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"THE PEAL IS A SACRED COW!"

BROWSING through some past "Ringing World's", it is evident that there is repeated trouble from the public about our ringing. The curse of it to the non-ringing fraternity is partly the noise level, but more especially the length of time which bell-ringers ring when ringing goes on for hours on end as in a peal.

What are some of the facts? Most towers are in the middle of built-up areas — as we would expect churches to be. Peals take anything from two and a half hours to three and a half hours or more. The ringing fraternity itself is conscious of the noise level, or else efforts would not be made in some towers to erect shuttering, bricking-up, using sound-absorbing material, and the various devices for reducing the noise level. Why, at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, I understand all this is so effective that the bells cannot even be heard outside. It's a bit like putting a 100 watt electric bulb inside an opaque shade!

There must be thousands and thousands of folks who enjoy our bells, but haven't the faintest idea of the mechanics of composition. No repetition of a change, or an "extent", means nothing to them. They couldn't care less. But they do appreciate rounds, the going into changes, and the coming into rounds again before stopping. In fact, they appreciate the "touch", though they probably don't know that that is what it is called. When bells go on ringing for hours on end, with, to them, no particular reason, they get thoroughly fed up. Peals may well have done more harm than good! No wonder incumbents are pestered. No wonder incumbents oft-times restrict ringing to 45 or 60 minutes, peals to one a year, or even no peals at all.

What is the prime cause of all this? It is simply that today, as in the past, we accept the peal as requiring 5,040 changes on seven bells or less, 5,000 (or more) on eight bells or more. What a pity that the 720 was never regarded as the peal! And what good fortune that 40,320 is beyond the range of most! To many ringers, the peal is a selfish achievement at the expense of the outside world. And what is there in it after all? It is mainly a feat of endurance. I've done it several times myself, and each time I do it I wonder why I bow down to such conservatism. For we stubbornly hang on to the tradition of our forefathers, regardless of the public interest.

How pedantic to select 5,000 changes as the minimum for any peal on eight or more bells. 5,040 would have had some reason behind it. But then, some peals go on to 5,200 plus. There is no limit. The issue is purely one of endurance. In that respect I see little difference between pole squatters, or people who spend months alone in a cave, and peal ringers.

Don't think I am entirely against such feats. As a glider pilot possessing a "Silver C" certificate and badge, amongst the things I had to do was to remain airborne in a glider for a minimum of five hours. Crazy you might say, especially when I tell you I did this in the bitter cold in Germany, in an open cockpit, mid January. But then, this interfered with no one, and was purely my own affair.

Peal ringers can do what they like in battened-up towers, isolated towers, or in homes with handbells, or anywhere where they are not a nuisance to others. It's all due to the slavish acceptance of the 5,000 or more. The peal is a sacred cow!

Wouldn't it be more sensible to pin our peals to a 720, or even a 1,260, and be hanged to the 5,000 (except behind bars)? Let it be noted that there are half as many quarter peals again as peals published in "The Ringing World." And just why should a peal in "The Ringing World" take up three and a half times the space of a quarter-peal, just because it carried on four times as long, and was probably eight times the nuisance?

What about it all?

REBELLIOUS.

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Worcestershire & Districts Assn. Dinner

SATURDAY, October 22nd, was not only the date of the annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association but was also the last day of Summer Time. It is becoming something of a tradition to hold this event on that day—the advantages of having it so need no explaining!

The dinner was again held in the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, and was attended by 127 members and friends, including visitors from Bournemouth and Leicester. This hall has been the venue for the past six years but redevelopment plans make it seem likely that another hall will have to be found for next year.

One of the features of the Worcester dinner is that speeches are kept to a minimum and, following the loyal toast, the Rev. J. G. Barnish, R.D., rose to propose the toast of "The Association." Mr. Barnish is Rector of All Saints', Worcester, and is also Diocesan Director of Religious Education. Remarking that bellringing is part of our national heritage and that no church is complete without a ring of bells, he said that today people are very concerned with freedom. Before he came to Worcester he was Vicar of Cleeve Prior, and there he had found that the parishioners had also been very concerned with freedom three centuries ago when, during the time that it was illegal to have church bells rung, they had gone ahead and ordered four new bells from Bromsgrove.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Barnish also referred to some points from the secretary's report for the previous year and said that members must not be complacent that the Association had a membership of over 500. As the secretary had pointed out, there were over 1,000 bells in the area and if all were to be rung there should be many more members.

Replying to the toast, the Rev. H. L. Davies, chaplain to the Association, also stressed the need for new members. He said that one of the features of bellringing was the way it attracted people from all walks of life and of all ages. Mr. Davies went on to say that he was glad that the Rector of All Saints' had been invited because it gave the Association an opportunity of thanking him for the way in which his church and bells were always at their disposal for the annual service each Easter Monday.

The only other toast was "The Chairman," this position being occupied by the Association's president, the Very Rev R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester. The toast was proposed by the Master of the Association, Mr. W. B Cartwright, who said that once again it was his duty to thank the Dean for his interest and the help he gave them.

COMING HOME

In his reply, the Dean said that members would probably be interested to hear that he had now retrieved one of the early Cathedral bells which had been disposed of to various places in the country in the last century, when the new ring of 12 was installed. This particular bell had gone to Holy Trinity, Worcester, now a redundant church, and so the bell had come back home again. It was interesting to link this with Mr. Barnish's remarks earlier in that this bell came from almost the same period. It was dated 1640 and inscribed "God Save The King"—the King being Charles I, beheaded in 1649. As to the bell's future now that it was back he had not yet decided, but it would probably go on show.

After the interval the company was entertained. Traditionally the first item is change ringing on handbells, and L. J. Haines, M. R. Ashmore, D. G. Franklin and D. Beacham rang courses of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and "Scalded Witch." This was followed by John Hinton playing tunes on his boxed handbells, and then John's 10-year-old son Philip gave a short piano recital. Following this, the professionals took over, and Eric Williams and his party kept the company amused for a further 45 minutes. D. B.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AID TO LEARNERS

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION is no stranger in the realm of teaching learners. Assistance to struggling towers has been given in the form of special monthly practices, in some cases ranging over several years. The Association provides an instructor and a team of competent ringers to assist the local band. In this way some eight towers have been helped

This year a committee of the Northern District, Mr. Christopher Mew, saw a need for instruction in the theoretical side of change ringing. He undertook to give a course of six lectures on elementary change ringing.

The series followed this pattern:—

(1) First steps: Plain hunting, methods and principles, method construction, the lead, place notation.

(2) Method construction, the plain course, transposition of lead-ends.

(3) The nature of the bob, the effect of the bob, types of bob, position of bob, subsequent work.

(4) The single, coursing order, conducting—position of calls, "observation" bells and position; writing down simple touches, text book styles.

(5) Results of calls, transpositions, simple touches.

(6) Types of compositions, simple proof of Bob Major, aids to ringing, bibliography, test paper.

The lectures took place in the Vestry Hall at Putney on consecutive Wednesdays in September and October, each session lasting for about 1½ hours. Diagrams and figures were written out on kitchen paper, previously ruled into squares, and a blackboard was used. This appeared to make points made in the lecture more clear. Squared paper was provided for the pupils to carry out exercises. Duplicated notes were distributed covering all aspects of the lectures and, when made up in the folder, provided a useful and comprehensive manual of reference.

The attendance at the lectures was most gratifying; thirty-eight different people attended from 13 towers. Ten persons attended all six lectures. A short test was given at the end of the course and one-third of the papers scored 80 per cent. or over: the top mark was gained by a lady ringer—95 per cent.

These lectures have undoubtedly been a success and the Surrey Association is most grateful to Mr. Mew for the time and effort he has put into them.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Cheesman 1, A. J. Adams 2, Andrea Tilley 3, Elizabeth Farrow 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, G. R. Smerdon 6, G. Huxley 7, L. Reece 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. F. Layton.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 13th, at Holy Trinity, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cox 1, Irene Park 2, G. A. Barker 3, I. Eggleston (first quarter) 4, P. M. Park (first as cond.) 5, R. Park 6.

REDEDICATION LECHLADE GLOS

THE rededication of the rehung ring of six at St. Lawrence's Church, Lechlade, was performed by the Bishop of Gloucester on Saturday, October 22nd, in the presence of a large congregation which included ringers from a dozen towers, one party having made the journey from Bedford. The Loughborough Foundry was represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

After the choir, clergy, churchwardens and Bishop had entered in procession during the singing of "O Worship the King," the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Radcliffe-Cox) welcomed the visitors and thanked all those who made it possible to carry out the work.

The service included Psalm 122 and well-known hymns, which were sung with great gusto. "Lifted high within the steeple," set to the tune "Austria," went particularly well.

Immediately following the dedication prayers a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung under the direction of Mr. W. F. Scudamore, Association Ringing Master. The band included Mr. W. Godwin (Ringing Master, Cirencester Branch), the other members being local ringers.

One group of prayers was led by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Rector of Bromsberrow and chairman of the Association. The collection swelled the Bell Restoration Fund by £19 10s.

After the service, refreshments were served in the school by the ladies of the P.C.C., following which the ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 7 p.m. All agreed that Messrs. Taylors had done an excellent job both in improving the "go" of the bells and in mellowing their tone.

On the previous evening a most successful dance was held in the Memorial Hall in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. A profit of £40 was realised and a draw, for which nearly 3,000 tickets were sold, brought in a further £70. Coupled with the draw was a competition for guessing the total weight of the bells in pounds. A sealed envelope from the foundry was opened and the weight was announced as 5,943 lbs. The winner was Mr. Mike Cook, tower secretary of All Saints', South Cerney, who was only 1 lb. short We were all surprised to know that the tenor, which has been reckoned to weigh varying amounts from 14¼ cwt. to 17 cwt., does in fact only scale 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. H. R. L.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The October meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held jointly at the two Ogbournes, St. Andrew and St. George, on the 22nd. In the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley), the ringing was under the direction of Mr. F. Read (viceman), and visitors were present from Nailsea and Backwell (Somerset), Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon and the Royal Air Force, Wroughton. Unfortunately after an hour's ringing the treble clapper came adrift and, breaking the slider in the process, brought the proceedings to an abrupt close.

After the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Dunn), a move was made to Ogbourne St. George, where tea had been provided in the Village Hall.

Thanks were expressed by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) to the Vicar, the organist (Mr. Wiltshire) and, not least, to Mr. and Mrs. White and their tea helpers.

Ringing was resumed on St. George's heavy five until 7.30 p.m., this bringing an eventful afternoon and evening to a very wet end. W. E. A.

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College of Campanology's 10 years of Usefulness to Exercise

"Pro Deo et Ecclesia"

NOTICE, in a recent issue's advertisement columns, of the dissolution of the College of Campanology, evokes not only a sense of regret but also an attempted review of what this society of ringing people may have meant to the Exercise.

