A Collection of Surprise Compositions," which Mr. Cyril Wratten published some time ago; thanks to good liaison between Mr. Wratten and the Peals Collection Committee, not many peals appear in both books. The Council's Collection is, however, mainly intended for those conductors who like to have between two covers a handy selection of compositions, mainly in what are nowadays regarded as "standard" Major methods and covering the field from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise.

The committee could not have had an easy task in making a representative selection of compositions for this purpose, while at the same time keeping the size and price of the result within reasonable bounds. Also, tastes change over the years. It is sometimes difficult to understand nowadays how some of the peals in the collections which the Council published some 60 years ago ever came to be included. The compilers explain in the preface that the intention was to keep abreast of modern tastes. They themselves are, or sadly in one case were, all distinguished composers, though one is not represented at all. Of the others it could reasonably be said, as did J. A. Trollope when taken to task for the number of his own compositions included in an earlier collection, "When I consider all the beautiful peals which were left out, I marvel at my own moderation."

One or two points of detail could perhaps be criticised. For instance, it is rather a shock to find the name of a present-day composer with a number of distinguished Spliced Surprise compositions to his credit against a three-part peal of Double Norwich with only one bob at 4 in each part. And the word "erasure," used in the preface, isn't in my dictionary. But the committee deserve our thanks for producing so useful a collection of 213 compositions, well worth the 5s. at which it is being sold. E. A. B.

RINGER (79) WEDS

Seventy-nine-year-old Mr. Arthur Rolfe, of High View, Rectory Road, Whepstead, Suffolk, a ringer for over 60 years and one of the best known campanologists in West Suffolk, was married on September 24th at Whepstead Church to Mrs. Hettie Dew (76), who lived until recently at Linnet Road, Bury St. Edmunds. The couple met on an old folk's holiday early in the summer.

A sprightly 79, Mr. Rolfe retired as an insurance agent 20 years ago due to ill-health. He has four daughters, and the former Mrs. Dew has two sons and two daughters. Mr. Rolfe's eldest daughter's husband, Mr. C. Burling, of Cambridge, was best man, and the bride was given away by her eldest son, Stanley.

The peal in seven Minor methods rung for the Sussex County Association, and reported on page 596 of September 9th issue, was rung at Thakeham and not Fittleworth.

Mr. Ronald H. Dove had to journey from Leeds to Ibstock, Leicestershire, for the 40th anniversary of his first peal, which was rung there on September 16th, 1926. His son, C. Barrie Dove, successfully conducted a peal of Minor in seven methods.

IOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
GODMANCHESTER, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
 On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr 19 lb. in E flat
 Frank E. Haynes .. Treble Bryan F. Sims .. 5
 John G. Gipson .. 2 Kenneth G. Hesketh .. 6
 R. Frank Baker .. 3 Christopher M. P. Johnson .. 7
 John H. Bluff .. 4 Dennis E. Pepper .. Tenor
 Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 30 cwt.
 Richard W. Sweet .. Treble John C. Slater .. 5
 Gillian M. Hussey .. 2 Trevor A. Cross .. 6
 Brian J. Luff .. 3 D. John Hunt .. 7
 George W. Massey .. 4 Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor
 Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours
 On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 HIGHER WALTON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt.
 Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. Treble Dennis A. Chapman .. 5
 Gillian M. Hussey .. 2 Philip M. J. Gray .. 6
 Richard W. Sweet .. 3 D. John Hunt .. 7
 Derek S. Beaufoy .. 4 Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
 First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Fri., Sept. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents Tenor 12½ cwt
 *Raymond P. Selway .. Treble Trevor A. Cross .. 4
 Trevor E. Marks .. 2 Alan W. Robinson .. 5
 Alan W. Best .. 3 *William E. Turner .. Tenor
 Conducted by William E. Turner.
 * 100th peal together.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
 On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Consisting of two extents of Stedman and four extents each of St. Martin, St. Simon, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb
 *Christopher R. Parker Treble David C. Hawkins .. 4
 Glenda M. Beckett .. 2 Alan C. Perry .. 5
 Peter S. Devrell .. 3 Graham B. Davis .. Tenor
 Conducted by Alan C. Perry.
 * First peal attempt. Forst of 11 Doubles methods/variations by all. First peal attempt as conductor.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being six methods/variations; Four extents each of Plain Bob, Old Norfolk, Kennington and April Day and 20 extents and one 24th (Morris's) Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C
 *Victor J. Bowering .. Treble *Stanley C. Davis .. 4
 Robin L. Coles .. 2 Ian P. Cox .. 5
 Alan F. Lee .. 3 Albert F. Butt .. Tenor
 Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
 * Most methods to a peal.
 Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. Lucy Butt (88) and Stanley Davis (58), both on this day.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in E.
 Richard W. Sweet .. Treble George T. Cousins .. 5
 *David Rennolds .. 2 Edward Jenkins .. 6
 Gillian M. Hussey .. 3 D. Paul Smith .. 7
 Cyril A. Wratten .. 4 *Maurice A. New .. Tenor
 Composed by T. B. Worslev. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
 * First peal of Surprise "inside." † First in the method.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown.
 On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 22 cwt.
 *David Rennolds .. Treble D. Paul Smith .. 5
 Gillian M. Hussey .. 2 George T. Cousins .. 6
 Richard W. Sweet .. 3 *Maurice A. New .. 7
 Cyril A. Wratten .. 4 Edward Jenkins .. Tenor
 Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
 * First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MALPAS, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
 On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
 J. J. Parker's 10-part (C.C.C. 27) Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr 6 lb.
 *Susan F. Hughes .. Treble Harry W. Howard .. 5
 John W. Griffiths .. 2 Dennis H. B. Millward .. 6
 †David N. Collins .. 3 Geoffrey Parting .. 7
 †Michael H. Hodgkinson .. 4 R. Gordon Corby .. Tenor
 Conducted by John W. Griffiths
 * First peal. † First in the method.
 A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill F. Burdett, of St. Mary's without-the-Walls Chester, and to mark her engagement to Mr. John R. Morley.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 *Delphine E. L. Holman Treble *John F. Thorne .. 5
 †Anthony J. Cox .. 2 Christopher J. Royal .. 6
 *Robert W. Sherriff .. 3 *Terence G. Hill .. 7
 Peter C. Randall .. 4 Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor
 Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall
 * First peal of Major. † First in the method.
 Rung to welcome Neil Anthony Maycock God's gift of a son to Ian and Ann. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
 On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 21 lb. in F
 Jean F. Woolford .. Treble Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
 Joan Beresford .. 2 Derek E. Sibson .. 6
 Peter Beresford .. 3 James A. D. Woolford .. 7
 Peter M. Fleckney .. 4 Dennis Beresford .. Tenor
 Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
 Arranged and rung as a compliment to Andrew J. Strathdee and Wendy Smith, who were married at Harlington earlier the same day.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 TRENT SURPRISE MAJOR
 Alec Humphrey .. Treble Edmund Shuttleworth .. 5
 David W. Friend .. 2 Richard Inglis .. 6
 Denis R. Carlisle .. 3 Gordon A. Halls .. 7
 David W. Parkin .. 4 David J. Marshall .. Tenor
 Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
 First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr.

TRENT SURPRISE MAJOR (H & M 2,113)
 x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 3458 x 16 x 58. 1.h. 12

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
 On Thurs. Sept. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 EREWASH SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt 9 lb in E.

David W. Friend .. Treble Frederick E. Gobey .. 5
 Denis R. Carlisle .. 2 Edmund Shuttleworth .. 6
 Clive Thrower .. 3 Gordon A. Halls .. 7
 Felicity Webber .. 4 Richard Inglis .. Tenor
 Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
 Rung on the occasion of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. F. D. Bedford in Derby Cathedral.

EREWASH SURPRISE MAJOR

H.M. 2106. x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 1258 x 34 x 1B. 1.e. 16482735.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ICKLETON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
 On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE URPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr 21 lb in F
 David E. Rothera .. Treble Geoffrey Pearson .. 5
 Susan Rothera .. 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6
 Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 3 John G. Gipson .. 7
 Donald F. Murfet .. 4 Philip J. Rothera .. Tenor
 Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

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

On Tues., Sept. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.
 John S. Rank .. Treble David E. Rothera .. 5
 Geoffrey Pearson .. 2 John G. Gipson .. 6
 *Michael Hawes .. 3 Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 7
 Donald F. Murfet .. 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor
 Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
 * First peal of Major.
 Rung with the best wishes of "The Tuesday Night Band" to Miss C. Gay Williams, who recently moved away from Cambridge following her marriage.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHATTERIS, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.
 *G Atkin Treble *Richard Edgley 4
 V. Hurt 2 *Roger Edgley 5
 †W. Young 3 †W. Seekings Tenor

Conducted by W. Seekings.

* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ 60th peal.

