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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

THE democratically-elected committee entrusted by the Central Council to produce a brighter and better "Ringing World" met at Derby on October 8th, having had more than three months to assimilate the opinions of the Exercise and to submit new ideas for improvements. Two days before the committee met the members received a 12-page typed document setting out "the scope and content" of the journal and the financial obligations involved. This had been prepared by Messrs. D. Beresford and G. W. Pipe. There were also cover designs and mock make-ups for the committee's consideration which had been sent to the convener, and Mr. Pipe told the members that these had involved 92 hours' work.

Many of the points raised in the report had been considered by the committee previously, and to enable the new members to appreciate the present position the convener outlined past activities and the general policy of the committee. Indeed, Mr. R. S. Anderson extended the fullest co-operation, sympathetically considering the points raised by Mr. Beresford and answering if possible the questions submitted. There were two sessions, proceedings concluding at 4.45 p.m.

The first point considered was the title block on the front page with its silhouette of towers, domes and steeples. There was a general opinion that the time had come for a change. To enable the committee to have as wide as possible a choice, Mr. Anderson produced the various designs submitted on the occasion of the previous competition. The choice was a clear, clean-cut design of Mr. Pipe's, free from a background of towers, bells and wheels. This the Editor considered could be appropriately adapted.

Finance was involved in the next step. The two alternatives considered by the committee were a 24-page issue at regular intervals and a tinted cover with a picture of a church or bells on the front page and 16 pages inside. Both issues would cost approximately the same, about £50 more than the present price of a 16-page paper. The Editor expressed the view that the 24-page issue was of better value and it would still be possible to have an appropriate picture on the front page.

The question of the quality of paper used came under very close scrutiny. The Editor assured the committee that the unsatisfactory paper introduced because of delivery difficulties due to the seamen's strike would not be repeated. An adequate supply of the quality used in that week's issue was now available and this was of the same texture as that on which "The Times" was printed. "Times" reader Mr. Denis Bayles produced his copy, and Mr. Smallwood, after a solemn professional examination with the current issue of the "R.W.", declared that the paper was practically identical. At any rate, these assurances satisfied the committee.

There was still a feeling that a tinted paper issue should not be dismissed without a trial, and the Editor was instructed to produce such an issue in December. The committee empowered the Editor to produce up to twenty 24-page issues during 1967, provided the material available was suitable.

The basis of the success of "The Ringing World" and also the Exercise is the family atmosphere created. The personal angle was very real and the admirable series of "Servants of the Exercise" and "Personalities of the Exercise," written respectively by J. Frank Smallwood and A. Patrick Cannon, helped and stimulated this family feeling. The continuation of such a series was long overdue. To meet the demand it was suggested that Associations should select an appropriate personality for a picture and biography and also submit an appropriate picture for a front page illustration which it was hoped would be a regular feature of 24-page issues. If a church was selected for a picture an article about the tower and/or its ringers should be included in the same copy.

It was felt that the Bellfounders' Page could be made more interesting with better co-operation. This and Gossip could be enlarged if there were live correspondents and a readiness on the part of readers to send information to the Editor. Personal news is very valuable. Such items as people going up to universities, marriages and deaths are of great interest to readers.

With more space available a great range of special articles will be required. A beginners' corner and a technical page might be regular features. We also hope that the call-change ringers of the West Country will have their interest in the journal. It is also suggested that "This Week's Anniversary" should be introduced, dealing with the anniversary of some famous ringer or event. A volunteer with an interest in the historical side of our art is required to cope with this proposed feature.

It was generally agreed at Bath that "The Ringing World" should have a better sale and 10,000 copies was the objective mentioned. We are continually meeting people who have allowed their subscription to lapse. The sale of the paper can only successfully be stimulated locally and much depends on local officials. There is a genuine desire on the part of the committee to keep the selling price of the journal as at present. This will only be achieved by creating other sources of revenue.

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TUITION OF BEGINNERS

By D. C. Jackson, Southampton

MR. CHADDOCK has invited us to communicate, via "The Ringing World," concerning the tuition of beginners in our art, in order to assist him in the preparation of an official manual. That few have so far accepted the invitation is an indication of a malaise which has existed in the Exercise since time immemorial, namely, that the average change ringer is a selfish personality, interested only in the furtherance of his own capabilities.

In putting forward a few thoughts upon tuition in bell ringing, I would first like to call upon certain items of information which have recently appeared in our journal:—

1. The annual sale of "Beginners' Handbooks" is 3,051 (page 392).

2. The weekly sale of "Ringing Worlds" is 5,650 (page 540).

3. Beginners regularly become proficient enough in bell handling to be elected members of Guilds (see sundry reports of District meetings).

4. "The Ringing World" could have a circulation of between 6,000 and 10,000 (page 386 and 387).

5. Mr. Percy has the courage to admit (and perhaps other C.C. representatives will now endorse this statement) that many rings of bells are not fully manned on Sundays, and that there is no national move to remedy this situation.

6. The specific reference to the general lack of ringers in the South and West of England. (Leading article, page 569.)

I would submit that the above indicate that there is no shortage of entrants to the Exercise, but that the wastage rate is so enormous that no one dare compute and publish it. Other additional references I would regard as relevant are::—

7. Mr. Lewin's reminder about selfishness in our belfries and lack of tact in teaching (page 476).

8. Mr. Everett's reminder that District secretaries should exert themselves more for the less capable (page 492).

9. Confirmation that the published "Doubles Collection" has initiated interest (pages 387 and 428).

10. Mr. Kenchington's reminder that some towers frequently have to resort to call changes in preference to remaining silent on the Sabbath (page 540).

All this information indicates that we, the proficient 5,650 of the Exercise who read "The Ringing World," are guilty of the age-old crime of neglect of the less able. I would contend that with a little encouragement the annual 3,051 learners could become enthusiastic treble ringers, and that the uncounted hundreds of Grandsire and Bob Doubles ringers, who sometimes have to ring call changes, and who find a collection of other Doubles methods so interesting, would, with a little guidance and willing help from the proficient, become as enthusiastic and progressive as the remainder of us. The circulation of "The Ringing World" would rise slightly as their names appear in the quarter peal columns, as would the sale of C.C. publications as they enter the (as yet) unreachable realms of Bob Minor or even Kent.

The foregoing preamble is thus just an introduction to the point that all towers should regard their learners as the **most important** members of their band—the people who will be the responsible ringers of the future.

The stages of instruction should therefore be very carefully thought out in advance, and I would put forward the following for discussion on the subject:—

1. Appointment of a captain who is not necessarily the best ringer. The ability to conduct is not essential: the ability to organise, understand and sympathise is.

2. Introduce the band to the idea that a set of learners must be acquired once every year or every two years, and help and friendship must be offered them.

3. Set up a standard system of recruitment, e.g.: Announcement in church and posters in hall; illustrated talk to Youth Club, W.I., Rotary, etc.; advertisement and article in local newspaper; invitation to all members of a particular year group in the local school; circulation of Scouts, Guides and Duke of Edinburgh Award schemes to prepare for qualification for badge. Whatever the scheme used, I would emphasise that a **group** of beginners be taught. Allow for a definite wastage, and if possible select your learners from your applicants.

4. For the first session prepare a set talk on the bells and belfry, take them amongst the bells, arrange for another ringer to ring one bell, and allow them each to chime a bell. Before departing, in the case of young recruits, issue them each with a duplicated letter to their parents explaining practice times, Sunday ringing, etc. Request a note of permission for their children to participate in all these activities. Also record all names and addresses in a suitable book, since this induces the feeling of belonging to an organisation. Finally indicate to them that a subscription of 1s. is required at the next session, and with this purchase one copy of the "Beginners' Handbook" each.

5. Arrange a definite day and time for each practice session, preferably prior to practice night, so that recruits become accustomed to devoting that specific evening to ringing. Initiate the highest standards of punctuality and attendance. Do not accept any absenteeism unless you have received prior notice, and hence make sure that everyone is conversant with your address and telephone number. The slack attender rarely lasts long, and it is better to lose him now before you have wasted time and effort. Still upon this point, I strongly recommend that one also initiates the feeling that you are devoting hours of your valuable time for their benefit, and that they should be grateful that you can spare them this time. At all costs the modern idea that the instructed are "doing you a favour" by occasionally attending should be obliterated. All this may require a stricter relationship between learner and tutor than is at present the custom.

6. With the aid of a model, visits to the belfry, blackboard drawings, photographs, etc., link the movements of the rope in the ringing chamber to the movements of the bell in the bell chamber, during the raising of a bell, ringing of a bell, and lowering. Provide reasons for each step in your instruction.

7. Divide bell handling into a series of progressive steps, starting with one of the rope movements. After perfecting this, start on the second, then link them together. (Apply 6.) During these weeks ensure that the bell is silent. This will be partly for the benefit of the neighbours and partly to reserve the achievement of hearing one's bell until the appropriate psychological moment.

I cannot concur with the idea of allowing a learner loose upon a raised bell to discover his own method of handling, or presenting him initially with a lowered bell and helping him to raise and set it. Both of these techniques are favoured, I understand, by some of our leading ringers.

8. After about six weeks the learner will be able to "set" his bell with the instructor's aid. (Again apply 6.) A session should now be devoted to the learner "setting" his own bell and then practising until he can repeat this several times, consecutively. The competitive spirit can be utilised here, and a norm of say 20 consecutive "settings" at handstrike could be aimed at.

9. Learners should not be allowed to sound their own bell on a practice night solely because they can handle correctly and set their bell. A series of practice rounds on silenced bells should be employed to provide practice in bell control at varying speeds. Call changes and place making can be introduced here so that the learner is familiar with these techniques on practice night. It is at this point that all the other ringers can participate and demonstrate some of the comradeship which is the distinct characteristic of the Exercise.

10. The organisation of the practice evening is the primary task of the captain, and if of suitable personality he will realise that the learner's first open rounds will be one of the great events in his life. Thus the occasion should be more than a mundane few minutes of rounds. The general feeling of fellowship and friendliness among ringers is another distinct impression that the learner should carry home with him on that night.

11. On successive practice nights, presuming that there are at least five learners remaining, the ringing should be arranged around them. I would go so far as to suggest that rounds should be rung alternately with methods throughout the evening. This will prevent (a) discouragement of learners at this stage, and (b) the need for too many learners to ring at the same time.

12. The routine described in 11 should be repeated on practice nights for possibly two months, but certainly for at least one month. The aim of this programme is to improve bell handling and striking, and until this is achieved I would discourage any attempt to "push" the learner through plain hunting. A band will soon become accustomed to an arrangement of two months per year being devoted to this routine. Once a tradition is established it will be accepted unquestioningly.

13. I would not try to defend my scheme of work as perfect, and certainly I would expect to have an amount of wastage. By stage 8 some will have found that they and ringing are incompatible and, luckily for all, will have departed. By stage 11 I would aim to retain at least five learners capable of bell handling These are the people whom the Exercise cannot afford to lose, but they will certainly leave if they are treated as something undesirable, and are fobbed off with five minutes of rounds only per week.

