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"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

By the Rev. P. M. FREEMAN

I HAVE to confess to a certain impatience with those who sigh regretfully over the approach of Christmas because "it won't be the same now that the children are grown up—after all, Christmas is the children's time, isn't it?" True, my children are not yet grown up, and we can still pretend with pillow cases hung over the end of the bed, with glasses of milk and mince pies placed in the hearth. Then comes the opening of the presents and the five of us sharing the pleasure of all the surprises. Will Christmas lose its meaning when the pillow cases are left in the drawer and there is no glass of milk for the white-bearded traveller to drink? Surely, most of what happens at Christmas is a by-product, to be enjoyed and remembered certainly; but the reason for the celebrations remains constant for young and old alike—Jesus, the Son of God, is born in Bethlehem.

Maybe this is what we have forgotten—that Jesus was born there. I know that when we stop and think about it, we remember; but one of the complaints of recent years has been that people "cash in" on the Christmas festival. There is so much advertising, so much pressure upon us to buy this, that and the other, that the central figure of Christmas has been pushed into the background. Surely this points the contrast between what Jesus stands for and what the world stands for so very often—between Jesus who gives His life for the world and the world which wants "to cash in."

For all of us, when we are caught up in the enjoyments of Christmas Day, there is a temptation to forget that He, who was born at Bethlehem, grew up to be mocked, humiliated, betrayed, deserted and nailed to the cross. What happened to Jesus was utter and miserable failure when judged by the standards that human beings usually adopt. Even though we may be well aware of the danger of forgetting Jesus, even though we shall go to our parish churches to celebrate His birth, we too can push Him into the background because we over-sentimentalise the story, because the story is so familiar that we have forgotten to look closely at what happened in Bethlehem, because we forget that the child who lies in the manger will one day hang upon a cross.

The other temptation that presents itself is to push the world into the background, to be so caught up in the "eat, drink and be merry" atmosphere that we delude ourselves into thinking that the world is not such a bad place after all. It is easy to forget that there are people still living in refugee camps, that men, women and children are being killed and maimed in war, that children are starving, that

human frailty, cruelty and thoughtlessness cause pain and suffering to millions. It is this world into which Christ is born; it is this world which crucifies Him.

So we stand and watch at the stable door. There we see the child, Jesus; born in conditions of poverty, destined to grow up in obscurity until he challenges the attitudes and standards of the world in which He lived; and so, He is crucified. And already, at Bethlehem, we can see foreshadowed in the coming of the shepherds and the Wise Men the words of Jesus to His followers: "My kingdom is not of this world." "The way I do things," He seems to say to us, "is not the same as the way the world does them." Jesus, born in humility, comes to serve His fellow men, to help them whenever they need help and, in the end, to die for them. All this He does in a world which praises achievement and success, which applauds the realisation of ambition and rewards merit.

What does Jesus ask of those who come to worship Him? See the shepherds come—humble, simple men, who knew the responsibility of caring. That was their job, to care for the sheep; yet in the midst of doing it, they were alert to hear the angels' song: "Glory to God in highest heaven, and on earth His peace for men on whom His favour rests." They were not too busy to hear. Yet how often God can be excluded from life because of lack of time or busyness or because we can convince ourselves that there are some areas of life into which God need not be admitted. Perhaps the shepherds remind us always to be aware of the nearness and the compassion of God for the whole of our lives.

Then the Wise Men approach, having travelled hundreds of miles across the waste desert-land; and they stand before the manger and offer their gifts. I had never realised quite so clearly before that, at the end of their search, the Wise Men do not ask for anything—they give. "When they opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts." How often we draw near to Jesus, not to give, but to ask, to receive, to find comfort. Perhaps the Wise Men received much from their experience at Bethlehem, but they set-out on their journey in order to give.

As we hear the familiar story of Our Lord's birth at this Christmastide, as we listen once more to the message of the angels, see God Himself coming in Jesus to share our lives; see the shepherds, aware of God seeking them out in the very midst of their working lives; see the Wise Men, journeying because they want to offer themselves to God. See all this and know that God comes to us so that we might give ourselves to the task of making a reality the message of the angels: "Glory to God in highest heaven and on earth, His peace."

REHALLOWING of SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS

By Herbert O. Chaddock

THE Diocese of Sheffield was formed in 1914 out of the large Diocese of York, and the Parish Church of St. Peter, Sheffield, was chosen to serve as its Cathedral.

The Old Church, as it was called, very much blackened with five centuries of industrial smoke, and rather gloomy inside, was not quite the pride of the city as its Cathedral should be.

In 1935 the Provost (the late Dr. A. C. E. Jarvis) effected certain restorations and renewals. The Shrewsbury Chapel, built by the fourth Earl in the 15th century, was handed down to the successors, the Dukes of Norfolk, and in 1933 handed over to the Vicar and churchwardens, was restored and became the Lady Chapel. The St. Katherine's Chapel was restored, along with other minor improvements, and on February 25th, 1937, the new Bishop's Throne was dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The completion of these works introduced more beauty and light into the church and was an inducement to proceed further.

NEW NAVE AND ADDITIONAL TOWER

At a meeting of the Cathedral Council the Provost was given permission to secure the necessary funds to embark upon the enlargement in accordance with the designs of Sir Charles Nicholson. This meant pulling down the old nave and building a new one at right-angles running north to south, and included a new additional tower and spire in line with the old one, and on the west side of the new nave.

The Provost had only £360 in hand but by April, 1937, the foundation stones were laid, one by the late Princess Royal and one by Miss Fanny Tozer, who gave the beautiful Chapter House in memory of her father. The sacristy, song school and vestries were completed and the new Chapel of the Holy Spirit partly built, but on the outbreak of war in 1939 work had to be suspended.

Although the city received considerable damage from enemy action, the Cathedral was virtually undamaged. So much other essential building was necessary at the cessation of hostilities that work on the Cathedral was delayed. However, by June, 1948, the Chapel of the Holy Spirit was completed and consecrated, a day of great joy to Dr. Jarvis, who was now seeing his plans taking shape. He decided to retire and leave the completion to a younger man.

After much consideration the authorities under the new Provost, the Very Rev. J. Howard Cruse, decided, owing to the higher costs and other factors, reluctantly to abandon the original scheme and adopted the design submitted by Messrs. Ansell and Bailey, architects, of Guildford. All the previous work had been ably carried out by Messrs. Longdens, of Sheffield, and they were given the contract to complete the work, which was begun in August, 1963.

RINGERS' VANTAGE POINTS

We, the ringers, from our vantage points on the roofs, watched the process of building in our weekly visits with great interest for the next three years. The west end of the church was pulled down and the nave extended, a beautiful lantern tower being incorporated in the roof. A new tower at the south-west corner was also built, its base providing a fine exterior, and also an interior porch and entrance.



A new Church Hall has also been provided at the north-west corner, directly connected to the church. Owing to the slope of the land the rear of the hall roof is at ground level and the roof itself made into a garden.

LIGHTNESS AND BEAUTY

The new building is of Derbyshire stone; all the old exterior stonework has been cleaned. Work on the interior included the whole being cleaned and renovated, and the floor repaired. The oak pews, pulpit and furnishing pickled and finished in a honey shade, together with the extra windows and modern lighting, transformed the interior to one of colour, lightness and beauty. The maintenance of the churchyard, which is of natural stone paving, with expanses of turf, has been taken over by the City Parks Department, who do a fine job and can be relied upon to add some colour and neatness in the spring.

As the building neared completion it was found that £50,000 was required for it to be free from debt. However, Sir Stuart Goodwin, a local industrialist, promised half the sum if the rest could be found within six weeks. An appeal was made in the city and to all the parishes in the diocese, who at a special service brought their gifts which, together with other donations, produced the required sum.

THE REHALLOWING

Tuesday, November 15th, was chosen for the day of rehallowing, and a great service had been arranged, with Princess Margaret as the guest of honour. The ringers had instructions to do their part, but a few days before the great day it was found that one of the strap bolts, holding the 11th bell to its stock, was broken, making it unsafe to ring. However, an appeal was made to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who quickly supplied a new fitting and sent Mr. W. Theobald, who, with the manual assistance of one of the ringers, soon had things put right.

Ringling took place before the service to welcome the processions of Clergy, University, Civic, the 342-years-old Company of Cutlers

and a congregation of 1,450, and the Princess. The ringers were reserved excellent seats, where they could see and take part in a beautiful and impressive service. The Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. John Taylor) knocked three times with his pastoral staff on the outside of the great south-west door before being admitted by the Provost, and later marked part of the new stonework with a cross of consecration.

The sermon was delivered by the Archbishop of York (Dr. Coggan). Towards the close of the service the ringers returned to the tower and attempted a peal of Bob Royal, which was brought round after a little over three hours' good ringing, owing to a shift course.

EARLY HISTORY

The shaft of the "Sheffield Cross," now in the British Museum, provides definite evidence that Christianity had been established here by the ninth century, and it is thought that the complete Cross stood on the site of the present Cathedral. There is no mention of a church in Sheffield in the Domesday Book. Early in the 12th century William de Lovetot, the first of his family, succeeded to the Manor. He founded the Priory of Worksop and built a sturdy Norman church in Sheffield.

During the Barons' War the town and castle were burned down and Lovetot's descendant, Thomas de Furnival, complained: "They have burned my house and taken away my goods and done other great damage." The Norman church was replaced by an Early English one and dedicated by Wickwane, Archbishop of York about the year 1280. This stood until the 15th century, when it was destroyed and a new Perpendicular style church was built. A few of the stones from the two ancient churches are embedded in the chancel walls. This church was cruciform in shape, with its tower and spire rising from massive central piers, and contained seven altars. During the passing years it has been altered and enlarged, but the tower and chancel are still part of the original building.

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THE BELLS

The first account book of the church burgesses, 1557-1573, refers to a little bell and later to "Ye Sanctas Bell," also the 1st, 2nd and 3rd bells. A 4th bell was given by Gilbert, the seventh Earl of Shrewsbury, in 1606.

A new ring was set up in 1689, but how many bells there were is not known, probably five or six, as the Cutlers' Company contributed one bell, cast by Houghmrey Wilkinson of Lincoln. There were eight tunable bells in 1764, but the tenor weight is unknown, probably about 33 cwt.