Born ten years ago in a surge of optimism the College sought, by practical means, to institute a remedy for what was being recognised by many conscientious ringers of that time as no longer tenable; namely, the lack of rational and more carefully detailed ways of ringing training, especially with the increase in practice of more complex ringing methods.

The project was envisaged almost simultaneously in Eire and in Britain; but, as the latter's Press invitation came out first, Irish support was generously given to it.

The proposed College had three main objectives:—

(a) The collection of up-to-date information on all theoretic and technical aspects of ringing, for dissemination in lectures, pamphlets and book form; this last being planned as the "Ringers' Manual of Reference" in nine "Parts."

(b) The raising of standards of training by definitive demonstration, by affiliation of Ringing Schools and by courses of instruction of three kinds:—
  (i) The One-day Instructors' Course.
  (ii) The Week-end All-grades Residential Course.
  (iii) The Three-monthly Serial Course for Beginners.

(c) The building up of "Panels" of Tutors and Examiners, through whom the standards could be maintained, and certificates of proficiency awarded as desired

Invitations were issued, both by letter and through the columns of "The Ringing World," to join those putting forward this project in drawing up a constitution for, and establishing, the proposed College. To arouse immediate interest a draft script of "Part One" of the proposed Manual was submitted to "The Ringing World," and comment, constructive criticism and suggestions were invited from the Exercise generally.

Unfortunately one or two well-known ringers took the (mistaken) view that the provisional rough draft was to be set up as "The Law of the Medes and Persians that altereth not"—for ringing; and that the College would be some sort of body of opposition. Indeed there was some attempted ridicule in reference to the proposed certificates of proficiency (similar to those issued by many Ringing Associations) as "speech day presentations of parchments tied up in ribbon." In fact the College has shown itself to be jealous in the issuing of its certificate awards—the tests being clear-cut, and the purpose—maintenance of set standards. However, the College has awarded for meritorious service four honorary fellowships

The ultimately adopted constitution of the "College of Campanology" demonstrated the fallacy of the initial criticism. Ringing is, of course, a voluntary service, just as has been the service for the College of all its members, with no **compulsive** examinations or tests Far from being "in opposition" in any sense, the College claims to have endeavoured to be co-operative, for example in the arranging of courses in any given ringing area together with the local bodies.

FIRST RESIDENTIAL WEEK-END

The first residential week-end was that at Dillington House, Somerset, run in conjunction with the local education authority. It made ringing history, in so far as it has proved to be the "parent" of the now well-established form of week-end ringing course, often organised entirely locally.

A direct development of one of the College week-end courses was an invitation from the Director of the Royal College of Music to confer as to their proposal to introduce Campanology into the College syllabus. The Principal had a discussion with the Director and his Registrar, and was able to offer several proposals which the College of Music noted for consideration, and expressed great interest therein. Future action was bound up with the Director's visit to the U.S.A., however and remained "under consideration."

Another request for guidance was from the Boy Scouts' Association in regard to proficiency badges in bell ringing. In complying the College made reference also to the Central Council as an advisory body.

AN INDICATION OF WORK

For several years the College called for fairly detailed reports annually from its members, and from these was compiled an annual or triennial return, appropriately. The following particulars are taken from the last rendered return, i.e. end of second triennial period: Correspondents (local representatives) 20; tutors 36; examiners 12; College officers in 35 counties in Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Eire; also in Southern Rhodesia Tanganyika, U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand Affiliated Schools of Ringing 5, (to that date —); Learners instructed 736; Beginners helped 542; Locations or centres of instruction active 16; Courses run by the College and/or individual members 48; Recommendations to promote College activity 213.

Talks (not courses) including broadcasts on ringing subjects 163; Special efforts to promote Sunday service ringing (specified in the constitution of the College) reported as well distributed; Tower inspections and reports by College consultants and members 143. One or two bell augmentations reported as directly due to members' advice and/or perseverance.

The issue of leaflets on college work, publications and courses has proved helpful. Part I of the Manual series has run through two editions and inquiries are reported as still being made concerning it Entitled "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing,' it is a compendium of experience of several leading ringers and tutors Introducing some quite new "mechanics" in ringing training it shows how instruction in bell control and in method ringing can be given effectively **before** any specific method itself is attempted Part II—"Method Structure in Change Ringing" is patently unique in its coverage and treatment of this subject. High praise has been reported in these columns from leading figures of the Exercise (Vol. lxii, 1966, pages 339 and 490.) Experts in their various fields had promised to contribute to the remaining seven parts, but some are no longer with us and others have not found the time. (The remaining parts were planned as: III—"Introduction to Method Ringing on Tower Bells"; IV—"Handbell Change Ringing": V—"Composition and Proof"; VI—"Calling and Conducting"; VII—"Belfry Administration and Maintenance": VIII—"The Art of the Carillon": IX—"Historical, Bells, Towers, Records"). However, arrangements have been made for continuance of distribution of current editions and of any future issues on this plan.

DISSOLUTION

The foregoing factors and others, including the Founder-Principal's intended retirement and the real difficulty in securing the voluntary service of younger people to carry on the work, led the Administrative Committee to approach the College Governors (12) and active members and affiliated schools for a policy decision. The conclusion was that it might be preferable to effect dissolution of the College now, while those experienced in handling its affairs are still in office. So this was the decision, the "official" notice (referred to above) making immediate dissolution effective. Three members of the College Administrative Committee are to continue to "stand by" until the end of 1966 to deal with any outstanding matter that might arise. It is understood that any (necessarily small) credit balance that might then remain in the financial accounts of the College is to be offered as a donation to the funds of "The Ringing World." It is intended to offer to the Central Council for its archives a portfolio of papers giving information as to the foundation and activities of the College during the ten years of its life. And points from its didactic experience and results are to be at the disposal of the Sunday Service and Education Committee of the Central Council, on request at any time up to the end of 1966.

Looking back it may be asked "Has it all been worth the effort?" It has been honoured by a Bishop as its patron, and a world-famous ringer as its first president. Its 12 governors have included some of the best-known ringing personalities in the Exercise, while its members include some in various parts of the Commonwealth. The following unsolicited extract comments are indicative:

TRIBUTES

". . . When it (the College) no longer exists they (the Exercise) will realise what they have lost It has given much valuable service, and the work which it has begun will live on afterwards" (Lifelong ringer, tutor and officer of ringing societies and retired member of Central Council.)

". . . I am sure that the results of (these) great efforts will not just die away. I should be surprised if the high standards (the College) has set have not permeated throughout the country and done much good in that way." (Retired president of a university ringing society and local tower officer.)

". . . In ten short years the College has exercised tremendous influence in the educational and instructional field, and I am sure that the very many who have responded to its challenge have never regretted it. There can be no doubt that the College has won for itself a permanent place in the annals of ringing . ." (Retired officer of Universities' Association and of county ringing association.)

And from Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council: "Colleges and Societies of many kinds come into existence to meet a need; they flourish and then inevitably their work is completed. What is of real importance is the lasting value of their work. And undoubtedly the work of this College is of very great lasting value. . . To constitute an important step in the progress of any great human art (painting, music, science) is to become part of human history. To be able to say that (one) has made a contribution to history is to say something important I personally am most grateful to you, and I am sure the many who have benefited must be grateful also . . ."

Senior officers of the College wish to thank publicly all who have supported and encouraged it throughout its life.

A. Y.-B.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

On a warm, sunny, autumn day the last Monmouth Branch meeting of the year was held at Chepstow on October 8th. A large crowd of ringers gathered here from both sides of the River Severn, an area fast becoming known as "Severnside" because of the new bridge. Around the tea table was a happy mixture of accents, Welsh mingled with "Forest" and "Somerset."

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Barrie-Evans, and Master Richard Shore read the lesson. One new member, Roger Bastin, of Newport, was elected It was reported that the quarter-turning of Bedwellty bells had been completed.

Next meeting: Marshfield, January 14th, 1967.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Claire Bray 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A Stone 4, C E. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. J. Lambert 6. For the wedding of Susan Lanham and Anthony Messenger.

Letters to the Editor

SPLICING—SOMETHING NEW

Sir,—I was most interested in Mr. Lomas's very clear article on splicing. How true the old saying: "Different ships, different long splices"! Though I'd always supposed the reference was to wire, of which I know three different methods.

But though I've been splicing rope for at least 70 years I've never come across Mr. Lamas's finish for a long splice in hemp. The orthodox finish has always seemed a poor show for a bellrope, as it gives three lumps nearly as big as the single one of a short splice, and it never therefore seemed worthwhile, at the expense of a good deal of good rope. But Mr. Lomas's finish puts a new complexion on it and completely overcomes this handicap. I'd be interested to know whence he got it Did he invent it or has it been passed down, or does it appear in any book?

My one doubt would have been as to whether it would not require serving over. But obviously the author has complete knowledge of it and seen it in action, and indeed my criticism applies equally to what one might call the old standard method of finish. Halved and quartered ends are likely to pull out on a bell rope and from the very nature of Mr. Lomas's finish, where there is no direct pull on the half strands, this is less likely than in the "orthodox" finish, where the strain is direct.

Thank you, Mr. Lomas. One is never too old to learn.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. JERRAM, Lt.-Col

Helford, Cornwall.

Note.—Another reader writes: " . . . the best article I have read in 'The Ringing World' for years."—Ed.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING FOR WEDDING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peter Pavey asks in "Belfry Gossip" if any other towers besides St. David's, Exeter, have rung half-muffled for a wedding. Long Sutton, Somerset, bells were rung in this fashion about 18 months ago, although the reason for so doing was slightly different from that given at Exeter. A friend of the bride's father was to be buried in the churchyard earlier on the day of the wedding In view of the fact that both burial and wedding were to take place on the same day and in the same church the family asked if the wedding bells could be rung half-muffled. Naturally, permission was given for this to be done.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. B. MARSHALL.

Long Sutton Vicarage,
Langport.

CONGRATULATIONS, WITH MISSING METHOD QUERY

Dear Sir,—Since I was the first person to conduct a peal in 100 Minor methods, I would like to congratulate Anthony R. Peake on his achievement in being the first to conduct a peal in 100 Major methods. Also my congratulations to the rest of the band who made Mr. Peake's feat possible.

I can only count 99 methods published, so I am wondering if one was lost during transit. —Yours truly,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

CONFUSION IN COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—This is the first time that I have written to "The Ringing World" and I put pen to paper in the hope that certain points which confuse me and almost certainly confuse others may be clarified. I find that in many publications, Central Council or otherwise, whilst clear, concise explanations are given of the elementary terms and to some extent of the more complicated, the links between the two are usually dealt with somewhat summarily. Allow me to explain, by some practical examples, what I mean.

