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The Night The Cathedral Fell Down — A Fantasy

THE usual, midweek, evening peal came to a successful conclusion, and in the uneasy silence which followed the setting of the bells each member of the band breathed an almost silent sigh of relief. Another twelve bell peal, another superlative performance which would soon be swallowed up in "The Ringing World" among the miscellaneous peals of Doubles and Minor of the surrounding alien Guilds and Associations.

The formalities over, the ringers tottered down the stairs and headed across the Cathedral yard in the general direction of a nearby alehouse. The bells had been set but twenty minutes but already the ringers were settling down to the social chitchat which, if the truth were known, was almost as much an attraction as the ringing. As closing time drew near the ringers were distracted from a discussion on freemasonry by a hideous sound which rooted them to the spot. With an ominous rumble, accompanied by a slight tremor of the ground, came a cacophony reminiscent of "the bells of Bethlehem." With one accord the ringers leapt to their feet and ran from the alehouse in the general direction of the disturbance. George, the first arrival on the scene, stood dumbfounded at the scene which he beheld.

The Cathedral tower had collapsed!

The rest of the ringers were soon on the spot, each expressing individual cries of astonishment and disbelief. The tower had indeed disappeared and the picture before them resembled something from science fiction, the dramatic effect heightened by the now superfluous floodlighting which illuminated only the circling starlings screeching at having been so rudely dislodged from their home. Huge jagged pieces of masonry lay in a grotesque heap, with here and there fragments of the bell frame protruding, but of the bells there was no sign. The crumpled cupola, once a proud part of the city's skyline, had fallen and now lay like a crude hat atop the pathetic pile which, until a few minutes ago, had been the city Guild's pride and joy. Over the whole unhappy scene hung a thick pall of dust which seemed unwilling to settle on such a hallowed spot, and all the while starlings in their thousands screeched noisily overhead.

The ringers, with the exception of George, who seemed to be suffering from shock and unable to move, suddenly ran forward and began clawing at the debris in a state of frenzy. (This latter state produced by their recent consumption in the alehouse.) Like men possessed they attacked the shattered masonry, determined to catch a glimpse of their beloved bells, although the prospect of any surviving intact seemed unlikely. For many hours they toiled but to no avail. At irregular intervals a cry of anguish would be heard as a fragment of the once noble ring was extracted from the ruin and reverently placed within the precincts of the church. As dawn approached, eleven begrimed, weary ringers clambered from the wreckage and made their way from the disaster area, their work completed; the smashed ring, the excellent products of a bygone foundry, lay at rest in the Cathedral nave.

As the noise of the collapse had subsided the previous evening, a shadowy figure could have been seen lurking in the background. His feelings on the disaster were very mixed. Although he himself was an excellent ringer and an officer of the Guild he had never liked the eighteenth century Georgian style of architecture of which the Cathedral tower had been an almost perfect example. He was a "Gothic" man himself and so the loss of the tower itself did not unduly worry him. As he peered at the dusty scene he recalled the words of Pugin to the effect that domes and cupolas were "inventions of the devil."

The loss of the bells, however, was another prospect altogether which he did not relish. He had rung many peals here and would feel the loss deeply himself, in fact he wondered if the

Guild could survive this second blow. (The first had been six years previously when a fine octave had been sacrificed in the interests of a road widening scheme.) He was sure that the Cathedral authorities would not be keen to rebuild the tower in the foreseeable future—the Bishop was at present spending all available money on towerless churches for the new estates which were being built in the suburbs of the city. "No," he decided, "the Cathedral would remain a mere shadow of its former self, its west end bricked up with some of the surviving masonry." He shuddered and wandered off in search of a night service bus.

Meanwhile, George had remained in close proximity to the disaster area, apparently in a state of severe shock. His whole world lay literally in ruins about him, his hopes and ambitions dashed in a single evening. In the cold grey light of the dawn he took stock of the situation and silently vowed to himself that in the interests of succeeding generations of ringers he must do all within his power to have his beloved bells rehung—but where? He had no doubt that the necessary finance would be forthcoming to pay for the purchase and recasting, but there was nowhere in the city where they could be hung to advantage. With a sigh almost of despair he turned to move away from the scene and then—it happened. As the morning mist cleared the roof-tops of the city centre buildings he caught sight of the newly constructed post office tower. A gleam of hope came into his eyes.