In 1799 a new ring of ten bells (tenor 30 cwt.) was hung in the tower, but these must have been unsatisfactory as in 1804 they were replaced by another ten (tenor 41 cwt.) by Thomas Mears of Whitechapel. Two trebles were added in 1868. In 1922 all the bells were returned to Whitechapel, the 7th and 10th found to be cracked and were recast, the remainder being returned and all hung on ball or roller bearings. The frame, sound and sturdy, is of timber.

About six years ago the tenor bell was fitted with a new balanced clapper and staple, also much of the louvred openings in the tower were covered with suitable material by some of the local company, resulting in a great improvement in the sound of the bells. It is hoped that in the near future a more modern set of clappers will be fitted and other necessary work done to the bells, which all go very well, and, if perhaps a little old-fashioned, are to us a joy to ring.

And so, after 1,000 years of Christian worship on this site, one cannot help but think how fortunate we are today to go Sunday by Sunday and ring to the glory of God, and on most Sundays attend Evensong in such a beautiful church, where we know our efforts are appreciated.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Amanda Powell 2, C. H. Macve 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

By E. A. BARNETT

A prize of 10s. for nearest correct solution opened on January 6th, 1967. Address envelope: "Quiz" Editor, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

SECTION 1—RINGERS

1. Who was the first ringer to accomplish 1,000 peals?
2. Who "had taken much delight in ringing but my conscience beginning to be tender, I thought such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it . . .?"
3. Name two present-day Diocesan Bishops who have rung peals.
4. Who were the first husband and wife to ring a peal together?
5. Who conducted the first peal on 12 bells, and what was the method?

SECTION 2—COMPOSERS

1. Two pioneers of Spliced Minor composition used the pseudonyms of "Minormania" and "The Mad Hatter." Who were they?
2. Who is the only lady to have a peal composition of hers rung?
3. Who composed (a) Duffield, (b) Forward?
4. Who composed the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major and what were the methods?
5. Who first included a single in a composition in a Treble Bob hunt method?

SECTION 3—PEALS AND PEAL ATTEMPTS

1. What is the longest false peal rung?
2. Where was the first peal rung on nine bells?

3. A peal of Cinques and one of Maximus have been rung by bands of the same Christian name. What is it?
4. Where was the extent of Bob Major first rung?
5. Where and in what year was the first peal of Surprise Royal rung?

SECTION 4—MISCELLANEOUS

1. Who was Harvey Reeves?
2. How many editors has "The Ringing World" had?
3. John Powell Powell installed a ring of 12 bells at his own expense. Where?
4. Name the weekly journals other than "The Ringing World" which have been devoted exclusively to ringing.
5. Augmentations from eight to twelve are not unusual. Name two towers where the bells have been reduced from twelve to eight.

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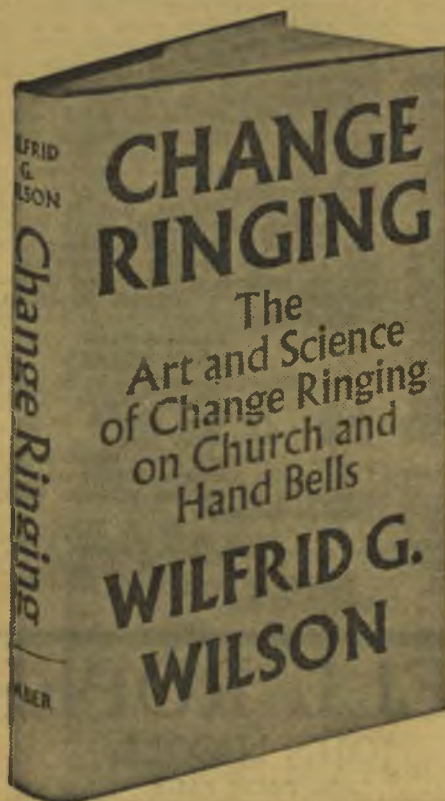
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Letters to the Editor

WHO DECIDES QUALITY OF PEAL?

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Stracey's letter (December 9th), who shall decide whether a peal is of too poor a quality to be recorded, and on what criterion shall their judgment be based? Am I right in thinking that the prerogative remains with the conductor?

The Central Council Handbook gives "conditions required for peals" in which no reference whatsoever is made to standards of striking. It does state that "any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be raised in writing to the conductor and the Association." Suppose, then, that the conductor still refuses to withdraw what others consider to be a substandard performance. It would appear that the decision must be taken by the accredited Association, especially as in another section of the Handbook we read "that the attention of Associations be called to the desirability of accurate striking."

How, then, is an Association to decide? Is it to take the word of one of its members against another? Is a "court" to be set up where judgment will be pronounced? If so, by whom? The thought horrifies me. I can see no simple solution but to accept the conductor's word and to let his reputation stand or fall by it.

Is there a precedent where a peal has been refused by an Association on the grounds of poor striking alone? If so I, for one, should be interested to hear of it and to know the general circumstances. If not, then can we accuse the Associations of complicity in the very poor quality performances referred to by Mr. Stracey?—Yours sincerely,

P. J. BIRD.

Kingswood, Bristol.

ROPE SPLICING

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Lt.-Col. Jerram for his interest in my article on rope maintenance. I did develop this method of finishing a long splice myself, based to some extent on the usual method, as given in the "Admiralty Manual of Seamanship," but I would emphasise that I claim no originality for it. To do so would be as hazardous as to claim authorship of a simple peal of Bob Major. This method of tucking must surely have been used elsewhere.

With regard to the security of this splice. I have done quite a number of them during the past 15 years, and I have not served any of them. In fact every rope at Wilmslow at present has one, and I can say that I have never known one to pull out.

I would also like to say that the method given for replacing a tail-end, by the use of two eye splices, was given to me by Peter Laffin, of St. George's, Stockport. He, I believe, brought it to this part of the country from Suffolk.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL D. LOMAS.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

WELL DONE, LADIES!

Dear Sir,—My sincere congratulations to the six ladies who rang the quarter peal of Doubles at Maiden Newton on November 18th.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY J. FORD,

Former Ringing Master of
Dorchester Branch of S.D.G.R.

P.S.—Keep it up, ladies!—H. J. F.

MEETING PROBLEMS OF THE AGE

Dear Sir—I had the pleasure of knowing and ringing with Phil Corby in the area and at the time of the V2 rockets to which he refers at the beginning of his article. The "stoical nonchalance" of those days differs from the "same endearing trait" of today, however, in that in the 1940's there was determination to carry on despite the dangers—today we just carry on because we cannot be bothered (or are too frightened) to examine ourselves, our bands and our Associations to see if what we are doing is appropriate in the 1960's.

Facts must be faced—we are not the only voluntary organisation with problems of falling membership, irrelevant customs and outdated administration. The root of the problem with many of these organisations is the same as ours—affection and respect for the past clouding the fact that 19th century rules and ideas do not necessarily fit the conditions of the 20th century. The recent reappraisal and reorganisation of the Scout and Guide movements illustrates the sort of action called for.

The last part of Phil Corby's article touches a particular concern of mine—the dreary round of meetings. What are they for? What do they do? Whom do they benefit? I have yet to receive really satisfactory answers. It really is no use ringers complaining that the meetings are poorly attended because "people" cannot be bothered. We are all "people" and the responsibility is ours.

So let us be honest and courageous and support Phil Corby and those like him, who are genuinely concerned about the many problems facing all ringers. Don't be petty when experiments fail, don't be small-minded in debate and don't misjudge the motives of those who are trying to achieve what is necessary if we are to survive.

May we keep prodding and provoking so that the rest of us can be stirred up from our smug, comfortable, overfed and too easily satisfied state.—Yours sincerely,

DENNIS L. HALL,

Hon. Sec., Southern Division,
Sussex County Association.

Burgess Hill.

PEAL RINGERS AND SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the "Sacred Cow" article concerning peal ringing, and noted relevant comments in subsequent correspondence. Like any other controversial topic, there must, of course, be much diversity of opinion and legitimate views on all sides of this question.

Following on this, though, I think it would be of interest to readers to read a few views on the position of peal ringing, in relation to what I hope I may be excused for believing to be the prime object of our art, i.e. Sunday service ringing. Undoubtedly most regular peal ringers give of their utmost in this way. Others, perhaps happily in the minority, make little or no contribution at all. Do these latter feel any obligation at all to ring regularly for Sunday service, or do they regard the church bells purely as instruments for their pleasure and entertainment?

Since becoming a District secretary I have been to the length of reading the objects of our Guild, something which I had never thought of doing before. To my surprise I could not find the word "peal" anywhere mentioned in those objects.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD D. HUGHES.

Markfield, Leicester.

RINGERS AND THE P.C.C.

Dear Sir,—During recent weeks we have been reading a lot about sound control. May I point out that any form of sound control or belfry improvements and replacements is bound to cost money? Country parishes have frequently inherited a church like a small cathedral and the upkeep costs are a constant source of worry to parochial church councils.

Ringers generally seem most reluctant to serve on these councils and are generally absent from the meetings which elect them. If this is the case we have no right to complain if belfry needs are at the back of the queue when P.C.C. funds are allocated, or if the councils adopt the attitude that the most effective and cheapest form of sound control is not to ring the bells.

I was most interested in Mr. Corby's suggestion of evening practice meetings. He may remember that such a meeting was arranged at Chiddingstone some two years ago. In spite of the fact that it proved most helpful and encouraging to myself and my fellow novices, the idea was never followed up. I have never been able to understand why.—Yours sincerely,

P. R. EVEREST.

Chiddingstone, Kent.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR'S RUINED CHURCH

Dear Sir, — I would like, through your columns, to make a few comments on the North Herts half-day outing to this part of Cambridgeshire (page 790). I am certain your correspondent has painted a far from satisfactory picture of ringing conditions at Swaffham Prior. The account relates how non-ringers "watched masonry fall amid the ruined church as 45 minutes' ringing flew by," and really, sir, this must be an exaggeration.

There are, of course, two churches in the same churchyard at Swaffham Prior, St. Cyriac's being the ruined church that possesses the tower housing the bells. Apart from some attention by Ely Diocesan Association members in recent years, I doubt whether any substantial work has been done on the bells since they were installed by John Briant of Hertford in 1791 (the bell chamber confirms this!). Despite their somewhat dilapidated condition, the bells go quite well, and bands from Cambridgeshire have rung several peals here in the last two or three years. I have stood in the ruined church while ringing has been in progress and cannot say that I have detected any evidence of falling masonry.