A little over three years ago, three ringers just capable of Plain Bob decided that if they were going to ring peals they would have to form a band and conduct their own. With the help of the "Lancashire" book they found out about coursing orders. It also stated that the best peal to start with is Howlett's:—

W, M and 5H (– S – – S), 5H, W and 5H twice repeated.

They picked out the lead-ends for this and it did not come round There is a W missing. From "Ropesight," which explains very simply how to set out the course-ends in columns and how to check them, they were able to find where the missing W went and also to prove it was true.

The above points out the first lesson, **never ring a peal without first proving it.**

Proof of Plain Bob abounds, but what happens to the proving columns in more ambitious methods like St. Clement's or Yorkshire, where a bob before cuts out leads, not puts them in, and which column do you write the false course-ends in? I have yet to find this explained.

The articles I have read on proof use most of the space deciding if it is false lead-heads or false lead-ends they are trying to find. "Who cares?—call them what you like and explain (with examples) in simple words how to get and use them.

An example of not explaining is taken from a C.C. publication. "The Blue Line System of Extracting False Course-heads." This is the one I find easiest to follow on this subject but—page 1 states the user of this system must write out a skeleton course. **Why?** It it not referred to again. Page 6 says "read off the false course-head." **How?**

An example now of what can happen to a composition. A gentleman I know is planning to call 5,040 Plain Bob Royal by R. W Pipe ("Ringing World," page 640). He has worked out from a plain course that the calling positions for the tenor are 1: 9.10 up, 4: make the bob, 5: run out, 8:7.8, down and 9: 9.10 down also the 6 without explanation at 9 are all bobs. When I tried to explain that this was not the way to call this peal I was told that Mr. Pipe knows more about ringing than I will ever know (true), and he would not put in print anything which was wrong, but what will they say when the peal comes round 1762398450?

Mr. Smith is guilty of four unexplained bobs at home ("Ringing World," page 590).

5,056 Double Norwich by R. D. Bradley ("Ringing World," page 696), the standard calling positions are numbered leads, i.e. 1.4.5.6. Where is H and O and is the "X" a double bob as in Stedman?

I hope these few examples of hard work and confusion may be of some help to the people who write future articles for "The Ringing World."—Yours faithfully,

F. BEECH.

Stafford.

STRUGGLING BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I note with keen interest all that is said about teaching beginners in the columns of this journal and elsewhere. Yet nearly all seem to present the case of teaching beginners at a tower where there is an abundance of ringers. Why not a thought to a "teacher" to a tower where all the ringers are "beginners"? From personal experience I try and give help at the weekly practices at two towers, usually with the help of another comparatively experienced ringer.

Teaching up to the plain hunt on five is fairly easy—then comes the difficult part. For example, four learners and two "teachers" ringing a plain course of Bob Doubles can sound really terrible—and this after careful explanation and writing out. One struggles on, week after week, until it seems to have been learned. Then, the next step is the 720. You discover that your beginners have been learning the plain course by numbers. (How else, I suppose? Ropesight is impossible in such a situation.)

At both the towers in question there is one thing that I've noticed missing in the so-called experienced towers—and that is a **real** warmth of fellowship. There is none of that nervous tension—do I really know my London Major "bob" work? Am I striking my bell properly? I enjoy trying to teach at these two towers despite the difficulties that are to be overcome. It's worth it, too! The smile of pleasure on the face of one of these beginners when he'd just completed his first quarter peal was something far more rewarding than if I'd rung a peal in umpteen Minor methods.

Perhaps I set my ultimate standards too low. What does concern me is that there are "silent" or struggling towers adjacent to strong towers. Which gives more satisfaction—a strong, active tower with a high standard adjacent to a struggling tower, or a strong, active tower from which its members gives constant help to their struggling neighbours?

Two or three years ago I was at a strong tower and asked the ringers there, "What about your near neighbours"? The answer, "Oh, we don't ring there; they only ring rounds and call changes." That answer was, to me, appalling. Are we neglecting the struggling towers to a level of incompetence? Do we just shrug our shoulders? After all, we are all ringing, or trying to ring, the bells of our churches, which give one message, whether there are three or twelve bells, and that is the message that they are the voice of the Church to the outside world. With this message in mind, perhaps our "experienced" ringers will look again and see if they can help out more at our silent and struggling towers. — Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL KING.

Wentworth, near Rotherham.

5,040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Just to point out a mistake on page 717 ("Ringing World," October 28th, 1966), in the peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major by Cornelius Charge. A block has been omitted. After 63245 insert:

	W	M	H
S	—	24365	
	—	32465	
	—	43265	

Yours sincerely,

GILES GALLEY,

Note.—The composition was printed as submitted. We thank the many readers who have written to point out the omission.—Ed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING

THE date was booked at the local ringers' meeting in January. So was the Church Hall. The Vicar put the date in his diary. So did the organist. Thus the plans were made for the annual joint meeting of four Guilds at Hillingdon on October 22nd. Came the week and feverish activity was the order The belfry was swept and dusted, the bells oiled and greased. Numerous ladies were detailed to cook, cut up, serve, wash up and generally work themselves to a standstill All seemed to be thought of.

Then Blow No. 1! Bill Birmingham, our M.C., couldn't make it. He promised to send the tools of his trade for another to step into his shoes. Blow No. 2! Bill Coles was going to the Guildford dinner instead of the Hillingdon tea. He would let us have his tape if George Hart would play it. George would and more! The weather forecast was fine and dry. Little did we realise what that really meant. At about five o'clock onwards it meant teeming wet rain!! And it didn't stop.

Hanfield's six bells were open at 2.30 p.m with Frank Corke's cheery face to welcome the visitors. John Hill had St. John's ten going soon after three and good practice was had, the level of the ringing remaining reasonably good for a mixed gathering of this kind.

The service was short and bright, with the ringers outsinging the choir. The Vicar surprisingly (to the locals) commenced his address with some lines of Housman's "Shropshire Lad" about the bells of Bredon. It was a new approach to the well-worn theme of bells and worship and indeed was greatly appreciated—a well thought out talk which left its mark on those who heard it.

Sixty-eight in the congregation, plus choir and clergy, plus those too late for service visitors, signalled panic stations in the Church Hall. By the time the Vicar said Grace there were 90 hungry (and thirsty) customers to be coped with instead of the 60-odd anticipated

SET OF TANKARDS

After a warm welcome to the four Guilds, the Vicar presented an inscribed tankard to the captain of St. John's Guild to commemorate the Guild's two recent successes in the tower-bell section of the Richmond Music Festival. It looked as though it would be several years before the shield presented by the Festival could be won outright, so there was a chance of a set of tankards if the Guild continued its successes! The tankard was donated by Mrs. Grace Goodfellow on this occasion!

Among visitors from London were Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Sanders, brought down by Jack Euston. It doesn't seem long ago that Reuben Sanders rang one of his birthday peals at Hillingdon. Memories of visits by George Kilby were rekindled by the presence of Mrs. Kilby The four Guilds were well represented, including a good sprinkling of general officers as well as officers of local Districts. Reg Darvill, of St. Albans, was taught to ring at Hillingdon, and here was his own son, Ken, looking remarkably like his father did in those early days. Old friends, Marjorie and Norman Genna, paid us one of their rare but always welcome visits.

THE SOCIAL

It is always a bit of a surprise to some of the locals that the social evening goes so well, but at 10.30 the visitors were saying "thank you for one of the best evenings yet"! The accordion playing of David Price, a young local ringer, has improved very much since we last heard him, and he soon had his audience singing. Norman and Mrs. Randall and son John gave great enjoyment with a variety of pieces on two violins and piano John Hill told of the visit recently of Middlesex ringers to Westminster Abbey, where they rang a quarter peal of London Surprise Major

George Hart had recorded this and played some of the latter part of the quarter. Bill Coles was also heard on tape giving his broadcast talk on handbells. This included some remarkable tune ringing by Mrs. Hughes. We had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Hughes, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lock, at one of the recent Hillingdon suppers.

The now famous cricket match was again won by the Oxford Guild, who soundly thrashed their Middlesex opponents. So the battered old china cup, which is the trophy for the winners, will remain in Slough belfry

And so to bed F. W. G

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch was held at Stow-on-the-Wold on October 22nd The chairman, the Rev L. W. Potter, R.D., presided.

The Rev. O A. Griffiths (Moreton-in-Marsh), the Rev R. W N. Harris (Temple Guiting) and the Very Rev. E. J. Camier (Lower Staughton) were elected honorary members of the Branch. Mr A. Rigg (Moreton-in-Marsh) and Mr P. Clifford (Stow-on-the-Wold) were elected as performing members.

The Branch secretary (Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell) reported that visiting ringers from Saffron Walden, on ringing at Adlestrop on August 28th reported that the treble bell was loose on the headstock and that repairs were needed to the wheel. Mr. P. R. Coveney, the secretary of the Chipping Norton Branch, carried out the repairs and the treble bell is now in good working order. It was decided to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Coveney.

The fourth bell at Bledington had been repaired by Mr F. White of Appleton, and the bells are now available for ringing.

It was decided to start weekly practices at Stow-on-the-Wold on Thursdays and the Rev P. Newing, of Blockley, and Mrs. Newing had volunteered to assist in the effort to provide more ringers It was also proposed to start practices at Moreton-in-Marsh on Fridays.

The secretary was asked to write to the Rector of Temple Guiting, inviting his tower and ringers to join the Association.

A short service was conducted by the Rural Dean. After tea some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung. A party of ringers, who were the guests of the Rev. Peter Newing, attended the meeting and expressed their pleasure in joining in a most enjoyable gathering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

There were eight entries for the first striking competition promoted by the Bath Branch and held on October 29th, viz.: St. Michael with St. Paul's, St. Mary's, Bathwick, A and B Corston A and B, Twerton, Dunkerton and Keynsham

A very enjoyable afternoon resulted. Mr Harry Sanger, from Evercreech, was the judge and he pointed out to each band the various reasons for their faults although he was pleased to say there was no poor ringing. The result was: 1 Corston B with 18 faults, 2 St. Michael with St. Paul's (24), 3 Corston A (24), but not quite such polished ringing as No. 2. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

A. F. L.

OBITUARY

MR. J. HALL

Ringers in the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association have lost their oldest member with the death on October 12th of Mr. Jack Hall at the age of 86 years. Jack Hall began his ringing career at the turn of the century and along with my grandfather, the late Mr. Tom Metcalfe was instrumental in teaching the ringers on the new bells at Ormesby in 1908. He conducted the first peal on these bells in 1910; it was Grandsire Triples and was rung by the local ringers he had helped to teach.