By now it will be only the physical challenge, and the will to achieve a difficult technique, that has maintained interest. I would contend that only a planned introduction to change ringing will awaken and stimulate the fascination that grips all of us still remaining in the Exercise

14. For reasons which I enumerated in my letter on page 245, I would recommend the introduction initially of the Plain Bob method rather than Grandsire. However, it is the method of introduction that now concerns us. During stage 12 the time previously devoted to silent practice should now be utilised for method instruction. This should be carried out on handbells, for reasons that should be obvious, following a well-planned system. Above all I would stress that every learner must write out his methods from first principles, and should not yet be introduced to books containing printed blue lines.

As a conclusion, may I stress that I would oppose the forcible introduction of any one person's set of ideas into a voluntary organisation, since it is variety that makes it progressive and alive. However, we do suffer from so many elementary faults that I hope that my ideas may encourage some of us to concentrate on our one great failing, neglect of learners. As a final thought, can I suggest that it was only by complete chance that the majority of the 5,650 of us survived stage 12 and conquered stage 14.

LONDON PEALS

Miss Mary R. Andrews, secretary of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, writes that she has consulted the secretaries of the towers in her District most concerned in peal ringing, and they are all very strongly against the suggestion to alter the place name to that of the new borough.

HATS IN THE BELFRY

FOR the past 250 years a battered old hat has hung 45 feet up in the tower of Great Bromley Parish Church, Essex. It is generally accepted that the hat was placed on the wall just beneath the floor of the ringing chamber when the captain of the bellringing team of 1716 died. It is not known why this custom started

Since that day in 1716 five more hats have been hung in the Bromley belfry from time to time. Nobody knows when the second hat was fixed on the wall, but the third one arrived in 1825. The other three appeared on the tower wall in 1913, 1919 and the last one in 1935.

A local historian has made a detailed history of the church since moving to the village in 1943, but has been unable to discover why the custom of hanging hats of dead captains started.

The custom is unique. Nobody has heard of it being observed at other churches anywhere in the country.

The origin of it will always remain a mystery.

[Photo: E. Cheek, Colchester.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

(Continued from front page)

While there has been a marked improvement in the space occupied by Notices, we still do not get our full complement of "Birth, Marriages and Deaths." Many like their engagement announcement to appear in association with the quarter peal column and ignore the appropriate place. The display advertisement among Notices, at a very low figure compared with the general run of advertisements in local papers, is becoming more popular. We hope this source of revenue will increase. There might well be a time when a charge will have to be introduced for quarter peals; if revenue from this source is maintained this might be avoided.

Sales revenue will never be enough to finance journals like "The Ringing World." Readers should know that the printing and dispatch bill of a 16-page paper is £148 a week. The return from the publishers, that is sales through newsagents, is 9s. a quire (26 copies) or a fraction over 4d. a copy. We get a better return from postal copies, but even if all copies were dispatched through that source it would fall a long way short of donations of £676 we received last year. We are now reaping a little from the prudence in the past, which this year should be about £500 in interest on investments. Despite these difficulties "The Ringing World" is putting on a bold front: is planning to spend very much more on larger papers, confident that such is the family spirit of the Exercise that it will not be let down.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

A MANCHESTER OUTING

Thirty ringers and friends from Manchester Cathedral and St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, went by coach to Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire for their annual outing on September 24th.

The first tower, St. Peter's, Nottingham, contained the new twelve, and ringing consisted of rounds, Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters At the beautiful Church of St. Mary, Newark-on-Trent, more Stedman Caters was rung and also Plain Bob and Kent Royal.

When we arrived at St. Mary's, Sutton-in-Ashfield two weddings were in progress. Although the time was curtailed, Cambridge Major and Double Norwich as well as Grandsire and rounds were rung.

We then travelled to Chesterfield, where we had a substantial meal before ringing at our last tower, St. Mary's. The party managed to ring Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Double Norwich, before having to lower the beautiful bells for Evensong.

Grateful thanks are extended to the organisers and the tower captain at the churches we visited for the very pleasant day.

I. E. M. M.

DEVIZES RINGERS VISIT DORCHESTER

For their second outing this year Devizes ringers and those of Southbroom spent a pleasant day in Dorset. At St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, Mr. R H. Duke made the party most welcome and an enjoyable time was spent on these bells.

Tea at a café was followed by visits to St. Andrew's, Preston, where Canon W. J. Smith and some of his ringers were waiting for us. After 40 minutes' ringing here we made our way to St Lawrence's Church, Upwey, where the former Vicar, the late Rev. A. S. Bryant, was known to some of the party when he was at Southbroom. Incumbents and captains of towers are thanked for having everything in readiness and for enabling us to have a very enjoyable time.

A. T. W.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS AT GUILDFORD

The weather was not very promising on the morning of October 1st, when a party of ringers from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, left by coach for their annual tour with friends from Ringwood, Lymington and Milford-on-Sea. After a stop at Winchester for refreshments Guildford Cathedral was reached at noon.

The bells were put to good use with call changes, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Major. The opportunity was taken to view the Flower Festival which was taking place, by which time the sun was shining. The next tower was at Dunsfold, where various Doubles and Minor methods were rung on this good ring of six. After tea the light ten at Haslemere were rung to methods up to Stedman Caters. The evening stop was at Liphook for liquid refreshment to round off an enjoyable day. Bournemouth was reached by 11 p.m. Thanks are due to the incumbents for allowing the bells to be rung, and special thanks to Colin Conway, of St. Peter's, for making all the necessary arrangements.

L. F. C.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL

Crantock ringers and friends were in the Plymouth area for their annual outing on October 1st. Before lunch at Plymouth ringing took place at Buckland-Monachorum and Tamerton Foliott. We had never experienced so many weddings on an outing as in Plymouth, and in consequence the route had to be altered. At Emmanuel we rang with the locals for a wedding. Then on to Egg Buckland and Plymstock, but judging by the shields and prizes displayed in the latter belfry we are doubtful if our ringing reached the standard set by local ringers Back to Plymouth for tea, and on the homeward journey ringing at St. Budeaux, with fish and chips at Lanivet.

For this most enjoyable day, our thanks go to incumbents and ringers who met us. J. R.

CHESTERFIELD TO CHESTER

The Chesterfield District's annual outing on September 10th this year was to Chester, and a happy band of 55 members assembled for what proved to be the best outing to date.

The coach left for Baslow to pick up three more passengers and then wound its way along the narrow High Peak roads until reaching Great Budworth, the first tower. Here a wedding was in progress but after the ceremony we rang on the melodious eight—much to the surprise of the bridal party.

Tracks were then made for Chester Zoo, where we enjoyed lunch. During the afternoon non-ringers stayed at the Zoo whilst the ringers visited two light sixes at Shotwick and Backford. The meal must have proved too good, because at the first tower one of our strong-armed party broke a stay, and at the second we procured a broken rope. Thus we were doomed to ring Doubles instead of Minor all the afternoon.

We returned to the Zoo at 5 p.m. for more sustenance and once more boarded the coach for the last stage of the journey. On the way home we called at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, for a short ring on their light but easy-going eight. We returned home in a happy frame of mind, arriving in Chesterfield at 10.45 p.m.

Congratulations are due to Malcolm Phipps for such a well-organised day. Methods rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, Stedman Plain Bob, Little Bob, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and Plain Hunt.

M. Y.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Kennard 1, J. Tandy 2, B. Sutton 3, B. Wootton (first of Triples "inside") 4, P. Bill (cond.) 5, M. Clewes 6, J. Lawley 7, A. Roden 8. For Harvest Festival, and to welcome the Assistant Bishop of Worcester, the Rt. Rev. P Wheeldon; also as birthday compliments to John Lawley and Rosemary Perry, of the local band.

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Letters to the Editor

A NOVEL "FIRST"

Dear Sir,—I think you may find interest in the fact that last Saturday (October 1st) we accomplished at Washington Cathedral a "first" for the Exercise itself, though a rather undistinguished one

By 5 p.m. Roger Bailey had successfully guided our yoked bells (audible within about 100 yards of the tower) through 720's of Cambridge and Oxford, two of Kent, and into the second of the concluding three of Bob Minor. Suddenly the carillon on the floor below us began a one-hour recital, completely drowning out the sound of our bells. Ringing Plain Bob, it would have been no problem to continue the peal, but it was apparent that our ringing would be most unwelcome to the carillonneur and to any listeners, especially during rests and pianissimo sections of the recital. Therefore, we felt it best to defer to the scheduled recital, which all of us, in the excitement of ringing a peal, had forgotten, and Roger quickly brought the bells truly round, having completed 4,044 changes.

Peals are lost regularly and for a number of unusual reasons However, this is unquestionably the first time a peal has ever been lost because of competition from a carillon—for this is the only tower in the world containing both sets of bells!—Your sincerely,

RICHARD S. DIRKSEN,
Bellmaster,
Washington Cathedral, D.C., U.S.A.

NOTICE WANTED ON BELFRY DOOR

Dear Sir,—In my travels up and down the country I am often at a loss to understand why so very few towers advertise their ringing times outside the belfry door. Some towers do put a notice either in the church porch, the church magazine or outside the tower door. The vast majority do nothing.

I am not throwing stones at anyone, only just making a polite suggestion to the Exercise in general that a little co-operation in this matter should not be difficult. If towers advertise their practice nights where the notice can be seen, it helps visiting ringers like myself and also saves ringers running round trying to find the incumbent or some other church officer to seek the necessary information as to when ringing takes place.

There are plenty of struggling bands up and down the country who would welcome help with their ringing on Sundays or practice nights. Surely somebody can put up a notice outside the tower saying when ringing takes place; and, if the bells are unringable or there is no band, say so! One cannot always go by "Dove's" or even the local Association report.

Six years ago I rang at Bath Abbey. They were then short of ringers. I rang there quite by accident. They had a notice outside the belfry door stating their practice night, which was not every week, also all the Sundays throughout the year! It was morning ringing one Sunday and evening ringing the next. If only other towers did that, they might find larger numbers in the belfry.

Finally, I have just returned from a most enjoyable holiday in Shrewsbury. I should like to thank all those good people in Shropshire, Staffordshire, Denbighshire and Cheshire for making me so welcome, and also to the touring party from Oxford for letting me ring with them while "on tour." — Yours faithfully.

J. MICHAEL SWIFT.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

ADVERTISEMENTS PROVIDE LUXURIES

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Amos (page 652) for two things. One, for having read my letter (page 620)—even if he did not understand it—and the other for the probably unintentional compliment, "You are no window dresser, Mr. Wilson."

Mr. Amos had no need to remind me of the six years of war—three of my own six years in uniform were spent abroad, but in line with his above-quoted comment, I have never worn the little buttonhole badge I was given.

Mr. Amos is so far off beam that I doubt the value of a reply, except that I would not wish other readers to draw the same conclusions. Of course I want advertisements in "The Ringing World," for the sake of the income they would bring which would pay for the luxuries other journals are able to enjoy. My own publishers would confirm my pressure on them for "Ringing World" advertisements. The point I made was simply that "The Ringing World" cannot get advertisements on this scale. I am sure that you, sir, have never refused an advertisement from a man who wanted to sell his car. But if he wanted a quick and profitable sale he would not rely on "The Ringing World." I do not recall seeing an advertisement from Mr. Amos for his rare breeds of poultry!