Rung to commemorate the diamond wedding of Mr. A. Mattock, a ringer at this church for 40 years, and Mrs. Mattock.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
 On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.
 Hubert H. Furminger .. Treble David Sloman 4
 Alfred J. House 2 Frank B. Lufkin 5
 Peter Sloman 3 David E. Belcham Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Michael J. Hallett and Janet Griffith, married at this church this day, and the 28th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the second.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) London Bob and Double Court, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Oxford and Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 Miss Leslie Ward Treble Stephen D. Humphrey 5
 Alfred E. Honeywood .. 2 Frank B. Lufkin 5
 Neil V. Avis 3 Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
LYDIARD TREGOZ, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.
 Eric Sutton Treble †William G. Merritt 4
 *Raymond J. C. Hulme .. 2 †Michael J. Stanley 5
 †Shirley H. Little 3 †Lawrence P. Picknell .. Tenor

Conducted by Eric Sutton.

* First peal of Doubles and first "inside" † First of Doubles
 ‡ First of Doubles in the method. § First peal. First of Doubles in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells.

Rung at the request of the Rector on the occasion of the annual fete and gymkhana.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

David D. Smith Treble Stanley G. Ponting 5
 Derek E. Sibson 2 George Francis 6
 *David J. Tubbs 3 C. Martin Press 7
 Tom Page 4 W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
 * First peal of Spliced. Rung in memoriam Albert J. Pitman.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.
 Gwen Smith Treble Peter F. T. Smith 5
 Augustin V. Good 2 Peter K. Else 6
 Walter Ayre 3 H. Lyndon Hatfield 7
 Katherine S. Maylott .. 4 Robert E. Hardy Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Colin A. Lewis and Gillian E. Graney, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Christine M. Webb .. Treble †Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
 D. Paul Smith 2 †Richard G. Crosland .. 6
 Stanley Jenner 3 Tony Lewis 7
 Ann Jenner 4 †Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
 * First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First in the method. ‡ 500th peal.

Rung on the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.
 Tony Lewis Treble Peter S. Muchlinski 5
 Judith M. Corby 2 D. Paul Smith 6
 Ian H. Oram 3 Andrew J. Corby 7
 Ann Jenner 4 Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

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

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GREYBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.
 Michael H. O'Callaghan Treble Ralph Bird 5
 Tony Lewis 2 Edward J. Jenner 6
 *Ann Jenner 3 *Stanley Jenner 7
 Margaret E. Fort 4 Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 200th peal together. First peal in the method.

GREYBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 1458 x 34 x 58. l.e. 12 — 4263857.
 H. & M. No. 2,055.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.
 Judith M. Corby Treble Doris E. Colgate 5
 Andrew J. Corby 2 *Paul J. Dye 6
 Lucile M. Corby 3 Philip A. Corby 7
 Ann Jenner 4 Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Mon., Sept. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 13 extents Grandsire, nine April Day and 20 Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F. sharp.
 *Brian Butcher Treble Rachel J. Sinden 4
 *Richard Birch 2 R. P. Brotherton 5
 Elizabeth A. Todd 3 *A. F. Phelps Tenor

Conducted by Elizabeth A. Todd.

* First peal. First as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SAMLESBURY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Less.

On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Roger Barnes Treble Stanley Anderton 5
 Mrs. M. Crossthwaite .. 2 Cyril Crossthwaite 6
 *Miss P. Gardner 3 Dennis H. McCormick .. 7
 Christopher Watson .. 4 Frank Stead Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

* First peal of Major.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in three methods, viz.: Three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

John Nelson Treble Graham F. Mee 4
 Lawrence Walmsley 2 James E. Sumner 5
 David L. Marsden 3 John D. Nixon Tenor

Conducted by John Nelson.

Rung by the members of the Sunday service band to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunter on their silver wedding.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising one extent each of York, Durham, Bourne, London, Beverley, Surflee and Cambridge.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Martin Green Treble *David F. Moore 4
 Roland H. Cook 2 A Maxwell Lindsey .. 5
 Frederick Shallcross .. 3 R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Max Lindsey.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 14 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 4
R. Arthur Goldsmith 2	Derek J. Jones 5
Janette Hubbard 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 13 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) College, (2) Norwich, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Cambridge, (7) Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

Alan G. Payne Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith 4
*Joan Gilbert 2	Derek J. Jones 5
*Janet E. Hubbard 3	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

* 25th peal together.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
William T. Petty (24) .. Treble	Paul M. Evans 5
*D. R. Lynn Jones 2	†M. Jack Pryor 6
Thomas Yeomans (14) .. 3	Gwyn I. Lewis (47) .. 7
Trevor M. Roderick (35) 4	D. Walford Davies (6) .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

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

Rung in memoriam Albert J. Pitman, born September 22nd, 1888, remembered by some who rang with him. (The figures in parentheses denote the number of peals rung with him.)

