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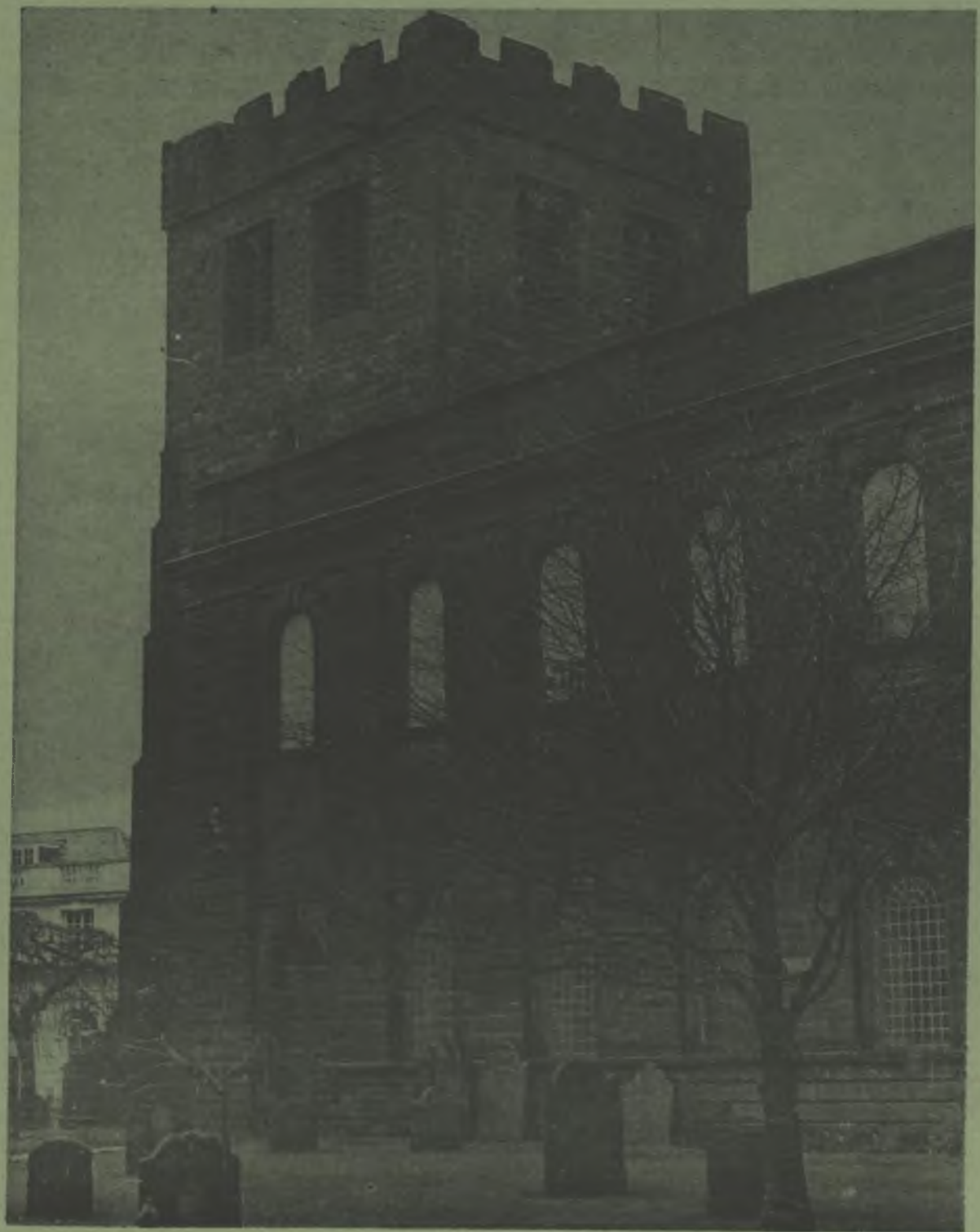

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COMMENT

POTT SHRIGLEY BELLS

By R. M. W. CLOUSTON

MR. SCHOFIELD'S letter on page 20 asks for comment on the preservation of ancient bells, and this is a matter which will perhaps interest readers generally.

Our parish church and their fittings, which include bells, come under faculty jurisdiction. This means that before any work other than very minor repairs are carried out a faculty has to be applied for and obtained to cover the work. This is granted by the diocesan chancellor after he has obtained the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches, and he acts in accordance with powers delegated to him by the Bishop. Thus church possessions in a particular parish are not the property of the present parishioners to do what they like with them without diocesan permission.

The Diocesan Advisory Committees, of which there are some 42 in England, are provided with guidance by the Council for the Care of Churches, which is a Standing Committee of the Church Assembly. In the case of church bells a number of resolutions were passed by the Council in 1952. These were revised in 1959 at a meeting held between representatives of the bell founders, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and the Council for the Care of Churches, and the resulting agreed statement of policy was published in the 15th Report (1961) of the Council for the Care of Church and reviewed in "The Ringing World" on pages 533–534 of the issue of August 11th, 1961. Two of the eight resolutions read:—

(a) Bells cast before 1550 should not be recast, as all such bells are of archæological importance. Sound bells should be retained in use in the church to which they belong. If of good tone they should be kept in the ring; if musically unsuitable they can be hung as single bells. Bells which are cracked or otherwise incapable of use should be preserved in the church or loaned to a museum.

If, for exceptional reasons, it is desired to recast bells of this early date, the proposal should in each case be referred to the Council. The petitioners will be expected to put forward proposals for the mounting and display in the church of the crown and inscription band of the bell.

(b) Bells dated between 1550 and the middle of the 18th century should not be recast unless cracked. If it is desired, on special grounds, to recast a bell of this period, information should be sought from the Council for the Care of Churches as to the rarity and arcæological value of the bell. This application for advice should be accompanied by a statement of the opinion of the bell founder, as to the musical qualities of the bell. If such bells are allowed to be recast, their inscription should be recast in facsimile on the new bells with the date of recasting added.

Turning now to the particular bells at Pott Shrigley, Cheshire, the writer has not personally examined them. The two trebles were cast at one of the pre-Reformation London bell foundries and bear a shield with the initials R.C. on it. This founder was most probably Richard Crowch, or less likely, Richard Cresswell, and as he was only working in the period 1420 to 1426 approximately, bells bearing this shield are rare.

A list of them is given in "The Church Bells of Essex," page 32, but only one is noted at Pott Shrigley. Allowing for the two bells here the total is 14. There are no others in Cheshire, but they are found as far apart as Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Essex, Hampshire, Kent, London, Northants, Shropshire and Worcestershire.

Another factor is that the Chester Diocese now has very few pre-Reformation bells, in fact one list made before a complete survey of the county had been commenced listed only two others, Bunbury tenor and Handley treble, and since then Mr. Clarke has published an account of the Dodleston fifth.

Mr. Schofield suggests that both the Crowch bells are cracked, but only the treble is reported to be cracked; in this case in the soundbow, most probably caused by clocking, which was still carried out on the other two at least till recently.

The Bramford tenor of 11¼ cwt. cast by Miles Graye I of Colchester in 1632 was similarly cracked, and after a welding repair in Denmark the tone was fully restored. The bell has been rung to a number of peals since rededication and so far the tone has not deteriorated at all.

The British Welding Research Association is working on this problem and has commenced using the Danish technique on bells here which will save the high cost of transport to and from Denmark and the attendant delays with Customs, etc. The Pott Shrigley treble would seem to be a suitable bell for them to repair in due course.

OUR PICTURE

PENRITH BELLS

By G. NELSON

THE town of Penrith is undoubtedly ancient, but it is not known whether of British or Saxon origin. Its market, famous since 1223, was opened and closed by the ringing of a bell. The curfew, rung nightly for about ten minutes at eight o'clock, ended with the requisite number of strokes to indicate the day of the month—a unique survival which ended in 1939.

A likely man to have had a hand in providing Penrith Church with "Gret Belles" worthy of its fine tower would be Bishop William Strickland (1400–1419), who gave to Carlisle Cathedral "Quator Magnas Campanas." "He, descending from a famous family in these parts, did in 1395, at his own charge, draw hither a water-course from the little River Peter. In the year 1552 Penrith had only 'ij gret belles,' one of them the mediæval (Jesu Maria). Did Henry VIII's visitors take the others for 'ye Kinge's use,' as a Mr. Richarde Wasshingstone of Kendal hadd the bell of the poor Penrith ffreers (MS.)."

In 1639 Penrith was the only parish church in the diocese to have a ring of five; change ringing, then in its infancy, must have been introduced by Thomas Stafford. This bellfounder, if not a native of Penrith, resided here for some years, making bells for Cartmel and Kirkby Stephen.

During the time of the Commonwealth the then Presbyterian Vicar of Penrith had no love for bells and allowed them to fall into disuse, the big bell especially causing a great deal of trouble and expense. How many of the five bells were in use at any given time or what sort of system regulated the ringing, it is not easy to say. It was customary in those days for the parishioners to assemble round the Cross, "a tall, narrow building in the centre of the town," where a quantity of ale was consumed and a number of tar barrels burned. On most occasions these were paid for out of church money, viz.:—

'Pd to Alex Hewer for ale to ringers 7s."
"1708. Ale for ringers and treating the soldiers 14s."

In 1745 Penrith, having again undergone the experience of being occupied by an invading army, had a fortnight's rejoicing after the danger to which it had been exposed was passed. Two large chandeliers were purchased with "ye fify guineas given by the most noble William Duke of Portland to his tenants of ye honor of Penrith associated in defence of the Government and town against the rebels."

In 1763 six new bells were cast by Lester and Pack at the cost of £332. Also in that year "a water engine bought by order of the vestry." This was kept in the tower and duty and care of the same was assigned to the bellringers at 15s. per annum to each man. The additions of a new tenor and treble by John Taylor in 1889 made up the fine ring of eight we know today. The best bell to be cast in Penrith was in 1963, made by Mr. G. Nelson and Mr. A. Idle (moulder) to commemorate the bicentenary of the old six.

[Photograph by Eric Davidson.

ROTHERHAM RINGER SEEKS PASTURES NEW

Rotherham ringers gave Mr. John N. D. Chaddock, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chaddock, a splendid send-off when he left home for a new teaching appointment at a Church of England school at Beverley. At the annual dinner of the Rotherham Parish Church Society, held at the Red Hart Hotel, Blyth, on January 3rd, he was presented with a transistor radio set from the Parish Church ringers. In making the presentation, the Rector, the Rev. G. Hollis, thanked John for his services to the church, which started with seven years as a choir-boy, followed by ten years as a bellringer.

In our picture (left to right).—Front row: Mrs. N. Chaddock, John N. D. Chaddock, Rev. G. Hollis and N. Chaddock. In background: A. Holroyd, A. Howland (hidden), N. Donovan (glass in front), D. Nichols and S. Armeson.



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EGGLESTONES' CHRISTMAS BASKET AT HENLEY

WHEN Howard and Margaret Egglestone came to Suffolk from Essex, teaching beginners was their main objective. So hard have they worked in this and all other facets of Guild work that it seemed quite appropriate they should be the organisers of the social! So, what started as their Henley Christmas party (Henley is a village with a young band, six miles from Ipswich) is now very much a Guild affair.

The Christmas, 1966, one was an outstanding success—well over 100 ringers and friends attending, including several from Essex. Henley were aided and abetted by Bramford, and between them a lively evening was the result.

Stan Bloomfield started the evening showing his colour slides of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand and, in the richest dialect, giving an account of his ringing travels.

There were a number of humorous sketches interspersed with the ever-popular "one-man affairs." Lawrence Pizzey (soon to become Reverend, so we made the most of this licence!) imagined himself as political correspondent to "The Times" dealing with such important Bills as the Suffolk Guild and "The Ringing World." Then Patrick Saltmarsh, special guest from the Deep South, took on the role of Old Testament News Reader around Tyre and Sidon.

The buffetings and innuendos that the Guild officers had to grin and bear were softened to some degree by some of the "nicer" items on the programme: delightful songs and piano solos by the Henley girls, followed by Jim Pipe reciting Jonah and the Whale and singing two old favourites. It is quite plain, despite lobbying by our younger long-haired ringers, that Jim is reluctant to get the big beat; bass to Stedman Cinques perhaps—no further!

The Offton and Grundisburgh ringers did their stuff with musical and handbell items, and a splendid buffet supper rounded off the entertainment.

"New Idea" this year was a Rogues Gallery, devised by Joyce Christian, the Bramford Vicar's good lady. A competition was held to guess 14 different Suffolk ringers from photographs taken when babies. What a hoot!

After the supper a draw with many good prizes concluded the evening. To all those who contributed in any way to the organisation and entertainment, especially the versatile David Derrick and the Henley and Bramford bands, a hearty thank you.

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College Youths Renew Cirencester Link

200th Anniversary Peal

THE first peal on the bells of Cirencester Parish Church and the first peal on 12 bells outside London was rung on Wednesday, January 7th, 1767, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who were invited to ring the peal by Mr. Samuel Blackwell, of Williamstrip Park, Coln St. Aldwyn, who was a member of the College Youths and later Member of Parliament for Cirencester Borough.