I do not have to look in my own church magazine to know what is done there. I duplicate it and staple it inside printed covers full of advertisements. But it circulates among 500 families all living near the advertisers.

Of course it is an individual's right to criticise. My letter was to counter the effect you, sir, feared might come of certain criticism and, if possible, to ensure that future criticism, when made, was valid. As for talk about democracy, my present work enables me to see and learn more of its workings than Mr. Amos has ever dreamed of.

I doubt the value of trying further to answer more of the tortuous thinking of Mr. Amos—it's too devious for me.—Yours, etc.,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

London.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Many peals have been rung and many changes have taken place to the persons who have rung them since I made my first attempt for a peal. This was on the bells of the Holy Trinity, Nottingham, as long ago as July 25th, 1906. The method was Grandsire Triples and conducted by Samuel Wesley (the conductor at this church).

We had almost completed our task and were expecting the words "This is all." when the man on the third, Joe Wooley (conductor at All Saints', Nottingham), set his bell. He was still grasping the sally with his head leaning forward, and we at first thought that he was ill, then he said that the music of the organ (the organist was preparing for the dedication the next day) had completely taken his control. With that we decided to grant him pardon.

A second attempt was arranged to take place immediately after the dedication on July 26th, which was reputed to be the hottest day of 1906. I remember fixing the tower flag to the large chamber window to shade us from the sun's rays. 5,040 well struck changes were accomplished in 2 hours and 45 minutes.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. FLINT.

Worksop, Notts.

P.S.—The organ was presented by John Player, of tobacco fame. —T. R. F.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—About this time last year the Oxford Diocesan Guild came under fire in "The Ringing World" on account of its funds. Members of the Guild have asked that you publish the enclosed extract from the Report for 1964–1965 in the hope that it will clear up the misunderstanding that had arisen:—

"In August the Guild came under fire in 'The Ringing World,' when we were criticised for being 'mean' over a grant to the paper. I think that it would be wise to mention here the following details, as I have found that even members of the Guild are not aware of certain facts. Guild funds stood at £1,971 6s. 9d. at the end of 1964. Of this, £1,792 2s. 1d. was the amount of money in the Restoration Fund. Of this sum £800 is in trust for the Jenkyn Bequests, £505 11s. 7d. is invested on behalf of the Restoration Fund, and practically all the remaining £485 16s. was earmarked for grants made for unfinished restoration work in the Diocese. None of this money can be used for anything except restoration work This means also that with the £56 in the Reserve Fund the Guild has approximately £1,826 out of £1,971 invested for the good of either bell restoration in the Diocese or for the good of the Exercise. That we work within the limits of our annual income, give £40 to 'The Ringing World,' and also transfer £25 to the Reserve Fund so that we can give help where needed is due to the excellent management of the honorary treasurer. It is most important that all members should be aware of these facts and that we should understand what the balance sheet really means. We do not own the money, we are trustees for it"

The following facts may also be of interest:

	Income	Donation to R.W.
1960	£138	£10
1961	£247	£25
1962	£207	£25
1963	£237	£40
1964	£227	£40
1965	£229	£40

Yours faithfully,

MARIE R. CROSS,
Hon. Gen. Sec.

MORE ATTENTION TO THE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I believe that anything you can do to bring "The Ringing World" up to date would be all to the good.

I would like to see a little more attention paid to the Church in the magazine, as I have felt for some time that our art is inclined to become just a little secular at times. A few articles on theological mattters might remind a lot of people that ringing is primarily a service for our Church.

Ringers are just as vital to the Church as the choir, and that fact is not always realised, I regret to say. A firm reminder to everybody concerned at times would do no harm. —Yours sincerely,

J. M. L. HOOTON.

Ardingly, Sussex.

"IN ROPESIGHT"

Dear Sir,—In partial answer to Mr. Harry Corbishley, the last chapter of Jasper W. Snowdon's "Ropesight" is devoted to bell rope splicing.

This was not, however, a part of the original work of 1879, but was added by the author's brother, William Snowdon, when the fifth edition appeared in 1900.—Yours faithfully.

J. E. BEAMS.

Ewell, Surrey.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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ST. KATHERINE'S SOCIETY'S THIRD TOUR

WITH Lincolnshire and Yorkshire as the hunting—or, dare it be said, grabbing—ground for the Society's third annual tour, we assembled at the unrealistic hour of 7 a.m. at Croydon on September 3rd. We numbered 15 bleary-eyed ringers and two "gonks"—thus dispelling all rumours that Janette had been brought along as a mascot!

Crammed into three cars, we set off in cavalcade and arrived at Grantham, where, sandwiched between weddings, we rang Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge on the ten. Following lunch, we wended our way north, and at Doncaster climbed the first of the many long staircases we were to encounter during the week to tackle the heavy eight. The rigours of travelling are probably to blame for our poor striking here, although a good course of Bristol was rung. The ten at St. Giles', Pontefract, were visited next; striking improved here and Bob Royal was added to the day's methods. And so to York, where, after pursuing circuitous routes, we found a place to eat and, eventually, our digs. Here we were joined by Tom Metcalfe, the Pride of Flookburgh, and Ian Wickens who had journeyed up by train that evening from Charlwood.

The St. Katherine's Society pictured outside Ewerby Church. Standing (from left to right): Roger Peckham, Paul Smith, David Cox, David McLean, Harold Evans, Jim Hills, Roy Cox, Alan Baldock, Richard Stevens, Ray Talbot, Tom Metcalfe, Ian Smith, Ian Wickens. Seated: Janette Kipling ((with "Eddie"), Stella Rice, Christine Baldock, Ann Harris (with Gonk No. 2).

TWO CATHEDRALS

Sunday morning found us ringing for the service at York Minster, while in the afternoon we rang at Whixley. This, our first six-bell tower, proved a good choice; we were also recommended to visit Aldborough and did so successfully. The day's ringing was concluded at Ripon Cathedral for Evensong. After a somewhat hair-raising return journey with more than our fair share of "Z" bends, we ensconced in a suitable hostelry with a surfeit of sandwiches. Handbells were rung, to the delight of the publican.

Ringing began in earnest on Monday, though with a false start. With no one to meet us at Pocklington and unable to find the key, we moved on to St. Mary's, Beverley, while two carloads grabbed a tower en route by way of compensation. The afternoon's ringing began on the good light six at Walkington after which, appetites whetted, we made our way to Cottingham. Here we stood in the rain while one of the locals departed for the key. The wait proved worthwhile, for some enjoyable ringing was had here, after which we made our way to Hull. Holy Trinity proved more difficult to find than our directions had suggested, so, navigators having abdicated responsibility, we enjoyed a splendid, if unexpected, tour of the city. Hull proved to have a fine ring, as also had Howden, the last stop of the day.

Tuesday saw us branching into West Yorkshire. At Acomb we rang in cramped conditions, and quality varied. Stedman grinding to a halt, but Kent and Oxford Spliced proved more successful. At Collingham, on the light eight (requiring careful handling), we were gratified to be informed by a local ringer that we were the best strikers he had heard on the bells! At Wetherby, four-spliced Surprise was achieved, and with this to our credit we headed to Birstall, where we found the only Yorkshire tail-ends of the week. All agreed the bells were superb, and a first attempt at Erin Triples was a great success. And so on, through Batley and Dewsbury (where we had occasional altercation with point-duty policemen), to ring at Ossett. The day was rounded off at Wakefield by participating in the Cathedral practice. Having accustomed ourselves to 14 ropes in one chamber, we achieved some good ringing with the added strength of the local band.

INTO LINCOLNSHIRE

On Wednesday we departed from York to Lincoln. Ringing en route was at Selby, where Little Bob Royal was rung, and Gainsborough in the evening. The remainder of the day was occupied with tower-grabs and the Society's annual general meeting. Conducted in traditional style, the assembled company discussed (when persuaded to) the election of officers, next year's tour and the annual reunion.

Thursday, our first full day in Lincolnshire, proved interesting. After cramming ourselves into the tiny chamber at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Lincoln, we visited Wragby, where three bells were rung kneeling. Louth presented us with a heavy eight requiring skilful handling, and after lunch we made our way to St. James', Grimsby. Here, two bells proved difficult to handle; investigation aloft showed that an additional frame for the two bells had been strapped to the existing one, an admirable economy, but unfortunately the considerable movement of this new fixture failed to justify it. Pausing for a short time at the four-bell tower at Stallingborough, we continued to Caistor, where Antelope was rung for no apparent reason. And so to Lincoln Cathedral and the second 12-bell practice which we were fortunate enough to be allowed to invade. As at Wakefield, we enjoyed ringing of a high standard and would like to express our thanks to both bands for their courtesy on these occasions.

A DAY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Friday took us westward and into Nottinghamshire. Starting the day at Brant Broughton, we graduated from this heavy six to the ten at Newark, giving not only a demonstration of ringing but also a Press report. After lunch, Southwell Minster was visited. The anti-clockwise 12 came as a shock to some, Roger, for one, setting out to raise the four with his back to the third. At Mansfield Woodhouse all will remember the odd-struck bells, on which we nevertheless managed some good striking. Worksop also provided interest as Oxford Bob Triples was rung with the ringers of the back four sitting down. East Retford proved to have a fine ten, and we were surprised to hear that the church's restoration programme included some attention to the bells. Tuxford, the last tower of the day, possed a pleasant ring, where good striking was achieved.

Saturday took us south of Lincoln. Waddington bells proved a useful six and Caythorpe (a good eight), had two stays missing. The fine light ten at Ewerby were substituted for Hough-on-the-Hill, and Sleaford, Ruskington and Harmston were three well-chosen towers. Back in Lincoln, the four at St. Mary-le-Wigford and the six at St. Botolph's were both rung before all assembled at St. Giles'. Here, at the umpteenth attempt, Glasgow was finally added to the week's methods. The tour was brought to a close in traditional fashion later that evening, and some members, in signing the hotel's visitors book, inserted home tower for full address, and number of bells and tenor weight for room number!

Sadly, an isolated incident marred the week—the discovery on Sunday morning of the theft from one of the cars of three cameras. After a successful week this was extremely regrettable, especially as the occupants suffered the further inconvenience of missing ringing at Boston that morning. Homeward bound, further towers were visited—Croyland Abbey was grabbed shortly after lunch, and we were fortunate to be allowed to invade Baldock, thus fufilling an ambition for Alan and Christine, and Hitchin.

The week proved hectic but successful and was enjoyed by one and all. A vote of thanks is due to the organisers, drivers and to all local ringers and incumbents. For future reference, it can be reported that all ropes, stays and, as far as we know, bells, were left intact—an improvement on last year!

D. R. M.

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HAROLD CHANT'S BOOK ON METHOD SPLICING

Reviewed by A. S. Hudson

IT is an unfortunate fact that where specialised theoretical treatises are concerned, the knowledge and understanding of the author usually far exceeds that of the reviewer. This is most certainly the case with the present work, "Method Splicing, Part I, Minor Methods," by H. Chant, published by John Hilton of Tonbridge at 8s. 6d.