During the first world war his job took him to Tyneside, where he rang with the late Mr. Bill Barber I understand he was one of the umpires in Bill Barber's famous peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Gateshead, which Mr Barber conducted blindfolded. After 1918 Jack returned to Teesside and his ringing with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association often cycling 30 or 40 miles to ringing meetings He rang over 100 peals and was an active ringer till he was 80 years old.

As a token to his memory a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung by the local ringers of Ormesby on the bells which meant so much to him and on which he had rung so many times. T. M. C.

MISS ELIZABETH WILLS

With deep regret we record the passing of Elizabeth Wills at the early age of 19 at the Nuffield Orthopædic Hospital, Oxford, on October 20th.

Elizabeth, whose home was at 31, Norton Way, North Letchworth, Herts, was a first-year student at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, and had gained her University Blue for swimming last March. A few weeks later she was admitted to hospital, where she stayed, except for a few days spent at home, until her death She was taught to ring at Norton some six years ago by the late Horace Werrett, but when this band was wound up in 1964 she joined the Baldock band, where she soon made rapid strides. Her ability to pick up a new method was in context with everything that she did and that went for swimming, hockey, tennis and social work as well.

Liz, as she was affectionately known, rang a few peals her first being a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Wallington on February 13th, 1961. Her many activities prevented her taking part in many more.

I did not think that when I sat opposite her at the Hertford County Association's annual general meeting last April at Watford that I would be writing this some seven months later. She then told me she had just rung Spliced Surprise Major on a University tour.

Her humour will be sadly missed, as will her ability in Oxford and in Baldock, and, of course, her punctuality; she had the farthest to come and was always first to arrive.

To her parents and sisters, Caroline and Sally, both of whom have been taught to ring, we send our sincere sympathy in the passing of a true and great "gel." E. G. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

For their meeting on October 15th the Branch paid its first visit to Tharston. After ringing in the afternoon a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Macnaughton-Jones, with Mrs. Macnaughton-Jones as organist.

Tea was arranged and served by Mrs. H. Duffield and helpers, followed by the business meeting, with Dr. P. Jonason presiding.

Later, ringing took place at Tasburgh and Forncett as well as at Tharston and was much enjoyed on these three fives.

Next meeting: Diss.

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ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY, WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE

By W. L. EXTON

"Colston's cracked pancheons,
Screveton's egg-shells,
Bingham's tro-rollers and
Whatton's merry bells."
—An old rhyme.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE is a small Nottinghamshire village, straddling the main Nottingham to Grantham road, and situated about midway between the two. A village firmly divided between old and new, with a fine and beautiful church, dedicated to St. John of Beverley.

Perhaps its main claim to fame is the Cranmer Memorial Chapel, dedicated to Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was baptised in this church and worshipped here as a boy. Thomas Cranmer left for Cranmer at the age of 12 and as far as is known never returned, but amongst his many writings in later years he recalled the joy of hearing Whatton's merry bells across the meadows.

Of the bells Cranmer heard nothing is known, all the early records have since disappeared, and in 1590 Henry Oldfield came from his nearby Nottingham foundry to cast (or perhaps recast) the present tenor bell. This extremely fine bell, pessimistically given as 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E (diameter 44 inches), bears continuing witness to the skill of Henry Oldfield. Satisfaction must have been given, for in 1618 he was recalled and cast the front four bells to complete a ring of five, these bells remaining as a ring of five for nearly 300 years.

In 1870 the short central tower, surmounted by its equally short spire (viewed from the west end (as illustrated), was completely rebuilt, the old segmental arch from the south wall being removed and rebuilt into the north side of the tower The bells presumably were removed and replaced during this operation.

AUGMENTED TO SIX

The frame and fittings deteriorated during the ensuing years, for on October 30th, 1912, a parish meeting was held in the Church School Room, when it was decided to rehang the bells. A committee was appointed and from estimates submitted that of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon was accepted. The bells had their canons removed, were quarter turned and tuned on the Simpson five tone principle, and rehung in a new iron frame. Following a further meeting on August 8th, 1913, it was decided to add a new treble bell and so complete a ring of six bells.

As far as can be ascertained the bells have been rung for service and practice from that time until the present day, with only a short break during the last war.

About two years ago the ringers decided that the time had come when consideration must be given to the possibility of rehanging the bells on ball bearings. The existing brass bushes had become worn and loose, the gudgeons loose and scored and, despite the weekly oiling, the "go" was not all that could be desired. Permission to raise the necessary money was granted by the Parochial Church Council, although they could give no financial help due to other commitments.

During the next two years money was raised by various means, carol singing (and ringing), lectures for the Rural Community Council, a coffee evening and finally a skittles and putting tournament.

"DO IT YOURSELF"

In order to reduce costs, a "do it yourself" scheme was considered and, following a discussion with Mr. P. Taylor, and the granting of permission by the Parochial Church Council, a start was made on August 30th, with the dismantling of the bells and their fittings.

The work commenced with the tenor and the fifth, the wheels, clappers, pulley blocks and slider mechanisms being removed, timbers inserted across the frame below the bells and built up to the bell mouths, thus allowing the headstocks and bearings to be dismantled. The fittings were lowered to the ringing room, carried down the spiral staircase and delivered to Loughborough.

The process was repeated on the four remaining bells in turn During the time the bells were out of action the grease and oil was scraped from the bells, the frame and the floor, the bells and frame washed with paraffin and the floor with a detergent. Following this the frame was painted with rotorista, undercoat and gloss paint.

During the first week in October the headstocks, complete with their new bearings, the clappers rebushed and the pulley blocks complete with new pulleys and bearings were collected from Loughborough. Before leaving the foundry the tenor headstock was weighed and found to turn the scale at 2 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb., and in view of this it was decided to raise the headstocks by block and tackle rather than carrying them up the stairs.

By the following Sunday, October 16th, the restoration was sufficiently advanced to allow the bells to be rung for morning service. During the ensuing weeks the remainder of the work and redecoration had been completed, and the bells will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Ven. Brian Woodhams on November 11th at 7.30 p.m.

All the money for the restoration, except for a donation of £15 from the Parochial Church Council, has been collected by the ringers themselves. If any ringers are interested in our project, which now includes the provision of two additional bells to complete the octave, donations would be most gratefully received The above pen and ink drawing has been used to illustrate a Christmas card, and these are available (3s. per half dozen, 6s per dozen, plus 6d. packing and postage) from W L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, Nottingham.

In conclusion thanks are due to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and to our friends in the Derby Association and Southwell Guild for their kind assistance and encouragement during the whole of the work, and to all ringers and friends who have enthusiastically supported our fund-raising efforts.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble: C sharp. "All Gave Me." Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Second: B. "God Save His Chvrch." Robert Celstrop, 1618. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Third: A. 'Iames Celstrop, Richard Bel, Wardens." 1618. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Fourth: G sharp "My Roaringe Loude Doth Warning Give That Men Cannot Heare Always Live." 1618. 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Fifth. F sharp. "All Men That Heare My Mournful Sound, Repent Before You Lye in Ground." 1618. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor. E. "Thesus Be Ovr Spede." 1590. W.B. V.M. S.R.B. 13 cwt. 24 lb.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela C. Martin 1, I. J. Desborough 2, Diane J. Angell 3, Helen Y. Price 4, D. C. Price (cond.) 5, J. G. Cull 6. Half-muffled in memoriam John Wells, tower captain, died October 16th, aged 84.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

THE quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Yardley on October 15th, and was preceded by a striking competition. The crocketed spire of the Parish Church of St. Edburgha contains a beautiful ring of eight bells, and the ringing, being of a higher standard than is usually attained at open meetings, gave pleasure to those who like to stay outside the tower and listen.

The result of the competition, with comments upon the ringing, was given by Mr. Peter Border, who stated that the ringing generally was superior to that of last year's competition. The chief fault seemed to be a tendency to "clip" at backstroke. The band of Erdington Abbey, who rang a touch of Stedman Triples, were recorded the lowest number of faults.

In the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. Frank W. Perrens (vice-president) occupied the chair at the meeting. Messrs. P. Tovey and M Kirkham, of Aston, and Messrs. R Harris and P. L. D. Grove, of Solihull, were elected resident members of the Guild. The tower elections, as life members, of Miss D. M. Chapman (Bristol) and Messrs. R W. Sweet (Bristol), P. Bridle (Long Ashton), R. A. J. Inglis (Nottingham) and H. J. F. Muncey (Cambridge) were duly ratified.

For the next meeting, the annual, it was decided to seek permission to use St. Martin's Hall on the first Saturday in January, 1967.

The Ringing Master, Mr. Alan Ainsworth, extended an invitation to any band in the diocese to visit St. Martin's by arrangement, on a Tuesday evening, for a special practice, at which they would be assisted in ringing any method they desired.

The conditions at Yardley being ideal, both for ringing and judging a striking competition, it was agreed that permission be sought to hold a similar competition there in October, 1967.

The Vicar of Yardley, the Rev. David Edwards, who joined the ringers at tea, gave a warm welcome to the Guild.

Mr. Harold Fitter was heartily thanked making the excellent arrangements, and gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Fitter and her helpers for preparing tea.

ELSTOW OUTING

With Apologies to John Bunyan

SINCE the days of John Bunyan, who was born at Elstow, Bedfordshire, and became an enthusiastic bellringer there, the fine old English art of campanology has thrived at Elstow's ancient abbey church and in recent years an annual outing has been arranged.

Now in this year of grace it was decided that a visit should be made to a county many leagues to the south, a place renowned alike for its natural beauty, its bells and its bell-ringers. At the appointed time, therefore, on October 8th, a large party assembled at a prearranged meeting place and set out for this land of tree-clad hills and verdant plains.

Guided by one Robert of Elstow, who hath a fair knowledge of the terrain, being a student of theology in that distant place, the party proceeded south at a modest speed, there being a good deal of fog in the low-lying areas, and came, in time, to a great city, a place where dwelled many hundreds of thousands of people, and where merchandise in wondrous variety was offered for sale. Hampered by the fog and by the density of the population (for people spilled into the very roadway, there being insufficient houses to contain them), the party pressed on for many a weary mile until at last they found themselves clear of the great city and in open country. And now, as by a miracle, the fog lifted and a most wonderful sight presented itself, for they beheld the sought-for land, this "garden of England," in all the richness of its varied splendours.

And soon, at a place called Westerham, they stopped and practised their art on the splendid ring of eight bells. And presently they came to Sevenoaks, and the time being around noon, they refreshed themselves according to their various needs, after which they made their way to the Parish Church, where they were received by Philip of the House of Corby, a leader among the ringers of these parts. And there also was Andrew, son of Philip, and there was much hand shaking and gestures of welcome, and both hosts and guests did join together and ring upon the bells that most delightful method called London Surprise Major, and many other methods.