The peal was one of 5,082 changes of Grandsire Cinques rung in 3 hours and 57 minutes by the following ringers: William Underwood (conductor) treble, James Darquit 2, Thomas Bennett 3, George Meakins 4, William Moss 5, Winstanley Richardson 6, William Mills 7, John Lokes 8, William Scott 9, William Clay 10, Robert Bly 11, Joseph Monk and Thomas Fifield tenor.

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the event the present band of Cirencester ringers invited the Ancient Society of College Youths to repeat the performance on Saturday, January 7th, 1967. Before the peal, the band, led by Mr. Alan J. Frost, Master of the College Youths, were entertained to lunch by local ringers. Amongst those present were the Vicar of Cirencester (the Rev. Roland Hill), Mr. H. Cooke (tower captain) and Mr. Frank J. Lewis, sen., Cirencester's oldest active ringer, aged 85. On display at the lunch were the handsome oak chair, and ram's horn drinking cup presented to the Cirencester ringers by Mr. Blackwell just before his death in 1785. The drinking horn bears the following inscription on a silver plate: "Prosperity to the Cirencester Ringers, 1785 : In tactum sileo, percute dulce cano," the motto of the College Youths.

The oak chair was occupied during the lunch by Mr. Frost, and later he was the first to drink from the horn, which then circulated among the whole company. This is thought to be the first time the horn, which was recently recovered from the attic of the Vicarage, has been put to its proper use for over 100 years.

In thanking the Cirencester ringers for their hospitality, Mr. Frost spoke of the strong links between the Society and the local ringers, and brought them the good wishes of the Society members everywhere.

The 1967 peal was also one of Grandsire Cinques, 5,015 changes, specially composed for the occasion by the conductor, Mr. Albert M. Tyler, of Bristol, and was rung in 3 hours and 32 minutes by the following: Albert M. Tyler (St. Stephen's, Bristol) treble, Austin T. Wingate (Hereford Cathedral) 2, Andrew N. Stubbs (St. Paul's Cathedral) 3, Cyril A. Wratten (St. Mary's, Cheltenham) 4, D. Kay Adkins (St. Mary's, Whitney) 5, A. Leslie Barry (Gloucester Cathedral) 6, Robert E. J. Dennis (St. Vedast's, City of London) 7, Christopher H. Rogers (St. Paul's Cathedral) 8, Frank Reed (Cirencester Parish Church) 9, Alan J. Frost (St. Paul's Cathedral) 10, Michael P. Moreton (St. Paul's Cathedral) 11, William F. Scudamore (Cirencester Parish Church) tenor.

The peal attempt had been given more than usual advance publicity in the local Press, and the whole of Cirencester town, which is always conscious of its ancient heritage, appreciated the fact that ringers had travelled so far to write another page in its history.

E. M. B. and W. F. S.

A NEW NORFOLK SIX

Next Sunday (February 5th) a new ring of six at St. Margaret's, Drayton, Norfolk, to replace three poor bells will be hallowed, the ceremony being conducted by Canon Gilbrt Thurlow, president of the Central Council.

The bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who also supplied the frame castings.

Nearly half the sum of £1,500 has already been raised, and at a Candlelight Dinner-Dance at the Village Hall on January 19th the sum of £160 was raised for the Restoration Fund.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deaneries Branch

At the annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch at Spalding on January 15th all the retiring officers were re-elected. (Secretary, Mr. K. R. Davey, as in Ringers' Diary).

It was also decided as an experiment to replace the normal quarterly afternoon and evening meetings with an evening practice, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., to be held on alternate first Saturdays in the month beginning with February. This will enable the Branch to meet in towers often neglected because of the difficulty of arranging a tea, and it is hoped that many new faces will be seen in addition to those who normally attend.

The annual meeting will take place as usual at Spalding in January, 1968.

It was pleasant to hear of new bands being formed, particularly at Moulton. A flourishing practice takes place at Gosberton on Thursday evenings, where many Surprise Minor methods are attempted.

E. T. L.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held at Marshfield on January 14th. A gathering of some 60 ringers enjoyed the pleasant ring of bells during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. A. K. James (Vicar) took the service, Brian Neale read the lesson, and M. B. Knowles acted as organist.

Tea was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Neale and helpers, to whom Mr. Richard Stewart voiced the thanks of the company.

The business flowed smoothly, and Mr. Richard Stewart was elected Branch Ringing Master. Fourteen new members were elected, being one from Blaenavon, four from Chepstow, two from St. Woolos, two from St. Mellons, two from Monmouth, and three from Bassaleg—a good start to the year's activities.

The proposed programme of meetings for the year was decided upon, being Caerleon May 13th, Rumney July 8th, and Usk October 14th, with Abergavenny in January next year.

TOWER GRABS OF 1966

Dear Sir,—I understand that Barrie Dove is not compiling the tower grabbers list for 1966. If ringers who have rung in 100 or more new towers during 1966 will they let me know:—

(a) How many new towers they rang in during 1966,

(b) Their total number of towers at the end of 1966,

I will compile a list for last year.

I will leave what constitutes a tower "grab" to individual consciences.—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER GROOME.

22, Duke Street,
Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northants.

Cathedral Tablet for St. Martin's Record Peal

THE annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held in St. Martin's Hall, Birmingham, on January 7th, with an attendance of about 90 members.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting the Master (Mr. R. C. Ingram) referred to the passing of Percival Richards, a member of the service band at St. Martin's Church. A moment's silence was observed to his memory.

A letter from the secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths was read conveying their congratulations to the Guild upon ringing the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral. Their good wishes were much appreciated. The meeting decided that a tablet should be erected in the Cathedral tower to record this performance, which was a great honour for the Guild.

The Misses Susan Morgan (Packwood), Joyce Hall (Harborne) and Linda Deebank (Coleshill) were elected resident members, and the following tower elections as life members were ratified: R. W. Sherriff (Southam), A. J. Cox (Kenilworth), P. C. Randall (Warwick), N. Thomson (Wallington), D. P. Hilling (Slough), Miss A. M. Sparshott, P. S. Reading and Miss S. E. Jones (Kenilworth).

Satisfaction with the present officers of the Guild was shown by their re-election for 1967, as follows: Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth; trustees, Messrs. S. O'C. Holloway and Bryan A. D. Woolley; auditors, Messrs. Henry H Fearn and S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. W. G. Chaplin; hon. secretary and treasurer, George E. Fearn.

Notice of motion was given that at the next annual meeting a proposal to increase the annual subscription would be presented, the proposer pointing out that although the Guild's finances appeared to be in a healthy state, considerable expenditure was urgently necessary. A new bookcase was required to house the volumes of "The Ringing World," also a fireproof cupboard in which to keep the peal books.

The ringers of Solihull Church invited the Guild to hold the next meeting at Solihull on April 8th, an invitation which was gratefully accepted.

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on March 4th, and Canon Gilbert Thurlow will preside.

The striking competition will be held at Yardley on October 14th. A small sub-committee was formed to examine the rules for the competition and, if necessary, offer suggestions for alterations at the next quarterly meeting

Portions of the long peal of Stedman Cinques, including the start and finish, have been recorded, and will be on sale shortly.

ANOTHER LADIES' PEAL

Bath and Wells ladies are in the news again. Miss Marjorie Legg reports a ladies' peal, which she conducted, at Locking on January 14th. It was five methods of Doubles—the most ever rung by a ladies' band for the Association.

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Looking Back on the Six-Bell Scene

DEVON IN 1966

DOMINATING the competition-ringing world in Devon, the County Six-Bell competition, with its northern and southern semi-finals and its final between the six leaders of each half, is undoubtedly the ultimate goal of every ambitious call change band. During the last 13 years two bands have dominated the Devon Six-Bell—West Down and Down St Mary. West Down have won the George Facey Shield no less than eight times since 1953, and they won it last year at St. Budeaux from Talaton, a band which does not generally reach quite these heights but which on this occasion beat Down St. Mary into third place. West Down rang in ten competitions in 1966—not a very great number by the standard of some bands; they won six of these, and in the other four had one second and three thirds. Their highest marking was 34 at Dolton—but it was good enough to give them the Shield there. Their lowest was a winning 11 at Bishop's Tawton. Only three bands have beaten them, their old rivals, Down St. Mary at Swymbridge and Witheridge, the Swymbridge band at Northam and Bickleigh, and Plymstock at Swymbridge. Swymbridge ringers have always been among the unpredictable bands of Devon. In the North v. South competition at Clawton a few years ago their first peal was the worst of the day and their second was the best. In many competitions they seem no threat to the leaders, but when they hit their form they can ring superbly.

One of the most remarkable things about West Down's achievement was the fact that in only three of these events did they have a practice on the bells beforehand; normally the tower is closed for teams competing a fortnight before the day of the competition, but competing teams try to get there before that time to try the bells. West Down trust their ability to find the measure of any bells without previous practice and in fact on two of the occasions when they did have previous practice on the bells they were beaten.

Down St. Mary are a much more travelled band. They competed 21 times for eleven first, five seconds and four thirds, were never below third place, and have a most impressive collection of silverware—five shields, five cups and a rose bowl Their poorest marking was a 49 in the heavily-marked event at Dolton, where they came third; their best was 12½ at Diptford, which oddly enough gained them only third place. This was Beric Bartlett's invitation competition, and the standard was very high, as we shall see when we discuss the winners.

Thanks perhaps to their willingness to travel and their central position in the county, which makes travelling easier, Down St. Mary are probably the best-known band in Devon, and I strongly suspect that if you asked 100 people in Devon villages who the Wright brothers are they'd say without hesitation that they ring treble and tenor for Down St. Mary.

North Devon has had an ascendancy over the South for many years now; it's never been very much, but it's always there. It's very seldom that the six-bell shield goes to South Devon, and some years they've had no one in the first three. John Hine's band at Plymstock is certainly the one which the North has most reason to fear, and they have had a good season with 15 competitions, out of which they had eight firsts, three seconds, three thirds and one fourth. Their average marking came to 22 1/3rd faults per peal, compared with West Down's 24 and Mary-Down's 26 1/3rd, but this may not be a fair comparison. It is certainly held by the North Devon ringers that judges in the South are more lenient, and this is partly borne out by the fact that it was on a sally into North Devon that Plymstock had their heaviest marking—44½ at Witheridge. However, against that one must set the notable achievement of tying with Down St. Mary to beat West Down at Swymbridge with a fine peal with 17½. Their best peal of the year, which beat Down St. Mary, was the one which won Beric Bartlett's competition at Diptford with 9½. In the Devon Six-Bell at St. Budeaux they came fourth.

Perhaps most notable among the rising bands of the county is Meavy. This little village, clustering round its incredibly ancient oak in the foothills of Dartmoor, has brought both its two bands into the county reckoning this year, and I heard them do some very fine ringing when they were at Dolton. Whether they will be able to surmount the last barrier, which, like the four-minute mile and the even-time 100 yards, seems to lie between the very good and the outstanding, remains to be seen. There are plenty of bands which with real keenness and pots of practice can turn in peals with between 30 and 40 faults; it's the getting into the 'teens that takes something extra. If I knew what that something was I'd be the most sought-after ringer in Devon

J. G. M. S.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch A.G.M.

St John's Church, Midsomer Norton, was the venue for the Frome Branch annual general meeting on January 14th. Due to a long meeting agenda the service was held half an hour earlier, to the consternation of those who do not take "The Ringing World" (shame!) and at least one who does.

Tea was provided by Jackie Purnell and a host of willing helpers, and the meeting that followed was every bit as long as had been anticipated All serving officers were re-elected as were vice-presidents and the chairman, the Rev. A. V. Durston. Special thanks were accorded to the secretary, Ted Chivers, for working so hard all the year and providing an interesting report and balance sheet, both of which were adopted. David Robertson had to give up being Press correspondent due to the pressure of other activities, and Max Heymann is his successor.

John Gilbert was proposed as the Branch nomination for general secretary when Gwyllym Salmon gives up in March, and John's request for members' views on training courses was read. Interested members should advise the secretary.

A proposal that ran into trouble was that wreaths be bought for practising members who died, and as a conscience salver the secretary was instructed to write letters of condolence to the bereaved. From this innocent beginning, which highlighted a serious lack of funds, came the first rumblings of what might well be a move to propose an increased subscription for the Bath and Wells.

The Branch, having already proposed that annual reports be in members' hands before the annual general meeting, now reinforced their previous resolution with a request that the Executive Committee consider bringing the date of the end of the financial year forward, thus enabling secretaries to render their returns earlier.

Special reference was made to three peals rung during the year—one of Grandsire included the Rev. Mr. Durston and was conducted by his daughter, Jennifer; one of Spliced Surprise Minor by Chilcompton Sunday service band; and one of seven Surprise Minor, which was John Maggs' first peal. The Branch lost three members but gained 13 during the year, which is a healthy sign. Ringing was resumed after the meeting and produced amongst other things some Little Bob Major, Grandsire and Bristol, none of which came round, and some Stedman and London which did.

M. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S CONFIDENCE

At the annual meeting of the Northern District at Hitchin on January 7th the secretary (Mr. C. M. Orme) spoke confidently of future ringing in the District as there appeared to be a fresh crop of youngsters learning "the ropes." All the evening meetings last year had been well attended, but more support was required for the quarterly afternoon meetings.

It was decided that as the monthly meeting at Norton had received such little support these bells would be rung for a quarter peal once a month under the directions of the Ringing Master, M J. Trigg. This would give all towers in the District a chance to allow their members to partake and Mr. Trigg requested ringers wishing to ring in them to contact him.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Secretary, C. M. Orme; Ringing Master, M. J. Trigg; assistant, A. R. Agg; press representative, Mrs. J. K. Orme; General Committee, Messrs. E. G. Buck and J. R. Castledine; District Committee, Messrs. D. Taplin, C. Worboys, A. R. Agg, M. J Trigg; trustees, Messrs. A. C. Harris and J S. Dear.

The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Meredith) presided and conducted the service, and an excellent buffet tea was arranged by Mrs. Agg and helpers.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District Annual Meeting

Bingham District held its fifth annual meeting at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, on January 14th. Ringing before the service was a learner's paradise but the experts rang the service touch. The Vicar (the Rev. G. L. Halsey) conducted the service, which was followed by tea—the excellent meal prepared by local ladies being enjoyed by a company of over 50.

At the business meeting new members elected were Mr. A. Haines (Radcliffe) and the Misses S. Anthony and R Bellaby (Gedling). The chairman Mr. D. Clarke, and the District secretary, Miss R. Blackshaw, were both re-elected. In future the District is to have three Ringing Masters and these are Messrs. D. Stainsby, R. D. Marsh and M. W. Harrison, who was also elected to the committee.

The chairman gave a special welcome to Mr. J. Dawson (Gedling) after his recent illness. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Buswell, and the collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £3.

The attendance exceeded 70 for the evening ringing.

Next meeting: Hickling, March 11th.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Exeter Branch A.G.M.

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Heavitree Parish Church, when 25 members and visitors attended. After touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Little Bob Major, a service was conducted by the Vicar, Prebendary E. Royle. During the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by N. Mallett, J. Longridge, R. Pargetter and C. Bryant.

Tea and the business meeting followed, when the following were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. F Wreford; secretary and treasurer, G. Skinner; Ringing Master, Mr. N. Mallett. It was decided to hold Branch meetings at Bramford Speke, Upton Pyne and Newton St. Cyres during the coming year, with monthly Branch practices and a visit to each of the silent towers in the Branch for Sunday service ringing.

Further ringing then took place at the Cathedral with touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire and Erin Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Major.

N. M.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Cruickshank (first of Minor) 1, A. Richardson 2, I. Campbell 3, A. F. Warren 4, P. B. Taylor 5, B C. Watson (cond.) 6. W. Harwin cover. For Evensong.

Letters to the Editor

12-BELL PEALS BY ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barry Corbishley is one of, I believe, a very small minority of ringers who chooses to denigrate the achievement of members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham in successfully completing four peals of Londinium Surprise Maximus over a comparatively short period, the details being published in the issue of December 30th last. He comments that they were rung by nearly the same band but the facts suggest otherwise—a total of 17 ringers from the Birmingham band and one visitor took part; each peal was called by a different conductor; three compositions were employed, all of which used four or five short courses.

This does not indicate the static position implied by Mr. Corbishley. Anyone who knows the problem of organising a Maximus band will appreciate that to ring these peals with this large number of ringers from one area is an achievement in itself, involving considerable long-term planning and training. One of the peals was rung on the noble, heavy but rather awkward to handle 12 at Worcester Cathedral, when ringing of the very highest standard was achieved, as many of the numerous listeners would testify.

I am sure that no member of the St. Martin's Guild belittles the performance of any band simply on account of the number of bells on which they ring.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

Birmingham.

SPEED OF HANDBELLS IN TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. M. Cox's account of the Knowle handbell ringers is most interesting (page 37, January 20th, 1967).

To answer the point about the speed of ringing handbells, surely there is no hard and fast rule whatsoever. The speed depends on the tune, e.g. "English Country Gardens"—fast, lively ringing; "Silent Night"—slow, "quiet" ringing.

Another factor is the number of bells involved. A full set of 50 plus handbells with four plus bells at a time playing intricate harmony should be rung fairly steadily, if possible, but again the music dictates (also the ability of ringers to ring heavy handbells quickly).

What Mr. Cox and Mr. Kedge ought to do is to see other handbell teams in action, preferably at the October rally of handbell ringers being held at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School, then they would see teams of from three to fourteen players and using from 12 to 170 bells. From their observations I think then they would quite clearly see that there is no hard and fast rule.

If, however, this fails, then I suggest that the Knowle team tackles two tunes of differing beats and speeds and rings them before an audience. If both are rung well, I don't think an appreciative audience will clap more loudly for either tune. I myself with my school team at Hunslett, Chapeltown, have embarked on a programme of differing tunes, these being versions of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Winchester Cathedral," "Summertime" (Gershwin) and "Morning Town Ride." How they will work is anyone's guess! But only by contrasting tunes can handbells be rung to their full capabilities, whether slowly or quickly.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL KING.

Wentworth, Yorks.

LEST WE FORGET!

Dear Sir,—It is interesting to see that Mr. Tubb is quoting "Berkeley, Glos" under his recent epistles. To the uninformed, this is his place of employment—he lives at Filton, Bristol. Still, I suppose it does make a refreshing change to think that he has managed to get his own name right this time. A year ago his acrimonious correspondence was published under the pseudonym "Plain Hunt."

Mr. Tubb seems to possess a rather short memory or is screaming a little belatedly over the Bristol Society. He appears to have forgotten that he rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. George's, Bristol East, on Good Friday, 1966, which was accredited to the Bristol Society with his full knowledge and consent. After the peal each person, including Mr. Tubb, donated one shilling, which was given to the Vicar for the tower rope fund. He either entered blindly into something without first finding out what he was letting himself in for, or he agreed at the time and has later turned sour. I think I can say without much doubt that the latter is more accurate.

Since Mr. Tubb seems so interested in who the officers are I suggest he condescends to emerge from hiding and spend a little of his spare time in supporting Bristol ringing functions—he would then be able to meet them in person.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. HUNT.

Brislington, Bristol.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the band who rang the 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus on Christmas Eve. To put the record straight, I must remind R. B. S. that a handbell peal of 5,376 Kent Maximus was rung at Hampton, Evesham, on November 21st, 1923, in 3 hours and 20 minutes, which was composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by Joseph D. Johnson. The bells were size 20 in E.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. HENNING.

Evesham.

Note.—Also to send congratulations is William Shepherd, of Addlestone, who took part in 14,031 Stedman Caters in 7 Hours and 3 minutes on June 1st, 1912; 19,738 Stedman Caters in 9 hours and 32 minutes on August 31st, 1912; and 13,139 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 34 minutes at Bournemouth on January 31st, 1953.—Ed.

CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL, N.Z.

Dear Sir,—I have just received from my New Zealand friends, Nelson and Rita Sloan, a most delightful gift in the form of a book entitled "Bobs and Singles at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand." The book contains the history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers. I understand that 500 copies have been printed and it will shortly be advertised in "The Ringing World."

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mrs. Patricia Ward, the writer of this excellent work, and thank her and all other members of the Cathedral Society who have helped to make it possible for the book to be made available to the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN V. HARDING.

King's Lynn.

"PETER" OF EXETER AND LLANDAFF

Dear Sir,—It was suggested that I might like to comment on the story that five of the Exeter bells were exchanged for "Peter" in 1484. It seems to be a very old story and like most old stories probably contains some element of truth; I think that there may have been some such transaction but I can't see how it can have concerned "Peter" as a complete bell.

The inscription on the bell of 1484, repeated by Purdue in the 1676 recasting, is:—

Plebs Patriae Plaudit dum Petrum Plenius Audit.

Ex Dono Petri Courtenay Episcopi Exon Anno Dom 1484.

Now if the bell came from Llandaff in 1484, how can it have been a new bell in 1484, as the inscription implies? Moreover, the Latin rhyme is one which is almost exactly the same as one very frequently used by the Exeter founders from about 1440 until the Reformation, for it was one of their "stock" inscriptions. This being so, I have no doubt at all that the bell was cast in Exeter, and it may not be a coincidence that the Exeter founder of that time, Robert Russell, was Mayor the the city the following year.

But the Cathedral Fabric Rolls contain entries from 1329 onwards referring to a bell called "Peter," and I can hardly believe that the foundation dedicated to St. Peter can have gone on for over 400 years without a bell named after its patron saint, and that one of the biggest.

It seem, then, that Russell recast "Peter" in 1484 from an older bell; but it is not unlikely that some exchange was made with Llandaff involving extra metal to make him bigger, and that Bishop Courtenay may have made the Llandaff metal part of his contribution to the work.

Until the last century, incidentally, the name "Great Peter" was never used. He was either "Peter" or "The Peter Bell." The name "Great Peter" properly belongs to York Minster.

The new cover design is first-rate; to put the old heading above these excellent pictures would ruin them.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. G. SCOTT.

Newton St. Cyres.

"A GREAT PERFORMANCE"

Dear Sir,—I write to congratulate Mr. Peake and his band on their brilliant achievement in ringing the peal of 150 Surprise Major methods.

When we rang the peal of 148 Minor methods at Ashbocking in July we certainly expected our record to be beaten in a short while but I am quite sure that nobody expected a Major band to pass our total.

Yes, a great performance and one which reflects great credit on Mr. Peake for the obvious enthusiasm and hard work he has put into these peals.—Yours sincerely,

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Henley, Suffolk.

TO PEAL CORRESPONDENTS

Will correspondents submitting peals please observe the following sequence regarding footnotes, which has been in operation since "The Ringing World" started:

Against first name with footnote *.
Second name †.
Third name ‡.
Fourth name §.
Errors will be avoided if this is followed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The A.G.M. of the Syston District was held at Syston on January 14th, attendance being 74. Ringing on the eight bells preceded the service, which was from the Guild's proposed service booklet. The Vicar (the Rev. C. Wall) officiated. Tea was taken in the Red Cross Hall.

Opening the business meeting the chairman (Mr J M Morley) thanked the Vicar, Mr. Holmes (the organist) and the ladies who had prepared tea. He was sorry to hear that Mr. E. F. Payne had retired from being Ringing Master of the Syston tower, but was pleased that his son had taken over the post.

The secretary (Mr. F. W. Faulkner) reported that in 1966 there had been 37 new members elected (10 adults, 27 juniors); paid up members were 82 (69 adults, 13 juniors). The average attendance at Saturday meetings was 39, and for evening practice meetings 27. He hoped that the ringers would help the learners as much as possible.

The Ringing Master (Mr. B. S. Payne) reported that the accent at meetings had been on assisting learners and therefore "rounds" played a prominent part. The more experienced ringers have been very helpful in this, and the large number of new members this year shows that it has all been worthwhile. He had noticed, however, a tendency to ring the handstroke lead too quickly and then an attempted correction by holding up the backstroke, which was the wrong way. Good rounds were not easy to ring. Method ringers should avoid the temptation to regard rounds as an unimportant preliminary. If the correct beat was not established the change ringing would not be good. He urged conductors not to call "Go" until good rounds were achieved.

There seemed to be a lack of conductors in the District and perhaps an afternoon session could be arranged for advancing conducting. There was a temptation to leave all the conducting in a tower to one person. They should not be satisfied until every member of the band could call something.

Methods rung during 1966. — Doubles: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, London Single, St. Simon's.

Minor: Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., London S., Norwich S., Beverley S., Surfleet S., Primrose S., Bourne S.

Triples: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, St. Edmundsbury.

Major: Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent T.B., Cambridge S., London S.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, J. M. Morley; secretary, F. W. Faulkner; committee, M. E. White and D. Lowe; Ringing Master, R. A Clarke; Deputy Ringing Master, Miss J. H. Cox.

Thanks to the chairman and secretary were proposed by Mr. B. S. Payne, and Mrs. Smalley thanked the ladies who had prepared tea.

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OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT BATES

The death took place at Farningham, Kent, on December 30th, after a short illness, of Mr. Albert Bates, one of the oldest members of the Kent County Association, at the age of 81.

Mr. Bates never hit the headlines in "The Ringing World," but he gave a lifetime of service to Farningham and Eynsford towers. He probably learned to ring at Eynsford as a boy, when they had a ring of six, with a band who, at the end of the last century, taught themselves to ring from scratch and who become proficient ringers in the plain methods. With the addition of a new treble to the then ring of five at Farningham in 1903, he took charge of the tower and with varying degrees of success maintained a band there ever since.