It will not have escaped the attention of the bell-ringing public that in the opinion of many authorities there is a long unsatisfied need for definite texts on the many theoretical aspects of change ringing. Method splicing is one such aspect of the general theory of composition, and this book concerns what is probably the most intricate of all splicing problems, that of obtaining a true extent. The fact that Minor methods are being considered is in some ways incidental to the general problem

Mr. Chant begins by considering Plain methods, beginning with the "opposite half" splice across a single, passing via course splicing, three lead splices and cross splices to grid splicing, or as the author remarks "a new use for old methods." The succeeding chapter he devotes to Treble Bob methods, discussing one-lead, three-lead, five-lead (course) and six-lead splicing. At this stage he digs up a few more old methods and finds new uses for them.

The last part of the book concerns Alliance methods, and first of all explains how Little methods are required in conjunction with them in order to produce an extent. Following this procedure, Treble Bob and Plain methods are integrated, then Treble Bob methods are broken down into Little and Alliance methods with the same changes in the lead, and finally all the techniques are brought together in some most ingenious extents.

I had, of course, met several multi-Minor extents before and had studied them at length to see how they were put together. Consequently it was with a cheerful heart that I tackled Chapter 1 on the Plain methods. The techniques in this chapter are very well explained and simple to follow. I was not at all happy about the new use for old methods, and let it pass in the hope of later clarification. With relief we sailed into the familiar waters of the College Exercise group, and then the pace hotted up until I floundered in grid splicing again After some study this became clear and, accepting the author's invitation, I felt capable of arranging some simple extents on the same plan myself.

The section on Alliance methods was fascinating in the extreme and the section entitled "At work with paper and pencil" provided the information necessary to make use of all the previously explained techniques.

This book is a most valuable addition to the ringing library. It is a pleasant surprise to find a subject dealt with in considerable detail, indeed it must be one of the first books to do so. The tendency of modern texts to be written down to the beginner has continued too long; the standard methods were first described a long time ago and the works have not as yet become dated. Mr. Chant's work describes multi-Minor splicing in detail and completely, a rare feature today. A considerable amount of previous knowledge and interest is, of course, required, but without this knowledge and facility one would not trouble to open the book at all.

The layout is perhaps somewhat lacking, and the tables a little cramped. I do not like Roman numerals at all—up to XX perhaps, but beyond this, no. As for XLVIII, it is quite meaningless to me. It is not always easy to find the required diagram since several pages of text may ensue before the diagram appears, and I cannot agree that most of the table on page 88 is self-explanatory. These, however, are relatively unimportant criticisms and I must congratulate Mr. Chant and his publisher on producing a first-rate text book on a most difficult subject. It is to be hoped that other works in the series will attain the same high standard.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN A. RUSSELL

The Canterbury District has been shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. John A. Russell, of Birchington, which occurred on September 30th.

Jack, as he was known to us all, had been a ringer at All Saints' for many years, was captain for 21 years, and was one of the local ringers who re-formed the Quex Park Society some years ago, being its secretary at the time of his death. He was appointed people's warden at All Saints' three years ago. He was beloved by all who were attached to the church and to many of the local parishioners.

To ringers in the Canterbury District he was loved as their chairman, an office he had held since its inception in 1946, and a more popular figure could hardly be found. He knew his meeting procedure thoroughly, was never lost on a point, could keep a meeting in the way it should go, and at the same time was patient, humorous, kindly and helpful to any speaker, in fact the ideal chairman.

A tribute to his popularity was seen at the funeral held at All Saints'. A large congregation, which included many of his Post Office colleagues, parishioners and ringers from a wide area, attended the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. V. Fordham), assisted by the Rev. J. M Stephens. The lesson was read by his fellow churchwarden, Mr. T. A. Walker.

Much sympathy has been expressed to Mrs. Russell, who has two young boys, for whom a trust fund has been set up and to which many contributions have been made.

So we leave him with a thought given by the Vicar in his address, "He was a man who had his priorities right. His life was balanced, and loving his God first, the rest slipped easily into place." B. J. L

MR. THOMAS G. DENNIS

With great regret we record the sad and sudden death on September 11th of Mr. Thomas G. Dennis aged 65 years, in Brook Hospital, Ashford Kent, having been taken seriously ill the previous Friday night.

For many years Tom had been a well-known figure at Rainham and was known as a keen churchman and a willing worker for local organisations All his life he had been a regular worshipper at St. Margaret's Parish Church, Rainham, where he was a sidesman, Sunday School teacher, a member of the Parochial Church Council and Toc H, besides being a very useful member of St. Margaret's bellringers. Tom only missed attending church or ringing when his working duties called for him to skipper his barge upon the waters of the Rivers Medway or Thames.

He had been a member of the Kent County Association since 1924. His cheerful manner and wise counsel and willing help will be missed in the belfry, where he acted as tower chaplain always taking prayers before service ringing. The deepest sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow, son and daughter-in-law.

The funeral service at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, on September 17th, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. James Clifford, assisted by the Rev. R. Etheridge. Among the ringers who attended, representing St. Margaret's Church ringers and the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, were: Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cheal, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nayler, Miss E. Cumberworth, Messrs. P. Thomas, K. Williamson and D. Baldock. Thus on a fine and sunny September afternoon Tom, our dear friend, was laid to rest near the church he had loved and served so well.

Before and after the service and on the two Sundays since his passing the bells of St. Margaret's have rung the half-muffled message: "We peal in muffled sadness for loved ones laid to rest." F. L. C.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bryant 1, A. Jones 2, E. Reasons 3, M. Farthing 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, G. Luxton 6. Rung half-muffled as token of respect to the late Mrs. E. Fowler.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The Tonbridge District held their annual meeting at Tonbridge on October 1st. Ringing could not begin at the usual time owing to a wedding, but a few touches were rung before a service held at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rev. R. Huddlesdon. Forty-five members and friends enjoyed tea at the Parish Room provided and served by the lady members and wives of the Tonbridge band before adjourning to the Vicarage for the business meeting. The Rev. R. Huddlesdon was invited to take the chair, and he tendered apologies for absence from Canon and Mrs. Bewes, who are in Israel.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Dobbie; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Leeves; District representatives, Miss D Colgate and Mr. L. Pope. Mr. S. Jenner automatically remains a District representative due to his appointment of C.C. representative. "Ringing World" correspondent, Miss M. A. Ladd.

Meetings for 1967 are due to be held at Tunbridge Wells (January), Brenchley and Marden (April), Penshurst and Hever (June), Goudhurst (A.D.M., October).

After the main business of the day, a vote of thanks was given for the use of the bells, to Mr. Dent for playing the organ, the Rev. R. Huddlesdon, and the Tonbridge band for providing such a splendid tea.

Further ringing was enjoyed until 8.30 p.m. M. A. L.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A good variety of ringing was available to all who attended the Biggleswade District's October meeting at Stotfold. A sumptuous tea was available in the nearby Church School, prepared by local ringers and families.

At the business meeting it was decided to go to Maulden on November 12th, and Northill on December 10th.

Further ringing followed until 9 p.m. The total attendance reached 37. K. H. F.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

At Hertingfordbury (11 cwt. in A flat) the Eastern District held a successful meeting on October 8th. Methods rung included Cambridge and a variety of Spliced Doubles.

Next meeting: St. Andrew's, Hertford (8), November 12th, 6.30 p.m.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Miss H. Iones (first on a working bell) 1, Miss S. Bailey (first "inside") 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Read (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, J. Cuss 6. For Harvest Festival.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Copas 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, A. R. G Twinn 3, R. Russ 4, W. H. Coles 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6. For the induction of Rev. A. S. Lockett as Rector.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter's, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Audrey M. Evans 1, Angela J. Williams 2, R. H. Newton 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, A W. Bond 5, M. S. Loveday 6, M. J. Bew (arr. and cond.) 7, D. P. Snoswell 8. For Harvest Festival.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, G. Firman 3, A. Stone 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, Rev. J. M. Stephens (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. A. Russell, captain of the local band for the last 20 years, whose funeral took place this day.

CARDIGAN, CARDS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. J. Morgan 1, Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (joint cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, R. Pateman (joint cond.) 5, B. Griffiths 6. To mark the 21st anniversary of St. David's Guild, and a compliment to the treble ringer who is going to St. David's College, Lampeter.

CARTMEL, LANCS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): Diana J. Handley 1, N. M. Newby 2, J. E. Buries 3, K. Price 4, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 5, N. M. Newby, jun. 6. A wedding compliment to Susan Blackburn and Robert Levesey.

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Newman (first on eight bells) 1, Marjorie Yarnold 2, M. P. Phipps 3, Christine Mould 4, J. Watkins 5, J. D. Arkwell 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, S. Pembleton (first on eight bells) 8. First of Plain Bob Triples by all except ringers of 4 and 7.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Bonsor (first quarter) 1, Bridget Bates (first of Triples) 2, K. R Holtom 3, G. Thompson 4, A. A. Chown 5, H. M. Johnson 6, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. For the ordination as priest of the Rev. Christopher Hopkins on September 25th.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James', on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Watts 1, R. Bridges 2, J. Saxton 3, W. Beavan 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6. For Harvest Festival.

EASINGWOLD, N. YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Town 1, A. Grundy 2, C. Easton 3, W Fay 4, A. Bashforth 5, M. Pickup 6, E. Metcalfe 7, E. Hudson (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 7. A compliment to Elizabeth Peace and David Johnson, members of the Yorkshire Association, on their wedding day, and a farewell to M. Pickup, who is going to Cambridge.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, H. L. Bishop 2, C. J. Garlick 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Burgess 1, Miss J. Harris 2, Miss M. Mansell (first "inside") 3, G. E. Morrall (cond.) 4 J. A. Morrey 5, E. C. Morrall 6. For the wedding of Miss Angela Attwood and Mr. Raymond Hughes.

HALLING, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hitchcock 1, Marilyn Chidwick (first "inside") 2, C. Underdown 3, D. Garrott 4, Phyllis Chidwick 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, Miss P. Fearn 2, Miss A. E. Fellows 3, Miss B. G. Schofield 4, Mrs. M. Barron 5, Miss V. M. Miles 6, R Aldington 7, E. Spence 8, C. A. Barron 9, M A. Jones 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. Birch 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. A compliment to Rowland Harman, on his 83rd birthday. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, R. Birch 2, B Butcher 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Lamb 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,259 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, B. Butcher 3, R. Birch (cond.) 4, G. Neilson 5, A. Lamb 6. For Evensong.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): D. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, P. Gagen 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Green 1, Miss C. Tull 2, N. Tull 3, Rev. E. B. Wood (cond.) 4, B. Gatwood (first "inside") 5, R. Coates (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. M. Hickman 1, B. Madeley 2, H. F. White 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, F. Price 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. A 95th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Alhambra, California, U.S.A., who was for many years Ringing Master at Market Drayton.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. R. Bolton 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, G. A. Porter 4, A. Gammon 5. For the baptism of Andrew Stewart Watts, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, of St. Neots, on the birth of a son. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Porter 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, G. A. Porter 4, A. Gammon 5. For Harvest Festival, and as a welcome to the Rural Dean, Rev. Father Arnold.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Suzanne Thomsett (first quarter) 1, G. Kenward 2, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 3, G. Wood 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, J. E. Clark 6. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Peter John Lloyd, as Vicar.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B and Plain Bob): G. Rigby 1, M. Holt 2, B. D. Holt 3, W. H. Nield 4, M. Rigby (cond.) 5, G. Nield 6. A 76th birthday compliment to J. Clayton, an ex-ringer, and as 21st birthday compliments to the ringers of 3 and 6.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. P. Sams 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, N. Ward 6. For Harvest Festival.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Whitworth 1, J. Eberall 2, N. Handley 3, S. Adams 4, R. Stretton 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, G. Fisher 7, L. Butler 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Phillips (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, L. Sweatman 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner (cond.) 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson 5, D. Knight 6.