Although there is no local band in the village, visiting ringers are usually made welcome, and the villagers appreciate hearing the bells. Certainly the Church of St. Cyriac is in a decrepit state, but I don't think that reports of outings should attempt to assess the condition of buildings, that is a task for the architect. Perhaps the North Herts writer will exercise a little tact in future reports, or else have the prudence to warn the ringers that the tower is falling around them.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN B. HULLAH.

Ely, Cambs.

HOAX PEALS

Dear Sir,—There appears to be an increase in the number of hoax peals in "The Ringing World." The latest addition to the list is Much Hadham (page 812).

As a member of Much Hadham band, may I say to the person responsible—for goodness sake grow up and act sensibly. Hoax peals must be stopped.

G. E. THODAY.

p.p. G. E. Bonham, A. K. Fortin,
R. J. Snack.

P.S.—Hoax peals never boosted anyone's total!—G. E. T.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MORE LETTERS

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to correct and clarify some points in your report of the dispute of the peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol? It is quite beyond me to know how Mr. Parsons knows what went on at our committee meeting on November 2nd since he is very far from being a member. In fact I only decided to cancel the peal on November 4th, because so many of our good ringers were away. I was unable to raise even what I considered was an adequate Triples band let alone a ten-bell band. Mr. Parsons then asked if he could call a peal, so I gave him the bells never dreaming that he would consider going for Caters.

I did not compliment the band on its performance; I complimented Mr. Parsons on a tremendous feat of conducting, since the people who complained to me said the ringing was so bad that they were unable to distinguish whether the bells were in Tittums or hand-stroke-home.

A committee meeting was then held at which it was decided that the peal was not of a sufficiently high standard to be recognised by the Society. It is of significance that two of the committee rang in the actual peal and that by now two other members of the band had withdrawn from the peal—by letter to Mr. Parsons. We, of course, had no objection to Mr. Parsons publishing his peal so long as no mention was made of the University Society.

Mr. Parsons then managed to muster enough support—with the aid of three ringers who, quite apart from being bad ringers, have since only been once on a Sunday this term—to call an extraordinary general meeting. If objections were made, the motion passed meant that yet another meeting would have had to be called. After the unpleasant atmosphere of the one just held, at which Mr. Parsons accused the committee of attempting to bribe him, amongst other things, the objectors decided it just was not worth it; which is why Mr. Parsons has received no written objections.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON,
Master, University of Bristol Society.

HE HEARD ONE HOUR

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment on the peal rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on November 5th for the University Society. I heard the ringing for nearly an hour, all told, and in my opinion the striking was consistently appalling. It took several minutes' listening before I heard a change containing ten distinct notes and, on many occasions, there were ten bells between successive blows of the tenor. In almost every change there were at least two bells striking simultaneously. At no time was I sure whether the bells were in the Tittums or the handstroke position—there being no clear roll-ups or course-ends.

I made a strong verbal complaint to John Parsons the next day about the quality of the ringing; if he does not accept this then let me formally object through the columns of "The Ringing World."

Mr. Parsons' object in ringing this peal, I believe, was to give as many of our learners as possible a chance to ring a Society peal. To embark on a ten-bell peal when seven members of the band have had little or no experience on ten bells is sheer folly, and does not justify three hours of protracted bad striking.

Finally, I would like to emphasise that this performance is in no way indicative of the general standard of Bristol University ringing.—Yours faithfully,

M. G. R. ZOBEL,
Tower Secretary, U.B.S.C.R.

OBITUARY

THE REV. PETER HOWELL

With very sad hearts we at Twerton heard of the passing at the early age of 35 of the Rev. Peter Howell in hospital at Taunton. While he was with us he rang as often as his duties allowed and became a very good treble and tenor ringer. His proudest ringing moment came on December 20th, 1960, when he completed his only quarter peal along with the Vicar, another curate, the P.C.C. secretary, the organist, a sidesman, a choirman and the Tower Master.

In 1961 we had the honour of ringing a peal for his induction at Stoke St. Mary with Thurlbear and Orchard Portman, three little villages near Taunton.

We shall not only remember him as a ringer but for all the hard work he did for us youngsters in the Youth Club and the church.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his widow and little baby, who was just six weeks old when Mr. Howell died. A. F. L.

PEALS OF THE LATE WILLIAM H. HEWETT

Mr. H. H. Hewett rang exactly 500 tower bell peals, of which he conducted 115, and 41 handbell peals. These were rung for 18 different Associations, Guilds or Societies. He took part in the first-ever peals of Waterloo Reverse Bob Major, Brighton Surprise Major and Middlesex Surprise Royal, and in record length of 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow in 1923 and 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow in 1925

The following are details.

Doubles.—Grandsire 1,
Minor.—Oxford T.B. Kent T.B., Plain Bob 1; Cambridge S. 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 7, handbells 1; Stedman 26 (cond. 5), 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2, 14; Double Oxford 1; Forward 1; Duffield 1; Waterloo Reverse Bob 1; Double Norwich C.B. 51 (7); Kent T.B. 5; Oxford T.B. 2 (1); Brighton S. 1; Bristol S. 13; Cambridge S. 53 (11); London S. 10; New Cambridge S. 1; New Cumberland S. 5; Norfolk S. 4; Superlative S. 43 (5); Yorkshire S. 5 (2); Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative S. 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 8; Stedman 72 (33), 4; Royal.—Plain Bob 1, 12; Forward 2; Duffield 2; Double Norwich C.B. 8 (5); Kent T.B. 4 (1), 2; Oxford T.B. 1; Cambridge S. 57 (23); London S. 4; Middlesex S. 5; New Cambridge S. 1 (1); Pudsey S. 1 (1); Yorkshire S. 10 (8).

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, 2; Stedman 40 (6), 3. Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, 1; Kent T.B. 7, 1; Cambridge S. 33 (6); Superlative S. 2; Yorkshire S. 2.

Totals.—Tower bells peals 500 (cond. 115); handbells 41.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Mr. Frank Barraclough, the Ringing Master of Manchester Cathedral, has been ill since the middle of October; his many friends wish him well for a speedy recovery. During Frank's absence all correspondence relating to Manchester Cathedral should be addressed to Mr. A. Ward, 7, Dartmouth Road, Besses o' the' Barn, Whitefield, Manchester. (Tel. No. 766-6786 (Std. Code 061.)

MR. WILLIAM GLOVER

Mr. William Glover, who for many years had been a ringer at Chelmsford Cathedral, died suddenly on the morning of October 31st whilst getting ready to go to work. His ringing activities had been considerably curtailed over the last year or so owing to indifferent health, but in spite of this he maintained his interest in the Exercise to the end. He was aged 49 years.

His widow is also a ringer and at her request a quarter peal was rung at the Cathedral with the bells open on Nov. 14th, as follows:—1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal; A. R. Groves 1, Ann Edwards 2, Rosemarie Frith 3, Claire Hudson 4, L. J. Clark 5, P. J. Eves 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, A. S. Hudson 8, G. Thoday (cond.) 9, I. R. Panton 10.

MR. F. W. LACK

The funeral service for Mr. F. W. Lack, of Great Staughton, Hunts, whose death was briefly reported in a recent edition, took place at his beloved St. Andrew's Church on December 3rd, where for 36 years he had served as churchwarden. The bells, which were half-muffled, were rung before the service by some of his many friends, and also, after the service, a course of Stedman Doubles was rung.

Mr. Lack, who learned to ring about 60 years ago, was a respected member of the Ely Diocesan Association, which he joined in 1921. He had given faithful service to the District and Association, being elected to the committee in 1933, representing the Association on the Central Council from 1951 to 1959, and was Deputy Ringing Master and Ringing Master for the Hunts District for many years. In 1964 he was elected president of the District, a position he held at the time of his death.

For the Ely Diocesan Association Mr. Lack rang 89 peals. Until the past few months he was a most regular attendee at meetings, and many members will recall the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lack when they visited Great Staughton for meetings or peals.

In his active life he served in many spheres. He aided his church as churchwarden, treasurer and secretary and on the Ruridecanal and Diocesan Conferences. For 35 years he was a manager and for 11 years chairman of the village school.

A great number of fellow ringers attended the service and from a wide circle the deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lack and her family. H. S. P.

MR. W. E. MATTHEWS

With great regret we record the death of Mr. W. E. (Ernie) Matthews, a member of he Cobham, Surrey, band for the past 49 years, on December 11th. He was captain from 1946 to 1955 and for the past 11 years he had served as treasurer.

Ernie will long be remembered for the way he gave his help and support unstintingly to the younger members. He was an ever-present member for Sunday morning service ringing and rang at Guildford Cathedral as a member of the Leatherhead District team. He was perhaps better known outside the band for his leading part in the handbell ringing each Christmas time.

His many friends throughout the parish and diocese extend their heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family.—W. R. H.

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OPINIONS ON DECEMBER 9th ISSUE

"'The Ringing World' really looks something. Please keep up these pictures." — Alan Buswell, Cosham

"I was delighted to see crossword, limericks and games. Congratulations! 'The Ringing World' is at last moving with the times." — A. M. Feist, Yorktown.

"I feel that I should put pen to paper and congratulate those concerned with the 'New Look' on a truly wonderful effort." — Jeffrey Brannan, Ashton-under-Lyne.

"I do not like the wishy-washy yellow on the cover. I do like the article by Rod on the long length, which I had not seen before." — Alan Ainsworth, Halesowen.

"I have been quietly and patiently satisfied with the new front page. Congratulations on your wonderful silent silencing of your critics (December 9th)!" — R. Brown, Rothwell, Yorks.

"By far the best, liveliest, most interesting 'Ringing World' ever in my experience. How have people the cheek to say it is like a cut-price third-rate parish magazine?" — E. J. Roberts, Muswell Hill.

"I congratulate all those concerned with the publication of the splendid Christmas issue. In all respects this was a vast improvement and augurs well for the future of our paper." — Howard W. Egglestone, Henley, Suffolk.

"I am writing to express my appreciation of the efforts of 'The Ringing World' Committee. I am in favour of the committee going even further to develop 'The Ringing World' into a glossy magazine even if this means a considerable increase in price." — Paul J. Rigby, Atherstone.

"The general feeling in this area seems to be 'Give us back the spires' on 'The Ringing World' title page, and I agree. But congratulations on this week's cover; obviously the spires would be out of place over a picture. But could we not have them back over the front page when it consists only of a leading article?" — Cyril A. Wratten.