For most of his working life Mr. Bates was a gardener and a chauffeur and, apart from service in the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Air Force in World War I, he lived at Farningham all his life. A quiet, self-effacing man, he wasa familiar figure at meetings of the Lewisham District, to which he would often bring his set of ancient cup handbells with boxwood clappers, which taxed the ingenuity of competent handbell ringers on many occasions.

His peals, all in the plain methods, were not many—he may have rung one or two at Dartford, where a brother of his (killed in an accident about 1930) was a ringer, the remainder being at Farningham, Eynsford or Shoreham. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and to his daughter, Mrs. Scott, whom he taught to ring at Farningham. E. B.

MR. FREDERICK C. BOREHAM

Lavenham has lost yet another of its ringers by the sudden death of Mr. Frederick Charles Borcham on January 16th.

Fred learned to ring during World War I and had rung regularly at Lavenham tower till a few weeks before his death. To coincide with the deceased's age the tenor bell was rung 67 times, and at the burial service, which took place at Lavenham Church on January 22nd, 20 ringers were present, including M T. Symonds (Ringing Master) of the local company, and Miss E. Cansdale, District secretary. In the evening touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Grandsire Triples were rung on the tower bells with half-muffled clappers as a last mark of respect. M. T. S.

BISHOP HARVEY

The bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, were rung half-muffled for the burial service of the Rt. Rev. T. A. Harvey, former Bishop of Waterford and Dean of St. Patrick's (1933–35), who died on Christmas Day.

As a student at Dublin University in the 1900's he was capped for Ireland at rugby, cricket and athletics and had the enviable distinction of having caught and bowled Dr. W. G. Grace.

MR. C. E. RICHINGS

We regret to record the death on January 10th of Mr. Charles Edward Richings, who was tower captain at Leckhampton, Glos, for nearly 20 years. He had been in poor health for just over a year but continued to ring as his health permitted, having been in church on the Sunday evening previous to his death.

Mr. Richings was well known locally and, though not a prolific peal ringer, had served Leckhampton Church faithfully for very many years.

At his funeral service at Leckhampton on January 13th the bells were rung half-muffled by ringers from his own tower and from Badgeworth, Charlton Kings and Cheltenham Parish Church. Past and present members of Leckhampton tower rang a memorial quarter peal on the same evening.

MR. HAROLD WHITE

A member of a well-known ringing family, Mr. Harold White, of Basingstoke, died on December 30th at his home in Worting Road. He enjoyed Christmas thoroughly, but on December 30th he decided to have a day in bed and passed away the same evening.

Harold was the only son of Mr. Henry White, who was well known in the Winchester Guild and one of the founder members of the Central Council He had four sisters, Alice, Dora, Nellie and Delia; the first two became famous for their peals in the 1890's. Harold was progressing with ringing but was called up in the first world war, and he lost his father in 1918. He served in the Post Office but did little ringing, and probably his last visit to a tower was to have a ring at Guildford Cathedral. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow, Mrs. Eileen White, and his two children, Sheila and John. W. S.

MR. SIDNEY PROCTOR

The band at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, has lost another of its older members with the death on January 13th of Mr. Sidney Proctor at the age of 78

When I joined St. Wulfram's band in 1937 I quickly formed the impression that I would never completely measure up to Sidney's exacting standards, the acme of which appeared to be the mastery and perfect striking of Stedman Triples and Caters In ringing under his leadership the reward in having taken part in a well-struck touch was found not only in the personal and collective achievement, but in Sidney's quiet but obvious pleasure.

In recent years his activities had been curtailed but his brain was as active as ever. The last time he rang was at a quarterly meeting at Heydour in July, 1965, when he conducted a near-perfect 252 of Stedman Triples from the 2nd after a lapse from ringing of six or seven years.

It is interesting to note that although his main interest was in Grandsire and, to a greater degree, Stedman, he was mentioned by the late Ernest Morris in his work "The History and Art of Change Ringing" in connection with a Surprise method. He also took part on December 28th, 1929, in the first peal of Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral. This peal of Cambridge Surprise was the first of Maximus for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and was conducted by that legendary figure the Rev. H. Law-James. Sidney's peal total was roughly 100, of which he conducted 50 or so.

A quarter peal of 1,241 Grandsire Caters was rung on the half-muffled bells of St. Wulfram's, Grantham, to his memory on January 19th by the following: D. A. Frith (conductor) 1, V. P. Evans 2, G. Vinters 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, F W. Pinchbeck 5, T. A. Relf 6, J. R. Holmes 7, H. L. Squires 8, H. R. Woods 9, K Ketteringham 10.

T. A. RELF.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

An enjoyable nomination meeting was held on January 14th, with ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell, and St. John's, Deptford. The hospitality of the local company at Camberwell was very greatly appreciated.

At the well-attended business meeting, nominations for the officers for the coming year were: Masters, H. W. Rogers and C. M. Meyer; Deputy Master, D. Hewitt; hon treasurer, W. G. Wilson; hon. secretary, Miss V. E. Dupré; assistant secretary No. 1, L. Way; assistant secretary No 2, C Dalton; senior steward, A. F. Udall; junior steward, Miss J. Spurgeon; trustees, J. H. Lott and C. A. Hughes.

The election of new members included the Misses Rosemary Cotton, Ann Griffith and Jennifer Murphy. Messrs. John Bull, Jeremy R. Pratt and Alan J. Taylor.

Our thanks to the incumbents of both towers and to Mr. and Mrs. Oakley and Miss C. Jones for their excellent hospitality.

V. E. D.

FOR THE BEGINNER

Some New Touches of Grandsire Doubles

By ANTHONY P SMITH

In spite of the fact that much Grandsire Doubles is rung, there are very few different touches called. This is a pity, because Grandsire has a large number of touches of varying length even in the Doubles stage. This collection is the result of a complete analysis of the touches in the method. No originality is claimed for any of the touches. Even-length touches can be called starting from any lead giving a total of 83 different touches.

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PLAIN HUNTING IN CRAVEN

EARLY in 1966 the Western District of the Yorkshire Association debated the proposal that evening practice meetings be held with the primary aim of encouraging learners and providing them with opportunities for advancement.

Ringing Masters reading this will probably smile cynically and mutter "Yes, and I wonder how many turned up!" In fact the first practice meeting held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, would fully justify such cynicism.

However, the immediately following September quarterly meeting was, as it so happened, at Skipton, and the dismal tale of the Holbeck disappointment was recounted. Imagine the reactions of the officers organising the practice meetings when members from the Craven area expressed a keen desire for such practices to be held.

The scene now moves to Kildwick (a lively eight midway between Keighley and Skipton, and the date to early October. Approximately 30 ringers fill the tower and the night calm is rent by plain hunting, call changes plus Plain Bob and Stedman. The standard of striking is less than desirable, but the enthusiasm apparent compensates.

November came and with it a practice at Ilkley. Progress was discernible in the standard of the ringing and also in an extended vocabulary of methods. One felt Jasper Snowdon would have approved.

The most recent practice, held on the fine-toned eight at Skipton fully confirmed the decision to hold these meetings. As well attended as many quarterly meetings, both by learners and the more experienced, an evening of solid ringing took place. As far as one can see, and hope, these monthly practices are likely to become a permanent feature in the Skipton area. Naturally the success of these is very much a joint affair—the core of experienced ringers which has made these possible must be enlarged and one hopes that increasing numbers of learners will come along.

Presumably one should try and seek a moral in this story? Several spring to mind from "taking a horse to water . . ." to Doctor Johnson's definition of a second marriage "the triumph of hope over experience"!

However, perhaps the important factor is that whilst many ringers may "need" help, it is only with those that "want" help that ventures of this sort can become a success.

M. J. T.

SUFFOLK GUILD

N.W. District

The N.W. Suffolk ringers met at Barrow on January 14th and were warmly welcomed by the Rector and Mr. Rawlings, a ringer and churchwarden. Mr. John Underwood, the new District Ringing Master, had a band of young recruits from Barrow with him and three were made members of the Guild. The service was taken by the Rector, who gave a most appropriate address. Tea was served in the Church Room, for which Mr. Rawlings and his helpers were thanked. This was followed by tunes on handbells by Mr. Rawlings and his team and Plain Bob Major by Messrs. A. Balham, J. Underwood, George Pipe and Andrew Beckworth.

At the quarterly meeting, with Mr. C. Hancock in the chair, Mr. George Pipe, the Guild Master, spoke appreciatively of the work done in this sparsely populated district, and Mr. Andrew Beckwith, Guild secretary, also spoke.

Members were reminded that the Suffolk striking competition will be at Horringer on May 6th.

February meeting at Rougham, and that for March at Lakenheath. G. R.

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HALF PEAL

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, H. G. Wells 6. First half peal 1, 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Kathleen M. Duxbury, aged 17 years, interred at this church.

ALDRINGTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Morris 1, P. Morris (first "inside") 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. D. Brown 6. To celebrate the engagement of Pamela R. Gough and Mr. Dennis Wears. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Mixed Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: P. Morris 1, Wendy Morris 2, Katharine Gorvin (cond.) 3, Ann Sharpe (cond.) 4, Pamela Gough 5, D. Hibbett 6. To celebrate the marriage of Miss Valerie Mepham and Tom Haxton, and to wish them all the best for their future happiness in Scotland.

BALLARAT, VICTORIA.—On Dec. 31st, at the City Hall, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Martin 1, A. Herrman 2, B. Robertson 3, J. Martin (cond.) 4, G. Waldron 5 J. Smith (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Ethel Lloyd, of Ballarat, whose engagement to Mr. Kelvin Rowe was announced on Christmas Eve.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Biggs 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, A. Newton 3, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 4, R. H. Newton 5, P. Newton 6, M. J. Best 7, W. Lee 8. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wingrove.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joan Gray 1, Elizabeth Foster 2, Elizabeth A. Ewan (first of Major) 3, G. W. Randall (first of P.B. Major) 5, R. D. Gibson 6, J. M. Brook (first of Major as cond.) 7, M. Maughan 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Mrs. J. Russell 3, H. Luck (cond.) 4, A. Stone 5, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, J. Tumber 8. To mark the opening of the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Head 1, Catherine Powell 2, Angela Wright 3, Audrey Evans 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, M J. Bew (cond.) 6, D. P. Snoswell 7, B. J. Stone 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hussey 1, J. Collard 2, B. Martin 3, F. J. Sampson 4, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 5, T. Newlands 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. Williams (first of Triples) 8. For Evensong.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Boo Minor: M. P. Inskipp 1, Helen E. Gilbert 2, Linda M. Groves 3, Rosemarie A. Frith (cond.) 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Panton 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Miss J. Marshall 3, Miss A. Hawkins 4, A. W. Davis 5, R. Crook 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, S. G. Brown 8.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Phillip Brown (first quarter) 1, Craig Herbert (first quarter) 2, Pam Gough (first "inside") 3, Ray Stanton 4, William Rowe (cond.) 5, Ross Bampton 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Venn (first quarter) 1, Josephine Pole 2, J. Britchford 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, P. Venn 6. A compliment to Derek Fowles and Wenda Harris, on their engagement.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. J. Taylor (first away from cover) 1, Paula Healing 2, R. Jean Henderson (cond.) 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, R. L. Jones 5.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH, IRELAND.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. McGregor 1, Miss H. M. Hubert 2, C. J. Reede 3, F. E. Dukes 4, D. H. T. Taylor 5, G. Brew 6. Rung in honour of Canada's centennial year, 1967.

DUBLIN.—At SS. Augustine and John's, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Reynolds (first on tower bells) 1, Helen H. Hubert 2, T. H. Wilson (first "inside") 3, P. W. Brown 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, P. J. Mills (first on tower bells) 6. To convey to the Prior, the Very Rev. Leo O'Sullivan, O.S.A., the respect of the John's Lane bellringers, and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reynolds on the birth of a daughter (Rita Bernadette).