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY.—Glam.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) College and Wavertree, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Single Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Grandsire, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.

Susan Jones Treble	Ellis N. Thomas 4
Mary Pryor 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Gwen Bidgood 3	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 27½ lb. in F sharp.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	Roland Beniston 4
Ronald H. Dove 2	Gordon H. Lane 5
William T. Goadby 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of Ronald H. Dove's first peal, rung in this tower on September 16th, 1926.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WESTMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB CATERS

Tenor 22½ cwt.

Norman S. Bagworth .. Treble	William Birmingham .. 6
Elsie K. Hart 2	Frank T. Blagrove 7
*Patricia Rogers 3	William H. Coles 8
H. George Hart 4	Alan E. M. Bagworth .. 9
Christopher H. Rogers .. 5	Douglas M. Boniface .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* 50th peal. First peal of Oxford Bob Caters. Rung with common Grandsire bobs and singles. Rung in memoriam Albert J. Pitman.

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

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different one-parts.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*Janet Perryman Treble	Malcolm G. Lane 4
Monica Blagrove 2	John E. Pickett 5
David G. Pickett 3	Frank T. Blagrove Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal.

Rung by the Stanwell Society.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Joseph William Cotton .. 6
*Gordon H. Lane 2	Daniel F. Moore 7
Richard J. Clifton 3	Samuel J. Haines 8
†Martin Green 4	Roland H. Cook 9
Arthur E. Rowley 5	†R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by William Pye.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* 100th peal for the Guild. † First peal of Surprise Royal "inside" and 25th peal. ‡ 75th peal on these bells. First of Surprise Royal as conductor

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Sept. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	David F. Moore 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Gordon H. Lane 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Samuel J. Haines 7
Joseph William Cotton .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Walter J. Tanser, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp

Philip G. K. Davies .. Treble	J. Dennis Holden 5
Martin Green 2	Gordon H. Lane 6
Eric E. Speake 3	Samuel J. Haines 7
Richard J. Warrilow 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Lane on the occasion of their 12th wedding anniversary.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D

Jack Mowle Treble	Frank Sutton 5
Robin R. Churchill 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 6
*Owen P. Claxton 3	Harry B. Fuller 7
Albert G. Harrison 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal of Major at first attempt

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Albert Diserens Treble	Andrew N. Stubbs 7
David P. Hilling 2	Brian J. Luff 8
Frederick R. Scott 3	Frank W. Lewis 9
Brian Bladon 4	John N. Diserens 10
J. Keith Ward 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Ronald F. Diserens 6	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Dexter's No. 2.		Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.	
Patricia Hibbert	 Treble	John Hibbert	 5
Cyril Hibbert	 2	Brian White	 6
William Hibbert	 3	Edward Houldsworth	 7
Clare Dolphin	 4	Ernest Gower	 Tenor

Conducted by Edward Houldsworth

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*Ernest G. Jones	 Treble	*Sydney M. Bailey	 5
*Valerie Willard	 2	D. Kay Adkins	 6
*†Ronald K. Russ	 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	 7
*†Christopher C. Clarke	 4	Alan R. Pink	 Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First in the method and the 25th on the bells.

Rung for the Feasts of St. Matthew and St. Michael and All Angels.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Angela M. Ayres	 Treble	*†Andrew A. Cope	 4
*Susan M. Heyworth	 2	P. Gerald McIlhone	 5
Robert A. Partridge	 3	Roger M. Heyworth	.. Tenor

Conducted by Roger M. Heyworth.

* First peal "inside." † First peal.

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

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: Stepney Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

Frederick H. Scott	 Treble	Frank W. Lufkin	 4
Monica Blagrove	 2	Frank T. Blagrove	 5
William Birmingham, jun.	 3	J. Keith Ward	 Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Stepney Bob and St. Clement's College spliced together for the first time.

FRITWELL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Olave.

On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*Deborah G. Maude	.. Treble	*†Michael W. Coleman	.. 3
*†Paul R. Davis	 2	*†Alec W. Ivings	 Tenor

Supervised by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minimus.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Frank W. Perrins	 Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	 6
Richard F. B. Speed	 2	Charles E. Truman	 7
James Linnell	 3	Alan A. Paul	 8
Roger W. Smith	 4	Graham C. Paul	 9
Barry E. Saunders	 5	Peter Border	 Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

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

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	James Linnell	 5
Graham C. Paul	 2	Charles E. Truman	 6
*Barry E. Saunders	 3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	 7
Alan A. Paul	 4	Barrie Hendry	 Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* 100th peal.