"I would like to congratulate you, sir, and your Editorial Committee on what must surely be the most sparkling issue of 'The Ringing World' published so far. . . . It is clear to me from conversation with ringers in this area that the majority are very satisfied with the front page as it has been for the last few weeks. This now established, it was with complete delight that we unwrapped the latest issue to find a splendid photograph of 'Mancroft' on a tinted background." — James R. Taylor, Whitchurch, Bristol.

"I wondered long and hard about the new heading of our journal until I received the issue of December 9th with the magnificent picture of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the front. To have produced this fine photograph under the old-style heading would have been quite incongruous, and the new lettering sets off the illustration very well without drawing the eye away from it. May there be more of these excellent festive issues." — David L. Cawley, King's College, London.

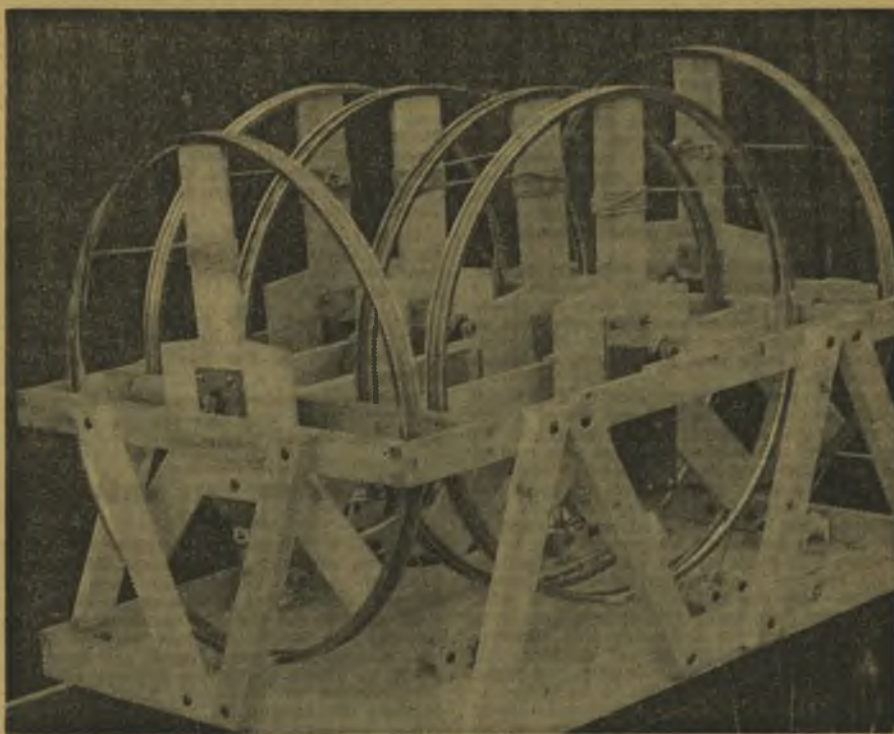
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

To complete its activities for 1966 the Marlborough Branch held an evening meeting at Mildenhall on December 3rd. This break with tradition was a popular move, as was shown by an excellent attendance, members being present from Aldbourne, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, Chisledon and Collingbourne Kingston, with one visitor from Wroughton.

Ringing was under the direction of Mr. F. Read, and special emphasis was laid on the practice aspect of the meeting. Besides method ringing there were ample opportunities for learners in rounds and call changes. The success of the venture was most encouraging and will probably lead to similar efforts in 1967.

W. A. E

Do it Yourself Ring of Bells



MR. D. A. KIRK has made what he claims to be the lightest ring of six bells in the world. These bells may be seen at his home, The School House, Stedham, near Midhurst, and he extends through our columns a welcome to visiting ringers. Tel. Midhurst 522.

Particulars of the bells are:—

Treble	6 ounces	B flat
2	6½ ounces	A flat
3	5½ ounces	G flat
4	8½ ounces	F
5	10½ ounces	E flat
Tenor	11 ounces	D flat

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The Wheels.—9 mm. plywood spokes with 26" x 1½" cycle rims. These turn on bicycle front hubs.

The Ropes.—Hemp garden line with french-knitted, rug-wool sallies.

The Frame.—2" x 1" planed softwood—sealed, polished and assembled as a low-sided frame screwed to base-board of 12 mm. plywood.

The Pulleys.—Cotton reels glued to sawn-off coach bolts revolve in polystyrene bearings.

Length 36½ inches. Width 27 inches. Height 27 inches.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell, of 32, Lower Drayton Lane, Cosham, Portsmouth, is collecting as many touches as possible of Grandsire Triples up to 392 changes. Can any reader assist him with touches for 98, 140, 182, 266, 307, 308, 321, 322, 335, 349, 350, 363, 364, 378, 391 and 392 changes.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The last evening meeting of the year was held on a very frosty December 3rd at Offley. However, anyone ringing round the back end soon regained their full circulation. Methods rung included London and Norwich, and a fair number braved the cold.

Next meeting of the Northern District: A.G.M., Hitchin, on January 7th. J. K. O.

CHRISTMAS AND THE OLD FOLK

At Christmas time most people think of the old folk, and John Euston's thoughts go back to those veterans he met at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 18th, when many noted personalities were present. And the ringing was good—seven with an average age of 78 with one youngster rang a course of Cambridge Major.

There was the simple and moving service conducted by the Rev. Stanley Moore, during which he read out the names of many "departed." The Rector remembered most of those present from previous years and hoped to see them all next year. He made a special note of the 90 years difference in age between Arthur Reeve (93) and Chris Harbott, who came along with his father, Martyn, and an 85-year-old veteran.

John Euston was not unkind of the many to whom he owed thanks, from the parson downwards, and Leonard Warner, the organist. The catering was again in the hands of Mrs. Davis and her helpers—and those who provided cars were also thanked.

During the evening George Symonds saw for the first time in the St. Margaret Society's peal book a record of a peal he conducted at Westminster over 60 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stenson were also present, and Frank brought best wishes from 'Ernie Weatherby (ex-Market Drayton), who is now in California, and Dr. H. and Marjorie Whipple, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Another traveller present was Len Stillwell, of Great Adventure II. The passing of Edith Fletcher was linked with the presence of five members of the Ladies' Guild who rang in the Guild's first peal of Stedman Caters.

There was a comment by Harold Hazell on the many years of devoted service Arthur Barker had given to the Central Council, and in connection with the care of aged parents the services of Mrs. G. Barker and Mrs. J. Kippin were mentioned. Concluding his report, John Euston hopes to meet all again on June 24th, 1967.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Gough 1, Miss M. White 2, Mrs. C. Chennell-White 3, Miss L. Read 4, C. Chennell-White 5, M. Harbord 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, T. E. Sansom 8. First of Stedman 3 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Smith 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, A. Waller 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Upton 1, A. V. Good 2, F. M. Byrne 3, G. A. Reading 4, K. Sheppard 5, R. E. J. Sheppard 6. A 75th birthday compliment to Walter Ayre.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. Rundle 1, Mrs. B. M. Davies 2, Miss M. Jones 3, R. Swift, jun. 4, C. Wyld 5, Dr. J. L. Garraway 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, F. G. Huckstep 8. To commemorate H.R.H. Princess Margaret's visit to Ashford this day.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Francella 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Valerie Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, C. Nash 6. Thankgiving for a successful gift day.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. J. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, A. Swatton 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, P. J. Devrell 5, B. Sarll 6.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: M. W. McEvoy (first on working bell) 1, R. M. Hodister (cond.) 2, Miss B. Pickering 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, J. Wellings 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Armitage (first quarter) 1, C. Holmes 2, A. Ellis 3, D. R. Swann 4, A. Beaumont 5, S. C. Wells (cond.) 6. Durham University Society.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Groves 1, Helen E. Gilbert 2, Rosemarie A. Frith (cond.) 3, P. J. Gibson 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Pantion 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,259 Doubles (three methods): H. Medlock 1, Brenda Redfern 2, D. Redfern 3, J. W. V. Sinfeld 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, G. Coleman 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Walter Mooring, 30 years Vicar's warden, who died on November 23rd, aged 93.

CHARWOOD, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, A. J. Ede 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. For Patronal Festival.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Lynn B. Hollingsbee 1, Anne M. Baldwin 2, Carol C. Bunn 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, H. McKissock 6. First in two methods 2 and 3. For the induction of the new Rector, Rev. Robert J. C. Lloyd, M.A. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne M. Baldwin 1, Beryl M. Hills (first of Minor "inside") 2, D. W. Standing 3, L. H. Bennett 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6. For evening service.

CHISLET, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (13 methods): J. Hedgecock 1, R. Cleaver 2, Miss E. H. Talbot Ponsonby 3, D. J. Baker 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Wren 1, P. Wren (first of Minor) 2, S. Thornton 3, W. R. Hayward 4, W. E. Matthews 5, A. W. Holden (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Upton (first quarter) 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. Jeffery 3, Miss R. A. Stevens 4, S. Upton 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, A. J. Bull 2, Miss R. A. Stevens 3, G. Charlton 4, J. Jeffery 5, S. Upton 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's, Lewisham Way, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Jones 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, K. J. Rider 4, C. M. Meyer 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6.