"Why not?" he muttered and, snatching his trusty bicycle, he pedalled away furiously into the suburbs.

At home he sat down wearily and, beneath the heading of the Guild note-paper, began to write a letter.

"To the Postmaster General..." it began.

LITTLE JOHN.

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Suffolk Veterans Hold Pre-Christmas Party



A VERY happy afternoon was spent at Ufford on December 21st, when Cecil Pipe arranged a little pre-Christmas gathering for ten veterans of the Suffolk Guild.

Ringling took place at the Parish Church and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major with everyone having a ring and making a good job of it, too! This was followed by "ringers' tea" (ham, sausage rolls, etc.) at Ufford Crown, and many a tale was spun around the roaring fire in the parlour. Cecil Pipe spoke to each of the old 'uns in turn, highlighting their ringing careers, and George Pipe, much to their amusement, gave a verbal sketch of each one in turn as he remembered them when he started to ring!

Below is a pen picture of eight of them:—

Percy May, born 1895 at Kelsale, Suffolk, first peal at age of 13 with the famous Bailey brothers of Leiston. Peals include Superlative, Maximus and Treble Ten "in hand." A railwayman.

Willoughby (Sonny) Maulden, born 1891, Framlingham, Suffolk. Contemporary of Horace Howlett and William G. Crickmer. Rung over 200 peals including several "in hand" during his stay in Guildford in 1912-15 with A. H. Pulling. A cashier.

George Finch, born 1890 at Wickham Market. Sixty years a ringer and chorister, taught to ring by Charles E. Fisher, rung about 50 peals. A master gardener.

Gilbert Goodship, born 1888 at Reading, Berks. Taught by Ambrose Osborne and has rung about 130 peals. Elected to Oxford Guild when F. E. Robinson was Master in 1905. Rang with R. T. Hibbert and C. W. O. Jenkins and Gabriel Lindoff whilst living in Dublin. Taught bands at Basford, Harrow Weald, Little Missenden and Oulton, Suffolk. Member of five Associations, including A.S.C.Y.

James Bennett, born 1887 at Ashbocking and taught to ring by the sexton, Walter Butcher. One of the most famous ringers of all time, having rung 1,300 peals, 321 of them with William Pye and in 50 different 12-bell towers. Has rung in four continents and chimed on the fifth. A Royal Marine.

Charles J. Sedgley, born 1887 at King's Lynn and taught to ring by his father, John W. Sedgley. A well-known composer and conductor and 12-bell ringer, the only survivor of the second peal of Cambridge Maximus in 1910. Rung over 350 peals, many of them with the Motts, Catchpole and Barrett brothers. For 30 years a printer.

Frederick J. Crapnell, born 1881 at Cloughton and taught to ring there. A devoted Churchman, over 70 years a ringer and sides-

The veterans (from left to right): George R. Finch, Willoughby E. Maulden, Charles J. Sedgley, James Bennett, George E. Symonds, Percy May, Gilbert R. Goodship and Frederick J. Crapnell. (Average age of the eight 79 years, 5 months.)

[Photograph taken in Grundisburgh belfry prior to the Ufford gathering.]

man. Rung 52 peals up to Royal, including many with beginners. A blacksmith.

George E. Symonds, born 1875 at Oakley, Suffolk, learned to ring at Brome (5) 80 years ago, taught by Fred Day, the Eye bellhanger. First peal was Treble Ten at Camberwell in 1897, joining the College Youths in 1898. Over 100 peals of Maximus in his 467 peals (conducted 254). A master of Stedman and Grandsire and "off-beat" methods (Albion, Forward, Duffield Maximus). Conducted Holt's Original 20 times. Oxford Maximus "in hand" and many other fine performances. A chorister for many years. Celebrates his diamond wedding this year and intends to ring a peal for it. (92!)

Charles E. Fisher and **Harry Hall** joined these eight, and the average age of the ten men was 79 years and 7 months. Suffolk is proud of them. G.W.P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Guildford District

A disappointing year was reviewed by Mr. W. Savill, who presided, at the annual meeting of the Guildford District held at Holy Trinity Vestry, Guildford, on January 21st. He said attendances at meetings had been small, there was no striking competition, and often the secretary had difficulty in arranging meetings through lack of support from local tower captains.