And this was the pattern of the day, and now the party were joined by Bob Sherlock and Fred Budgen, both dwellers in this part, who had an uncommon knowledge of the lay of the land hereabouts, and they happily attached themselves to the party for some hours and directed and guided them to Seal and Leigh, both places of wondrous charm and beauty, and at these places, too, the bells were rung And towards evening they came to a place called Brasted, where formerly lived one Edwin Lewis, a great servant of the art of campanology, and this place having a very fine set of six bells, they made merry in their accustomed manner, as they did also at nearby Sundridge, but here there was much creaking and groaning in the timbers of the bell frame.

And now it was time to say farewell to this hospitable and beautiful land, and so they retraced their steps and made their way homewards, pausing only at a place of public entertainment, where they refreshed themselves most plentifully, not only to assuage the thirst of the present, but as a sure guard against further thirst in the near future!

And they reached their various homes with grateful hearts, and long will they remember their welcome in that distant place. A. E. R.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Piddletrenthide on October 15th, when the heavy ring of five bells was rung to a variety of methods.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. B. Cattell, and Mr. Blythe, of Puddletown, played the organ. Ladies provided an excellent tea at the Vicarage for a company of 31, and welcome visitors included the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge), Guild secretary (Mr. J. T. Barrett) and Mrs. Barrett. The Branch chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) presided at the business meeting.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERFAN

Quarter Peals rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan Disaster on October 21st.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Carol E. Cousins 3, Amanda S. Powell 4, Wendy J. Wallace (first as cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. S. G. Harrison (first "inside") 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, Dr. S. G. Harrison 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Goodearle 1, H. Baker 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton (first "inside") 4, S. G. Waters 5, H. Deacon 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, V. H. Paine (first of Triples) 8. 50th quarter together 6 and 7.

BLAENAVON, MON.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Swain 1, A. Bainham 2, D. Phillips 3, L. Bainham 4, J. Prytherch (first quarter) 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. E. Brundrett 1, Heather Cottrell (first quarter) 2, D. Cormell (first quarter) 3, D. C. Vincent 4, J. Moore 5, D. A. Hogg 6, A. J. Brown (cond.) 7, A. Twyman 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Cooper 1, M. J. Bura 2, T. J. Wellen 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, M. D. Fuller 5, P. Payne 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Newman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, C. Clark 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, J. Newman (first quarter) 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Sargeant 1, Sandra Goodship 2, Joan A. Rance 3, K. R. Davenport 4, S. G. Scott 5, A. J. N. Rance 6, F. C. Price (cond.) 7, C. W. Bailey 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: T. N. Kedge 1, Barbara Sawden 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, J. L. Lightfoot 4, G. M. Cox 5, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor 1, 2 and 5.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Ashcroft (first quarter) 1, P. Ann Pilgrim 2, Susan Harber 3, Gwen Bidgood 4, C. P. Quartley 5, M. Pilgrim 6, C. J. Aldridge (cond.) 7, F. W. Corney 8.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 6 8 covering): Gillian Heywood 1, K. Richards 2, Mrs. C. Evans 3, Rev. Trevor Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, K. Heywood 6, A. Burton 7, Rev. G. Heywood 8.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): A. J. Lewis 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, Mrs. P. Cross 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, T. Cross 5, T. Tulk (first quarter) 6.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Ottaway 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway 2, H. Corney 3, Miss C. I. Neville 4, J. P. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, D. Riley 7, F. W. Tomlin 8. Also in memory of Dr. Hewlett Johnson.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 23rd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: A. Howard 1, R. Haines 2, Helen Hobbins 3, Jenifer Smith 4, T. Taylor 5, G. Love 6, M. Buss 7, A. Buswell (first of Caters as cond.) 8, P. Gilliver 9, A. Hoodless 10.

PRESTBURY, CHELTENHAM.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Maggs 1, R. Tibbles 2, W. Newman 3, R. Newman 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, M. Maggs 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Royal: Ruth Gordon 1, R. Harper (first quarter) 2, J. Wood 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, N. Donovan (first as cond.) 5, A. Howland 6, G. S. Lee 7, S. Armeson 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock 10.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. F. Chalkley 1, Miss J. Harris 2, L. Runnacles 3, A. C. Harris 4, F. W. Croft 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Smith 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, J. Warr 3, P. J. Brown 4, G. Westwood 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Oct. 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss W. Marriott 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, Miss J. Davidge 3, Mrs. E. Jaques 4, R. Hulme 5, W. Merritt 6, M. Scowen 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, W. Daniell 10.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gay Meyrick (first on eight) 1, A. Locke 2, D. Burnett 3, R. C. Kippin 4, G. D. Carter 5, D. A. Trethewey 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, G. F. Dunstan 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Young North Notts ringer: "Now I've started to take 'The Ringing World' I've given up my other comic."

Duplicated.—The conductor of the peal of Beverley at West Wickham on June 16th regrets that he submitted it twice.

In the peal rung for the Ely Diocesan Association at Chicheley on May 8th (page 529) the ringer of the second was George E. Bonham. David E. Rothera rang the third, and not as printed.

The handbell peal at Melksham, Wilts, on September 25th, while the first at Melksham was not the first for the Salisbury Guild for 30 years. Mr. Dan Matkin has recollections of quite a number.

Mr. J. R. Pratt, of Battersea, thanks Mr. A. Baldock for calling attention to a previous peal at Ripe, Sussex, in 1963, and withdraws the footnote claiming the peal on September 10th, 1966, to be the first on the bells since rehanging.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE, & WESTMINSTER ABBEY

In the peal columns will be found a record of a peal rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild in a new Surprise Major method at Islip, a lovely village north-west of Oxford, to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the founding of Westminster Abbey by Edward the Confessor.

Perhaps Islip's greatest claim to fame is that here, more than 950 years ago, was born the Confessor, son of Ethelred the Unready, and fifth in succession from Alfred the Great (whose statue at Wantage is in the area of the same Guild). Edward's mother, Queen Emma, gave Islip to him on his first birthday; 60 years later he in turn presented the hamlet to Christ and St. Peter at Westminster. To the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey, Islip still belongs, and visitors will know of the lovely Islip chapel there.

Islip has already given its name to a method, so this could not be used again. When giving permission for the peal, the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Blanchett) asked that the method should be named Githeslepe, by which name the hamlet was known when given to the Abbey all those years ago. A difficult name, perhaps, but who can say that this Saxon form is inappropriate in view of its association with those early Saxon kings.

W. G. WILSON.

BELL METAL 160 YEARS AGO

Turning out old account books from the cupboards of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Mr. Douglas Hughes found in one dated September, 1801, the following note at the top of the page:

Price of bells to gentlemen 19d. per pound
Ditto to Ship's Chandlers 18d. per pound.

"I do not know," writes Mr. Hughes, "whether it was a question of soaking the rich or denigrating the ship's chandlers.

"Incidentally, 19d. per lb. seems a very good price for 1801. This comes out at £8 17s. 4d. per cwt. In 1939 we were selling bells at £7 7s. per cwt., so it seems our margins must have been tightened considerably."

WHY NOT A BELL OF YOUR OWN?

Many ringers are amusing themselves and instructing their pupils nowadays by hanging small bells in model frames. Here is an opportunity for someone to acquire for himself a nice little 1 cwt. bell which is also a piece of history. At present in the possession of the ringers of a small Devon parish who are raising money for a treble to augment their ring of five, this bell is an Exeter foundry casting, probably by Thomas Byrdall and dating from about 1570. Like many bells of this date, it bears a nonsensical inscription: the religious upheavals of this period made any inscription, English or Latin, unsafe.

The bell's canons are missing, but it is otherwise perfect, and anyone interested should get in touch with the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, The Vicarage, Newton St. Cyres, Exeter. Offers should bear some relation to the present scrap price of bell-metal, which is in the region of £28 per cwt.

If they can't find a buyer for it, the owners are planning to sell the bell for scrap; this would be a great pity, as the bell is of no little historical interest, but as it is not a church bell there is nothing to prevent this from happening.

RICHARD YATES,
a typical nine-year-old, who rang his first peal at Maids Moreton on October 7th. His father is Mr. W. A. Yates, of Buckingham.

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTION RATES INCREASED

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GABRIEL LINDOFF

From the "Irish Bell News": "It will be 25 years on November 7th since Gabriel Lindoff died. Let us therefore be thankful on that day for his life on this earth, for the foundations laid by him in Ireland in regard to bellringing and change ringing, and for the man himself who not alone in Ireland, but in England too, left his work and made many respected friends.

"How he would rejoice that ringing and change ringing in Ireland did not cease with his decease, but that it is now generally in a more flourishing and advanced state, due to the seeds sown by him.

"We will all remember him."

BELLS IN STOCKHOLM

By BRIAN AUSTIN

ALTHOUGH the National Church of Sweden is in communion with the Church of England, information about its activities possibly does not extend beyond the unusual feature of female ordinands. It was therefore with interest that in the course of an architectural study tour in Sweden in October both new and old churches were visited

Unlike most churches in Great Britain, Swedish churches are invariably locked, and the clergy, hampered by language difficulties, were not over enthusiastic in giving permission to investigate the church towers

Bells can be heard throughout the day in Stockholm, where all the mediæval and Renaissance churches seem well equipped.

In Stockholm Cathedral Church of St Nicholas (the Stork Kyrkan) is a large bell dated 1631 in the north aisle. It is five feet in diameter, but why it was there and not in the tower is not known.

It was encouraging to find a new church, St. Mark's, Skarpnacks, Stockholm, with a belfry and a ring of six bells. These were complete with metal wheels and apparently rung by hand.

However, before a ringing band is arranged to "grab" this tower it should be pointed out that both the bell chamber and the ringing chamber were open to the elements. The Vicar managed to convey that he would have preferred a more practical solution at the expense of the æsthetics!

If a roof and floor were provided and if a ringer were to reside in that part of Stockholm long enough to train a band, change ringing could possibly be inaugurated. It is rather doubtful if such circumstances will ever exist, and the discovery of a possible ring of six must presumably remain a point of interest only.

At least the Church of Sweden realises the relevance of bells as a prelude to worship in 1966.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO FRED ROGERS

On October 23rd, during Evensong at St. Mary's, Portsea, a memorial tablet was dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. F. W. Rogers, who was for 46 years a ringer at Portsea.

He was remembered in a quarter peal, rung half-muffled for the victims of the Aberfan disaster, at Portsmouth Cathedral that day for Evensong. The Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson were also commemorated.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND RECORDING OF PEALS

After a very full discussion, the committee of the London County Association unanimously agreed to oppose any alteration in the present method of recording peals. The reasons for the decisions were:

(a) The Greater London Council is a purely administrative body and therefore county boundaries remain, and

(b) Postal addresses remain unaltered.

It follows also that locally the churches continue to be identified as heretofore and are likely to remain that way, at least for a very considerable time. V. D.