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

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

J. J. Parker's 12-part.		John G. Mitchell	 5
*Joyce M. Clipstone	.. Treble	Murray A. Coleman	 6
Richard J. Cowley	 2	*Frank E. Coales	 7
Charles E. Richardson	 3	Edward C. Buckby	.. Tenor
*Kevan J. Chapman	 4		

Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.

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

Rung with the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Pearson upon their wedding (September 10th, 1966); and to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bolland upon their golden wedding (September 18th, 1966).

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Ronald Russell	 Treble	J. Charles Hudson	 4
James Thorley	 2	Alan G. Payne	 5
J. Martin Thorley	 3	E. Alan Jacques	 Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLYTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Martin.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven differently called 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

S. Geoffrey Pick	 Treble	Mary C. Poyner	 4
*Paul N. Mounsey	 2	Harold Denman	 5
Linda M. Wilkinson	 3	Harry Poyner	 Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal on tower bells.

Rung by members of the North Notts District in memoriam Herbert Marquis Turner, of South Anston, former member of the North Notts Association and honorary life member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, who died recently at the advanced age of 90 years.

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

On Tues., Sept. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRAVENSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Ruth Blackshaw	 Treble	Richard Inglis	 3
Robert D. Marsh	 2	Maurice W. Harrison	 4

George A. Dawson Tenor |

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles for No. 3, and completes the Grandsire family from Doubles to Cinques.

Rung as a compliment to Keith Webster and Diana Taylor, who were married at Gedling Church on September 24th, 1966.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Brian J. Howard	 Treble	Frank B. Lufkin	 6
*Cecil W. Pipe	 2	Christopher K. Cooper	 7
Howard W. Egglestone	 3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	 8
*†Josephine A. Quilter	 4	James L. Towler	 9
Ian R. Panton	 5	Peter G. Brown	 Tenor

Composed by G. E. Symonds. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 600th peal. † First peal of Cambridge and Royal.
Rung as a farewell to Alice Lester, who left for Singapore the same day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

Frederick R. Scott	 Treble	Brian J. Luff	 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	 2	Frank W. Lewis	 7
Edgar R. Rapley	 3	John N. Diserens	 8
Roger Baldwin	 4	Ronald F. Diserens	 9
J. Keith Ward	 5	Noel J. Diserens	 Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

David S. Osenton	 Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	 6
Olive D. Tester	 2	W. Arthur Riddington	 7
Trevor A. Cross	 3	Christopher T. Osenton	 8
John A. Howard	 4	Colin A. Tester	 9
Herbert W. Woolven	 5	Martin L. Howe	 Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

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

On Mon., Sept. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Roger B. Pike	 Treble	*Peter Furness	 5
Bradley Murduck	 2	Denby Murduck	 6
David L. Wilcox	 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	 7
*Philip Taylor	 4	Philip Murduck	 Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on eight bells (aged 12 and 14 respectively).

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

On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day and Seighford, three of Northrepps and Old and 12 of Plain Bob and Grandsire in ten callings.

Tenor 7 cwt.

Robert Crocker Treble	Frank R. Tonge 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Reginald F. Crook 5
Terry Tarrant 3	Jack C. Wimlet Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Rung as a farewell to John W. Cheney, a local ringer for seven years, who is moving to Binfield, Berkshire.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Trevor Tarbatt 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	Richard S. Starkie 8
Susan Jackson 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton 9
Anthony H. Smith 4	John H. Fielden 10
Geoffrey H. Pullin 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry 11
Philip J. Crossthwaite 6	Jeffrey J. Fox Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung for the 21st birthday of Jeffrey J. Fox.

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

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Michael J. Denton Treble	Charles Maxfield 4
Ronald H. Dove 2	David Huddleston 5
C. Barrie Dove 3	P. John Hall Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in the tower. Rung in memory of Canon Clement Victor Stillingfleet, Rector of Kirk Deighton from 1914 to 1949.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
(Beverley and District Society)

On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Susan Mitchell Treble	A. Colin Banton 4
Mary I. Hildred 2	Jennifer E. Pearce 5
Terrence W. Brighton 3	*Simon P. D. Burnett .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal "inside" at first attempt.

(Beverley and District Society)

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

On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, and one extent of Single Oxford Bob, with seven different callings.

Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

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

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* Most methods rung to a peal.