Good wishes were extended to Miss Stevinson, on her marriage, by the chairman, and Miss Diane Street, the retiring secretary, was congratulated on her engagement.

The District faces 1967 with new officers. Mr. David Tubbs, who is in charge of ringing at the Cathedral, becomes District Ringing Master, and Miss Yvonne Eloie, the Guild librarian, District secretary. Mr. J. Payton (Chiddingfold) is Assistant Ringing Master and Mr. J. Horsman (Shalford) auditor. Mr. W. Savill was appointed to the Guild Committee.

The Guild service was held in St. Nicolas' Church, the Rector (the Rev. W. Goddard) officiating and giving a short address. Ringing was at St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity Churches.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

The reunion of the Society of Raving Ringers was held at Northampton this year with headquarters at the Angel Hotel on the first full week-end in January.

Ted Venn did the organising, and it was damp and dismal on the morning of January 7th. Before long, snow began to fall, but we soon warmed up on the handy eight at Desborough, where the party was completed by the arrival of Ted and Marion Richards. Rothwell bells were rung to a good variety of methods, the highlight being a well-struck course of London. After an hour on the ten at Kettering, the Master and a Past Master present had lunch with two of our older members, Dennis and Christine Bowen, now residing in the town. In the afternoon, after the well cared for five at Barton Segrave, we rang methods up to eight spliced at Burton Latimer before finishing on the sixes at Isham and Wilby.

Dennis and Christine attended the dinner at H.Q., and afterwards a party of about 20 adjourned to a private room at the Old White Hart. With Chris Clarke in the chair the annual meeting was soon completed. Chris remains Master, with Ron Russ and Jim Linnell as joint Ringing Masters. The retiring Ringing Master, Michael Coleman, was thanked for his services. We received a progress report on the 1967 tour, which is to be in Kent and Sussex, with headquarters at Tunbridge Wells, during the last week in July. The rest of the evening was spent singing ringers' songs and watching a film show of the Cornish tour.

On Sunday morning we split up to provide service bands at both St. Edmund's and St. Giles', Northampton. With all our regular conductors at St. Edmund's, the St. Giles' band managed to keep right long enough in Grandsire Caters to allow the Master to call his first touch! Those who attended service at St. Giles' afterwards were pleasantly surprised by the large congregation. Here is a town church that is far from being in the doldrums.

After lunch Clare Higby (née Chambers), another old member, joined us in ringing on the fives at Walgrave and Orlingbury. A broken rope at Walgrave put us a bit behind time, but did not prevent us enjoying the music of the fine-toned six at Mears Ashby. Ringing finished at Earls Barton, where the eight were rung for evening service in methods up to Bristol. Farewells then concluded another enjoyable reunion. R.K.R.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Kennard 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, J. Lawley 3, M. Clewes 4, B. Wootton 5, R. Tandy 6, A. D. Roden 7.

GREAT DAY FOR SMALL KENT VILLAGE

THE low-lying flatlands which form the valley of the Kentish Stour east of Canterbury contain many tiny villages and hamlets with such delightful names as Marshside, Pluck's Gutter, etc., and many fine rings of bells, such as Ash, Chislet, Wingham and others which will be well known to Kent ringers.

Lying close to the diverging valleys of the Great and Little Stour are the united parishes of Stourmouth, Elmstone and Preston-by-Wingham. Of these, Stourmouth and Elmstone churches have but three bells each, but for 250 years there has been a ring of five at St. Mildred's, Preston. Alas, for nearly a quarter of that time these bells have been silent and unring owing to the decayed state of the frame in which they hung. On Wednesday, January 18th, the silence of over 60 years was broken, and the bells rededicated by the Ven. Alexander Sargent, Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Interest in bells has never been entirely lacking in recent years in the "Three Parishes," for in 1960 the derelict ring of three bells at Elmstone was completely restored by the Whitechapel foundry, though lack of funds precluded their being rehung for full swing ringing. The story of the restoration of the bells of Preston is one of vision and great courage, for the village is one of the smallest in this part of Kent.

There are no records of the bells that hung in the church in the Middle Ages, but one may safely assume that the church probably possessed bells at an early date. The church itself is Early English in its original style, but was much enlarged at a later date, as the fine moulded Perpendicular arches of the south aisle show, in marked contrast to the stumpy pillars of the earlier north aisle. The tower itself is low and massive, capped by a plain tiled pyramid spire, and is pierced by single lancet windows.