ELY, CAMBS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. J. Sandham 1, J. W. Pickett 2, R. P. Turnill 3, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 4, D. F. Murfet 5, F. W. Talbot 6. A farewell to T. J. Sandham, who is taking an appointment in Sheffield.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Nov. 27th, 1,282 Stedman Caters: Miss R. M. Myllys 1, Miss P. A. Copas 2, J. Hill (cond.) 3, M. W. Seymour 4, R. K. Russ 5, J. Sexton 6, G. R. Marchant 7, W. H. Coles 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, G. W. Hill 10. First of Stedman Caters 1, 5, 6 and 7. For the service of dedication of Brunel University, Uxbridge.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Vivien Barnes 1, Mrs. P. Harris 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. E. Newman 4, W. J. Newman 5, R. Harris 6, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Newman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Newman, on celebrating their silver wedding.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Simon Wigg 1, Catherine Raynham 2, Shirley P. Town 3, N. R. Mattingley 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, O. Partis 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Christopher T. Osenton, of Halling, Kent.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sarah Haskins 1, M. Susan Jackson 2, Josephine M. Haskins 3, C. B. Dove (cond.) 4, M. J. Denton 5, W. Haskins 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

LENHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (two trebles leading): P. Town (first quarter) 1, Shirley Town 2, Michael Brann 3, D. Town 4, Janice Appleton 5, K. Appleton 6, N. Mattingley 7, R. T. Powell 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 20th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: T. E. Sone 1, Miss M. A. Ladd 2, P. J. Spice 3, E. J. Ladd 4, R. A. Laree (first of S. Caters) 5, M. J. Uphill 6, Miss D. E. Colgate 7, J. Pladdys 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, D. Cawley 10. For Evensong. Also at St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 27th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, K. Warner 2, I. L. Dear 3, P. V. Gant 4, D. Ellisdon 5, A. M. Faulkner 6, R. Durrant 7, C. G. Wright 8, R. D. Tomlin 9, F. E. Scoones 10. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. L. S. Hulatt (cond.) 1, Mary Garrard 2, N. Garrard 3, G. Hawkins 4, I. G. Newman 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushton 7, C. McCartney 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lee 1, S. Body 2, Miss K. Hine (first "inside") 3, I. J. Burroughs 4, J. Creber 5, P. W. Ham 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, G. Puddy (first of Triples) 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, H. Hardwidge 2, C. Kortwright 3, J. Mitchell 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6. As a farewell compliment to the Rector, Rev. Guy Hammond, on leaving to become Rector of Keinton Mandeville.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Dec. 5th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall (first quarter) 1, J. Prytherch 2, A. Bainham (first as cond., aged 13) 3, L. Bainham 4, D. Phillips 5. Rung on the 101st anniversary of the birth of the late John W. Jones, who was for nearly 50 years captain of this tower and hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. S. G. C. Harrison 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. A. Mitson 4, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison (first as cond.) 5, E. C. Hynard 6. On the eve of the wedding anniversary of the ringers of 2 and 5.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: A. Brewer 1, F. Oakley 2, How. Meek 3, R. Brewer 4, F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, Har. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Mr. T. Lloyd, father of the Rector.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, R. J. Cann 2, Merryyn Hutchings 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Harris 5, E. J. Cole 6, C. W. Bragg 7, T. J. Warner (cond.) 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. V. J. Stone 1, J. P. Hill (first of Plain Bob) 2, R. C. Woodward 3, F. W. Sweet 4, M. J. Stone (cond.) 5, E. J. Pope 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Evans 1, A. Baldock 2, Susan Harrison 3, L. Tapp 4, Christine Baldock (cond.) 5, J. Evans (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): E. R. Venn 1, E. G. Jones 2, J. Linnell 3, C. C. Clarke 4, P. J. Heritage (first in 11 methods as cond.) 5.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, Mrs. Mack 2, F. Williams 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire), 4, 6, 8 covering: G. West 1, H. L. Crisp 2, D. A. Wills 3, F. Bastin 4, F. Williams 5, F. Clark (first quarter) 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George E. Thoday, of Cambridge, rang his 100th peal in 1966 at Maldon, Essex, on November 23rd.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung by the Cambridge University Guild on December 1st was rung entirely by undergraduate freshers.

Mrs. M. M. Leggett, of Ridgeover House, Coker Hill, West Coker, is the new hon. secretary of the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

With the peal of London Surprise Major at Cuckfield on November 25th, Reginald Johnson, the Master of the Sussex County Association, completed an ambition of many years, to ring 25 peals of London. He had not rung a peal of London since before the war. Preb. H. M. Cannop Price, Rector of St. Giles', Newcastle, Staffs, has been appointed Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Provost-elect is very well-minded and some of his ringers are hoping to make the journey for his installation on March 4th.

The ladies of the Southwell Diocesan Guild have scored their second peal—Minor in four methods at Babworth, Notts, on December 3rd. The previous peal was at Balderton in 1959. Congratulations!

The ringers of the peal at East Ardsley on December 3rd would like to associate with the peal the name of Mr. Rodney Stephenson, who was unable to take part due to illness in the family, and to thank Mr. Adrian Holliday for standing in at extremely short notice.

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LOST AFTER 5½ HOURS

The attempt for 25,088 Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on December 3rd came to grief after almost 11,000 changes and exactly five and a half hours, when one of the band sank back into the window frame and threatened to faint on the spot. Frantically-screamed coursing orders proved useless, confusion ensued and . . . hic finis fandi!

Although a late start was made the ringing had quickly settled down and as the hours rolled by success had seemed assured. Bellack had mastered the Indian rope-trick and most of us had gone through the pain barrier.

Tribute must be paid to Barrie Dove's competence in conducting and the band wish to acknowledge their gratitude to Joy Watkin, who was doing a first-rate job as umpire, though it did seem from the posture she assumed at one stage that the peal would have to be recorded as "in memoriam"!

"All change!" Joy was drafted in to ring the treble; but a course and a half of Putney was enough to prove that Plain Bob was too much in our thoughts. We returned to our own bells and, as some consolation, scored a good, fastish 5,040 with Barrie calling Carter's for the n³ time.

Finally, our sincere thanks to Mr. Paul Taylor for making the attempt possible, and to Mr. and Mrs. Watkin for their handsome entertainment. R. B.

RAVERS' FAREWELL TO THEIR TENOR KING

On the afternoon of Saturday, November 26th, eight members of the Society of Raving Ringers rang a peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Mark's, Swindon, as a farewell to Heather and Tony Mann, who have recently emigrated to Australia.

Tony was a graduate and founder member of the Exning School of Tenor Ringing and, with instruction from people like Pat Cannon, he soon became the "tenor king" of the Society.

It is sad to relate that the now famous East Anglian grin will no longer face you from an English tenor box or that the familiar "baarb" will be heard again on these shores. The method rung at Swindon was aptly chosen, for it was said of Tony that Plain Bob was the only method he could ring well, conduct well and look "intelligent" in when making mistakes.

Tony was also a proficient handbell ringer and while stationed at Bushey often featured in some of the Bushey band's peals. The experience he gained in this country will no doubt be of great value to Australian ringing. On behalf of the whole Society I wish Tony and Heather all the best in their new life in Australia. M. W. C.

GREAT YARMOUTH'S SCOUT AND GUIDE RINGERS

Two 15-year-old Scouts (8th Great Yarmouth), learner members of the St. Nicholas' Company at Great Yarmouth, Roger Newstead and David Wright, were recently examined by Mr. E. R. Goate, of Beccles, and qualified for their bellringer's badge. It is believed they are the first in the immediate locality to do this although Angela McBride of the same Company received her Guide's badge some time ago, prior to gaining her Queen's Guide Badge.

80 YEARS A RINGER



That grand old man of Ipswich, Mr. George E. Symonds, of 57, Mornington Avenue, has this month completed 80 years as a ringer.

It was in December, 1886, that he started ringing on the tiny five at Brome, Suffolk (tenor 7 cwt.), and from this humble beginning worked up to calling peals in 14 different methods of Maximus and three of Cinques. His total of peals rung in the last century was 27, of which he conducted 16, including one silent. The first Royal occasion for which he rang was Queen Victoria's first jubilee, in 1887.

George has also a very good record as a chorister, joining the choir a year or two before he started ringing, but his service had not been continuous. However, he finished as a chorister with over 40 years' service in an Ipswich church under six vicars and the same number of organists.

Mr. Symonds send his congratulations to all long-serving Church workers.

200 PEALS ON 12 BELLS

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd rang his 200th peal on 12 bells at Evesham on December 3rd. He rang his first at St. Martin's, Birmingham, 4 years ago and the band included some of the fine old Birmingham ringers. Standing in were Tom Russam, James George, John Neal, Samuel Grove and, of course, Albert Walker. Ernest Morris rang the treble and Jim Shepherd (from Swindon) drummed. Edgar writes:

"We finished at 9.50 p.m., and because of the state of the licensing laws at that time there was a glorious scuttle down the stairs!" His list is as follows:

Cinques. — Stedman 138, Grandsire 2, Erin 1

Maximus.—Cambridge 40, Yorkshire 9, New Cambridge 1, Lincolnshire 2, Lindsey 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Pontefract 1, Pudsey 2, Spliced (cond. 2) 1.

"OUR" "RINGING WORLD"

"World," not just country, not just yours or mine, "ours," yours and mine. Thank you, our "Ringing World" Committee, for your bold efforts in providing the above with a "new suit"—several, in fact—for our journal, a very specialised journal. Last week's was very good; this week's (December 9th), of glorious and happy memories, is smashing. And in any case don't give it drainpipe trousers, or mini-skirts, but the latter long enough to cover the subject but short enough to be interesting.

There seems to be just a few who, no matter what is done for them (and you know well enough) will never be satisfied—so why bother about them?

It is high time that we settled down, accepted and appreciated what is being done for us.

They want, or should do, to listen to a parody on Keith Stolls' signature tune to "Time for Old Time Dancing," with apologies to and acknowledgment of and appreciation for.

TIME FOR OLD TIME

Time for old time "Ringing" in the New Regime.

We'll struggle through a "peal" or two with "sallies" hand in hand.

A "tour" of glamour in the grand old manner.

"Ring" a while in old time style and listen to "the bells";

"A peal" and "a touch" and "a quarter" or two.

"Old and new methods" we know will please you.

"A peal of good Stedman" we know you'll adore.

"Plain Bob and Grandsire" and come back for more;

"Change" with your ladies, "dodge" with your Loo.

There's "quarters" for everyone, "touches" for you;

Will carry you back to the "ringing" romance.

So "ring" all good "methods," "That's all" and then "Stand."

YOUNG BAT-ER.

Crewe.

GUESSING THE PEALS, CHANGES AND RINGERS

The result is announced of a novel competition organised by the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild for the benefit of the Diocesan Bell Repair Fund. Competitors were required to forecast the number of peals, the number of different ringers and the number of changes in the peals rung for the Guild during the three-month period from August to October, counting all peals published in "The Ringing World" by December 2nd.

The correct figures were most closely approached by Mr. S. Walklate of Derby—28 peals, 90 ringers, 141,295 changes. Mr. Walklate, who bought the ticket for 6d, when with the Derby Cathedral team at the Oswy Street contest in Retford recently, has thus received the prize of £10.

The total proceeds of the competition were £22.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL

C.C.C. (Plain Bob) No. 14 Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C.