Rung by the local band for Evensong.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Mon., Sept. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 29 methods viz.: (1, 2) Stedman, (3, 4) Elford, (5, 6) St. Albans, (7, 8) Eynsham, (9, 10) St. Simon, (11, 12) Shreshill, (13, 14) St. Nicholas, (15, 16) St. Andrew, (17, 18) St. Giles, (19, 20, 21) Austrey, (22) St. Paul, (23, 24) St. Leonard, (25, 26) St. Martin, (27) Ryton, (28) Winchendon, (29) St. John, (30) St. Miles, (31) Little Aston, (32) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (33) Clifford's Pleasure, (34) Southrepps, (35) Wychbold, (36) Seighford, (37) Kennington, (38) April Day, (39) Plain Bob, (40) Dedworth, (41) Grandsire, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald H. Dove Treble	*C. Barrie Dove 3
John Potts 2	†Robin Brown 4

Ronald R. Warford Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 150th peal. † 50th peal for the Association. Most methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Winchendon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Southrepps, April Day, Dedworth and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in C.

Ronald H. Dove Treble	C. Barrie Dove 3
P. John Hall 2	David Huddleston 4

Robin Brown Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

The treble ringer is the first person to "circle the tower."

HANDBELL PEALS

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WOODDITTON, Cambridgeshire.—At Sunny View.

On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

J. Reginald Heath 1-2	John A. Acres 5-6
Albert E. Austin 3-4	Thomas F. Varney 7-8

Adapted from E. M. Atkins.

Conducted by John A. Acres.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Tues., Sept. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Robert B. Smith 7-8
*Derek Butterworth 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
*Neil Bennett 5-6	†Brian Bladon 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* 100th peal together. † First peal on 12 handbells.

Rung as a compliment to Kathleen Pilsbury and Peter Whitehead, who were married at Norbury on September 3rd.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Arranged from J. W. Moorhouse's.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

First peal of Double Norwich on handbells as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., Sept. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In six methods, comprising 2,800 of London (No. 3), 600 of Cambridge and 400 each of Clifton, Fulham, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 105 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Gerald Penney 9-10

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

This is the first peal of Surprise Royal in six methods to be rung on handbells. The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise on handbells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.

On Tues., Sept. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Stuart Sandford 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
John W. Gander 3-4	*Edward J. Beer 7-8

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* 50th peal together.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At 42, Harting Street.

On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3-4	Martin L. Howe 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 500th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Grandsire, (2) Single Court Bob, (3) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Windsor Single Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob, each called differently.

*Joseph Whalley 1-2	*Mary Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6	

* 25th peal together. First peal in six methods by all.

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BIRTH

MAYCOCK.—On September 14th, 1966, to Ann (née Hobbins) and Ian, a son (Neil Anthony). 078

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BROWN.—Michael, Kathleen and family have now moved to their new farmstead, the address being: Harecroft Farm, Stanton Lane, Sapcote, Leics. Telephone not installed yet. 045

PERSONAL

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God."—St. Mark x, 14.

HANDBELL WANTED

WANTED.—One handbell, sounding F sharp above middle C.—Robinson, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne. Dorset. 051

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

COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.—Ringing at Llanblethian temporarily suspended for urgent repairs to tower fabric. Weekly practices till further notice at St. Athan (6), Tuesdays 7.45–9 p.m.—Iolo Davies. 067

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

extends a warm welcome to members and visitors on the occasion of its Annual Dinner and Dance to be held at the Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on October 22nd at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (25s.) from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot. (S.A.E., please.) 038

LODSWORTH PARISH CHURCH. (between Midhurst and Petworth, Sussex).—A new ring of six has been made by the addition of two new trebles by Taylor's (tenor 6–2–12). The bells will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 15th. All ringers welcome. 071

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOC. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD TRIENNIAL DINNER

at Church House, Westminster, Oct. 15th

Ringing Arrangements:

St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 2 to 2.45 p.m.
St. Lawrence Jewry, 2.45 to 3.45 p.m.
St. Clement Danes', 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.
St. Margaret's, Westminster, 4.45 to 5.45 p.m.

Dinner 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (25s. each) from Miss R. M. Foreman, 19, Finchley Court, N.3. FIN 3994; Mr. E. H. Kilby, 190, Windermere Avenue, South Kenton, ARN 5352; Mr. W. S. Deason, 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton, Molesey, Molesey 2608, or any officer of the Association. 9991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, 1966 in the

Assembly Room, The Town Hall, Northampton.

Assemble 6.45 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets (18s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained before Saturday, October 15th, from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. E. Billings, Gen. Sec.