MADE A RING OF FIVE

We do know that by 1700 at least there was in this tower a ring of four bells, though no record survives of their weights or inscriptions. As the present ring of five was cast from their metal, it may be calculated that the tenor of this ring weighed about 12 to 14 cwt. Perhaps some of the bells were survivors of the mediaeval ring, or cast by the celebrated founder Joseph Hatch. In 1712 it was decided to have them recast and made into five, and the bells were taken down and sent to the Whitechapel foundry, then owned by Mr. Richard Phelps. While they were away the frame in which they hung was altered to take five bells, and the new bells were duly hung in it.

There is no record of any major restoration after this. As may be expected in a small country parish, the churchwardens were always buying new bell ropes, as they required the old ones for use on their farms! No doubt many minor repairs were carried out. When the writer of this article saw the bells first in 1963, he noted several patchings on the fittings appeared to be of the 19th century type.

No doubt ringings became fewer as the years went on. We have no record of any peal on the bells, but we do know that in 1905 the bells were rung by a band from nearby Wickhambreaux, one of whom is still alive. This is probably the last time that the bells were rung. By 1963 they had become derelict,



the tower dangerous, the frame rotten and the fittings had largely rotted away, the bells being sounded by clocking. Estimates were taken before this, and a plan to have them altered to a chime was fortunately not proceeded with.

A RESTORATION

In 1965 the Rev. C. T. Spurling became Rector of the Three Parishes and determined to have something done about the bells at Preston. When he was Vicar of Otham his son, a ringer, had put the three bells in order and trained ringers. Hopes soon crystallised into action, and shortly before Easter the bells were removed to the foundry from which they had first come. The frame, fittings and upper tower floor were all removed and placed in the churchyard for disposal. After removal, the tenor was found to be cracked in the crown, and was recast later in the year. Meanwhile at Preston money was being raised so that the bells could return as soon as possible. Early in December they were returned, having been cleaned, tuned and quarter-turned, and were rehung in a new cast iron and steel frame with new fittings throughout by Mr. Harry Parkes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On January 18th a goodly congregation assembled in the church for the dedication. Amongst the many ringers present were Mr. B. J. Luck (chairman, Canterbury District) and Mr. K. I. Davis (District secretary). After the bidding and the singing of the second hymn the procession made its way to the tower, and the Archdeacon blessed and hallowed the bells, charging the Rector to see "that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory." As the procession re-formed the bells were rung in rounds, and the band included 84-year-old Mr. Sidney Walter, of Wickhambreaux, the last surviving ringer to have rung in the tower in 1905.

In his sermon the Archdeacon commended all those who had worked hard to make this service possible, and addressed himself particularly to those who heard the bells and their message of "Come." He said that the Church was going through a particularly difficult period, and that not everyone would respond to the message of the bells, but it was their own personal witness which counted.

A collection was taken towards the bells fund during the singing of the Ringers' Hymn, and the service ended with prayers and the Blessing. After the service many members had their first ring at Preston.

THE BELLS

Treble (3½ cwt. in D): R. Phelps
Fec: 1712. Robert Wyborne
Gent: Benefactor.
Second (4½ cwt. in C): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Third (5 cwt. in B): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Fourth (6½ cwt. in A): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Tenor (7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Mr. John Harrison William Lyckit Chvchwardens. Recast 1966. Mears, London.

The five bells tuned, quarter-turned and rehung and the tenor bell recast, with new fittings and frame for six bells 1966/67 by Mears and Stainbank.

Donations for the Preston Bells Fund will be thankfully received by the Rev. C. Terence Spurling, The Rectory, Elmstone, Wingham, Canterbury, Kent, and gratefully acknowledged.

D. L. C.
[Photo by N. Spurling.]

MR. R. KINGSLEY MASON'S 300 PEALS

Mr. Kingsley Mason, of Nigton, Leicestershire, rang his 300th peal, Wigston Surprise Major, at Shepshed, Leicestershire, on Christmas Eve. Details:

Surprise Maximus 6.—Cambridge 4, Lambeth, Yorkshire.

Cinques 1.—Stedman.