STAFFORD.—On Sept 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. H. Eley 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, F. Beech 5, I. Friend 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 9, R. Stanley 10. For Battle of Britain service, also to congratulate Marian and Dennis Owen, both ringers at St. Mary's, on the birth of a son (David). Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. R. Wiggin 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, R. K. Mowforth 4, Jennifer Beech 5, R. Stanley (first in method) 6, D. T. Bennett (first in method) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. J. Warrilow 9, F. Beech (cond.) 10.

SELLING, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, R. A. Swift 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, P. Richardson 4, L. Sweatman 5, H. Deacon 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, C. A. Gray 3, Miss V. Porter (first of Triples) 4, D. Neal 5, E. C. Steele 6, J. M. Steele (cond.) 7, D. Grove 8. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, C. A. Gray 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, E. C. Steele 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. Grove 7.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Mounty 1, R. Mitchell 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls (cond.) 5, T. Crabbe 6. As a birthday compliment to Denzil Udell (21), Heather Amey (19) and the ringer of 1 (70), all local ringers.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss V. Leleux (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, I. Buckby (first quarter) 6, A. Leleux 7, R. Kirby 8. A 64th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings, and a wedding day compliment to their granddaughter.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Three readers have sent in interesting articles on "Rope Splicing." We hope to publish something useful at an early date.

The Dodds family won the St. Albans District car rally. Julia's story will appear next week.

The last quarter peal on Old Headington, Oxford, bells, before being rehung, was rung on October 2nd, and was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Trebilcock on the birth of a son.

The first member of St. Nicholas' Society, Marston, Oxford, to ring 50 peals of Doubles in one tower is Mr. Alec Gammon. To mark the occasion he conducted a peal of 50 Doubles methods, which was a first for the Guild.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby's 95th birthday at Plumb Hall, Alhambra, California, U.S.A., was remembered by friends at Market Drayton, where he was captain for many years. A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on September 24th.

"Not many of the learners who attended the Yorkshire Association District practice at Kildwick had had the advantage of such tuition," writes our correspondent, and slyly adds "and apparently never before heard such lung power as that of Vernon Bottomley, Fred Munday and Maurice Thurmott." More anon!

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DIAMOND WEDDING AT MARESFIELD

Members of the Sussex County Association on October 8th honoured Captain (Church Army) J. R. and Mrs. Martin, on the occasion of their diamond wedding celebrations, with a peal in the morning This was rung at nearby Fairwarp, and there was more ringing in the afternoon with a beautifully struck quarter peal of Stedman Triples. The band were afterwards invited to the Village Hall (opposite St. Bartholomew's Church) to partake in the actual celebrations.

The Rector (the Rev. F. S. Bardell), after a speech of high praise for the service rendered to the Church by Captain Martin, presented him with a cheque for £50. Mrs. Martin was also honoured, being presented with a magnificent bouquet of chrysanthemums.

In expressing thanks for the generous gifts, Captain Martin spoke of his lifelong work for the Church and his extremely happy marriage. He thanked everyone who had made "their great day" such a wonderful success.

The celebrations were concluded by handbell ringing, which was greatly appreciated by many present. W. A. R.

CUMBERLAND YOUTH'S WEDDING

The wedding of Mr. Andrew J. Strathdee and Miss J. Wendy Smith took place at SS Peter and Paul's Church, Harlington, where they are both ringers, on September 10th. The service was taken by the Vicar.

The bride wore a full-length classical-style dress and train of heavy white brocade. She carried a bouquet of pink roses. She was attended by Miss Janet Strathdee, the bridegroom's sister, who wore a long princess-line dress of pale pink heavy brocade, and carried a bouquet of matching carnations. The best man was Mr. Derek E. Sibson.

The reception was held in the nearby Church Hall. As the couple left the church the bells were rung by members of the local band and friends.

The honeymoon was spent near Eastbourne, and the couple will make their home at Cowley Peachey, near Uxbridge.

Later that afternoon a congratulatory peal was rung at Chiswick by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which Andrew is a member, conducted by the best man.

BLESSED ARE THEY

This week we received a letter from one of our elderly readers who had spent 50 weeks in bed. There are many who have sympathy with the work of Mr. John Euston for the veterans, and we commend to them the following anonymous verses that came our way:

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step and shaking hand.

Blessed who know my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow.

Blessed are they who looked away
When tea spilled on the cloth that day.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile
Who stopped to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say
"You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who make it known
That I'm loved, respected and not alone.

And blessed are they who ease the days
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

PLIGHT OF RIPON CATHEDRAL

Pleading for more young people to become ringers at Ripon Cathedral, the Dean (the Very Rev. F. Ll. Hughes) writes in the Cathedral magazine: "Bells carry a message, and I am perpetually grieved by the silence of the Cathedral bells on Sundays. My cheeks burn with shame as I hear the Sharow bells pealing across the River Ure, and our melancholy ding-dong, the only Ripon answer.

"We must make a major effort to get a band of ringers again. Our deserted belfry must be manned once more. Our two or three remaining ringers have made valiant efforts to train young ringers, but these vanish away like smoke.

"The trouble in Ripon is that the very young go away to college or to work elsewhere, and the college students are birds of passage," says the Dean, and he thinks the only hope is in the 18–25 age group among those who have settled to work in the city.

"JACK" CAME BEFORE "BOB"

Two well-known Hawkhurst ringers, Mr. J Davis and his son, have been to the West Country, not for ringing, but bowls. They were members of a bowls party playing in tournaments each afternoon and evening. Unfortunately by the time they returned to their hotel for dinner it was too late to get in any tower snatching

INDUCTION WAS REUNION

The induction of the new Rector of Barley, Herts, the Rev. A. S Lockett, was preceded by a quarter peal of Bob Minor rung by members of St. John's Church, Hillingdon, Middlesex. Mr. Lockett was previously a curate at St. John's, and many other Hillingdon friends made the long journey to take part in the service After the service a touch of Cambridge Minor was rung, in which the Rev. David Hoare, of Ampthill, Beds, who was present at the induction, took part. Several of the Hillingdon band were delighted to thus meet and ring with an old friend.

"SUDDENLY RETURN"

A band of ringers in a North Yorkshire village were ringing a ground-floor six for the wedding of a village girl. Having rung the bride into church, they adjourned ot the home of the local captain for a welcome cup of coffee. A somewhat speedy return to the church was made, the ringers entering the church during the singing of a hymn whilst the register was being signed. The hymn was "Love divine," and as the ringers re-entered the church the lines sung were "Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave."

"AGONISING EXPERIENCE"

Miss Ann Gardner, of Washington Cathedral band, writing to Mr Fred Price of Southbourne about her first peal, states: "It was really an agonising experience, what with my blisters and the heat. But it made me realise how short quarter peals are! We rang one on Monday for Labor Day, and the time simply whizzed by. Of course, that was partly because of the method, Kent Treble Bob Minor, with which I was rather unfamiliar, so that I had to think all the time instead of looking at the clock."

Ann has now left Washington for college, so will be absent from ringing for many months. She has taken with her "The Washington Peal" (record) to listen to when she gets homesick.

CHESTER, 1966

We broke new ground on the tour this year
By staying where there wasn't any beer,
But some scouting work was done by a few—
The Talbot was found to supply drinks for the crew

Talking of drink, poor Win had a blow,
A pint for a lady—never—oh no.
A half in each hand, there's a thing now,
Alternately sipping—avoiding a row.

Arriving at Handbridge, I thought "Somebody new,"
When peering beneath the long hair that grew,
I realised I had really seen him last year—
Dear Michael, you really must cut it, I fear.

When Bill found out we were going to 'Retreat
He searched out a text, simple and neat,
The back of the car is the place for to show,
But not on his own car, there's a limit, you know.

We have with us now a new Tenor King
So let us stand up and his praises do sing.
He can't have the two or the treble no more
A back-ender, Ron, or at least on the four.

The Reverend came—spent nearly a week.
The Sisters all thought him ever so meek,
But Dotty and I could tell a tall tale
If we cared to, but on second thoughts—no sale.

Talking of Dotty—she's called Dorothea—
The name is a mouthful, but she'll do for us here,
If only she'd grow, it is such a bind
Lengthening the tail-ends, time out of mind.

She also has brought her own tower captain
And Arthur has brought his brolly, for rain.
It's stayed in my car till I'm sick of the sight,
You'd better remove it, or we'll have a fight.

Gerald seems only one moan to have found—
The birds are a little bit thin on the ground.
He looked at the locals, decided no go,
The lack of a car restricted his show

Dennis the Menace is here for to ring,
He's always so quiet, there's never a thing
On which I can comment—if only he would
Kick o'er the traces, 'stead of being so good.

Ian likes fish and chips, so if you hunger for food
Follow him, and then the repast will be good.
But it doesn't give him any extra pull,
Liverpool tenor made him look a bit of a fool.

If you want a good route o'er the dale and the hill
The Dave is the one—he never is still.
He always rings round near the front of the peal,
He changes his shirt, then enjoys a good meal.

If you're a left-handed ringer, then better look out
My next guest, Ron Sharp, is liable to shout.
Never mind, Ron, we all do our best.
We even forgive you for ringing in your vest.

Dick Price is back, with a wife this year,
That's caused the other girls many a tear.
He should look at the road instead of Andrea.
Then he wouldn't have got any dents in the rear.

I've left out Tom, that will never do.
This year again we've pulled him through!
But seriously we thank you very sincerely,
We hope you will continue to organise yearly.

MARG.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
WESTBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland 1,120 of Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp

David P. Hilling	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	5
John Hill	2	Noel J. Diserens	6
Dennis Knox	3	D. John Hunt	7
Andrew N Stubbs	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb

Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Sidney W. White	4
Gilbert W. Rendell	2	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	5
Gordon W. Rendell	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
Rung to celebrate 50 years' service as a ringer at Hardington Mandeville by Gilbert W. Rendell. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. W. Rendell, a ringer for 32 years at the same church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F

Robert J. Warrilow	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Gerald Moorhouse	6
Basil Jones	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Carol Fernley	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Eileen and Richard Castledene who were married at Norbury on October 1st.

TATTENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Alban.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being six different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp

David Allman	Treble	Leon A. Perry	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	John R. Scott	5
Keith W. Eaton	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

David Allman	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	*Leon A. Perry	5
*Keith W. Eaton	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in two Minor methods "inside."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 41 methods: (1) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westlecott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (3) London Scholars Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B., (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight. (5) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (6) Beverley, Hexham, Surneet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G

Geoffrey W. Randall	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	4
Richard J. Danby	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Frederick Shallcross	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
Most Minor methods rung to a peal by all the band and for the Guild.
A compliment to Ian and Ann Maycock on the birth of their son, Neil Anthony.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
GREAT WAKERING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt

Penny Halliwell	Treble	David Sloman	4
*Gerald A. Bacon	2	Philip Sadler	5
Bernard C. Sadler	3	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal of Minor.

TENDRING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Edmund K. and M.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Edward E. Davey	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	4
Rachel J. R. Orman	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	3	George N. Orman	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
GRAYSHOTT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 37 lb. in A flat

*Geraldine Winnett	Treble	G. Kenneth Williamson	5
†Rita Moore	2	Trevor A. Davies	6
‡Angela J. Smart	3	Michael W. Brown	7
Peter G. Sherwood	4	Peter G. Smart	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Peter G. Smart.
* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First in the method. First of Major as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	*Richard Hayes	5
*Doris E. Colgate	2	*D. Paul Smith	6
Ann Jenner	3	Martin L. Howe	7
*Judith M. Corby	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz. (1) Kelso (2) Wells. (3) Durham (4) Norwich (5) London (6) Cambridge and Ipswich. (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*Tony Lewis	Treble	D. Paul Smith	4
†Ann Jenner	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	‡Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* 100th peal. † First of nine Surprise. ‡ First of nine Surprise Minor.
Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods, being two extents each of Stedman Slow Course and St. Osmund, four each of St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Martin and St. Simon and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Peggy Skinner	Treble	*Betty Robbins	4
John L. Anderson	2	†Rev. Peter T. Robbins	5
Peter M. Bradford	3	‡Bertram Haley	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Peter T. Robbins.
* 200th tower bell peal. † 50th tower bell peal. ‡ First peal. The greatest number of Doubles methods to a peal for all the band. The ringer of the 5th has now "circled the tower."
Rung for the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the present church. Also rung on the 15th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Robbins.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D

Margaret Wright	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Basil Jones	7
*Margaret P. Booth	3	F. John Nelson	8
Christine Andrew	4	Jeffrey Brannan	9
Neil Bennett	5	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First 10-bell peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Basil Jones	5
Christine Andrew	2	Neil Bennett	6
Derek Butterworth	3	*Richard S. Starkie	7
*Peter J. Wycherley	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

James E. Dickinson	Treble	Stanley Anderton	5
John Bagnall	2	Nicholas M. Newby	6
James E. Burles	3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	7
*Kevin Price	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Blackburn and Robert Livesey, married at Cartmel Priory earlier in the day.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and all the work of the methods for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

David C. Walker	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Christine Andrew	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Neil Bennett	3	Neil D. Lomas	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

SILVERDALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G

*Patricia James	Treble	David H. Garnett	4
Kevin Price	2	†David Bradshaw	5
Nicholas M. Newby	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr 7 lb. in E flat.

E. Jane Sibson	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Joan Beresford	2	*David F. Moore	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to John R. Mayne and Marguerite E. Dalraine, who were married earlier this day.

WELFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*J. Edward Cawser	Treble	†Alan Evans	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	E Alan Jacques	6
Russell S. Morris	3	*J. Martin Thorley	7
John M. Jelley	4	Brian S Chapman	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5083 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Richard J. Clifton	5
Roland Beniston	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
*Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of Superlative "inside" and 25th peal for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWINESHEAD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*Valerie J. Howard	Treble	Alan G. Payne	5
Joan Gilbert	2	David D. Smith	6
Janet E. Hubbard	3	John A. Howard	7
Derek Slater	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* 25th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Brian Leppard, of West Hoathly, Sussex, and Heather E. Clark, of Sleaford, which took place immediately after this peal.

HEYDOUR, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

John Freeman	Treble	Denis A. Frith	5
H. Leslie Squires	2	Jack Bray	6
*J. Andrew Colborne	3	*Graham Colborne	7
Roland W. Morant	4	*Vaughan P. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by John Freeman
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Stephen Vaughan) to the ringer of the tenor.

BELTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Oct 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Melvyn A. Rose	Treble	Maurice Lings	4
James Thorley	2	Harold P. Judd	5
William Bains	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by Melvyn A. Rose.
First peal as conductor.
Rung with the compliments of the band to John Francis Underwood and Kathleen Mary Butler, married at Stow-in-Lindsey on October 8th, 1966.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Contains 24 567089's, 23 658790's and 22 567890's. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	*Edmund J. Morris	6
*Gwen Bidgood	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
*Susan Harber	3	David J. Llewellyn	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	9
*Ruth E. Havard	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

PENARTH, Glam.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
Mary Pryor	2	Ellis N Thomas	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Ruth E. Havard	4	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung with the good wishes of the band following the ordination of Geoffrey Stickland.

PENTRE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	David J Llewellyn	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Richard J. Bowden	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by T. E. Worsley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Mrs. Kathleen Parr	Treble	Harold R. Blagden	6
Patricia Rogers	2	Dennis A. Hewitt	7
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
Keith J. Triplow	5	Christopher H. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, who were married in this church. Also a 21st birthday and engagement compliment to Jeanette Felton, a local ringer.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Charles T. Richards	Treble	Harold W. Rogers	5
*Kathleen M. Higgins	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	6
*Patricia Rogers	3	Jonathan S. N. Porter	7
Keith J. Triplow	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

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

Composed by Stephen J Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

James Linnell	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Joseph W. Cotton	2	George W. Holland	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Charles E. Truman	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F

Paul J. Atkins	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Dennis Latham	7
*Gerald Parsons	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of London.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin, St. Simon and Grandsire and ten of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	3
Henry Tooke	2	Robin Churchill	4

H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor
Conducted by H. William Barrett.
To mark the birth of a grandson (Paul) to the ringer of the treble

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Clifford J. Garlick	5
†Mrs. A. D. Smith	2	Claude Corderoy	6
James P. Blond	3	*Robert B. Blond	7
John H. Napper	4	William Corderoy	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Stedman.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 8 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*W. Robert Hare	Treble	Walter G. Knight	5
Alan R. Pink	2	A. James Glass	6
Gordon W. Limmer	3	William Birmingham	7
*David C. Brown	4	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Composed by J. Howes. Conducted by William Birmingham.
* First peal at first attempt.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent T.B., one of St. Clement's College Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Susan M. Heyworth	Treble	Michael C. E. Hodge	4
*A. Keith P. Poole	2	Christopher I. Rowson	5
Roger M. Heyworth	3	John C. Baldwin	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 39 methods, being 120 each of Beckley, Friezland, Gresford, Harbury, Isis, Jacobstow, Northleigh, Oxford, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Margaret, St. Swithin, St. Tydfil, St. Valentine, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Frideswide, St. Helen, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Zennor, Middleton Stoney, April Day, May Day, Kennington, Seighford, Litchurch, Clifford, Royston, St. David, Little Aston, Southrepps, St. Thomas the Martyr, Dedworth, Rev. Canterbury, Antelope, Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Garth A. Porter	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	4
John A. Betts	2	Alec Gammon	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Ian A. Ross	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Miss Hilary Osborne, leaving for Canada.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 50 methods: 120 each of April Day, Kennington, Litchurch, Seighford, May Day, Longparish, Clifford, Southrepps, Little Aston, St. David, St. Anne, St Helen, Longparish–Freeland–Oxton, Daffodil–Isis–Pinxton, Bluebell–Beckley–Quantoxhead, St. Anne–Ray–St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney–Stanton–Roxholme, St. Quintin–St. Swithin–Saxondale, Allestree–Antelope–Uttoxeter, 240 each of St. Frideswide.–St. Cross–Vauxhall, Ladbroke–St. Tydfil–Xanxene, Keysoe–Jacobstow–Yaxley, Newborough,–Oxford–Southwell, Pink's–Hanbury–Zeal Monachorum, Allestree, Plain Bob, 360 each of Royston, Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Martin R. Bolton	Treble	Roy H. Jones	3
Leonard R. Porter	2	Noel D. Deam	4

*Alec Gammon .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* 50th peal. First peal in 50 methods for all the band and the Guild.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Paul Rimmer, Mrs. Rimmer and family and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones.

SHENINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent each of 42 methods/variations: (1) St. Remigius, (2) Horsley, (3) St. Chrysostum, (4) Church Gresley, (5) St. Richard, (6) St. Cleer, (7) St. Nicholas, (8) Lapley, (9) St. Thomas, (10) St. Giles, (11) Nuffield, (12) Shareshill, (13) Winchendon Place, (14) St. John, (15) St. Luke, (16) St. Miles, (17) Wadham, (18) Ryton, (19) St. Simon, (20) Eynsham, (21) Cassington, (22) St. Albans, (23) Somerville, (24) Elford, (25) St Martin, (26) St. Leonard, (27) St. Peter, (28) St. Paul, (29) Magdalen, (30) Austrey, (31) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (32) Clifford's Pleasure, (33) St. Columb, (34) Southrepps Pleasure, (35) Campion, (36) Little Aston, (37) Plain Bob, (38) April Day, (39) Old, (40) Kennington, (41) Hudibras, (42) Seighford. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

Ernest G. Jones	Treble	Michael W. Coleman	3
*Diana Reeves	2	Christopher C. Clarke	4

†Robert A. Reeves .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal of Doubles. † Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Ronald Russell	Treble	James Linnell	5
Richard F. B. Speed	2	Charles E. Truman	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method by all.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
ERDINGTON.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Rev. D. Sansum	Treble	William J. V. Conduct	5
Alan S. Burbidge	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Merryn Hutchings	3	Paul McEvilley	7
Maurice Edwards	4	James Insley	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
Rung for the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. John Claypole Bacon, former curate.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
EDINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Katherine and All Saints.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Geoffrey K. Dodd	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	4
David P. Hilling	2	George E. Thoday	5
Brian J. Luff	3	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Bessie A. Carter	Treble	Edward W. Colley	6
Philip J. Evans	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
Clifford A. Barron	3	Frederick G. Beddow	8
Frederick A. H. Cattell	4	John N. Lindon	9
Arthur Pritchard	5	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
Rung for the wedding the same day of Miss Walters, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. F. Walters.

EDGMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G

*Janet Harris	Treble	Frank Beech	4
George E. Morrall	2	†Ernest C. Morrall	5
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Morrall.
* First peal. † Has now "circled the tower."
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Denis and Marian Owen (nee Cotton).

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
GNOSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's and 34 120's. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*Barbara Wiggin	Treble	Graham Hall	4
Lucy Ann Key	2	Barnabas G. Key	5
†Grahame S. Keay	3	John W. Dyke	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung for Harvest. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wiggin, parents of the treble ringer, on their 29th wedding anniversary.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
C. Martin Press	3	Stanley Jenner	7
William Rogers	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Arranged and rung to mark the ordination of Arthur David Charlton at Chichester Cathedral earlier this day.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C. sharp.