*John Brain Treble	Brian J. Wyld 6
Eric Naylor 2	Gwilym G. Salmon 7
George W. Massey 3	Trevor A. Cross 8
Diana M. Chapman 4	Peter Bridle 9
*David A. Burt 5	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Royal in the method for the Association, and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth bell. Rung for the beginning of Advent.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods/variations, being four extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Kennington, three extents each of Eynsham, St. Leonard, Clifford's Pleasure and April Day and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Raymond Jones Treble	Stanley Lewis 4
John Coombs 2	John S. Walton 5
*Gilbert Davis 3	*Christopher Avery Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.

* First peal in 11 methods/variations. First peal as conductor in same.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods and the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Helen F. Roberts Treble	Gillian M. Brearley 4
†Pauline Bligh-Cheesman .. 2	Michael A. Gibbey 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	Michael G. R. Zobel .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal on six bells. † First of Minor "inside." Rung to celebrate the restoration of the tower.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

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

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) Treble	†R. Dyckhoff (King's) .. 5
M. J. Pickup (Churchill) .. 2	R. C. Button (King's) .. 6
C. W. Daws (Trinity) .. 3	D. P. Sturge (St. John's) .. 7
*C. M. Tuckett (Queens') .. 4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Robert Inglis.

* First peal. † First tower bell peal. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITCHURCH, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.	
Keith W. Eaton Treble	John R. Scott 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards 2	George A. Packer 6
Leon A. Perry 3	Frederick S. Sutton 7
John E. Brough 4	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

50th peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Geoffrey A. Edwards.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt	
Ian F. Garvie Treble	Edward Holdsworth .. 5
Clare F. Dolphin 2	Ian D. Thompson 6
Frank W. Perrins 3	L. Michael Callow 7
Percy Stone 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis

Conducted by Peter Border.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

TYNEMOUTH, Northumberland.—At the Church of Christ,

North Shields.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.	
*Peter H. Garner (St. Cuth.) Treble	*M. Alec Beaumont (Van M.) 6
*Janet Cleeve (St. Aidan's) .. 2	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 7
*Charlotte A. Bennett (Trev.) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) .. 8
*Stephen C. Wells (Grey) .. 4	Lawrence R. Pizzev (St. J's) .. 9
*Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) .. 5	Wm G. Wilson (St. Ch.) .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal of Royal on tower bells. First of Royal on tower bells for the Society.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FENHAM, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Thomas Sewell Treble	Thomas Cooke 5
Eric N. Harrison 2	George S. Deas 6
Fred Hodgson 3	Kenneth Arthur 7
Peter Wishart 4	Jack Roach Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. E. Yendall, oldest resident of this parish, on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day, Dedworth, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 3½ cwt. in A.

*Martin May Treble	Harold Evans 4
Robert Everest 2	Richard Hayes 5
Graham S. E. Winter .. 3	David J. M. Cox Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* First peal Most Doubles methods to a peal by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Graham Winter.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd.

On Mon. Nov. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

*Anne Edwards Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 7
Claire Hudson 2	Peter J. Eves 8
Brian J. Howard 3	Joe E. G. Roast 9
*Christopher K. Cooper .. 4	†Ian R. Panton 10
*†Peter J. Brown 5	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 11
Andrew S. Hudson 6	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew Hudson.

* First peal of Maximus. † 50th peal together. Rung by members of the S.E. Division of the Association as a compliment to Brian and June Howard upon the birth of their son, Michael John, on November 19th, 1966.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Superlative with 119 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr 5 lb.

Alfred J. House Treble	Ian R. Panton 5
*Michael J. Hallett 2	James L. Towler 6
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 3	†Joe E. G. Roast 7
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4	††Peter G. Brown Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of eight-spiced. † 50th peal together. † 50th tower for a peal.

DAGENHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt in F sharp.

John W. Stephenson .. Treble	Christopher C. Pain .. 5
*Graham C. King 2	*Paul J. Bloomfield 6
Harry Turner 3	†Roy E. Copleston 7
Michael P. Moreton .. 4	John Armstrong Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by John Armstrong.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Ian R. Panton Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Peter G. Brown 6
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast 7
Philip J. Rothera 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

David Sloman Treble	†Hubert H. Furringer .. 5
*Stephen G. Halliwell .. 2	Bernard C. Sadler 6
Frank C. May 3	Michael J. Hallett 7
*Janet E. G. Hallett .. 4	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal "inside." † 75th peal.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ST. OSYTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being all different.	Tenor 10 cwt.
F. B. Luffkin Treble	P. Pitt 4
V. Cross 2	N. V. Avis 5
L. Ward 3	S. Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by S. Humphrey.

First peal as conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BRAY, Co. Wicklow.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.
*George McGregor Treble	*Peter W. Brown 4
Gillian E. Lewis 2	*David H. T. Taylor .. 5
*Geraldine G. Winnett .. 3	Colin A. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal of Minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.	
*†Ian H. Oram Treble	†Michael H. O'Callaghan 5
Judith M. Corby 2	†D. Paul Smith 6
*†Richard G. Crosland .. 3	†Stanley Jenner 7
Ann Jenner 4	†Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* 150th peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. § 300th peal. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower." First peal on the bells to this method.

FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Bruce N. Butler Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Richard Hayes 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
*Anthony J. Leeves 4	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt, 27 lb. in G.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 142 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.	
Ian H. Oram Treble	*D. Paul Smith 5
*Tony Lewis 2	Thomas Cullingworth .. 6
*Judith M. Corby 3	Ralph Bird 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of eight-spiced Surprise Major.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.	
Phyllis R. Chidwick .. Treble	Monty W. Gilbert 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Martin L. Howe 6
Rev. Peter N. Bond 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
*Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Arranged by N. Smith.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of spliced "inside." First of spliced as conductor.

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

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being five different extents and 1,440.	Tenor 7 cwt.
Rachel J. Sinden Treble	*John W. Drage 4
James Hedgcock 2	Cyril W. J. Beeching .. 5
Pamela E. Powell 3	Derek J. Carr Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

* First peal.

Rung in memory of A. J. Jarvis, a ringer at this church for over 50 years and captain for over 40 years, who died on November 14th, 1966.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt, 81 lb. in D.	
Frank Osbaldiston .. Treble	Basil Jones 7
Robert B. Smith 2	Richard S. Starkie 8
Gillian M. Hunt 3	Derek Butterworth 9
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Jeffrey Brannan 10
Geoffrey R. Parker 5	D. John Hunt 11
Christine Andrew 6	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

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

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23½ cwt.	
Lawrence Walmsley .. Treble	†Richard Palmer 6
Stanley Walmsley 2	Christopher L. Watson .. 7
*Jane Reynolds 3	Dennis H. McCormick .. 8
John Ascroft 4	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 9
Betty Faunch 5	Roger Barnes Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Caters. † First in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

4ths place bobs.	Tenor 18 cwt, 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
James W. Belshaw .. Treble	Neil Bennett 5
Christine Andrew 2	Denis Latham 6
Derek Butterworth 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Peter J. Wycherley 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Peter J. Wycherley, who is shortly leaving the district.

SOUTHPORT, Lancs.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.	
*Stanley Livesley .. Treble	*Eric Cook 5
*Denis Jones 2	*Thomas Hesketh 6
Ronald Kenrick 3	*Edwin C. Birkett 6
*Martin Snape 4	Joseph Ridyard Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Jack Gartside, of Chorley.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt, 19 lb. in G.
Nicholas M. Newby .. Treble	John Bagnall 4
*Mary W. Whalley 2	†William Kenyon 5
*Joseph Whalley 3	Kevin M. Price Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal, first attempt. First as conductor on tower bells.

FLOOKBURGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 16 cwt, 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.
*Susan Gregson .. Treble	Stanley Anderton 4
James E. Dickinson .. 2	Nicholas M. Newby, jun. 5
James E. Burles 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Samuel J. Haines 2	Martin Green 7
Richard J. Clifton 3	Gordon H. Lane 8
*Paul J. Rigby 4	Howard C. Palmer 9
Arthur E. Rowley 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by J. Edward Cawser.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Pudsey Royal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Hexham and Berwick, (3) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (4) York and Durham, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Norwich.

Joan Gilbert Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. 22 lb. in G sharp.
Edwin T. Chapman 2	Denis R. Woods 4
R. Arthur Goldsmith 3	Alan G. Payne 5
	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

TATTERSHALL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.

Daphne P. Brown Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
James A. D. Woolford 2	Harry Barnes 4
William H. Dale 3	Leslie H. Squires 5
	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday (November 26th) of Desmond K. B. Penny, only grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes; also as a farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolford, shortly leaving to reside in Hertford.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (3) Hexham and Berwick, (4) York and Durham, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Norwich.

Joan Gilbert Treble	Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
Edwin T. Chapman 2	Denis R. Woods 4
R. Arthur Goldsmith 3	Alan G. Payne 5
	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) London, (2) Norwich, (3) Primrose, (4) Ipswich, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Charles Hudson Treble	Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
Janet E. Hubbard 2	Robin R. Churchill 4
R. Arthur Goldsmith 3	J. Martin Thorley 5
	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

The conductor's 200th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Angela South and Dick Gilbert, whose wedding took place at the church prior to the peal.

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

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) D. Oxford B, (2) Cambridge S., (3) S. Oxford B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's C.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain B.

Janet E. Hubbard Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.
Roger D. Bailey 2	Charles Hudson 4
R. Arthur Goldsmith 3	J. Martin Thorley 5
	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

The ringer of the second has now "circled the tower."

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven different extents.

Raymond J. Hosking .. Treble	Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.
Edmund J. Morris 2	Benjamin J. Williams .. 4
D. R. Llyn Jones 3	William J. Thomas 5
	Gwyn I. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

Rung for the centenary of St. David's Church, Neath.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Vivienne M. Rigby Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Gordon H. Lane 2	Howard C. Palmer 7
Richard J. Clifton 3	Samuel J. Haines 8
Martin Green 4	G. Ronald Edwards 9
Arthur E. Rowley 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by J. Edward Cawser. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the ninth, and for the Guild.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*Phillip A. Beckett .. Treble	†David J. Midgley 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Gerald Parsons 6
T. Felicity Webber .. 3	Raymond J. Ballard .. 7
†F. Hector Bennett .. 4	Dennis Latham Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Dennis Latham.

* First peal of Major. † 300th peal, ‡ First of Rutland. First in the method as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

David Heighton Treble	George Sayer 6
Stanley W. Gall 2	Nolan Golden 7
Peter M. Adcock 3	H. William Barrett .. 8
Clifford Bird 4	Martin Cubitt 9
David Cubitt 5	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by Edward M. Tyler. Conducted by David Heighton.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Ringers' Purse.