Surprise Royal 52 (conducted 14).—Albanian 2 (1), Anstey, Asfordby, Belgrave, Blaby, Cambridge 9 (4), Diseworth, Elmsthorpe, Foston, Glenfield, Hemington, Horninghold, Ibstock, Jacobstowe, Lincolnshire 3 (2), Lindsey, London 2, New Cambridge, Noseley, Pudsey 2 (2), Solihull, Swindon 2, Woodstock, Wye, Yorkshire 14 (5).

Royal 9.—Plain Bob 5, Little Bob 3, Kent T.B. 1.

Caters 9.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 3.

Surprise Major 163 (46).—Aldenhall 4, Ashted (1), Belgrave, Bristol, Cambridge 17 (2), Chiltern, Claybrooke, Ealing (1), Enderby, Gainsborough 2, Haselbeck (1), Hingham, Hitchin, Ipswich, Johannesburg, Kendal, Kenninghall, Langleigh (1), Llanfair P.G., Lindum, Lincolnshire 16 (7), London 24 (3), Mancetter, New Cambridge 3 (1), Pudsey 6 (4), Quedgeley (1), Rutland 7 (3), Southwell 2 (1), Stand (1), Superlative 11 (2), Tring (1), Turramurra, Uxbridge (1), Vancouver, Warwickshire 2, Watford (1), Wembley, Whitwick, Wigston, Wychwood, Yorkshire 29 (14), Zurich.

Spliced Surprise Major 8.—3 methods, 4 methods, 6 methods, 9 methods, 11 methods, 14 methods, 15 methods, 17 methods.

Major 14.—Plain Bob 7, Hereward Bob, Loughborough College Bob, Ogden College Bob, Double Norwich C.B. 3, Kent T.B.

Triples 9.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 7.

Surprise Major 18.—Beverley, Cambridge 5, Durham, London, Westminster, York, 7 methods, 7, 15 methods.

Minor 14.—Plain Bob 4, 2 methods, 4 methods, 5 methods, 7 methods, 9 methods, 2, 10 methods, 12 methods, Oxford T.B., Warwick Delight.

Doubles 5.—One each of 2, 5, 21, 31 and 32 methods

Total 300 (conducted 60).

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Letters to the Editor

"STUPENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT"

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer my congratulations to the band who rang 160 different methods to a peal on January 21st. It is a stupendous achievement and must earn the unqualified admiration of all ringers—it certainly has mine.

Seeing, as I do, several members of the band frequently in Bristol, I have come to accept without question that each attempt will be planned, gone for and achieved without fear of failure. It is a very long time since an attempt has failed and the attainment of such certainty in a precarious world is not the least of the triumphs of this band. I do know, however, that behind all this there has been a lot of time spent by each member of the band in doing their homework.

As much as one boggles at the skill of all eight members of the band, the skill of Tony Peake, in particular, surpasses them all. Not only has he conducted all the peals, he has also arranged all the recent compositions and spent countless hours selecting methods which will not go false in the peal and proving the compositions. Without Tony's leadership and single-minded devotion I am sure this Everest of the ringing intellect would not have been scaled.

Congratulations to you all. — Yours sincerely,
PHILIP GRAY.

A BELL'S NOTES

Dear Sir,—I have understood that there are five main notes in a true harmonic bell—(1) nominal, (2) fifth (quint), (3) third (tierce), (4) fundamental, (5) hum—and that there are others which make the total nine, and even eleven.

Now I see by Canon Gilbert Thurlow's article in "Norwich Churchman" on the Wyndhamham restoration ("Ringing World," January 27th, 1967, page 60) that there are now "13 different notes which a bell gives."

Would Canon Thurlow be so good as to give us the names of these, please, and add what are the other 12 notes if the fundamental is middle C on the piano.

Any advance on 13 now or in the future?—Yours sincerely,
CLAUDE RUSH.
Felixtowe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—We are concerned that the views of this Guild have been misrepresented on the subject of the publication of peals.

Our members do not expect their peals to have preference over any others but they do consider that the old system of peal classification was better.—Yours faithfully,

R. C. INGRAM, Master.

J. A. AINSWORTH, Ringing Master.

G. E. FEARN, Secretary and Treasurer,
St Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers
for the Diocese of Birmingham.