QUARTER PEALS

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,020 Plain Bob Minor: Louise Evans 1, N. Cox 2, P. J. Hall 3, R. Mitchell 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, R. J. Snack 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robert Mitchell.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, J. A. G. Ball 2, Christine Lanegan 3, Gillian M. Boyd 4, Renee Sturgess 5, J. Gunstone 6, R. K. Hawkins 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. For Midnight Mass.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): W. Bristow 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Miss S. Main 3, K. Knight 4, P. Wills 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. First in more than one Minor method for all except 6. Rung with the congratulations of the band to Susan Main and Patrick Wills, on their engagement. Also on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Main 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Miss S. Main 3, R. Wake 4, M. J. Wake (cond.) 5, P. Wills 6.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cullen 1, Miss N. Stroud 2, Mrs. C. Bott 3, Miss R. Weal 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, T. J. Wellen 7, J. Hagley 8. Rung for the engagement of Miss D. Street (a local ringer) to Mr. Stuart Holland.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Judge 1, J. Hollingsbee (first in two methods) 2, D. W. Grimwood (joint cond.) 3, H. J. Payne (first in two methods) 4, J. B Keeler (joint cond.) 5, W. Epps 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Penfold 1, M. Lakin 2, C. E. Wright 3, G. Cecil 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HERTFORD.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. W. Foley 1, Gwynneth James 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, J. A. D. Woolford 4, P. M. F. Searles 5, S. James 6, J. W. Thorp (first in method as cond.) 7, J. M. Kemp 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. T welcome Jim and Jean Woolford to Hertford. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. J. W. Foley 1, Mrs. James 2, Gwynneth James 3, S. James 4, C. Springham 5, J. M. Kemp 6, M. Ostler 7, P. M. F. Searles (first in method as cond.) 8. To welcome New Year, and a birthday compliment to Gwynneth James. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Kemp 1, B. J. W. Foley (first "inside") 2, Mrs. James 3, S. James 4, Gwynneth James 5, J. W. Thorp (cond.) 6, P. M. F. Searles cover. To mark the birth of Alison Kemp, niece of treble ringer.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Christmas Eve, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Harrop (first of Major) 1, E. Shipp 2, W. Cousins 3, C. Cousins 4, L. Houghton 5, C. Tovell 6, Rev. M. C. C. Melville (cond.) 7, R. Shipp 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Harrop (first Stedman Triples) 1, Shelagh Collins 2, H. Tooke 3, L. Bailey 4, L. W. Houghton 5, M. Cubitt 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, E. Shipp 8. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Shelagh Collins 1, W. Cousins 2, L. W. Houghton 3, R. Harrop (first T.B. Major) 4, C. Tovell 5, R. Shipp 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis (first in the method) 4, R. W. Clouston 5, A. R. Knight 6, C. Poulson 7, W. Jarvis 8.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Newman 1, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 2, A. C. Newman 3, D. R. Newcome 4, T. R. Boreham 5, W. A. Farmer 6, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 7, A. H. Harrison 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Charles Edward Richings, tower captain for many years, whose funeral was held this day.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: L. Gribble (first quarter) 1, I. R. Marshall 2, J. Clarke 3, S. D. Etcell (cond.) 4. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: K. B. Mingay 1, I. R. Marshall 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, S. D. Etcell (cond.) 4. Half-muffled to ring out the old year.

LITTLEDEAN, GLOS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, E. D. Wilson 2, E. Prout 3, R. Chew 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, A. E. Stevens 6. A compliment to the tower captain, W. H. Shott, on his 80th birthday; also to Mr. C. Jones, a fellow ringer, 82 years.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Haslop (first quarter) 1, M. J. Wake 2, Mrs. I. L. Wake 3, P. Wills 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, J. Charlton (first quarter) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julie Hopkins 1, Joan Cheney 2, Lynda Hopkins (first "inside") 3, W. C. Budd 4, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6.

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Tantum (first quarter) 1, W. E. Simpson 2, D. J. Marshall 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Duguid 1, J. Hunt (cond.) 2, C. Harris (first in method) 3, L. Duguid 4, A. Burbidge 5, J. F. A. Rolph 6. A compliment to ringer of the 3rd, on his retirement.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. Andrews 1, H. Hill 2, L. Walters 3, C. Biggs 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6. With compliments to David and Helen Gwynne on the birth of a son, and grandson of G. Gwynne. Also to John and Susan, on their engagement.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Kent and Plain: L. W. Houghton 1, W. Cousins 2, J. E. Fox 3, P. Brown (St. George's, Dublin) 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to J. E. Fox.

WAREHAM, DORSET. — On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Keough 1, Miss C. Brown (first "inside" Grandsire) 2, Miss F. Brown 3, G. Elmes 4, C. Brown (cond.) 5, V. Baker 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After 46 years in the electricity industry Mr. G. E. Fearn, the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, has retired.

Mr. Robert E. Harding writes correcting Kent friends. Elstree is in Hertfordshire and the weight of the tenor is 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in C.

The dinner in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Durham and Newcastle Association will take place at St. Aidan's College, Durham, in September.

Details of a quarter peal rung in the Exeter area was recently sent to the local newspaper stating that the preformance was by the local band. The news item was headed "Local Bandsmen Ring Quarter Peal."

The quarter peal at Beaconsfield to honour the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wingrove was rung following a peal attempt breaking down after an hour's ringing. The band was afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Wingrove.

One of our Lancashire correspondents desires to make the following peal corrections (page 48, column 2): Standish peal, Keith Livsey should read Keith Lister; Farnworth peal, Roy Collier should read Roy Jolley. Apologies to all concerned.

Chiddingfold handbell ringers collected £16 10s. for the Lifeboat Institute over Christmas.

Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, of Tottenham, has now rung in all the possible towers in Kent. (Special information for the Rev. P. N. Bond and Mr. Ian Oram.)

The peal rung at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on September 8th, 1955, and referred to on page 42, was Grandsire Caters by Frank Lufkin, and not as stated, writes Mr. Norman V. Harding.

Mr. J. H Musson received congratulations from the Rector for some fine ringing in a peal at Horbling on December 27th. The band contained two first attempts and a first "inside."

At St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on January 5th, Mr. William Birmingham rang his 50th different Surprise Major method (Quornden) to a peal and his 350th for the Oxford Diocesan Association.

Correction to peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Wellington, Somerset, on December 10th (page 9). The footnote should read: First peal on eight bells for ringers of 2, 3, 4, 7, 8. First peal of Major 5, 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A BEACONSFIELD GOLDEN WEDDING

On January 11th Mr. Henry Wingrove, foreman at St. Mary and All Saints' Church, Beaconsfield, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding They were married at Holy Trinity Church, Kilburn, in 1917.

Harry was born 73 years ago of an old Beaconsfield family, whose history he can trace back for 500 years. As a boy he sang in the Parish Church choir and on leaving the choir he learned to ring. He became a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1911, and has given many years of service to his church. Many older ringers will remember his prowess as a conductor of the many Surprise methods composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

On the evening of the 11th Harry and his family entertained numerous friends and the local ringers at their home in Malthouse Square, where a good time was enjoyed by all. Many good wishes were expressed to the happy couple. During the evening some touches were rung on the tower bells and also on handbells.

On Saturday, January 14th, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Beaconsfield, and a peal was rung at Hughenden on Monday, January 16th, in honour of the event. The quarter peal band was entertained to tea on the 14th. D. M.

ST. KATHERINE'S SOCIETY REUNION

The day (January 7th) started with a peal tempt of Yorkshire at Battle, Sussex, unfortunately called round after nearly an hour because of the poor quality of the ringing. However, this enabled a quarter to be scored. Coffee was then taken through the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

During the afternoon ringing took place at Westham and Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church). Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Surprise Major. Perhaps the highlight of the ringing was a course of London on the difficult heavy eight at St. Saviour's; an attempt or spliced at Christ Church unfortunately came to grief.

We then descended on the Baldocks' home at Westham to enjoy a sumptuous spread prepared by Christine. The evening was spent listening to records, and tape recordings of ringing, interspersed with handbells, and drowned at times by campanalogical chantings from the sofa.

Owing to large distances to be travelled the evening came to an end about 10.30. Many thanks to Alan and Christine for putting up such a good show. Let's hope next year's culprits will do as well.

(Tour this year: Cornwall, September 2nd to 9th—all members please note.)

I. V. J. S.

MEMORIAL TO OLD WOKING RINGER

A memorial plaque has been erected in the ringing chamber of Old Woking Parish Church to the late Mr. James Brackley. Mr. W. Shepherd informs us that there is in the tower a photograph and his record of service in tower and choir for 62 years (1904 to 1966). Mr. Shepherd called "Jim's" first peal at Horsell on May 20th, 1911, and one of his last peals, at Staines in 1946, is recorded on a peal board at St. Peter's Church, Staines.

Theale, Berkshire, ringers have been busy on behalf of their restoration fund. A whist drive realised a profit of £12: a gentleman in Salisbury who read of their money-raising efforts sent them a donation.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild Festival will be held at Fordington St. George in May.

WELL DONE, THE WIRRAL

An example of concerted effort to improve ringing standards comes from the Wirral peninsula. This week's issue contains ten peals from this area, in which 47 members of the Wirral Branch participated. Nineteen rang their first peal, there were two firsts as conductor and six rang their first peal of Major. Of the peals four were on eight bells and six on six bells. Another pleasing feature for those who have to see that "The Ringing World" is solvent was a cheque for £1 14s. —at the rate of 6d. a rope per peal.

Mr. Alex J. Martin writes: "The peals were arranged to enable some of the Branch Sunday ringers, who surely have an opportunity for peal ringing, to ring a peal. It was intended to complete the programme within a month, but lost attempts, rearrangements and clashing of dates made this impossible."

RUSHDEN NO LONGER A SILENT TOWER

For some time now the bells of Rushden in Hertfordshire have only been heard when ringers from nearby Sandon have come over to ring for a service. Now Rushden can boast of a band of its own, thanks to the hard work of Mr. L. Hatchett, from Sandon, who has painstakingly taught a group consisting of six adults, one girl and three boys, the children all being under 14.

The band can now ring Plain Bob Doubles but would appreciate a visit from any of the ringers in the area on practice nights (Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.).

PEALS AT WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH

With regard to the 50th peal at Withycombe Raleigh Mr. W. Shepherd writes that on Aug. 7th, 1900, he rang his first peal there and the only local ringer was Adolphus H. Snow, who rang the tenor. On April 13th, 1903, he had the pleasure of conducting a peal there, the band including Julius and Ernest Snow, William J. Manley, John R. Hayman and Harry T. Burch. Sixteen years later (July 19th, 1919) John R. Hayman conducted a "Peace" peal and, being on holiday, Mr. Shepherd was invited to take a rope "A lucky tower for me," concludes W. S., "no failures in peals or quarters."

DUKE'S AWARD A SPUR AT GUISELEY

Guiseley, in the West Riding, is the Friday night practice venue for a number of enthusiastic ringers from neighbouring towers. Youth is much to the fore, and "The Ringing World" in the past has chronicled such events as the ringing of Yorkshire Association qualifying 720's of Bob Minor.

In the same method, but for a different purpose, was the recent ringing of a 480 containing six bobs and two singles. Readers may query the importance of noting the number of calls? However, those who are familiar with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme will appreciate that the calling of a touch containing a minimum of six calls may comprise part of the silver level award.

Thus, with the completion of 480, Ivor Stevens, of Otley, completed a further step towards his silver level award.

BUCKLEBURY'S VETERAN

A fine record to St. Mary's Church, Bucklebury, Berks, has Mr. A. Hawkins, for whose 80th birthday a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung on January 15th. He is a regular member of the Sunday service band, a service he has undertaken for 45 years, also for 30 years a chorister and 28 years sexton. Congratulations, Mr. Hawkins.

A MILESTONE FOR ESSEX UNIVERSITY

The quarter peal of Bob Minor rung at Wivenhoe in January represents a milestone in the progress of the University of Essex Society, as it was the first by a band drawn entirely from the University. It contained two first quarters and two firsts for several years by two others.

At a meeting held recently, the following were elected into office: President, Michael J. Bew; vice-president, John Mattingly; secretary, Helen Millward, and treasurer, Abby Ballinger.

Mr. Brian Downie, last year's president and founder of the Society, is to be greatly thanked for getting things so efficiently off the ground before taking on the greater burden as president of the Students' Union this year. Thanks must also go to Mr. Harry Millatt, of St. Peter's, Colchester, for his help and encouragement in bringing on our recruits, and to the ringers of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, for strengthening our practices once a fortnight at St. Peter's. M. J. B.

50th QUARTER PEAL AT MARCH

With the culmination of a quarter peal of Bob Doubles recently March bellringers recorded the 50th quarter at the tower. A happy coincidence was that Miss Anne Readshaw, who rang her first of this length very well, was the 25th person to achieve a quarter peal at St. Wendreda's Church, since the first peal was rung a few years ago. Two full peals have also been rung by March ringers, and two half peals.

All but three of the quarters have been rung on Sunday mornings. Ten methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise have been employed In the last 20 years over 100 young people have been trained to ring the bells, and the tower has three teams at present —18 ringers, including a girls' team, one lass of whom is an ardent Methodist. Together with young ladies from March and Whittlesey, March High School has 18 pupils who are keen ringers, a number having already rung quarter peals Is this a record for a girls' school? Despite the fact that March bells, being on the weighty side, are not exactly easy to ring, some excellent quarters have materialised, and all concerned are looking forward to the 100th!

IRISH NEWS

After ringing his first quarter peal on tower bells on January 11th at SS. Augustine and John's, Dublin, Mr. Paddy Mills recalled being a member of the band at St. Paul's, Arran Quay, until the bells were rehung for chiming in the early 1930's. With Jim Reynolds he learned change ringing on handbells in the John's Lane band when Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon rang there in 1950.

A BATTERSEA OCCASION

Friday, January 13th, was a "Battersea occasion" at Southwark Cathedral, when the ex-Rural Dean of Battersea and Vicar of St. Barnabas', Clapham Common (Canon R. V. Bazire), was installed as Archdeacon of Southwark. After the service the Battersea ringers and friends rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters to celebrate the event and included in the band were two of the new Archdeacon's ex-choirboys (Bob Cooles and Jeremy Pratt).