KENT UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At a meeting on October 27th it was decided to form a bellringing society at the University of Kent at Canterbury. About ten members have had some experience of change ringing, and the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Derek Carr; secretary, Hannah Talbot-Ponsonby; treasurer, Michael Tong.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Frank E. Darby	Treble	D. Paul Smith	6
David E. Parsons	2	Michael J. Uphill	7
Alan J. Frost	3	Alan R. Patterson	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	John E. Chilcott	9
Andrew J. Corby	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip A Corby

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Thomas G. Fox	Treble	Robert N. Harris	5
Richard Hayes	2	Andrew J Corby	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	George Francis	7
William Rogers	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby
Arranged for the birthday of Mrs. F. I Hairs, surviving lady member of the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St Mary Magdalene
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24½ cwt

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	5
Derek S. Beaufoy	2	Frederick T. Sandy	6
Trevor E. Marks	3	Albert W. Dyer	7
Gilbert W. Rendell	4	William E. Turner	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner

CARHAMPTON Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb

*Bryan G. Williams	Treble	Gilbert G. Davis	4
D. Keith Lane	2	†Vincent A. Hemming	5
Stanley Lewis	3	Cecil T. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil T Clarke
* First peal of Minor. † 75th peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 8 lb. in E

Philip Jones	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Gerald Parsons	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
David Midgley	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Norman Sherratt

FARNDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb

*Frederick R. Evans	Treble	*George H. Randles	5
*David N. Collins	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
*Norah M. Randles	3	John W Griffiths	7
*Michael H Hodgkinson	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John W Griffiths
* First peal in the method.
Rung to the memory of Albert E. Richards, vice-president of the Chester Branch and for many years organist and captain of the bellringers at this church.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
ORMESBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb in E

Susan Roach	Treble	Thomas M. Cox	5
Enid Lawson	2	Jack Roach	6
Ann Lawson	3	Peter Wishart	7
Alan Woodall	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by H Howlett. Conducted by Enid Lawson
First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled by members of the Ormesby Guild in memoriam John G. Hall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DORE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Christ.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb in G

John D. Arkwell	Treble	Alan R Keller	5
Marjorie Yarnold	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Royston Blackler	3	Malcolm P Phipps	7
Jane B Blackler	4	Edward G Mould	Tenor

Composed by J E Burton. Conducted by Edward G Mould.
First peal as conductor
Rung to welcome the gift of a nephew, Nigel Graham Bird, to the ringer of the seventh.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
BRANCEPETH, Durham.—At the Church of St Brandon.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb in F sharp

*Jean M Berriman (St. Hild's)	Treble	M. Alec Beaumont (Van Mildert)	5
Charlotte A Bennett (Trevelyan)	2	Stephen C Wells (Grey)	6
J Antony Ellis (St Chad's)	3	David J Marshall (Bede)	7
Malcolm E Johnson (Grey)	4	John O. Freeman	Tenor

Composed by J. A Trollope. Conducted by John O. Freeman
* First peal
Rung for the priesting of the Rev Christopher Hopkins B.A. (Dunelm), a sometime member of the Society.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
NORTON Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat. Oct 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 2 lb in A flat

Michael Hawes	Treble	George E Bonham	5
Anthony H Smith	2	David E Rothera	6
Robert D Bellamy	3	Philip Mehew	7
Jack S Dear	4	George E Thoday	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K Davies Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
CHELMSFORD Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin. St. Peter and St Cedd
On Mon., Oct 24. 1966. in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5016 STEDMAN CINQUES
Comprising 13 courses each of Handstroke Home and Tittums, and 12 courses Inverted Tittums. Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

Robert C Heazel	Treble	Rick W Saltmarsh	7
Peter G. Brown	2	Joe E. G Roast	8
Edward P Duffield	3	Alfred J. House	9
Peter J Eves	4	Donald E Cobb	10
Ian R. Panton	5	Dennis A S Symonds	11
Andrew S. Hudson	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S Hudson
Rung at the conclusion of the Cathedral Festival of Music and Drama.

LITTLE WALTHAM Essex.—At the Church of St Martin.
On Thurs, Oct 13 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London Ipswich Cambridge Beverley, Double Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Ian V. Foster	Treble	James L. Towler	4
Rosemary A Frith	2	George E Thoday	5
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G Brown	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
MEYSEY-HAMPTON Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St Mary
On Sat., Oct 1 1966 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Rosemary Purnell	Treble	Peter W Bartlett	4
William A Godwin	2	Roland Wakefield	5
*Harry Bennett	3	Raymond G Pearson	Tenor

Conducted by William A. Godwin.
* First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 70 lb. in E flat.

*Charles A. Slyfield	Treble	*†Martin J. Kirk	5
*Michael J. Church	2	David J. Tubbs	6
*John Collier	3	Douglas A. R. May	7
Roy Collins	4	Dennis G. Blows	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire.

CHOBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*Kenneth G. Mumford	Treble	Anne S. Pickering	5
Roy Collins	2	Peter J. Privett	6
*Patricia C. Hill	3	†Dennis G. Blows	7
*Judith M. Collins	4	Ronald G. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis G. Blows.
* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to Dick and Margaret Acworth, married on October 22nd, 1966.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTON CANON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of 21 methods/variations: Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old Bob, Besthorpe, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Costessy and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

John W. Hope	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	3
Frederick R. Harris	2	*Leonard Morley	4

Thomas Bound .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal "inside."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Michael Orme	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	5
Jack S. Dear	2	Philip Mehew	6
Michael D. Trigg	3	C. Martin Press	7
Jonathan S. N. Porter	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung as a wedding compliment to J. Richard Castledine and Eileen M. Fearn, who were married at Hazel Grove on October 1st, 1966.

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

C. Martin Press	Treble	Jonathan S. N. Porter	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	6
Anthony K. Fortin	3	George E. Thoday	7
David E. Rothera	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung as a wedding compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hussey, who were married this day at Bristol

BERKHAMSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
George E. Bonham	2	C. Martin Press	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	Philip Mehew	7
Anthony K. Fortin	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Vernon Green	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Robert E. Hardy	3	Gerald Penney	7
David Burbidge	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the sixth and tenor.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Philip Mehew	2	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	C. Martin Press	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K Davies Conducted by George E. Thoday.

BARKWAY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
C. Martin Press	2	John G. Gipson	6
*Geoffrey Pearson	3	*†George E. Thoday	7
Ian G. Campbell	4	†Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 75th peal together. † 25th peal together. The conductor has now rung 400 different bells to peals.

REDBOURN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Single Oxford and one each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Joe Hobbs	Treble	Francis M. Byrne	4
Augustin V. Good	2	Walter Ayre	5
*George A. Reading	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung to mark 50 years of ringing by Joe Hobbs, also for the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Kent T.B., London Surprise, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A.

*Howard N. Pickering	Treble	Peter Church	4
Alan H. Bridges	2	Michael Maughan	5
Richard S. Starkie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal.
Rung after meeting short for Major. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the "middle six."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRANBROOK, Kent.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	*S. Geoffrey Waters	5
*John A. Howard	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
†Anthony J. Leeves	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
*Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method. † First peal "inside."
Rung in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in the disaster at Aberfan.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Judith M. Corby	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Ann Jenner	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Richard Hayes	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
John W. Smith	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*Rev. M. C. Melville	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Martin L. Howe	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Ringer of second has now "completed the circle."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt in F.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Herbert C. Audsley	5
Ann Jenner	2	John W. Smith	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Rev. M. C. Melville	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by James W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

LEWISHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. 2. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinki	5
*John Pladdys	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Judith M. Corby	3	John W. Smith	7
*Michael H O'Callaghan	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Lewis, of Chislehurst, Kent

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

James Draycott	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	5
*Alan Evans	2	Russell S. Morris	6
Alfred Ballard	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
*Christopher M. Sturgess	4	Brian S. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
DEEPING ST NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Bourne, Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Frank Taylor	4
*Janet E. Hubbard	2	Keith R. Davey	5
†R. Arthur Goldsmith	3	*Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) York, (2) Bourne, (3) Primrose, (4) Norwich, (5) Ipswich, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
R. Arthur Goldsmith	2	Alan G. Payne	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*John Evans	Treble	†Paul J. Bagshaw	5
D. Geoffrey Kerley	2	*Peter Jones	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	James Clatworthy	7
Desmond Kerley	4	George Kerley	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Bob Triples for all except the conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
PUTNEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 HENDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Keith J. Walpole	Treble	Jonathan S. N Porter	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Antony R. Kench	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band Tenor 15¼ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	*R. Kingsley Mason	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Martin Green	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 25th peal as conductor this year.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLO'NORTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford and St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

Wilfred G. Saunders	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
Owen P. Claxton	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
*William Clover	3	*Henry Tooke	Tenor

Conducted by Robin R. Churchill.
* 300th peal together.
A compliment on the birth of sons to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bailey, of Hethersett, and to Mr. and Mrs. David Cubitt, of Norwich.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 23 lb.

*Reginald F. Crook	Treble	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Christopher I. Rowson	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
*William Butler	3	Frank Reed	7
*Walter Hunt	4	*Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Geoffrey J. Rea and Patricia K Tull on the occasion of their marriage.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 GITHESLEPE SURPRISE MAJOR
B.34 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	*Peter J. Heritage	5
Christopher C. Clarke	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Frederick W. Soden	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Edward R. Venn	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 100th peal. The first peal in the method.
Rung in connection with the nongentenary year of Westminster Abbey.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

William Birmingham	Treble	*G. Robert Mordaunt	5
*J. M. Elaine Mordaunt	2	*Christopher I. Rowson	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
*Roy H. Jones	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.

GORING, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*Anthony D. Smith	Treble	Mrs. A. D. Smith	5
James P. Blond	2	J. Anthony Beaumont	6
*Harry E. Wells	3	John C. Baldwin	7
William J. Irving	4	Robert B. Blond	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Haines, a ringer at this church, and Miss J. Hills, who were married this day.

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THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At The Abbey.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	Rodney A. Yeates	5
Roger M. Heyworth	2	Richard Wharton	6
Anthony P. Foster	3	Bruce Wakefield	7
Paul A. Brand	4	G. Robert Mordaunt	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Elizabeth Wills, who was a member of the Society.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	Norman G. N. Knee	5
*Leslie A. Page	2	Rev. Roger Keeley	6
*John N. Longridge	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
*David B. Ellery	4	Edward C. Read	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.
* First peal in the method. First of Stedman on the bells for 55 years.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*Stephen Bedford	Treble	Vernon Bedford	4
†Jack Pilgrim	2	Adrian Knights	5
Ruth Woodman	3	†Peter Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.
* First peal (aged 14). † 100th peal together.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jennifer Jeans (daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Stanton Jeans) and John Milligan.