BYTHORN, HUNTS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the article "Rings of Four Bells in Huntingdonshire" by Peter S. Abbott, particularly the reference to Bythorn, the bells of which I am sorry to learn are not likely to be rung again. About 1922–24, with two friends, I used to cycle regularly from Raunds to Bythorn to ring with the two local lads and then return to Keystone for a couple of 120's of Plain Bob on the hard-going heavy ring of five.

Incidentally, my father often told me that the late Henry Chapman, whom I met on several occasions, was born at Bythorn, and he returned there on his retirement after living and ringing in the Manchester district for many years.—Yours truly,

Hemel Hempstead.

FRANCIS KIRK.

CHIMES—TENS AND NINETEENS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letter on "Ten-Bell Changes." This was done at the two Plympton towers until the early 1930's by means of swing chiming, ringing for divine service being only permitted one Sunday a month, the first Sunday at St. Maurice's and the last at St. Mary's. This system had been going on from time immemorial, as the chimers, some of whom were not ringers, received a fee annually and the ringers did not. It was a big struggle to get this abolished in favour of ringing every Sunday.

Here is the chime known as Tens:

15243

15246

3 and 6 had to be dropped and picked up.

Then we had Nineteens, which sounded very beautiful when well struck and which was really a work of art to perform, 3, 5 and 6 having to be dropped:

14235

14265

14235

1426

Just at the turn of the century I have seen an old chimer at St. Maurice's, Jack Luscombe, perform on 1, 4 and 2, one in each hand and one by his foot.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

Plympton, Devon.

ORIGIN OF GRANDSIRE WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am writing to ask if any of your readers know the origin of the word "Grandsire"—repeated inquiries from various people have so far produced no result. When the method was originally invented was Grandsire the name of a place, person or suchlike?

The only connection I can find between the word as we use it and that in the Oxford Dictionary: "esp. of animal's sire, also=ancestor, old man." is when Grandsire Triples is sometimes jokingly referred to as "Grandfather's Troubles" (!).

Perhaps there is an explanation for this much-used and well-known (in the Exercise, that is) word.—Yours faithfully,

P. D. DAWSON-TAYLOR.

Beddington, Surrey.

CHORISTERS AS RECRUITS

Dear Sir,—Whilst not wishing or presuming to criticise the articles written by "Osram," I, like Mr. Vidler, must disagree with his exclusion of choirboys from the category of "best potential ringers."

We have always looked to the choir for recruits, and never more than at present. We have taught a number of 11-year-olds over the last few years, some in the choir and some outside it but, generally speaking, it is the choirboys who have stuck whilst the others have fallen by the wayside. My experience has been that the double interest strengthens the link with the church and that the two things tend to support, rather than detract from, each other. The backbone of our present band includes five choristers, one server and several ex-choristers.

I think it very unlikely that I should have been writing this letter had I not first been a chorister and the son of a chorister.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE BAINHAM.

All Saints', Newport.

ADVANCE ON SPLICED SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—At the time of writing, Mr. Norman Smith's compositions of Spliced Surprise Major with all the work of between 13 and 23 methods have not been published (we hope this will soon be remedied) but, having seen the figures, may we express our admiration for Mr. Smith's achievements, both as the composer and as the conductor of several of the peals. The simplicity of the basic arrangement is perhaps the most outstanding feature and in our view the series represents the most striking advance in Spliced Surprise Major composition since the first "all-the-work" peal was produced.

We would also like to offer our congratulations to the rest of the band.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT,

D. BERESFORD,

D. E. SIBSON,

J. A. D. WOOLFORD.

JOAN BERESFORD.

London, W.C.

THE PROFESSOR'S REPLY

Dear Sir,—The Professor regrets that the word "Surprise" which inadvertently crept into his statement about Spliced Minor should have so upset Mr. Timothy G. Pett, although he feels that persons with a normal I.Q. should have recognised the intruder as a slip of the pen. He would otherwise, he says, have taken steps to correct the mistake immediately. Delete the word "Surprise" and the statement is, of course, correct.

With regard to 5ths place without the treble behind he would point out that, having long maintained that 65's at backstroke add rather than detract from the musical interest, he therefore regards the increased possibility of such change endings as the only redeeming feature of these methods.

Both single change and methods containing 5ths without the treble behind were common enough during the past but after allowing them, in our wisdom, to die a natural death we find they are suddenly resuscitated. The Professor's objection to them is that they increase stagnation both musically and methodically although he admits that many so-called regular methods (including some Surprise) are stagnant enough.