SAXLINGHAM-NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of

St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Albert E. Pegg Treble	Frank Sutton 5
David Heighton 2	Herbert H. Howlett .. 6
*Colin Shearing 3	Nolan Golden 7
Leslie F. Bailey 4	†Thomas R. Simmons .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by David Heighton.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Poyntz, of Saxlingham-Nethergate.

SALLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

Frank Sutton Treble	Owen P. Claxton 5
Sidney Marshall 2	Frank C. J. Arnold .. 6
*William Clover 3	Henry Cooke 7
Thomas E. Spight 4	*Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger-Trollope. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* 50th peal together.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary

and St. Ethelbert.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

J. Roger Mitty Treble	Austin T. Wingate 6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 2	Frederick C. White 7
Norman H. Leslie 3	Brian R. White 8
Dennis A. Leslie 4	Francis A. White 9
Cyril A. Wratten 5	George T. Cousins Tenor

Composed by Clement Glenn. Conducted by Brian R. White.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WASHINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

H. Jillian Pike Treble	Roger B. Pike 4
Kay Winterbourne 2	Michael J. Church 5
*Ann S. Woodhouse 3	Clifford J. Garlick Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

* First peal.

TETSWORTH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

A. Keith Poole Treble	J. Richard Poole 4
Melvyn J. Hiller 2	David J. H. Salter 5
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAUNDS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(27-Course Block Reduced.)

*Sheila J. Staley Treble	*Richard J. Cowley 5
*Arthur Gibbs 2	*John E. Skerritt 6
*Dennis G. Pearson 3	Geoffrey E. Watson 7
*John G. Mitchell 4	*Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

WILBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt approx.

*Stephen F. Leaberry .. Treble	Frank E. Coales 4
*Jane M. Barber 2	Terry G. Smith 5
Sheila J. Staley 3	Richard J. Cowley .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.

* First peal.

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

SUTTON COLDFIELD, Warks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

Edward W. Colley Treble	*John R. Insley 5
Francis Cole 2	*James Insley 6
Peter J. Morton 3	Michael Elson 7
Paul L. McEvilly 4	John McDonald Tenor

Arranged by J. R. Insley.

Conducted by John McDonald.

* 50th peal together.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-cores (ten different callings).

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Edgar C. Shepherd .. Treble	†David J. Stoater 4
*Charles P. Quartley .. 2	Frederick S. Slatford .. 5
Raymond E. J. Baker .. 3	Norman G. N. Knee .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGH OFFLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandire and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Ian Friend Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. 2	Richard J. Warrilow .. 4
Frank Beech Tenor	

Conducted by Frank Beech.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Janet Fisher.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, viz.: Four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, and two of Grandire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*Patricia Kent Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Ruth Blackshaw 2	F. William Midwinter .. 5
†Margaret E. Chilton .. 3	Charles J. Copp Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.

* First peal, first attempt. † 25th peal on the bells.

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

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Doreen Metcalfe .. Treble	Eleanor Rose 4
Katharine Burchnall .. 2	Grace Burchnall 5
*Linda M. Wilkinson .. 3	Mary C. Poyner Tenor

Conducted by Grace Burchnall.

* First peal in four methods.

The ringers of 2, 4 and 5 took part in the only previous peal by ladies for the Guild, which was rung in 1959 at Balderton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 21 lb.

*Phyllis R. Chidwick .. Treble	Monty Gilbert 5
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
John A. Howard 3	Martin L. Howe 7
Ernest J. Ladd 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung as a welcome to the parish priest, the Rev. F. R. Long, who was to be inducted during the following week.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., Nov. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

David D. Smith .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
*Christopher B. Fynes .. 2	Tom Page 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
C. Martin Press 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., Nov. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Edgar R. Rapley .. Treble	*David D. Smith 5
Alison M. Mann 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
*Christopher B. Fynes .. 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Reginald V. Johnson .. 4	George Francis Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Caroline V. Harris .. Treble	Robert N. Harris 5
Frank I. Hairs 2	Richard Hayes 6
Arthur F. Lewry 3	*Colin A. Osbon 7
*R. Jean Osbon 4	Ernest J. Ladd Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Doris E. Colgate .. Treble	Ralph Bird 5
*John Faircloth 2	Stanley Jenner 6
*Tony Lewis 3	Ian H. Oram 7
*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs Morris, tower captain at this church, and Mr. Morris on the occasion of their silver wedding this day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael

and All Angels.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,824 Rutland, and 1,632 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Richard J. Warrilow .. Treble	J. Dennis Holden 5
*Hilary F. Pardoe 2	Ian Friend 6
*Richard B. Dorrington .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. 7
*A. Elizabeth Timmins .. 4	Eric E. Speake Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise. First of Spiced Surprise on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. SHRESHILL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Martyr Matthews .. Treble	Harry Butler 4
John D. R. Smith 2	Bernard D. Sims 5
†Graham Manning 3	Robert Foster Tenor

Conducted by Bernard D. Sims.

* First peal. † First "inside." Rung for Harvest Festival.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble	†Geoffrey J. Gammon .. 6
*Ernest Treagus 2	†K. Paul Gilliver 7
*Charles E. Bassett 3	*Andrew Howard 8
*Derek Slater 4	*John H. Hunt 9
*Alan A. J. Buswell 5	*Arthur E. Hoodless .. Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by John H. Hunt.

* First peal of Caters in the method. † First on ten bells. First of Caters as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Caters on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EAST ARDSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Alan Newbould Treble	Eric Robinson 5
*Charles S. Naylor 2	Irvin Slack 6
Patricia Lockwood 3	Alan Clifton 7
*Adrian R. Holliday 4	Ian North Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Ian North.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

* First peal.

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

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1966 in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 80 methods, viz.: (1) Fornceft, Fundenhall, Itchingfield, Knapton, Oakley, Ockham, Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead, Ellingham, Thornborough, Longford, (2) St. Alkmund, Pleasley, St. Denys, (3) Kirkthorpe, Wragby, Chapel Allerton, (4) Selby, Sherburn, Rothwell, (5) Leeds, Lightcliffe, Lynham, (6) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (7) Horsley, St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (8) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Little Aston, (9) April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, (10) Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, (11) Wychbold, Dumbleton, Honeysuckle, (12) Dedworth, Snodsbury, Primrose, (13) St. Richard, St. Werburgh, (14) All Saints, Rushall, (15) Campion, Hudibras, (16) Plain Bob, Southrepps, (17) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, (18) Stedman, (19) St. Jude, (20) Somerville, (21) Elford, (22) St. Albans, (23) Eynsham, (24) St. Simon, (25) St. Mary, (26) Nuffield, (27) Shreshill, (28) St. Nicholas, (29) Lapley, (30) St. Giles, (31) St. Laurence, (32) Magdalen, (33) Austrey, (34) St. Paul, (35) St. Leonard, (36) St. Martin, (37) St. Crispin, (38) Wadham, (39) Ryton, (40) Winchendon, (41) St. John, (42) St. Miles. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*Harold Chant Treble	Robin Brown 4
John Potts 2	Ronald R. Warford 5
C. Barrie Dove 3	Ronald H. Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles. Greatest number of methods of Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Quickest peal on the bells.

(Beverley and District Society)

HOLME-UPON-SPALDING MOOR, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, C.C.C. Nos. 1, 13, 17, 27, 28, 29 and 30. Tenor 6 cwt. 94 lb. in A.

Lynne I. Clowe (13) .. Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce 4
*A. Shirley Beanland (13) 2	A. Colin Banton 5
Susan Mitchell (13) .. 3	Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung by members of the Huntington (York) Guild of Bellringers. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

F. Charles Hobson Treble	Michael Maughan 7
Vivian Nutton 2	Geoffrey Randall 8
Patricia Rogers 3	Steven P. Darvill 9
Robin Shipp 4	Ronald Ducker 10
Ellis N. Thomas 5	Richard Inglis 11
Frederick Ross 6	David S. Johnson Tenor

Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Remembrance Sunday, Nov. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Rung half-muffled.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
Harold Armstead Treble	*Wyn Pugh 4
Lesley M. Wilson 2	*Alan P. Ogden 5
*Ivan Pass 3	Derek Sanderson Tenor

Conducted by Derek Sanderson.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

(The Winchester College Society)

CAMBRIDGE.—In R4a, North Court, Emmanuel College.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.	Tenor size 13 in E.
*R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 1-2	N. R. Tumber (Emmanuel) 3-4
C. W. Daws (Trinity, cond.)	5-6

* First peal "in hand."

CAMBRIDGE.—In G2, New Court, Trinity College.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1966, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.	Tenor size 13 in E.
C. M. Tuckett (Queens') 1-2	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. 3-4
C. W. Daws (Trinity, cond.)	5-6

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At "West Pines," Dale Brow.

On Tues., Nov. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan A. Potts 1-2	Neil Bennett 7-8
†David Atkinson 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Robert B. Smith 5-6	John Worth 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal on 12 handbells. † First peal on 12 bells.

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

On Tues., Nov. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall 1-2	Giles B. Thompson 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4	Herbert M. Heaton 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELtenham, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5124 SPICED PLAIN MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 3,360 Plain Bob, 468 Gainsborough Little Bob, and 432 each of Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Cleatham Imperial, with 213 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

CHELtenham, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5004 SPICED PLAIN MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 2,800 Plain Bob, 832 Double Bob, 432 each of Fulbeck Bob and Cleatham Imperial, 180 Wellington Little Court, 168 Gainsborough Little Bob and 160 Little Bob, with 268 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Mon., Nov. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan 7-8
Julia A. Fellows 3-4	Roger Baldwin 9-10
Gerald Penney 5-6	Christopher W. Woolley .. 11-12

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Gerald Penney. First peal of Kent T.B. Maximus by all the band. First handbell peal of Maximus in the method for the Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Fri., Nov. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker 1-2	George E. Feirn 5-6
*Margaret A. Parker 3-4	*Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Double Oxford "in hand."