*Tony Price	Treble	†Martin F. Lock	7
*Albert Diserens	2	*Norman Chaddock	8
*Cecil W. Pipe	3	John N. D. Chaddock	9
*Geoffrey J. Hemming	4	Gerald C. Hemming	10
*Thomas J. Lock	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* The fathers. † First peal of Surprise Maximus.
Rung by six fathers and six sons.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Susan E. Thompson	Treble	Michael Stanitorth	5
Iris Lemare	2	Alan Leggett	6
Frederick A. Munday	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
*Terence W. Brighton	4	Bert Sutton	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal of Major.
Rung with the bells fully muffled in memoriam Charles H. Crabtree, by whose generosity these bells were rehung and two trebles added in July, 1962. Tenor 10 cwt. 27 lb.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
MARKET WEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge S., Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Patricia A. Wilson	Treble	Arthur B. Cooper	4
Eve Rimer	2	Robert C. Hawtree	5
Christopher L. D. Munday	3	Howard C. Palmer	Tenor

Conducted by Howard C. Palmer.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

Robert B. Smith	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
*C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	*John Worth	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Susan D. Cowan	1–2	Geoffrey Dodds	5–6
†Frederick W. Ellis	3–4	Joyce Dodds	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal of Major "in hand." † First handbell peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Edward J. Beer	7–8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	Stuart Sandford	9–10
Christopher T. Osenton	5–6	*John W. Gander	11–12

Composed by R. B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Maximus. Tenor size 18 in C.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*David F. Moore	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	John M. Jelley	7–8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Surprise "in hand." Tenor size 15 in C.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*David F. Moore	1–2	Peter J. Staniforth	5–6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3–4	John M. Jelley	7–8
		Alfred Ballard	9–10

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "in hand."

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—At 66, Melton Road.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1966, in 1 Hour and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents differently called Tenor size 15 in C.

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

* 150th peal on handbells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
MELKSHAM, Wiltshire.—At Grandison, Avon Road.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Mrs. Heather A. Mann	1–2	Anthony R. Mann	3–4
*Robert J. Purnell			5–6

Conducted by Anthony R. Mann.
* First handbell peal.
First handbell peal rung at Melksham, also the first for 30 years for the Guild.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lockyer (first quarter) 1, M. Chennell-White 2, A. Biddlecombe 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Harvest Festival.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Atfield 1, P. Archer (first "inside") 2, L. Parry 3, A. Beckwith 4, S. Bloomfield 5, H. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRASTED, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob Minor: S. Millington (first quarter) 1, R. Waterhouse 2, F. Budgen 3, J. Igglesden 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Law (cond.) 6.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sonia M. Norgrove 1, E. D. Patching 2, P. Pearce 3, D. Floyd 4, A. E. Hicks 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6. For the birthday of the ringer of the treble.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. I. Davis 1, Beryl M. Hills (first "inside") 2, Lynn B. Hollingsbee (first "inside") 3, L. H. Bennett 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, H. McKissock (first quarter) 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Dickenson (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, C. A. Ottaway 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, K. H. Hughes 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. For Chigwell School Speech Day service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John the Baptist, 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, G. Fisher 4, I. M. Parry 5, N. S. Brown 6, A. Brown (first of Stedman Caters "inside") 7, N. G. T. Steere 8, F. E. Collins 9, K. Taber 10.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods/variations): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Harvest Festival, and the christening of Mark John, son of the tenor ringer.

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. Corry 1, T. Bleatham 2, C. F. Longridge 3, D. J. Knight 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. Corry 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (called alternately): D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Anne Buchanan (first in two methods) 3, T. Matcham 4, B. Mackrell (first in two methods) 5, R. Buchanan 6. For Harvest Festival, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Buchanan.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Harvey (first of Minor) 1, Sally Parrott 2, W. Parrott 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, S. Warren 5, J. Munton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): Audrey J. Riley 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Gregson 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, R. Moore 3, D. H. Garnett 4, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 5, Rev. J. W. Garnett (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Sheppard 1, Mrs. Y. Perrin 2, R. Jean Vidler 3, H. Baker 4, G. Grant (cond.) 5, —. Sheppard 6, P. Town 7, R. Millidine 8. First quarter 1, 2, 6 and 8. To celebrate 60 years of ringing by George Grant, and the 12th birthday of Nigel Sheppard.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (middle six): Miss F. Munt 1, R. Redwood 2, E. J. Thoday 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, G. W. Henson 5, C. J. Higgins 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, W. E. Morris 8. For the wedding of Peter Hall and Gillian Iris Clark.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 2nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Patricia Rogers (cond.) 1, Olive Rogers 2, E. N. Thomas 3, C. T. Richards 4, R. H. Youdale (first Stedman) 5, R. M. Damerell 6, P. A. Brand 7, W. G. Wilson 8, H. W. Rogers 9, D. M. Boniface 10. For the Festival of Flowers.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Crowhurst (first quarter) 1, Amette Bradbury 2, Sybil Tonkin 3, D. McLean 4, Rosemary Earl (cond.) 5, E. Breed 6, B. Stepney 7, G. Tiverley 8. For the ordination of the Rev. John Huggett, new curate.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hall 1, Miss R. Russell 2, Mrs. A. Broadhurst 3, S. W. Barton 4, C. A. Barron (cond.) 5, E. Spence 6, J. N. Lindon 7, T. Russell 8. A compliment to Mr. George Miles upon completing 20 years as organist and choirmaster at St. Peter's Church.

QUARTER PEALS

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Hasketh (cond.) 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, Barbara Davies 3, J. R. Ridley 4, J. Dunbavin 5, J. Robinson 6, T. M. FitzGerald 7, G. K. Austin 8. For the ordination as priest of Rev. Christopher Hopkins, and as deacon of Rev. Ian Elliott, curate. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. M. FitzGerald 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. R. Ridley 4, J. Wilton 5, J. Robinson 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, G. K. Austin 8. A farewell to T. M. FitzGerald, who is leaving to train for the ministry.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): G. Barnard 1, E. W. Brown 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling 5. For Harvest Festival.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. J. W. Foley 1, Jacqueline S. Young 2, D. Digby 3, R. Wilshire 4, I. S. Dear 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, J. W. Thorp 8, J. Kemp 9, P. M. F. Searles 10. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 10. For the wedding of Michael Ritsema and Wenda Lynette Roberts.

HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: V. Tubby (first in method) 1, R. Wilshire 2, D. Digby 3, J. Kemp 4, J. Thorp (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles (first in method) 6. To mark the birth of Nicholas Roberts (September 18th), son of David and Carolyn Roberts.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Minor (Cambridge and Spliced Plain and Little Bob): H. W. Dunsden 1, Mrs. A. D. Smith 2, R. W. Rex 3, G. K. Dodd 4, R. F. Crook 5, D. L. Wilsox (cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. B. Davey 1, W. Papworth 2, A. J. Davey 3, C. L. Godfrey 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HUNTLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles: L. Smith 1, Miss G. Mitchell 2, E. D. Wilson 3, R. Chew 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Bourne 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon J. G. Lister, for many years chairman of the Forest of Dean bellringers.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Horsey (first attempt) 1, R. Parker (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Welch (first "inside") 5, R. Spiller (first attempt) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Royal 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, Shirley E. Jones (cond.) 3, P. S. Reading 4, A. J. Cox 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Royal. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. S. Reading 1—2, Shirley E. Jones 3—4. Rung silent and non-conducted. First handbell quarter for both. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): C. J. Royal 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott (first as cond.) 2, P. C. Randall 3, P. S. Reading 4, S. F. Royal 5, Shirley E. Jones 6. A farewell to ringers of 1, 4 and 5, leaving for High Wycombe, Cardiff and Oxford respectively.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Barbara A. Taylor 1, M. J. Wilson 2, K. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, H. C. Palmer 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Peace and David S. Johnson.

LEIGH, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Evans (first quarter) 1, G. Hitchcock 2, D. Pankhurst 3, V. Kench 4, W. Manser (cond.) 5, B. Pankhurst 6. For Harvest Festival.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Peters 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5. First in method 1, 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Ottaway 1, C. A. Ottaway 2, H. Corney 3, C. W. Ottaway 4, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 5. For the Civic service. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Ottaway 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway (first "inside") 2, Miss G. E. Perry 3, H. Corney 4, C. A. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. For the conductor's 21st birthday (August 7th). Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. I. Neville 1, Miss G. E. Perry 2, H. Corney 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, F. Tomlin 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, J. H. Smith 7, R. Burberry 8. For Harvest Festival.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Garrard 1, K. Lewin 2, N. Jarrard 3, A. J. Smith (cond.) 4, J. G. Newman 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushton 7, B. L. S. Hulatt 8. To mark the ordinations of Trevor Parkin and Geoffrey Halliday as deacons, and Rev. A. M. Girling as priest.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. M. L. Nicholls 1, E. Boumphrey 2, B. Maudsley 3, W. Bolton 4, D. Bradshaw 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, R. Palmer 7, W. T. Gerrard (cond.) 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Julie Hopkins 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, Lynda Hopkins 6. For Harvest Festival.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,360 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: C. S. Ryles (cond.) 1, L. Walley 2, P. Mills 3, C. Stewart 4, R. Anderson 5, E. Young 6, P. Jones 7, D. Pitstow 8, A. Thompson 9, A. Moore 10. For Harvest Festival, and the induction of the Rev. D. Portwood as Vicar of St. Andrew's in the Westlands.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Jane Wyatt 1, Cherry Withell 2, T. Smith 3, H. Badger 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, P. Lucas 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Trebilcock, on the birth of their son, Duncan; also for the Stewardship dedication and Harvest Festival Evensong.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. S. Stubbington (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Pitman 2, C. M. Heawood 3, R. W. Young 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, H. P. Davis 6.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Bob): L. Smith 1, Miss G. Mitchell 2, R. Chew 3, F. Reynolds 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Har. Meek 6. Rung after the wedding of Yvonne Williams and Brian Sainsbury.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, M. F. Edwards 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Harris 5, R. J. Cann 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, C. W. Bragg 8, G. E. Fearn 9, E. J. Cole 10.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Webb 1, S. W. Berry 2, J. S. Townley 3, Mrs. S. Webb 4, S. F. Webb (cond.) 5, J. J. Spraggett 6. First of Minor 1 and 3. In honour of the marriage of Margaret Leedham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Clements, and Mr. Roland J. Cocks this day at Bath.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, M. Crowell 2, C. Mutton 3, B. Vince 4, H. Stacey 5, H. Trewin (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, B. Pink 8. For Harvest Festival.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, D. Digby (cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen 5, A. Sears 6. For Harvest Festival.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, F. Bird 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5. For Holy Communion, and for the Rector and Mrs. Robinson, on their silver wedding. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Parnham (first quarter) 1, A. Richardson 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, K. Westwood 6.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Feltham 1, H. Toogood 2, J. Coombs (cond.) 3, A. J. Peters 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Radford 6. For the wedding of John Loxton and Miss Yvonne Modranska.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Laura Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, I. L. Dear 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. Hawkins 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, K. Scrimshaw 7, A. J. Slade 8, R. Durrant 9, E. T. Newnham 10. Rung before Matins to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Sarah Louise) to Bob and Jane Chapman, both members of the local band.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Plain Bob): A. E. Fullbrook 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, H. White 3, I. P. Stoter 4, D. J. Stoter 5, J. P. White (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, H. V. Booker 2, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 3, K. Leach 4, H. White 5, A. R. Wood 6. For the dedication festival.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Hilary Knight 1, Pamela J. E. Denney 2, M. Jean Aldwincle 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. For Harvest Evensong, and as a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Murray, on their ruby wedding anniversary.