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS CHANGE RINGING ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Entertainment by members and professionals afterwards.

Tickets at 15s. each are obtainable from Branch Secretaries and the General Secretary until October 19th.

Bells: Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 4.30 to 6 p.m.; D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 021

CANCELLED

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting cancelled for October 29th. Next meeting, the A.G.M., in January.—K. Earl, Dis. Sec. 058

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The practice meeting due to be held on October 15th at Twineham is cancelled as the bells are not available. 079

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigott on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wareham, Sunnyside Farm, Trudoxhill, Frome.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 008

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with Cambridge District and University Guild at Longstanton, October 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by ringing until 8.30. 042

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Waltham Abbey, October 8th. Bells (12) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to D. Cobb, 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey. (Waltham Cross 20920.) 9857

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Luppitt, Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Crabb, Lambert's Farm, Luppitt.—F. J. Sage. 063

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Hertingfordbury, Saturday, October 8th, 6 p.m.—P. M. F. Searles. 073

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 8th, at Great Gaddesden (6). 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 039

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the College Rooms. Washington film to be shown. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9962

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. in the school. Evening ringing at St. Mary's, Prescot. 048

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lewknor, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. Fulkner, Devon Cottage, Lewknor, Oxford. 043

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, October 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 036

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Brigstock on October 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—F. Coales, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering. 056

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Service will be at 4.30 p.m. Own teas.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 062

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 8th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Clement Danes' (10) 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 034

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, October 8th. St. Mary's bells 2.30 p.m.; St. Peter's 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 053

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Shelford, October 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whetton. 016

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Worthing on Saturday, October 8th. Heene bells (8) at 3 p.m., followed by service in Heene Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Old Palace, West Tarring, 5.15. Ringing at West Tarring (6) at 6.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. R. M. Cox, 271, Ringmer Road, Worthing, Sussex.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 016

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Upham, October 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Bring own tea. Business meeting in Mission Hall. Evening ringing till 9. Bishop's Waltham bells (8) available 2.30–4. 9999

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including nomination of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on October 11th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: October 11th, St. Paul's Cathedral; October 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry; October 25th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; November 1st, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 052

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting, Thurmaston, Friday, October 14th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 046

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey (6), Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 069

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, October 15th. Bells 7.15 p.m.—8.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 074

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Gamlingay, Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 070

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Village Hall. Little Bromley bells (4) also available 2.30–4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, The Rectory, Great Bromley, Colchester. 011

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Stroud Branch.—Saturday, October 15th.—Change of arrangements. Striking competition cancelled. Haresfield open from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Quarterly meeting during evening. No service.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Glos. 064

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly meeting at Ashted on October 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who send their names to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashted. Further ringing after meeting.—M. M. 047

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Paul's, Walden, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec., 81, Overstone Road, Harpenden, Evening, King's Walden. 057

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Northfleet on Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 035

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 15th, Twyford, 2.30 to 3.45; Gaddesby 3-4.15 and after meeting. Service Gaddesby 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Clarke, 5, Barrow Crescent, Gaddesby, Leics, not later than October 12th. Ashby Folville bells 6.30-8.30 p.m. Committee meeting October 10th, Church House, Leicester, 7.45 p.m.—A. J. P., Hon. Gen. Sec. 012

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Tharston on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Fornett in evening. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Tuesday, October 11th. 012

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The autumn meeting of the Branch will be held at Leafield on Saturday, October 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford, not later than October 12th, please. 028

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbury, October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please.—C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Meeting at Wootton (6), October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to E. R. Venn, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford. 082

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Corby, October 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea essential to M. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, by October 8th. All welcome.—M. A. C. 050

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley (8), October 15th. Striking competition 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28, SPR 1025. 066

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Minster, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Corfe Mullen 6.45-8.15. Names for tea to Miss Dance, Friars Green, Lytchett Minster, Poole, by October 13th. 007

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddletrenthide, Saturday, October 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Vardy, 2, Boldacre, Alton Pancras, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 9990

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Bremhill (6), October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne, by previous Tuesday. 061

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Six-bell striking competition will be held at Ingestre, near Stafford, on Saturday, October 15th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Test piece: 240 changes of any Doubles or Minor. Entries in writing before Thursday, October 13th, to me at 29, Dimbles Hill Lichfield Staffs, please. Own arrangements for tea. Evening practice meeting to follow at Seighford (N.W. of Stafford). Bells (5) available 6.30 p.m. onwards.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 040

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, October 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Deane bells available after tea. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, October 11th. 049