NEWMARKET, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising a 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Janet I. Rogers	Treble	Lawrence R. Pizzey	4
Brian Redgers	2	Robin H. Rogers	5
John A. Underwood	3	Roger J. Palmer	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDGVAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Ludgvan.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in A.

Denis Stephens	Treble	†Anthony P. Smith	4
Anthony Locke	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
*W. Reginald Curtis	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal "inside" and first on six. † First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, SS Peter, Paul and Swithun.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	Treble	John Hartless	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Brian J. Luff	8
Thomas H. Francis	3	David J. Forder	9
Gordon Benfield	4	Philip N. Tubbs	10
Michael J. Thomas	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Tom Chapman	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	†Charles P. Quartley	7
Michael J. Fellows	2	Martin D. Fellows	8
Angela Newing	3	David J. Llewellyn	9
Arthur H. Reed	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	10
Arthur C. Berry	5	John C. Eisel	11
*James Attwood, jun.	6	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques "inside." † First of Stedman Cinques.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Reginald W. Rowe	Treble	David G. Franklin	5
R. George Morris	2	Michael J. Robinson	6
Lawrence J. Haines	3	John J. Stanier	7
John Clements	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by R. George Morris.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Ronald W. Repton and Miss Eileen Andrews. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Alan Sheppard	5
James S. Webb	2	H. David Holland	6
*R. Ann Johnson	3	David S. Johnson	7
Mrs. D. S. Johnson	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Major.
Rung half-muffled for the victims of the Aberfan tragedy.

PATRINGTON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

George A. Dawson	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	5
*Elizabeth J. Foster	2	James Crowther	6
†Peter Church	3	Michael Maughan	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Rev. Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise Major.

also

THE ANTIENT AND ACCEPTED FREEMASONS OF ENGLAND.

SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Bro. Fred Hodgson, M.M., Dunelm Lodge, 4079	Treble
Bro. Cyril F. Sutcliffe, D.C., Beacon Lodge, 4066	2
Bro. Eric Jackson, M.M., Rose of Raby Lodge, 1654	3
Bro. John A. Brown, M.M., Finchale Priory Lodge, 7059	4
W. Bro. Kenneth W. Cheeseman, P.M., The Carville Lodge, 2497	5
Bro. Jack Roach, M.M., Vulcan Lodge, 4510	6
Bro. Harold Walker, M.M., Minster Lodge, 4663	7
W. Bro. Thomas M. Cox, P.M., Vulcan Lodge, 4510	Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Thomas M. Cox.

CAWTHORNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (2) St Albans, Neasden Wragby and Charlwood Delight, (3) College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Willesden and Newdigate Delight, (4) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley T.B., (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel and Oxford T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr 2 lb. in G.

Wilfrid F. Moreton	Treble	Christopher Moxon	4
Elizabeth Peace	2	David S. Johnson	5
Peter Carbutt	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

NUNBURNHOLME, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Bourne, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth J. Foster	Treble	James Crowther	4
George A. Dawson	2	Michael Maughan	5
Peter Church	3	Geoffrey W Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Alan A. Potts	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8

John Worth 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Robert B Smith.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Hilton 1, Linda M. Wilkinson 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, S. G. Pick 4, J. A. Coates 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. A farewell to Kaye Quinn, of the local band, who has left for Germany.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles. Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, A. Swatton 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, P. J. Devrell 5, B. Sarll 6. First of Stedman for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

BEDFONT, MIDDX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Davies 1, Miss A. Horsford 2, Miss P. Brown 3, D. Boniface (cond.) 4, S. Bevington 5, D. Lee 6. For the wedding of Miss Linda Dimbleby to Mr. Brian Waxall.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Wilson (first quarter) 1, Monica Martin 2, T. Wilson (first quarter) 3, W. Robertson (first "inside") 4, J. A. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rayner 6. First quarter on tower bells by a resident band.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Bond (first of Minor) 1, Mary Christian 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church on Oct. 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. R. Hussey 1, B. Martin 2, J. Collard 3, M. Powell 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Reynolds 6, R. Sweet 7, J. Pedler (cond.) 8. To celebrate the marriage of Miss G. M. Hussey and Mr. D. J. Hunt.

BROMESBERROW, GLOS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, Rev. F. F. Rigby 2, R. Chew 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. For the christening of Stephen John, son of fifth ringer.

BROUGHTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Matcham 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, D. R. Fallick 4, L. D. Smith 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. Extents containing maximum and minimum number of calls.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Frances Templeman 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, D. J. Baker 4, K. I. Davis 5, B. J. Luck 6, T. C. Phillimore 7, D. J. Carr 8, T. H. Holmes 9, A. Davies 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury 1931 to 1963.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Wickens 1, Judith Skinner (first "inside") 2, Carol Gosling 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

COTLEIGH, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, R. Symes (first quarter) 2, G. Lye 3, W. Sparkes 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Dare 6.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's on Oct. 23rd, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, R. L. Jones 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. R. Pratt 8. For Evensong.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Bottomley 1, D. Archer 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley 3, E. Betts 4, J. Henderson 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson (first as cond.) 7, D. Carruthers 8.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain): R. Hardy (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Adcock 2, Mrs. M. Robinson 3, J. Robinson 4, F. Adcock 5, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 6. By St. Peter's Mansfield, ringers for St. Edwin's Day.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Nicholson, jun. ((first quarter) 1, F. Pack 2, Mrs. D. Nicholson 3, J. Keeler 4, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 5, G. Nicholson 6. For Harvest Festival.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Beetlestone 1, I. Campbell 2, A. Warren 3, P. Taylor 4, B. Watson (first in method as cond.) 5, L. Tubb 6. First in method 2 and 4.

GILLINGHAM, KENT. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. S. Jarrett 1, S. B. Dobbie 2, G. A. Naylor 3, B. Trill (first Surprise Major) 4, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, B. Jemmett 6, R. Finch 7, F. Matthews 8. Rung in memory of Mr. T. G. Dennis, of Rainham.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. Croft 1, L. R. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, J. Church 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Harvest Evensong.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, L. Cordell 2, V. Tipton 3, Audrey Hopkins 4, R. Walker 5, L. Whitby 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8. A 77th birthday compliment to W. Wheeler, tower captain.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Sanderson 1, W. E. Pye 2, E. W. Pye 3, B. J. Couzens 4, J. H. Negus 5, F. Harper (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. W. Pye.

QUARTER PEALS

HAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.—1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Margret Berndt 1, Josephine R. Williamson 2, Valerie Bone 3, D. Jennings 4, D. Leach 5, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 6. First of T.B. 1, 3.

HERNHILL KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. Clifton 1, Margaret Jones 2, L. Sweatman 3, P. Richardson 4, Sylvia Knight 5, H. Deacon 6, D. Manger 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment, with the best wishes to Brenda and Nick.

HINDLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shallcross (first attempt) 1, Barbara Green 2, H. S. Cooper 3, W. Horrocks 4, J. Halsall (cond.) 5, I. Westhead 6. For centenary celebrations and the visit of the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Rev. Stuart Blanch.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS. — On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first quarter) 1, Christine Slater 2, A. Elizabeth Timmins 3, Cyril T. Collins 4, Clive M. Smith (cond.) 5, Philip R. Johnson 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, S. Penfold 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, C. C. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, F. E. Scoones 8. In memoriam George Faulkner, of Barking, who died on October 7th.

HULL, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Brenda E. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, G. W. Randall 2, H. N. Pickering 3, R. S. Starkie 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5.

KIMPTON, HERTS. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Martin 1, I. Desborough 2, Miss D. Angell 3, Mrs. H. Price 4, D. C. Price (cond.) 5, J. G. Cull 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Wells, who died that morning aged 85; tower captain since 1957.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lynds 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, W. C. Perry 3, J. Wimlett 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, W. Mulford 6. For 90th birthday of an old ringer who has rung at above tower for 50 years.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Barbara Bennett 1, T. Bent 2, P. J. Staniforth 3, J. Bramley 4, G. Harry Bray 5, J. E. Adams 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, W. Tanser 8. For Matins and as a compliment to Jean Endall and Maurice Kirk who were married the previous day.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, E. Stanton 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, R. A. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland 5.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' on Oct. 9th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: D. L. Crawley 1, R. W. Powell 2, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 3, R. R. Churchill 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. D. Bailey 6, D. E. Rothera 7, M. W. Coleman 8, J. Q. Paddys 9. For evening service.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, W. A. Osborn 2, M. Eastment 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. Parker 5, A. Hill 6. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, on his birthday.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, D. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Hoyle 5, A. Charlesworth 6, R. Coverley 7, K. Wilson 8. For Evensong. First in the method for all the band.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Stanier 1, M. J. Robinson 2, L. J. Haines 3, Miss R. Tailby 4, G. L. Bowen 5, D. G. Franklin 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. First of Stedman by 2, 3 and 4. In memoriam Joseph L. Stanier, late tower captain.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles: R. W. Yates 1, G. Orchard 2, G. W. Holland (cond.) 3, W. A. Yates 4, R. A. Vickers 5, W. H. Yates 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. H. Stopp, local captain, and Mrs. Stopp.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. E. Manby (first of Major) 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, D. M. Barraclough 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, C. M. Mouley 6, A. G. Keen 7, A. Ward (comp. and cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Godfree 1, N. Tye 2, M. H. Whittell 3, R. J. Southgate 4, J. Juby 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sams 1, Audrey Hopkins 2, R. Hayden 3, C. Sams 4, R. Walker 5, W. Aley (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOM.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norfolk and York): Miss D. Chapman 1, P. J. England 2, A. Perry 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

OXFORD. — At St. Thomas' on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth M. Barber (first quarter as cond.) 1, Mary A. Welch 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, S. K. Thompson 4, R. M. Heyworth 5, P. Mackie 6. For morning service by O.U.S.C.R.

PLUCKLEY, KENT. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Baker 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Bridget Kathleen Johnson, baptised this day; also an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. S. Deacon.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Oct. 30th at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: L. D. Duguid 1, Miss R. Kemp 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, A. F. W. Burbidge 6, P. Page 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

PRESTBURY, CHELTENHAM. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Newman 1, R. Tibbles 2, I. D. Thompson 3, H. Webb 4, M. Maggs 5, R. Newman 6, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 7, S. Udollerus 8. For the wedding of Miss Susan Kent (Vicar's daughter) to Mr. J. Marshall.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Gordon 1, Sara Woolley 2, Anne Hunter 3, G. Spratt (cond.) 4, D. Hooper 5, D. Major (first quarter) 6. By members of Watford Grammar School.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. F. Ward 1, Penny Halliwell 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, F. C. May 4, B. C. Sadler 5, P. Bedford 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 5.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Hughes (first on working bell) 1, Mary Elmes 2, Joan Hanning 3, K. G. Game (cond.) 4, C. Dalton 5, A. T. Shelton 6, W. Inwood 7, Carol Martin (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS. — On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. C. Spicer 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain 2, J. S. Walker 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, G. E. Bonham 5, H. S. Peacock 6, B. F. Sims 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Samuel Walter Hawksford, for over 60 years sexton and verger.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Renee Sturgess 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, K. Knight 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, J. A. G. Ball 8.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL. — On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Brown 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, Miss G. Thomas (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. J. Gray 4, S. Bendle 5, K. Bellew 6. For Evensong.