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BIRTH

TAYLOR.—On October 4th, 1966, to Jennie (née Davies) and Jim, a daughter, Penelope Jane, sister for Jacqueline and Rosalind. 134

DEATH

WHITE.—At Bournemouth on September 14th, 1966, Annie Elizabeth, dearest mother of Maisie, Marcia and Muriel. At rest. 154

RETURN THANKS

MRS. JACK RUSSELL and family would like to thank all ringing friends in the Kent County Association for their very kind letters of sympathy. Grateful thanks to those who were able to attend the service at Birchington Church. 141

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHAPMAN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman (formerly 64, Pilgrims Way, Canterbury) is now 8, Homefield, Thornbury, Bristol, Glos. 135

HUNT.—The address of D. John Hunt and Gillian M. (formerly Hussey) Hunt is now 8, Glenarm Road, Brislington, Bristol 4. No phone yet. 144

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DAVID P. HILLING. — The telephone number of David Hilling, of 57, Bryant Avenue, Slough, Bucks, is now Chalvey Park 65828 (S.T.D. code 0753), City office number remains unchanged. 119

PERSONAL

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."—Proverbs xxv, 28.

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
The Sixth Bell Fund
Saturday, October 29th. Choral Evensong 6 o'clock, followed by a recital of sacred music.
Bells open for ringing from 5 o'clock. 124

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Dinner will be held at Wells Town Hall on November 12th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names essential with remittance of £1 to Mr. D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea, Backwell, by November 1st.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —Annual dinner, Saturday, November 26th, at 7 p.m. at the Union, Edgbaston. Tickets £1. Ringing arrangements with tickets. Only limited accommodation available. Names, with money, to J. R. White, The Union, University Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, by Wednesday, November 16th, please. 162

BRISTOL FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 29th, 1966
Thirty-one towers open. For full programme see "Ringing World" of September 23rd. Redcliffe (12) will be available from 2.30–4.30, and not as shown. 145

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 29th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m.
Tickets (21/-) from P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, not later than Wednesday, October 26th S.A.E., please. 020

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — The Annual Dinner will be held at the Victoria and Station Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 29th. Tickets (25/- each) from Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. Ringing at Walton-le-Dale and Samlesbury from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and at Penwortham and at St. John's, Preston, from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. 018

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—New District secretary: Mr. K. Davis, Apple Acre, Union Road, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent. 150

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.—Applications for the use of the bells for peals or visits should be addressed to Mr. Neil Bennett, 12, Union Road, Ashton-under-Lyne; or to Mr. Jeffrey Brannan, 10, Quickedge Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne (Tel. 061 MY8 2424). S.A.E. must be included. 138

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—There will be no ringing at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, from October 24th, 1966, until November 8th, 1966, as woodwork in the church is being treated against woodworm. 059

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Our Annual Dinner is being held on Saturday, November 26th, at the Drummond Arms Hotel, Hythe. Tickets (21s. 6d.) from Miss H. A. Walters, Chamberlain Hall, Bassett, Southampton. Ringing arrangements with tickets.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Templecombe (6), Saturday, October 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 117

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Loxton (6) on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 156

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, October 22nd. Bells from 3 to 5 p.m. No service. Tea in Parish Rooms, followed by business meeting. Chilvers Coton bells available in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone 3296. Note change.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 065

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District).—Joint meeting, Swanwick (6), October 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to E. J. Sterland, Ogston, The Meadows, Swanwick, Derbys. **Ripley** bells (8) available from 6 to 8.30 p.m. **Please attend.** —E. J. Sterland, Clive Thrower, Hon. Secs. 137

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. — Quarterly meeting, Whitbourne, October 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 127

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western and Midland Districts.—Joint meeting on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available: Brown Edge (6) 3 to 4 p.m.; Norton-le-Moors (8) 4 p.m. and after tea; Newcastle-under-Lyme (10) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Service at Norton 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Horn and S. Chesterton, Dis. Secs. 9965

LADIES GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Ross-on-Wye, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Central Café, Ross-on-Wye. Names, please, as soon as possible.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon 129

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

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Royal Oak.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec 133

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS
Dorchester, Dorset.

RINGERS' FESTIVAL

The annual Ringers' Festival will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, and Sunday, October 23rd.
Ringing arrangements will be:
Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Open to all ringers.
Sunday, Oct. 23rd, 7.30 a.m.–8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.15 a.m.–11a.m. Morning Prayer 2.30 p.m.–5 p.m. Open to all ringers.

Visiting ringers will be welcome at all times. The tower will be open to any ringers and to the general public during Sunday afternoon.—R. H. Duke, Captain and Towerkeeper. 099

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M. at Debenham (8), October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 at the Vicarage, followed by A.G.M. Names for tea to H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, Suffolk.—H. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 097

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Catherington, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 till 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Farmer's Inn Hut. Evening ringing also at SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, 6.30 till 8.30. 102

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY. — Meeting on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells: Aberdare 12–1 p.m., Llanfaes 2.30–4 p.m., St. Mary's, Brecon 6–8 p.m. Tea and meeting at Llanfaes.—Miss H. N. Essen. 155

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Hanbell assemblage at Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham (off A.40 to Gloucester), on Wednesday, October 26th, from 7 o'clock. Demonstration of change ringing by Cheltenham band, and tune ringing by Bishop's Cleeve School band, 7.30 p.m. Tuition by Cyril Wratten and Francis Fairbank. Refreshments 1s. Individuals and bands all welcome. Names to Vicarage by 24th.—J. Homfray. 111

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Tetbury, Wednesday, October 26th. Bells 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting 8.15 p.m. — H. Heath. 147

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at Manchester Cathedral on **Wednesday**, October 26th. Bells available from 7 p.m.—J. Brannan. 164

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham (6) on October 29th, starting 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue. Special method: London Scholars' Pleasure 136

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Mary's, Liscard, October 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin. 166

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 140

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Thrybergh (6), Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 3 o.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. 143

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Consett on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Tyson, 1, Seymour Street, Consett, Durham. 153

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Wendreda's, March, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J Fox, Dis. Sec 161

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blaisdon, Glos, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Notify Miss J. Pickering, Sunnyside, Blaisdon, Glos, for tea. 151

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, October 29th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B R. Simpson, Dis Sec. 112

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Pontesbury, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 146

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 139

LADIES' GUILD — Central District. — Meeting at Willesden. Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Calverley on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. Dawson, 34, Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, by previous Wednesday. 160

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Louth, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. Avery, 33, Broadbank, Louth, by Wednesday previous. 123

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Silk Willoughby, Saturday, October 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Collin, Church Lane, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs, by Monday, October 24th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 157

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Brafield on Saturday, October 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford 9969

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Weldon, October 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to R. Webster, 17, Church Street, Weldon, Corby, by 25th. 165

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

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Meeting in Dundee on Saturday, October 29th. Two 8-bell towers—St. Paul's Cathedral 2.30, discussion about A.G.M., 4.30, and Old Steeple at 6 p.m.—Rögnvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 152

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting, Godstone (8), Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted, by Wednesday, October 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 120

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, November 2nd. Ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m. All standard methods.—W. S. Deason. 055

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 5th. Milton Ernest bells (6) 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5. Bletsoe (6) from 6.15.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 163

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Whitnash, November 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. (Tel. Leamington 26089.)—P. S. Bennett. 116

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Howard-Davies, The Rectory, Sible Hedingham, by Wednesday, November 2nd, please. 158

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Eastry, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per person. Names, together with cash, please, to Mr. R. Deveson, The Bakery, Eastry, Sandwich, by Wednesday, November 2nd. 149

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, November 5th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guy Dis. Sec., The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 159

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Over 80 ringers attended the autumn festival of the Penzance Branch, held at Helston on October 8th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. M. Woollan, who welcomed the Guild.

The ladies of the church provided a substantial tea and we offer our thanks for their generous hospitality. After tea the business meeting was held, when the Vicar presented a number of long-service certificates.

An invitation was received from Landewednack to hold the spring festival there, and the date provisionally booked is April 29th. Ringing also took place at Crowan, Mawgan and Wendron.

Towers represented at Helston were: Carbis Bay, Gulval, Landewednack, Lelant, Madron, Mawgan, Paul, Phillack, Towednack and Wendron. M. C.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The September meeting was held at Idle on the 24th. After debate on the merit of Bradford's trolley-buses, ringers ascended the steps to raise the bells in peal.

Unfortunately a wedding was due to start at 4 o'clock, and although the happy couple had the benefit of free ringing, the ceremony interrupted the meeting for about half an hour.

Once again numbers remained constant at about 13, and although it is disappointing not to see more members attending meetings, it must be stressed that all those who were present enjoyed the ringing.

Sandwiches were eaten in the nearby schoolroom, and at the short meeting thanks were conveyed to the local company for the cups of tea. Some subscriptions for the year were also collected. C. S. N.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT'S RALLY TESTS DRIVERS' KNOWLEDGE

As in past years, October 1st saw a small gathering of cars on Nomansland Common for the annual outing. After being asked questions on the Highway Code and a few general knowledge questions, the car crews were given a set of written instructions and questions to find answers to, plus that sealed envelope "in case of emergencies," and set loose, when ready, on the county.

Those who managed to start in the right direction found themselves crossing Waterend Ford and heading to Welwyn and then on to Tewin. It was cross country to Ware, and after a short stretch of main road the route was via smaller roads to Roydon and up to the edge of Harlow. It was on this stretch that some of us began to pass familiar cars travelling in the opposite direction!! It is amazing how much confusion and laughter that causes!

At Harlow we knew we must be near the end, but the last clue, a pub situated on a corner as we turned off had many of us fooled. It was a case of cars in all directions as some returned to answer the question, others carried on with much uncertainty and laughter to follow the final directions and arrive at Sawbridgeworth to hand in answer sheets and then wait for all the cars to arrive, and the final results.

Tea was in a café nearby. There was more laughter when it was discovered one of the last to leave Nomansland nearly arrived before most of the others put together! On checking answers it seemed that counting the spokes in the cartwheels at one point in the journey seemed to be too much of an effort for some! Many failed to see "where the knight left his horse"—the "hitching rail" in the forecourt of the Crusader in one small village! Several had been stumped by the question before starting, "Where do the six main roads from London (A.1, A.2, etc.) eventually finish?" And a big surprise was the fact that not one of the drivers could name the six six-bell towers in the county!!

At long last the final missing car appeared. The points were added and the results announced. The first prize went to—need you ask—the "family" Dodds, with their usual high marks. Second to Tony Kench and Julia, and third to Graham Sillis, Babs and the South Mimms girls.

Geoff Dodds spoke for all when he thanked this year's organisers, Gerald Penney, Eric Edmondson, Graham Ridgeway and Marian Perry, for all the hard work put in by each to make what we all agreed was certainly a very enjoyable outing; the route chosen was extremely pretty—and even the weather cleared for us.

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