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Ruslip, Wednesday, October 19th. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. Please support this meeting.—W. S. Deason 054

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, October 22nd, from 2.45 to 4.30. Service and tea follow. Ringing at Chilvers Coton after business meeting. Numbers for tea to me at 5, Burges, Coventry.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. Please note change of venue. 065

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cruwys-Morchard (6), Saturday, October 22nd. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 031

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Central Cafe, Ross. Names, please, by October 17th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. King, The Cedar Tiles High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9976

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, LADIES' GUILD AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local branches) and **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, October 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow, and social (8 p.m.) in St. John's Hall. Names for tea appreciated by F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after tea. Harefield (6), 2.30-4 p.m. Buses to Uxbridge connect.—W. S. Deason, J. Hooton, D. Hague and V. E. Dupré. 072

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Holt, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. West, Southfield, Norwich Road, Holt. Method for practice: Norwich Surprise.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 068

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Loughton, October 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to me at 3, Arundel Close, Hawkwood, Hailsham, by Wednesday, 19th. Please note new address.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 060

POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, on Saturday, October 29th (amended date). Luncheon at Leicester Police Headquarters (by kind permission of Chief Constable), followed by short meeting. Ringing at several towers. Application and further details from A. Pearce, secretary, 197, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. 051

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Alaar (first quarter) 1. Misa B. Perry 2. F. Lane 3. A. Millward 4. D. Griffin (cond.) 5.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1. J. Tomsett 2. C. Mutton 3. C. Sangwin 4. H. Heard 5. H. Trewin 6. H. Stacey (cond.) 7. B. Vince 8. A birthday compliment to Henry Trewin.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss J. Shurrock 1. J. S. Eastwood 2. S. Matthews (first "inside") 3. A. Botterill 4. D. J. Wilkes 5. G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6. For St. Matthew's Day.

OUTING

ST. DUNSTAN'S, CANTERBURY

There were no empty seats on the 41-seater coach which took members and friends from Canterbury on the annual outing, which this year was based on the Rochester and Gravesend area. Sunny weather and good towers were the order of the day and the amount of liquid refreshment taken—in various forms—must have been measured in gallons.

The first tower contained the excellent 18 cwt. six at St. Werburgh's. Hoo, which were the first of many bells rung that day to have passed through the hands of Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich. Mr. Bowell also restored the bells at the next tower, at Shorne, where there are frames for eight. The six that hang (6½ cwt.), by T. Mears, were put to good use in spite of the long draught of rope.

The party then broke off for Greenwich waterfront, which they took over for the purpose of a packed lunch. After a brief rest they were on the road again, to Cobham, which took some finding, but the church with its magnificent collection of brasses and superb architecture was worth the trouble to look for.

The bells (6.14 cwt.) were not the best of the day. A quick journey through the cement country of Kent brought us to Halling, where the fine Bowell six (11 cwt.) had some of the best ringing of the day.

After copious draughts of tea and an unintentional trip to the wrong end of the next village, Snodland, the pleasant six (8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G), augmented from a chime of five in 1920, were soon ringing out over the Medway, bringing the day's ringing to a close. When two members had satisfied their curiosity as to the nature of the adjacent New Jerusalem Church, complete with its frame for six bells (only one hung), it was homeward bound with a brief stop at Lenham to lay the dust in our throats. A word of thanks was expressed to the organiser, Mr. Derek Chatfield, captain of St. Dunstan's ringers, for his efforts. D. L. C.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

On September 24th Cowley bells were obtained for a meeting of the Cheltenham Branch. They are a tuneful light six by various Rudhalls but are exceedingly difficult to ring. An inspection of the frame suggests that repairs are necessary, but as the tower is very close to Cowley Manor, now dedicated to education, the prospects are uncertain. Heavy ropes and a long draught contribute to the difficulties, and most ringers present were content with one short touch.

Most local towers were represented, and visitors from Aldbourne, Ross, Cirencester, Gloucester, Bromyard and Lechlade were recognised. The secretary had departed for Cornwall but, anticipating the course of events, had arranged for us to adjourn to Leckhampton, where more orthodox ringing was enjoyed. W. A. F.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Weston-in-Gordano (6), Saturday, October 15th. Bells available at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 085

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Annual District meeting at Fornham All Saints (5) on Saturday, October 15th. Service at 4.15 at Fornham All Saints. Tea and meeting at West Stow Club Room at 5 p.m. Ringing at West Stow (6) in the evening. Bells from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 12th. 084

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, October 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Please notify before October 18th for tea to R. Perks, Eckington, Pershore. 087

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