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1966

RINGING AROUND WIRRAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch)

WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Hilary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's Bob, and two extents each of Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*Melanie A. Joynson ..	Treble	Vivian T. O. Boase	4
*Lynda M. Roberts	2	John V. P. Lochner ..	5
Marjorie E. Webster ..	3	T. Roy Humphreys	Tenor

Conducted by John V. P. Lochner.
* First peal attempt. First as conductor.
Rung in honour of the Wallasey Festival of the Arts.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and April Day, and six extents of Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Ralph Maudsley	Treble	F. Leslie Coventry	4
†Derek Hobbs	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	5
*Andrew P. Wilkinson ..	3	*William Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal. † First "inside."

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Nov 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

Graham Beecroft	Treble	*William A. Boote	5
Ernest T. Carvell	2	Robert Peers	6
*John V P. Lochner ..	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Vivian T. O. Boase ..	4	F. Leslie Coventry	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.
* First peal of Major and first attempt First as conductor.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Kathleen Davies	Treble	Alexander J. Martin ..	4
†William Harrison	2	Ernest T. Carvell	5
†Antony Fox	3	Derek Hobbs	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest T. Carvell.
* First peal. † First "inside." First of Doubles as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WEST KIRBY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Donald Peers	Treble	*Susan A. Wallace	5
*Ian M. Robertson	2	Christopher J. Eden ..	6
†Anthony Goodwin	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Margaret K. Newton ..	4	Charles F. Pocock	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles F. Pocock
* First peal of Major. † First peal

NESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents each of Grandsire and April Day and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Jean Thompson	Treble	†T. Henry Norman	6
*Elizabeth L. Manning ..	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Doreen Thompson	4	Edwin Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal and first attempt. † First of Doubles.
Rung to mark Mr E. Jellicoe's completion of 78 years as a chorister at this church.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Anthony Salisbury ..	Treble	Donald Peers	5
†Colinda J Dearden ..	2	Charles F. Pocock	6
James M. Pemberton ..	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
†Terry J. Pope	4	‡Ernest T. Carvell	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin
* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to B. H. Martin and E. T. Carvell.

HESWALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 10. 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob, and six extents of Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

*John Lifton	Treble	†Gillian Morrison	4
†Ann Parsons	2	Alexander J Martin ..	5
†John B. Andrew	3	†Michael Benson	Tenor

* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal.

NESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen.
On Tues., Dec 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Anthony P. Foster ..	Treble	Robert Peers	5
David J. Jukes	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
Charles F. Pocock	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Donald Peers	4	Terence M. FitzGerald ..	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." First in method as conductor.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Wed., Jan 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Andrew, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St John, Plain Bob, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*Alan G. Glass	Treble	Andrew P. Wilkinson ..	4
*Ronald F. Cleaver	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	5
William Hall	3	*Duncan J. Anderson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 17. 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
No 87's. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
*Anthony K. Fortin	2	John C. Slater	7
*Ronald J. Snack	3	Alan R. Patterson	8
*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	4	C Martin Press	9
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by C. Martin Press.
* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire —At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*Nigel Dean	Treble	Anthony J. Helliwell ..	4
Raymond D. Helliwell ..	2	Michael Bell	5
Roger Leigh	3	Douglas Deakin	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond D. Helliwell.
* First peal.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Peter Eagle, a former ringer at this church. Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Philip Wilson	Treble	*Jeffrey Simcox	4
*Pat Gardner	2	Tom Metcalf	3
Dennis H. McCormick ..	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* First peal in two methods.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 27 lb

*John G. Draper	Treble	Frank E. Fagg	6
†Rosemary J. Kemp ..	2	John A. G. Ball	7
Roger K. Hawkins	3	S. Alan Scott	8
Gillian M. Boyd	4	Alan H Sturgess	9
Renee Sturgess	5	John W. Stevenson	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Alan H. Sturgess
* First peal. † First of Caters.
Rung by members of the Fareham band on New Year's Eve and as a farewell to the Rev. Derek Parry, curate at this church.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 22. 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Catherine R. Slater ..	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
*Josephine M. Haskins ..	2	Ronald H. Dove	5
James S. Webb	3	John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WOODLESFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of College Exercise and Norbury T.B., two of Plain Bob, one of Oxford T.B. and two of Kent T.B. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

Alan Newbould	Treble	Alan Clifton	4
Margaret White	2	Guy Cox	5
Patricia Lockwood	3	Ian North	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
HISTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*James W. R. Quinney	Treble	†Harold J. F. Muncey	4
Frank E. Haynes	2	Derek E. Sibson	5
*Henry C. Foster	3	†Kenneth Oates	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal.
Rung fully muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. Frederick William Jeeves, who died on November 27th, 1966.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1967

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CIRENCESTER, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Austin T. Wingate	2	Christopher H. Rogers	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	Frank Reed	9
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Alan J. Frost	10
D. Kay Adkins	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
A. Leslie Barry	6	William F. Scudamore	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
Rung to mark the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells and the first peal on 12 bells outside London (5,082 changes of Grandsire Cinques rung at Cirencester on January 7th, 1767).

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DULVERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	*John Maggs	5
*Robert E. Beck	2	David Mackay	6
Phillip Jones	3	†Adrian P. Beck	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Adrian P. Beck
* First peal of Major. † First in the method and first touch of Major as conductor.

AXBRIDGE,—Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being the following seven extents. (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3 and 4) Cambridge Surprise, (5 to 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Alan Tubb	Treble	John H. Taylor	4
Richard J. Bowden	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	5
Hugh N. Evans	3	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Tubb.

LOCKING, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Union, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*Jane Markham	Treble	Sheila Hallett	4
Marjorie Legg	2	Brenda Boyce	5
†Yvonne Criddle	3	Mrs. Crocker	Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
* First peal. † First "inside." Most methods by all except the conductor. Most methods ever rung by a ladies' band for the Association.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Keith E. Beale	Treble	Robert Parker	4
Philip G. Popplestone	2	Leslie H. Arscott	5
Arthur H. Reed	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal of Minor on the treble.
Rung for Christian Unity Week.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Jan. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Six Singles. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Arthur Gibbs	Treble	Rodney F. French	5
*Linda Ellison	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Alfred E. Rushton	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	Keith H. Fleming	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since rehanging by J. Taylor and Co.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	Harold C. Lonyon	7
Jack Millhouse	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	8
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Michael Crowder	9
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Alan McFall	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
John Worth	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John Worth.
Tenor ringer's 100th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells.

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

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

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt in G.

L. Michael Callow	Treble	Herbert G. Summers	5
Ian F. Garvie	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Colin Sweeney	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
John W. T. Taylor	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. Margaret Mitchell, lately Rector's warden.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Alex Richardson	Treble	F. Martin Stanway	4
Gladys Richardson	2	Timothy Wylie	5
Gillian M. Fanshaw	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter E. Heywood	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
*Michael Bramwell	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson.
* First peal

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Andrew G. Craddock	5
Peter H. Gardener	2	James Crowther	6
C. Duncan Davis	3	George S. Deas	7
Malcolm Johnson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Stephen D. Humphrey	Treble	†Adrian G. Semken	5
*Miss Vivian A. P. Cross	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
†Miss Lesley Ward	3	†Brian J. Vaughan	7
Neil V. Avis	4	†David E. Culham	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Major on treble. † First of Cambridge Major "inside."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
TENDRING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Double Court Bob. (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Oxford and Plain Bob. (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7¾ cwt.

David E. Culham	Treble	*Michael J. Bew	4
Miss Vivian A. P. Cross ..	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin

* Most methods to a peal.

LANGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt

Stephen D. Humphrey ..	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
*David I. Cobb	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
John A. Avis	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Beverley, (2) Ipswich, (3) College Exercise, (4) Cambridge, (5) Kent, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Teno: 12 cwt.

Thomas R Roast	Treble	Peter J. Came	4
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Ivan J. M. Saunders ..	5
John West	3	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Rung by the local band in grateful memory of the life and work of Frank Stuart Hopkirk, Rector of Danbury 1936 to 1960, who died on December 10th, 1966.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
OLVESTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*Malcolm R. Brain	Treble	*William Lampard	5
*Elizabeth A. Webb ..	2	*Ian G. Smith	6
*Edric J. Ovens	3	Anthony W. Gibbs	7
*Derek M. Smith	4	*Kenneth G. Weeks ..	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung as silver wedding compliments to Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, parents of the ringers of 4 and 6, and to Mr. and Mrs. C. Brain, parents of the ringer of the treble.

BLUNSDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Plain Bob and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

Rev. Roger O. Fry	Treble	Barry S. Sheppard	4
Anthony R. Peake	2	*Harold Ball	5
Brian Bladon	3	E. William Ford	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal.

A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Moulton, of Blunsdon.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ESHER, Surrey.—At the Church of Christ.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Peter J. Privett	Treble	†Christopher D. J. Webb	5
*Sally Parrott	2	John F. M. Maybrey ..	6
†Roy D. Mills	3	Alan Bagworth	7
†Peter Henry	4	*Christopher W. Daws ..	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Lincolnshire.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoff and Beryl Williams and an engagement compliment to Roger Ashmore and Janet Crane.

PIRBRIGHT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Cambridge S. and two extents each of St. Clement's C.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 75 lb. in G.

Douglas A. R. May ..	Treble	Martin J. Kirk	4
*Michael J. Church	2	Peter G. Sherwood	5
†John A. Collier	3	Dennis G. Blows	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal in four methods. † First of Minor and in four methods. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Petter.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford, Double Oxford, St Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	4
Austin T. Wingate	2	Peter D. Sell	5
Thomas Cooper	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Sara K. D Woolley ..	Treble	Vernon Green	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	*Keith J. Walpole	6
*Gillian M. Brearley ..	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
David Burbidge	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Rung with the band's best wishes to Robert Hardy and Katharine Maylott, who were to be married on the following Saturday.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 7, 1967 in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
C. Martin Press	2	Gerald Penney	6
Keith J. Walpole	3	Antony R. Kench .. .	7
David E. Rothera	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Julia A. Fellows.

First peal as conductor.

Rung with best wishes to Katharine S. Maylott and Robert E. Hardy, married later this day at St. Albans. Tenor 13 cwt.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being one extent each of Cambridge and Primrose S. (12 changes of method), Double Oxford and Thelwall (24 changes), Ipswich S., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Childwall, S. Oxford and Plain Bob (six changes). Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Edwin J. Upton	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
Walter Ayre	2	*Keith Sheppard	5
*Francis M. Byrne	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in more than seven methods. 100th peal on the bells as conductor.

Rung as a delayed birthday compliment to the conductor, and a welcome to Simon Good, grandson of A. V. Good.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1667, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,120 Rutland, and 1,280 Lincolnshire, with 69 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Ralph Bird	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Ian H. Oram	7
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside."

Rung in memoriam Albert Bates, for many years captain at Farningham, Kent, and a member of the above Association for over 50 years. R.I.P. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Christopher T. Osenton ..	2	John W. Smith	6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3	Frederic. J. Cullum	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., Jan. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. approx.

*John Palmer	Treble	Harold Evans	4
John A. Howard	2	Richard Hayes	5
†Phyllis R. Chidwick ..	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal. † First peal in the method on an inside bell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Christine Andrew	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Derek Butterworth	2	Edward Jenkins	8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	9
*John P. Partington	4	Jeffrey Brannan	10
Margaret E. Fort	5	John H. Fielden	11
J. Colin Ashworth	6	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* Completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and 100th peal of Surprise. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Tues., Jan 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5051 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
David V. Hodgson	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
Richard Barnes	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Richard J. Parker	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Christine Andrew	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
J. Barry Pickup	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

BROUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: One extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr 16 lb.

Philip Wilson	Treble	*Jeffrey Simcox	4
Jayne Reynolds	2	Roger Barnes	5
Dennis H. McCormick ..	3	Christopher L. Watson	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* First peal in four methods. Average age of band 16.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard Grant	Treble	David Wilford	6
Martin Green	2	John Bramley	7
David A. Moore	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Shirley Burton	4	William J. Root	9
Rupert A. Clarke	5	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Derek M. Sawyer and his wife. Susan, who leave for Toronto, Canada, on January 4th; also to welcome the birth of a second daughter, Christine, to John and Doreen Hunting. Tenor 25 cwt.

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr 20 lb. in D.

*Roland T. Wakefield ..	Treble	William A. Lacey	6
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Howard C. Palmer	7
†Martin Green	3	Samuel J. Haines	8
W. Ernest Rawson	4	Roland H. Cook	9
‡Rupert A. Clarke	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal on the bells.

KIBWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Robert Bindley	Treble	N. Roderick Ellway	5
Edward W. Martin	2	Edward Guy Slater	6
Dr. Ron W. Adams	3	Raymond H. Martin ..	7
Arnold S. Goad	4	G. Harry Bray	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung to mark the silver jubilee as priest of the Rector, the Rev. Canon D. A. Ireland, M.A., R.D.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Paul, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Roland W. Morant	4
Graham J. N. Colborne ..	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Vaughan P. Evans	3	H. Leslie Squires	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
First in 14 Doubles variations by all and on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouth.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Dennis A. Chapman ..	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	*John Brain	7
Diana M. Chapman	3	Gwilym Salmon	8
Eric Naylor	4	Peter Bridle	9
D. John Hunt	5	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside." First of Royal in the method by all the band.

CALDICOT, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Donald G. Clarke	Treble	Reuben S. Clench	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	David J. Hughes	6
David L. Philips	3	James L. Fitzgerald	7
David Pike	4	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by David J. King.
Rung as a welcome to Timothy Michael, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Hallett, and Nicola Anne Louise, daughter of Anne and James Fitzgerald.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Iorweth John	Treble	D. Geoffrey Kerley ..	5
*David W. Kerley	2	†George E. Kerley	6
James Clatworthy	3	Leslie N Melton	7
Desmond L. Kerley ..	4	*Leslie Darch	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First of Bob Triples "inside." First peal in the method as conductor
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to D. Geoffrey Kerley, and also to mark his engagement to Miss Jennifer Sanders.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Harry Boyce	Treble	William J. Thomas ..	4
*Alwyn R. Lewis	2	†Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Benjamin Williams ..	3	Ellis N. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Ellis N. Thomas.
* First peal away from treble. † 150th peal for the Association.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARLINGTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 EFFINGHAM DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B flat.

Ruth M. Foreman	Treble	Cyril F. Low	5
Gillian A. Leale	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Robin G. Leale	3	John Hill	7
John D. Rock	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the marriage on this day of William S. Deason, Master of the Middlesex Association, and Barbara Walpole.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*Gillian A. Leale	Treble	*Cyril F. Low	5
*Kenneth J. Darvill	2	*John Hill	6
*Christopher H. Rogers ..	3	Robin G. Leale	7
*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	4	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal in the method at the first attempt.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

P. Ruch	Treble	P. Woodgyer	4
C. Stevenson	2	J. Britchford	5
D. Fowles	3	G. Merchant	Tenor

Conducted by G. Merchant.
Rung as a compliment to Barbara Walpole and William Deason, who were married this day.

STANWELL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being in four methods: 720 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent T.B., 1,440 St. Clement's College Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Howard E. J. Smith ..	Treble	David G. Pickett	4
Monica Blagrove	2	David D. Smith	5
Diane M. Mullins	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the wedding of Barbara Walpole and William Deason, and for the engagement of Diane Mullins and David Pickett.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

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

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb in E.

Ernest A. Shipp	Treble	Richard H. Youdale ..	5
Patricia Rogers	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Robin Shipp	3	Keith J. Triplow	7
Shelagh R. Collins	4	Norman V. Harding ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Robin Shipp.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

REDENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

George W. Howlett ..	Treble	Frederick C. Gunton ..	5
William J. Flatt	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	6
*Anthony H. Roberts ..	3	H. William Barrett	7
Albert G. Harrison ..	4	Nolan Golden	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method "inside."
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Flatt, who entertained the band after the peal.

CASTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

William Clover	Treble	Pamela J. Cadman	4
Henry Tooke	2	Leslie F. Bailey	5
Desmond P. Mortlock ..	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

J. Keith Ward	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
David P. Hilling	2	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Frederick R. Scott	3	Thomas J. Lock	8
Reginald W. Rex	4	Noel J. Diserens	9
Frank W. Lewis	5	A. Patrick Cannon ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*David C. Brown	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Christopher C. Clarke ..	2	William Birmingham ..	6
Brian W. Hall	3	Charles Coles	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Rung for the Feast of Epiphany.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Roger B. Pike	Treble	David L. Wilcox	5
Kay Winterbourne ..	2	Ronald Christopher	6
Michael J. Smith	3	Harold Smith	7
*Peter R. Hunt	4	Walter Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Walter Hunt.
* First peal at first attempt.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Patricia Lewington	Treble	John N. Diserens	5
Patricia Diserens	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
*Eunice A. Lewis	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
*Peter J. Shipton	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany by the Sunday service band.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5760 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being the eight different compositions, reversed with the fifth as observation. Tenor 6½ cwt.

William Birmingham, jun.	Treble	William Birmingham ..	4
David E. Brown	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
Monica Blagrove	3	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman ..	Treble	Hugh M. Johnson	6
Alan J. Frost	2	Charles E. Truman	7
Avril Ivin	3	Barry E. Saunders	8
Diana M. Frost	4	Richard F. B. Speed ..	9
David J. Marshall	5	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
Rung for the 250th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Caters. rung on January 11th, 1717, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

UFFINGTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 St. Clement's Bob, 720 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B., 720 Kent and Oxford T.B. Spliced. 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Geoffrey Davies	Treble	*John Milton	4
Victor Chamberlain	2	Frank Sismey	5
Maureen Simons	3	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal of Minor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CLAYBROOKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	C. Martin Press	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Joan Beresford	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
James A. D. Woolford ..	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	John C. Eisel	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Michael J. Fellows	9
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method.

NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
.3T—3T.14—12—3T.14—14.5T.16—16.7T.14.58.14.9T.14—14.9T.
This method has Londinium work above the treble.

BIRMINGHAM—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	6
*Merryn Hutchings	2	Michael J. Fellows	7
George E. Fearn	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	8
Maurice G. Ingram	4	John C. Eisel	9
Stephen W. Barton	5	Peter J. Stretton	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.) Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Royal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WESTBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Gillian R. Hunt	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	David P. Hilling	6
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Alan E. Bagworth	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.
Rung as a 54th birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon, and a compliment to William S. Deason and Barbara Walpole, married this day.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

Frank C. Knight	Treble	Henry G. Keeley	5
G. Stedman Morris	2	Cuthbert W. Powell	6
Mrs. C. W. Powell	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Melvyn J. Hiller	4	Rev. Roger Keeley	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.
Rung for the Epiphany.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

Philip Murduck	Treble	*Philip Taylor	4
Reginald W. Rex	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Bradley Murduck	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal of Kent Minor on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*C. Barrie Dove	Treble	*Irvin Slack	7
†Iris Lemare	2	*Kenneth B. Sissons	8
*James S. Webb	3	Alan E. Hartley	9
Ian North	4	*Peter Dawson	10
Patricia Lockwood	5	*John Potts	11
*Christopher A. Moxon	6	*Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Plain Bob Maximus. The treble and tenor ringers have now rung a peal on every bell in the tower. The 100th peal on the bells for the Association.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

Howard Scott	Treble	Michael Maughan	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	Gibson Jackson	7
W. Eric Critchley	3	Frederick A. Munday	8
Patricia Rogers	4	Richard E. Price	9
Ian North	5	Ernest Padgett	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

(Selby and District Society)
CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

*A. Shirley Beanland	Treble	‡Susan Mitchell	4
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	A. Colin Banton	5
†Christopher J. Groome	3	‡Simon P. D. Burnett	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob Minor. ‡ First of Kent.
Rung by members of the Huntington Guild of Bellringers on the occasion of the 21st A.G.M. of the Selby and District Society.

(Beverley and District Society)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Lynne I. Clowe	Treble	Susan Mitchell	4
Simon P. D. Burnett	2	Jennifer E. Pearce	5
*Andrew N. Pearce	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Minor and first "inside."
Rung by the Huntington Guild for Epiphany Evensong.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., Jan 2, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor size 12 in F.

Valerie Willard	1–2	Cyril A. Wratten	3–4
Hugh N. Evans (cond.)	5–6		

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Jan 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

Gerald Penney	1–2	*S Kathleen M. Baldwin	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley	7–8
*Roger Baldwin	9–10		

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 300th peal together. First handbell peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At All Saints' Belfry.
On Sat., Jan 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5096 PLAIN BOB FOURTEEN
Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton	7–8
Frank J. Matthews	3–4	Edward J. Beer	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	Stuart Sandford	11–12
John W Gander	13–14		

Arranged and Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of 14-in by all the band and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1967, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Grandsire, (2) College Little Bob, (3) Single Court Bob, (4) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Windsor Single Bob II, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

* 30th peal together. The conductor's 25th peal. 25th at Bettyfold.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Beverley and District Society)
HUNTINGTON York.—At 3, North Lane.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 34 extents (ten callings) and four 240's. Tenor size 5 in F sharp.

*Simon P. D. Burnett	1–2	A. Colin Banton (cond.)	3–4
*Susan Mitchell	5–6		

* First peal in the method. First "in hand" for all.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Annette Mitchell.

NON-ASSOCIATION
NETHER EYE, Suffolk.—At Endaway Cottage.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5182 CHUNDERWELL BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Fiona Purdie	1–2	Nicholas Garland	5–6
Barry Humphries	3–4	Barry McKenzie	7–8

Composed by Barry Humphries. Conducted by Nicholas Garland.
First peal in the method

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BIRTHS

BALDWIN.—On January 23rd, 1967, at Wantage Hospital, to Beryl and John, a son (Simon John), a brother for Judith. 881

BENNETT.—To Freda (née Curtis) and Michael, of 19, Cordelia Way, Rugby, on January 19th, 1967, a daughter, Andrea Catherine.

JONES.—On January 21st, 1967, to Mary (née Browne) and Philip, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, and a son, David William.—16, Pinewood Avenue, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

ENGAGEMENT

BERRY—SINDEN. — The engagement is announced between Alan P. S. Berry and Rachel J. Sinden, both of Folkestone. 858

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WILLIAMS.—The address of Susan Williams, from Hemel Hempstead, is now: Apartment O4, 45, Avenue Wendt, Geneva, Switzerland. 859

PERSONAL

" He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."—Proverbs xxviii, 13.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice on February 8th, but ringing from 7–8 p.m. for Ash Wednesday service. All visitors welcome.—A. J. Smart, Tower Sec. 866

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL. — Please note that all correspondence about ringing at the Cathedral should be addressed to J. B. Webb, 7, St. Michael Road, Lichfield. N.B.—No more requests for peals can be accepted before 1970. 870

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS
The Annual Dinner will be held on February 25th in Derby Hall, University Park, Nottingham. Tickets, together with details of afternoon ringing, available from D. R. McLean, 3, Taunton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD, HILLINGDON.—The annual supper will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Hillingdon Circus, on Friday, February 10th (7 o'clock for 7.30). Bookings may be made with F. W. Goodfellow, Ivor (IXO 1039) until February 6th. 879

READING UNIVERSITY DINNER
This year's dinner is on February 18th at the Travellers' Rest, Caversham. Tickets 24s. Send cheques (payable to " Reading University Society of Change Ringers ") to M. G. Ingram, Windsor Hall, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. Ringing details with tickets. 801

ST. MARGARET'S, DRAYTON, NORWICH.—New ring of six will be dedicated by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Sunday, February 5th ,at 3 p.m Refreshments in Village Hall. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Waterson, 21, Cator Road, Drayton, Norwich. 725

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER

Sat. Feb. 4th, 1967, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Church House Restaurant, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

Ringing Arrangements:
10.30 to 11.45, St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10); 12 to 1.15, St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8); 1.30 to 2.45, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12); 3 to 4.15, St. Michael's, Cornhill (12); 4.15 to 5.15, St. Olave's, Hart Street (8).