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ENGAGEMENT

BROWN—ELLSMORE.—The engagement is announced on December 24th between Peter J. Brown of Stourbridge and Miss M. Irene Ellsmore of Halesowen. 575

DEATHS

MORETON.—On December 11th, 1966, the Rev. Canon Harold Albert Moreton, D. & S. Lettres, M.Litt., F.R.Hist.S., aged 77, Canon Residentiary of Hereford Cathedral from 1935 to 1965. 573

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DODDS.—The address of Geoffrey and Joyce Dodds will be, from January 1st: 18, Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire. Telephone: St. Albans 55848. 557

WOODLEY.—The address of Joyce and Patrick is now: Stowford Lock, Harford, near Ivybridge, South Devon. We wish all our ringing friends a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. 553

PERSONAL

What—about Kenel-worth ringing with a mad Bull on the loose? Anyone interested in a peal there? Only matadors need apply.—I. B. A. Noyed, Skraw. 574

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1967, should reach the secretary by February 1st, 1967. (Rules VI and IX.)—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. **LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED.**—The first peal book of the Oxford Society, with a first entry dated 1733, has been missing since early 1964. Extensive inquiries have not revealed its whereabouts. Will anyone having information please contact P. Walker, 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. 527

Christmas Greetings

To all our friends, old and new, wherever you may be, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. HOLMES and Andrew, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs. 566

St. Mary's, Rougham, ringers wish all their ringing friends a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. 565

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends from Herbert W. KNIGHT, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Wokingham, Bristol 559

To all my friends a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—From the Swansea General Hospital. — J. Arthur HOARE. 554

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We apologise to certain of our ringing friends who may not now receive their Diaries before Christmas. Production was in advance of normal when, unfortunately, binding was delayed owing to machine trouble, and as no alternative arrangements could be made we had to accept the fact that the Diaries would at first only be available in reduced quantities. Even now the production rate is slow, which may mean disappointment for some who ordered in good time. We are despatching in rotation and hope that all will receive their copies before 1967.

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SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

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MEETINGS

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual meeting, Bromham, Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by 4th, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagden Road, Bromham, 526

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at Colchester on Saturday, January 7th. Service at All Saints', Shrub End, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at St. Cedd's Hall, Paxman Avenue, off Gosbecks Road. Ringing: St. Leonard's and All Saints' before tea, St. Peter's and All Saints' 7-9 p.m. 536

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A.G.M. will be held at Writtle on Saturday, January 7th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (S7827). 562

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Tunbridge Wells. Bells available at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Service at 6.45. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by Thursday, January 5th.—W. H. D. 555

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—A.G.M. at Southover, Lewes (10), January 7th. Ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes. — K. Earl, Sec. 577

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4.30 p.m. on January 7th. Cathedral bells (12) available 3 p.m. St. Martin's (12) after meeting. The Guild's new badge will be on sale at the meeting.—G. E. Fearn. (Phone SP1025.) 572

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting at Wimborne. Saturday, January 7th. Bells (10) 2.30 and 7 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45. Names for tea to C. Bishop, Denham, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, by January 5th. 576

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in St. Mary's Church Hall, Barker Gate, for those who notify Mrs. D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by January 4th.—S. Adams. 551

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SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Sanderson 1, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 2, W. H. Aley 3, B. J. Couzens 4, W. Pye 5, E. W. Pye 6, C. E. Slade 7, L. Turner 8. Rung after losing a peal in memory of William H. Hewitt.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: J. Rea 1, Anne Horsford 2, W. Marlow 3, C. Starbuck 4, J. Pratt 5, N. Edwards 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, Mary Potten 8. For Patronal Festival.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at Llanbadarn Fawr, the most northerly tower in the diocese, on December 10th.

Members were present from Cardigan, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby. Ringing included Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples and Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Choral Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Davies) and the lessons were read by the Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master of the Guild), and the organist was Mr. A. Pateman.

The Vicar of Llanbadarn Fawr presided at the business meeting, which followed tea. After the opening prayer the ringers were warmly welcomed by the churchwardens, and the customary touch on handbells was rung. Apologies for absence were then received, the minutes of the last meeting read and approved and the venues for the 1967 meetings arranged.

A proposition that a board recording the peal rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Guild be placed in St. David's Campanile was accepted. It was reported that there is now only a small amount of work required to be done before the bells of Llandovery will once again be ringable. A grant of £15 was made to Llanelli for bell restoration work. Ringing was then resumed until 8.15 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
West Dorset Branch

The light ring of eight at Lyme Regis provided some good ringing at the annual general meeting of the West Dorset Branch on November 19th. Methods heard were Grandsire, Stedman, Yorkshire and Double Norwich, and the welcome hospitality of the local ringers was appreciated by the representatives of the seven towers present. The Guild Master (the Rev. R. Longridge) and Guild secretary (Mr. T. T. Barrett) also attended.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. A. Charles) conducted the service and an excellent tea was provided in the Church House by the local company and their wives. Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting and tributes were paid to two past members—Messrs. W. J. Bailey (Beaminster) and F. Norris (Burton Bradstock). The annual reports and accounts were presented by Mr. J. Davis and adopted with thanks for his services.

Officers elected were: Chairman, C. W. Powell; vice-chairman, Rev. O. L. Willmott; hon. secretary and treasurer, J. Davis; committee, T. T. Barrett, D. Ellery; Ringing Masters, D. Bishop, H. Keeley and F. Knight. Lists of meetings and practice meetings were adopted subject to confirmation and the next practice meeting is at Bradpole on Jan. 10th.

Under any other business the new heading of "The Ringing World" was discussed. The alteration was regretted and a request made to return to the original design. J. D.

SECRETARYSHIP OF BATH AND WELLS

We learn that Mr. G. Salmon is retiring from the post of general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association at Easter, 1967. The Chew Branch has nominated Mr. G. Gilbert, of Long Ashton, for the office.

METROPOLIS OF MINOR RINGING

Congratulations to the village Sunday service band at Chilcompton, who recently rang a peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Minor.

Affectionately known as the metropolis of Minor ringing in the Bath and Wells Association and well known for a high standard of striking, this recent feat is an achievement which few service bands in the country will have emulated. Members of the Frome Branch are proud of them.

LATE NOTICE

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—King-ton District.—A.G.M., Eardisland, January 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Preece, Stones, Walton, Presteigne, Rads, by January 2nd. 581

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Stedman (first on eight) 1, Valerie Perrott 2, Beryl Astridge 3, Caroline Gibbs 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6, R. D. Mills 7, J. L. Haynes 8. First on Major "inside" 2 and 4. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. John F. W. Watson, and birthday compliments to Felicity Hamilton (15) and Roy Mills (21).

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,275 Stedman Caters: P. W. Cave 1, J. Dafters 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, M. F. Oakshott 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, A. R. Ling 6, Mrs. C. Shiers 7, S. Nicholls 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, J. Powell 10. For Confirmation service.

BRINKLOW, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen F. French 1, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 2, J. G. Edson 3, W. E. Burnell 4, B. Elliot 5, D. Mountford 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. A welcome to Rev. G. E. Cooke, inducted Rector this day, and his family.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Williams (first of Minor) 1, Susan Evans (first "inside") 2, B. Walter (first "inside") 3, J. Keddie (first of Minor) 4, M. Zobel (cond.) 5, D. B. Williams 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's, on Nov. 22nd, 1,240 Plain Bob Minor: P. Richards 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, J. Drage 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, D. J. Carr 6. Rung on the golden wedding day of the Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Trevor-Roper.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Atkins 1, V. Hurt 2, W. Young 3, Richard Edgley 4, Roger Edgley 5, W. Seekings (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. N. Felton 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, C. H. Rogers 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,296 Little Bob Major: D. Targett 1, E. C. Wadman 2, R. G. Beck 3, V. Savage 4, J. Mages (first of Major) 5, B. Stirland 6, P. H. D. Jones 7, D. Mackay (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with cover): A. Richardson 1, A. Warren 2, I. Campbell 3, P. Taylor 4, L. Tubbs 5, B. Watson (cond.) 6, W. Harwin covering. For Evensong.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob: Miss V. A. Hall 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, J. Mills 3, Miss A. B. Harlow 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For Evensong, on Bible Sunday by members of the Scripture Union.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. J. Orman 1, V. A. Hales 2, D. M. Andrews 3, H. F. Pike 4, E. E. Davey 5, J. M. Besant 6, G. N. Orman 7, A. R. Andrews 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Smith 1, M. Pettit 2, P. Morley 3, E. Edmondson (cond.) 4, G. Austin 5, S. Huckle 6, R. A. Cochrane (cond.) 7.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Rule 1, D. Lilley 2, L. Lilley 3, E. Flitton 4, Rev. J. Bellamy Hall 5, R. Griggs 6, G. Lilley 7, L. Flitton 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. J. B. Hall.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Kirk 1, Miss B. A. Taylor 2, I. G. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, A. B. Cooper 5, M. J. Wilson (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Wright (first of Minor) 1, S. Smith 2, C. Hagger 3, K. Seymour 4, C. Meakes 5, W. Avery (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Barnes 1, Audrey Alexander 2, G. Parsons 3, B. Burrough 4, R. Bowes 5, C. Starbuck 6, B. Mathews (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. For "In Memoriam" service, London Rifle Brigade.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cuckson 1, M. Soper 2, T. Pink 3, R. Fraser 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong by Guild of Ringers.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Madge Tempest (first quarter) 1, Mary Munt 2, Pamela Court 3, Dilys Eastmead 4, A. Eastmead (cond.) 5, K. Butler 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Susannah Young, who died suddenly on November 23rd at the age of 2½ years.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Munby (first quarter) 1, Carol Cooke 2, D. Palmer (first quarter) 3, P. Walker 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, J. H. Gardner 6. For Evensong.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Carter (first quarter) 1, Miss B. J. Duck 2, G. W. Tasome 3, W. R. Curtis 4, J. J. George (first as cond.) 5, J. Troon 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, Mary White 3, H. deCombe (first "inside" of Triples) 4, K. Tipper 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, D. Hatherly 8. For Evensong.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Joyce 1, M. M. Powell 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, A. J. Luxford 4, R. A. Partridge 5, D. C. Jackson 6, D. J. Forder (cond.) 7, R. W. Price 8. By S.U.G.C.R. as a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Pibworth.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss G. Reeve 1, Mm. H. Ivingas 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, N. Watson 4, H. Ivingas 5, J. Paul 6, H. Fuller (cond.) 7, E. Middleditch (first on eight) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. Blaydon, Thetford's only freeman, age 91 years.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Tailby (first on ten) 1, D. R. Morris 2, D. G. Franklin 3, D. R. Sayers 4, L. J. Haines 5, J. J. Stanier 6, P. Cattermole (cond.) 7, D. Beacham 8, T. W. Lewis 9, R. W. Sheppard 10. The annual quarter peal in memoriam Archdeacon Goodman.



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