STRATFORD UPON AVON, WARWICKS. — On Oct. 16th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: E. Gower 1, Miss C. Dolphin 2, E. Holdsworth 3, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 4, V. Hunt 5, H. G. Summers 6, I. Thompson 7, L. M. Callow 8, P. Border 9, J. L. Garner-Hayward 10.

WEXFORD, IRELAND. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): G. Macgregor 1, Miss H. M. Hubert 2, P. W. Brown 3, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 4, C. J. Reede 5, H. H. Brown 6. Rung on the middle six for the opening of the Wexford Festival.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, Mrs. E. Powell 2, H. Purchase 3, G. Maidment 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley 7, V. Gunter 8. Rung after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Young, with the best wishes of the band. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Powell 1, G. Sparks 2, F. Eggleton 3, G. Maidment 4, H. Purchase 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. To welcome the Rev. F. H. Bently (rector), also Mrs. Bently and family.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stone 1, Valerie J. Stone 2, G. Nabb 3, E. Dibble 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, A. Kent 6. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Heasman.

WORCESTER.—On Oct. 12th at All Saints', 1,320 Repton Delight Minor: J. J. Stanier 1, G. L. Bowen 2, D. Beacham 3, P. Cattermole 4, L. J. Haines 5, D. G. Franklin 6. In honour of the marriage of R. W. Repton, member of All Saints', and Miss E. W. Andrews.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Pleasance 1, D. Cobb (first of Minor "inside") 2, A. Cole 3, D. Wenden 4, D. Bloyce 5, F. Erith (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1.

YATTON, SOM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, H. W. Knight 2, A. E. Price 3, L. Derrick 4, S. G. Smith 5, J. Brain 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. Kingcott.

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WOOLLEY.—To Maureen and Bryan on November 4th, 1966, at Solihull Hospital, a son, Graham Garfield Edward. 22, Gorsey Lane, Wythall, Worcestershire. 305

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PULLINGER. — A memorial service to the late George Pullinger will be held on Saturday, November 19th, at 1.30 p.m. at the Parish Church, Willingdon, near Eastbourne. Donations can be sent to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, W.C.2. 318

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J. W B.—Verily, verily I say unto thee, 'tis not possible to do—my cardboard box goeth not.—p.p. Edgar. (W*L*S). 273

"Every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God."—Ecclesiastes iii, 13.

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DANEHILL. — Annual ringers' service, Sunday, November 20th. Bells 5.30. Service 6.30. Tea provided after service. Numbers for teas to Mrs. B. Baines, 2, Treemans Farm Cottages, Horsted Keynes, by November 16th. 308

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The rehung ring of eight bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Birkenhead on Saturday, November 26th, 1966, at 3 p.m.

Names for tea essential to Mr. M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, near Warrington, Lancs, by Wednesday, November 23rd. All welcome.

J. C. Breese, Tower Captain.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Preliminary Notice

ANNUAL DINNER
will be held on
Saturday, February 4th, 1967
at
Church House, Westminster.

Tickets (price 23s. 6d.) are now available from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 303

WANTED.—SUMMER COASTAL SITE for 16ft. 4-berth caravan in area where holiday-making ringers welcome. Details, please, to Mrs. H Price, 11, High Street, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. Phone Kimpton 405. 302

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The November meeting, Shelley, near Huddersfield, on November 12th. Cups of tea will be provided. Method for the day is Violet. 328

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Clowne, November 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield. No name—no tea. Special methods: Double Oxford and Killamarsh. — Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 252

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 12th, at Crawley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with further ringing and business after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. A. Ladd 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Names for the annual dinner, to be held on January 14th, to the secretary, please. 238

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ightham, Saturday, November 12th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J A. Collins, Rita Ightham, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, November 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. in the hall. —M. E. D. 285

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, November 12th, St. Mary's, Battersea Church Road, 2–3; St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea 3.30–4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington Church Street. Business 6 p.m. Ringing after.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. Renown 4423. 249

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Lyng, Saturday, November 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Lyng. Names to Rev. P. Kelly, Wramplingham Rectory, Wymondham, by Wednesday, 9th. Ringing at Reepham after tea 5.30–8 p.m. 241

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Caversham on Saturday, November 12th. Bells: St. Peter's 3–4.30 and 7–9; Mapledurham 7.30–9. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 Tea and meeting at Caversham Church House 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. T. N. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham. 262

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, November 12th Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R Blackshaw. 198

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Felsham (6), Saturday, November 12th. Also District committee meeting. Will all committee members please attend. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. — A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 266

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District meeting at Blythburgh on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Snowling, 10, East View, Blythburgh, Halesworth, Suffolk. Wenhaston bells (6) available 7–9 p.m. — T. N. J. B. 235

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available at Twyford (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants. 263

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Stanton Drew (5), Saturday, November 19th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 216

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Tarporley, November 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. **Own tea arrangements.**—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 309

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free! **Only** for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 326

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 300

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing will be announced at the meeting directly after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, November 19th. Sherborne (6) 5–6.30 p.m. Windrush (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m.—R. Wenham, Branch Sec. 289

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch. — **Change of arrangements.** Stroud, Saturday, November 19th, evening practice only. Bells (10) from 5.30. Next meeting: Annual, Chalford, December 17th.—E. Cribley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgerule, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. G. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, November 14th.—R. Pearce, Sec. 257

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting at Shalford on November 19th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford, Guildford. 286

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ivychurch bells (5) available for short time, details at meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Fagg, 7, The Oval, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, by Thursday, November 17th.—A. P. S B. 087

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Stretford (8 bells) on Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (make own arrangements for tea).—J. Brannan. 307

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 322

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Birstall, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J M. Morley, 1, Heathgate Close, Birstall, Leics, by Wednesday, November 16th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 281

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Corringham, Saturday, November 19th Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Durham Surprise and Little Bob—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 256

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. Stevens and J Cotton. 277

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Practice meeting at Wallingford, Saturday, November 19th, 7–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. Corderoy. 293

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Croughton, Saturday, November 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Chambers, Parkway Garage, Croughton, Brackley. — A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 320

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss G. Birchnall, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 287

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Aldrington (6) 3–4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shoreham (8) 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, 62, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by Wednesday, November 15th. 279

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Special General Meeting

A special meeting will be held on Saturday November 19th, to discuss proposed revisions of the District boundaries. The meeting will be held in Hyde Hall, Hyde Street, Winchester, at 2 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Miss P Hornby, Bramdean Rectory, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, November 14th. Ringing at the Cathedral from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Sherburn-in-Elmet bells available 2.30. Service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. John Potts, North Sweemings Farm, Lennerton Sherburn-in-Elmet, Tadcaster bells after tea.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting at Wakefield, Saturday, November 19th. Ringing arrangements: Kirkthorpe (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and Wakefield Cathedral (12—opportunity to ring on the light 10) 6.15 to 9 p.m. Tea and meeting in Wakefield. Names for tea essential to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield, by Wednesday previous. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 274

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, November 26th Service at 4.30. Meeting to follow. Names for tea essential. Branch Dinner, February 10th, tickets available. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec 299

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Wootton, Saturday, November 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, by Tuesday previous. 301

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Guild committee meeting in church at 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Coltman, The Angel Inn, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, by November 24th. 319

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — **Nomination meeting,** Betchworth, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. M. Lucas, 83a, Brighton Road, Redhill, by November 24th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 283

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BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. Perrin 1. A. A. F. Peters 2. B. J. Harris (cond.) 3. F. J. Robinson 4. J. Welch 5. A. E. Jones 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Miss J. D. Mills daughter of the late Canon W. Mills and sister of the late Rev. W. E. Mills both at some time rectors of this church.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX. On Oct. 9th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Pat Lindsell 1. Susan Chapman (first "inside") 2. Josephine A. Quilter 3. Jennifer M. Syder 4. P. G. Brown 5. C. Barker 6. A. Syder 7. R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 23rd 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Susan Chapman 1. Queenie Cresswell (first of Cambridge) 2. A. Wiffen 3. Jennifer M. Syder 4. Josephine A. Quilter 5. C. Barker 6. A. Syder 7. R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. By the Sunday service band.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. James on Oct. 23rd. 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Helen Roberts 1. Maureen Simons 2. Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 3. Juliet S. Stoy 4. Mandy McCullion 5. Susan Jenkins 6. M. Gilbey 7. J. T. Parsons (cond.) 8. M. Zobel 9. J. Milton 10. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R. for morning service.

CHELMSFORD ESSEX.—1,249 Grandsire Caters. R. Suckling (cond.) 1. Josephine Quilter 2. A. Wiffen 3. Jennifer Syder 4. F. Roper 5. P. Wood 6. J. Warner 7. A. Syder 8. Hilda Snowden 9. R. Lindsell 10. For the Cathedral Festival.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Oct. 9th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynn Seton (first quarter) 1. Irene Everitt 2. D. Shaw 3. E. Beer 4. S. Sandford 5. F. Matthews (cond.) 6. R. Constant 7. June Constant 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 23rd. 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Beer 1. D. Shaw 2. Marjorie Matthews 3. Irene Everitt (first quarter) 4. S. Sandford 5. R. Constant 6. F. Matthews (cond.) 7. G. Clark 8. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. M. P. Beck M.A.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd. 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Cubitt 1. G. Adams 2. G. Pullin 3. K. Hohl 4. M. Cubitt 5. T. Spight 6. L. Bailey 7. P. Adcock (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. Hohl.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. I. Hill 1. C. Gratton 2. R. Parker 3. Mrs. D. Crocker 4. R. I. Dean 5. R. Beale (cond.) 6. For the combined choirs' service of Donyatt Horton and Ilton.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 23rd. 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Worthington 1. A. W. Childs 2. F. J. Robinson 3. A. A. F. Peters 4. B. J. Harris (cond.) 5. R. Falder 6. A. E. Jones 7. K. Perrin 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering as a farewell to A. W. Childs, who is leaving the district after 37 years as a ringer at this church.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 10th. 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Ottaway 1. F. W. Tomlin 2. C. A. Ottaway 3. H. Corney 4. T. Sharp 5. C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. A. Crowson 7. D. Riley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Cuddington, verger of the parish church 1959-1966

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