A few tickets still remain, price 23/6, from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 842

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — Practices during Lent on Tuesdays, February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, March 7th and 14th. Wednesday practices resume after Easter. All welcome! 861

ORDERS are now being taken for bound copies of 1966 " Ringing World." Price 3gns plus 3/6 postage. — Write: " The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry Branch.—Meeting at Lillington on February 4th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. D. Allibon, 6, Farm Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa. 832

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil's Church, Fenham, Saturday, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to E. N Harrison, 18, Hartburn Place, Newcastle upon Tyne 4. 871

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Double Bob and York Surprise. 844

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, on Saturday, February 4th, 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 880

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Annual meeting at Leatherhead, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. More ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—M. M. 867

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 4th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 834

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Campton (5), Saturday, February 4th, 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m Pirton (5) 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 848

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Upholland (6) on Saturday, February 4th, 2.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—K. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 843

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick (8), February 4th, at 3.30 p.m. (Residents please note later time to allow for wedding.) Service 4.30. Names for tea not required. — R. M. W. 856

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—First of bi-monthly evening meetings. Donington, February 4th. Bells (8) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Lincolnshire S. Major. 845

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Newhall on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 828

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Wentworth, (6), February 4th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to me. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec., Wentworth Vicarage, near Rotherham. 800

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, February 4th. Bells 3.30–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Youth Centre. Cathedral bells 6.30 till 9. 821

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, Timsbury (6), near Bath, Monday, February 6th, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 868

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 6th, 7 p.m.. Also Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Tuesday, February 7th, 7.30–9 p.m. 885

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Hanborough, Friday, February 10th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—Ted Patching. 872

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY
The February meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 11th, by special invitation from the ladies. Names for tea must be sent to Major Clark, St. Mary's Street, Penistone, by the Wednesday previous to the meeting. Method for the day: Double Norwich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Meeting at Clifton on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Everyone made welcome. —K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 895

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Hessle, February 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting and presentation of Albert Sellers Memorial Cup. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Sharp, 4, Kirkham Close, Hessle, by February 9th. 864

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—East Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Shute, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Whitford Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth, by February 8th. 846

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at Sevenoaks (8) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30 until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, Kent. 806

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Trumpington, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—B. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 873

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting at Hempstead (6), Saturday, February 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only followed by meeting and ringing until 7.30 p.m.—D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood, Gloucester. 875

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Coaley, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names essential to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, February 7th. 862

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing afternoon only. Bells (8) 3 p.m.–5.30 p.m.—Mrs E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road. 878

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster District.—Annual meeting at Leominster on Saturday, February 11th, at 3 p.m. Bells (10). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after.—J. F. Fox. 894

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8 p.m. Also Great Munden (6) 7.30–9 p.m. Regret no service. Names for tea to me at 55, North Road, Hertford, by February 10th latest.—P. M. F. Searles. 877

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Millom on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ullock, 135, Albert Street, Millom, Cumb. — T. F. Metcalfe. 886

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parochial Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, by Wednesday, 8th, please.—M. E. D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, February 11th. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. A.6 road, frequent buses, alight Chorley Road Junction traffic lights.—L. Walmsley. 847

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 865

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Birstall on February 11th. Bells available: Thurcaston 2.15–3.15; Rothley 2.30–3.30; Wanlip 2.45–3.45; Birstall 3–4.15 Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Cooked tea 5s. (juniors 3s.). Names to Mr. J. Morley, 1, Heathgate Close, Birstall, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, February 7th, Seating accommodation limited, therefore no names, no tea.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec. 855

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Newton Nottage on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam, by Monday, February 7th. 773

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, February 11th. St. Giles', Cripplegate 2.30–3.30; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5.30. Service 5.30. Tea, business and social evening 6 p.m., Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church). Handbell competition. Names for tea essential.—Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. Renown 4423. Please note dinner date—February 25th. 852

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W District.—Annual District meeting at Twickenham, Saturday, February 11th, Ringing, St. Mary's, 3.30–5 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at All Hallows' from 7–8.30 p.m. — W. S Deason. 814

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries, Wroxham, Saturday, February 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton Hall, Hoveton, Norfolk, by Wednesday, February 8th. 876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—A.G.M. at Reading on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing: St. Laurence's 2–4.30; St. Mary's 7–9. Service at St. Laurence's 4.30. Tea and A.G.M. at St. Mary's Church House, 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. F. W. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading, by Wednesday, February 8th. No names, no tea. 882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Nether Heyford, Saturday, February 11th. Names for tea to W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 863

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, on February 11th from 2.30. Names for tea to Dr. Graham-Service, 17, Cleveden Gardens, Glasgow, W.2. 853

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Wrockwardine (6), February 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Brewin, 28, Longnor Road, Wellington, Salop, not later than Wednesday, February 8th. 802

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts District.—Meeting at Worksop, February 11th. Ringing to start at 3.20, otherwise arrangements as usual. Names for tea to Miss Phillips, 19, Cuthbert Street, Worksop, by Wednesday, 8th. 893

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Whatton, February 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Aslockton, 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 829

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Kelsale on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Ludbrook, Forge Cottage, Kelsale, Saxmundham, by Wednesday, February 8th.—T. N. J. B. 807

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Rougham (6) on Saturday, February 11th Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 888

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15. Tea at St. George's Hall, Wyke, at 6 p.m., Business meeting after tea. Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. Tel. Sid. 325. 892

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Annual District meeting, Winchester, February 11th. Meeting in Hyde Hall, Hyde Street, at 2.15 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Evensong 5.15 p.m. at the Cathedral. Cathedral bells available 6–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, February 6th. 851

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 18th. Programme: St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), ringing from 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m., followed by A.D.M. and film show. Further ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton (10) from 7.30 p.m Names for tea essential to me by February 11th.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 889

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York and Huntington, February 18th. Minster bells available 2 p.m. to 3.55 p.m., after meeting to 7 p.m. Huntington bells available evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Watkin, 40, Meadowfields Drive, Huntington, York.—R. Ducker. 890

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at South Anston (8) on February 18th. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting at South Anston. Ringing at Harthill (8) from approx. 6.15 until 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. N. Bennett, 1, Hillside, North Anston, near Sheffield, as soon as possible, please. All welcome. This is the District's first visit to both towers since 1945.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 854

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

A Ringing Festival will be held at Halifax on Saturday, June 17th, 1967. Service at St. John's Parish Church, Halifax, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later. —Arthur Farrand, Secretary. 883

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Halstead was the venue chosen for the Northern District's annual general meeting on January 14th, when many methods up to four-spliced Surprise were rung.

After the service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon A W. Swallow), the company adjourned to the Church Hall for tea.

In his report the Master said that 13 peals had been rung in the District during the year, a highlight of which one was in 145 Minor methods at Rayne—at that time a record. They were pleased to welcome the band responsible at their meeting. Two members rang their first peal and seven their first quarter.

Mr. R. J. Lindsell was re-elected Master and Mr. R. Threadgold elected secretary on the retirement of Mr P. Wood from this office.

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(Three methods)

By P. G. K. DAVIES

23456	M	W	H	
42356			—	R R R R R R
54326		—		R Y C C Y
32546		—	—	R C R
43526		—		R Y C C Y
62534	—	—	—	R C R
56234			—	Y Y Y C Y C C
25634			—	R C R
63254		—	—	Y Y Y C R
26354			—	C C C Y R
35264		—	—	R Y R
23564			—	C Y Y C Y Y C

Twice repeated. Contains 1,824 Rutland, 1,632 Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Has 120 combination roll-ups, with 2 and 3 never in sixth's.

First rung at Tettenhall on December 3rd, 1966, by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

5,184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By R. BARNES

23456	W	B	M	H
64235	—		—	—
52436			—	—
43526	—			—
26435		4	—	—
42635				—
64352		—	—	—
34256			—	

Repeat five times. Calling S home halfway and end.

Rung at Samlesbury, Lancs, on Sunday, September 18th, 1966, conducted by D. McCormick.

A WORPLESDON GOLDEN WEDDING

By the presence of the immediate Past Master (Mr. D. A. G. May) as conductor, the felicitations of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. S. Petter on January 13th by a peal of Minor in four methods rung at St. Michael's, Pirbright. It was the 50th anniversary of their wedding, which took place on January 13th, 1917, in the neighbouring Church of St. Mary, Worplesdon, where Sam was captain of the ringers for many years.

Sam was born at Rogate and came to Worplesdon from Milland, where he first became interested in ringing at the age of 19. Now 89 years of age, the same age as his wife, he is no longer a regular ringer at St. Mary's but he rang there on the Sunday morning before the anniversary. Mr. Cherryman, another well-known local ringer, motors Mr. Petter most Sunday mornings to church so that he can sit and listen to the bells that have given him so much pleasure over the years. J. C.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Remembrance Day, 1,280 Doubles (five methods/variations): D. G. Crawley (first quarter) 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, A. J. Cox (cond.) 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, A. K. Griffiths 5, J. H. Royal 6. Half-muffled.

THE CRITIC — *By "Fifth Observation"*



VERY FAIR BOB MAJOR . . . YES, INDEED



BIT OF A SCUFFLE AMONG THE LITTLE BELLS



A TRIFLING INDISCRETION, TREBLES WILL BE TREBLES



SOME FOOL'S MISSED HIS 3-4 DOWN, SURELY



NO, NO, THEY'RE STRAIGHTENING OUT



TREBLE SHOULD BE AT THE BACK BY NOW



WHAT *DOES* THE IDIOT THINK HE'S RINGING? STEDMAN?



OH, NO!



INCOMPETENT LOT . . .



THEY NEED ME

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): J. R. Rowson 1—2, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 3—4, M. C. E. Hodge 5—6. By the Abingdon School Society of Change Ringers.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Ipswich and Cambridge Spliced Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Fransella 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Valerie Jones 3, K. Hughes 4, Barbara Shaw 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6, G. Lonsdale cover. First of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 5. For Confirmation service.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,568 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. J. M. Cox 1, Ann Harris 2, D. R. McLean (first Major) 3, A. R. Baldock (125th quarter) 4, B. E. Jeffrey 5, H. W. Evans 6, T. F. Metcalfe (first Surprise) 7, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 8. By St. Katherine's Society. A peal attempt called round.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Lesley Philips (first quarter) 1, E. J. Philips 2, Lesley Stracey (first quarter) 3, Alastair Stracey (first "inside") 4, Arthur Stracey 5, J. H. Philips 6, S. F. Carter (cond.) 7, S. D. Butcher 8. First quarter in the method for all the band.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Bird 4, R. Hayden 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Bird. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, A. Richardson 3, P. Warboys 4, E. White 5, T. Camp 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, K. Westwood 8. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B.: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, A. Richardson 3, G. Goodman 4, T. Camp 5, E. White 6, D. R. Hutley 8. A farewell to Rev. Mr. Cooper. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys 2, R. Hayden 3, A. Richardson 4, F. Bird 5, E. White 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. R. Hutley 8. For Deanery Eucharist.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Gillingham 1, Susan Chapman 2, A. Syder 3, Jennifer Millbank 4, G. Barker 5, P. G. Brown 6, Jennifer Syder 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For the carol service, and for Jonathan Michael Fitt, christened this day at Clerkenwell Green.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Yvonne Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Padbury 3, T. Padbury 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. J. Bull, who died on December 26th, aged 74. He was a one-time member of Burstow and for many years captain at Horley.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Atkin 1, V. Hurt 2, W. Young 3, Richard Edgley 4, Roger Edgley 5, W. Seekings (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-within-the-Walls, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Starkie (first quarter) 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, F. Kelly 3, T. Holmes 5, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. F. Hughes.

DISS NORFOLK.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. King 1, J. Mowle 2, J. C. Catchpole 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Poyntz, of Saxtingham Nethergate.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 and 7 covering): Patricia M. Thomas 1, Elizabeth B. Thomas 2, Alana J. Thomas 3, Jean M. Weddell (first in the method) 4, H. G. Blick (cond.) 5, W. G. Morgan 6, J. H. Thomas 7, W. J. L. Groom 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to Mr. H. G. Blick on completing this day 50 years as a ringer at this church.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Harrison 1, D. Winchester 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, T. Metcalfe 4, I. Smith 5.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet I. Rogers 1, M. J. Drury (first "inside") 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. J. Ellis 5.

GODALMING, SURREY. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Abbott 1, Miss N. Stroud 2, Miss R. Weal 3, R. J. C. Hagley 4, J. Hagley 5, N. Stroud 6, J. H. Payton (cond.) 7, H. Jones 8. Rung for the wedding of Elizabeth Stevinson and Dr. Henry Rossell.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE. — On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Taylor 1, P. J. Bratt 2, G. A. Taylor 3, H. Monks 4, C. W. Shaw 5, M. Thomson (cond.) 6. For the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and as a thanksgiving for the rehanging of the bells.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. A. Cornwall 1, Miss J. I. Barton 2, J. Muller 3, P. R. Dean 4, R. E. Dean 5, J. Young 6, L. J. Young 7, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, on their golden wedding anniversary.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Doubles (six methods): B. Butcher 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, R. Birch 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemarie Walton 1, Prisca Hornby 2, K. Sansom 3, T. S. Bowles 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, Lesley Read 6, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 7, M. Palmer 8. A birthday compliment to Kay Tremeer (January 17th), on her way to New Zealand.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Stone 1, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 2, Susan E. Davis 3, A. J. Luxford 4, R. W. Price 5, P. J. Joyce 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Heather A. Walters, by S.U.G.C.R.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Pearce 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, A. Locke 3, A. J. Davidson (100th quarter) 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. To mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Williams.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. Foreman (cond.) 5, A. Driver 6. Rung half-muffled, followed by ringing in the New Year.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss J. Fellows 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. Ewer 3, Miss E. Barber 4, W. Little 5, M. D. Frost (cond.) 6, G. Dodds 7, G. Penney 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Catherine Maylott and Robert Hardy, also for Anne Richmond, a former members of the band, now in Switzerland, and George Pascoe, who was retiring as verger on January 15th.

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Robinson 1, J. Mowle 2, C. R. Catchpole 3, H. B. Fuller 4, O. P. Claxton 5. Conducting shared by 4 and 5 (alternate 120's).

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Jan 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Jean Henderson 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, R. J. Cooles 5, M. J. Uphill 6, A. R. Millidge 7, K. J. Rider 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. R. Pratt 10. Rung for the collation and institution of the Ven. R. V. Bazire as Archdeacon of Southwark, and the Revs. H. Bear and C. D. Pronger as Hon. Canons.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Grant 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, D. G. Pickett 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5. In memoriam Norman Davies and Mrs. Burton.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Etherton 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss H. Alcock 3, Miss D. Mullins 4, M. Carter 5, D. G. Pickett 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8.

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