Much rubbish has been rung, he insists, under the magical name of "Spliced," particularly of Minor and Doubles. Anything that tends to increase the amount of rubbish is, he declares, a retrograde step.—Yours sincerely,
H. C.

A DEVON OPINION

Dear Sir,—A recent letter to "The Ringing World" suggested that Guilds and Associations when meeting should discuss the new look of the front of the paper and convey their observations to the Editor as a possible means of guiding the Editorial Committee on what was most acceptable to the readers.

This matter was raised for discussion at a recent meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and became the subject of much comment. The result of these discussions showed the members to be roughly equally divided: one section favoured the new style lettering when produced in conjunction with a full size front plate, illustrating one of our historic churches or cathedrals provided this was printed on good quality embossed paper to enable it to be cut out and possibly framed. The remaining members' view was that the frontal appearance of the paper was relatively unimportant providing the internal reading matter was of sufficiently good quality to appeal to a wide selection of ringers.

R. A. SOUTHWOOD.

Secretary, South West Branch,
The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' MEETING

THE meeting for the Spring Term of the Northern Universities was held on January 28th at Derby, Nottingham University being the hosts.

Ringing began on the fine ten at Duffield, where contingents from the nearer Universities appeared in force. Following Duffield, the assembled company invaded Derby, beginning the day's ringing in earnest at St. Alkmund's. Owing to time table alterations, the lunch break consisted of an hour and a half. Any tower grabbers with both enterprise and/or transport were promptly lured off to ring for a wedding at Beeston, Nottingham University's home tower. Comparing numbers at Beeston with those seen earlier in the day, we assume that a goodly proportion were content to grab a pub instead!

Fortified with some form of midday repast, all met at St. Luke's to tackle the heavy eight. This was followed by ringing at St. Peter's (a very nice eight), nestling in the heart of Derby. Those who chose to leave St. Luke's early and arrive at St. Andrew's late enjoyed a good ring here. At St. Andrew's the capacity crowd of St. Luke's materialised again, and the ten were put through their paces, though some experienced difficulty owing to the height of the ropes.

Ringing concluded at the end of a busy day at Derby Cathedral. While a touch of Spiced Surprise Major floundered, a touch of Double Norwich provided some of the best striking of the day. Another notable event was an invitation to Manchester University, who had come armed with a strong contingent to parade their own Royal band. They declined—they said—being unable to decide on which version of London!!!

The usual impromptu "business meeting" was held at the Cathedral. Here the suggestion, mooted at the previous meeting, to form an Association on an organised basis was reviewed and dropped. The Northern Universities will continue in its own sweet, but unofficial, way!

It was also decided that the venue of the Summer Term meeting would be Liverpool on June 17th.

A vote of thanks is due to all local ringers who met us and, of course, to all visiting Societies for making the day a successful one.

D. R. M.

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OBITUARY



MR. SIDNEY PROCTOR

A popular member of the band at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, whose death was reported in our last issue (page 79).

M. ALBERT HUNTER

The death is regretted of Mr. Albert Hunter, a member of St. Martin's, Ruislip, band of ringers since just after the First World War.

Before coming to Ruislip he was a ringer at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and was then a well-known member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He rang a few peals in his early days and was most reliable for service ringing. A member of the Parochial Church Council, he had been a sidesman at Ruislip for many years. A widow and three sons are bereaved. He will be greatly missed at St. Martin's.

The funeral service was held at St. Martin's Church on January 25th and was followed by cremation. May he rest in peace. T. C.

MR. CLAUDE RANDALL

Claude Randall was the last of the old hand at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Mansfield, Notts. Reluctantly, he had to give up active ringing in October, 1964, at the age of 77, after 55 years' service. A regular attender at practice and twice every Sunday, he set a fine example to the younger members who made up the band.

Since giving up ringing, Claude's health failed chiefly due to being thrown from the platform of a moving bus and he died on January 22nd. His lasting memorial will undoubtedly be the stone-cum-concrete stairway to the belfry, which he so expertly repaired some years ago. Mr. Randall was a life member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

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By PETER BORDER

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Rung at Birmingham Cathedral on 19/1/1967.

THE MEETING THAT WAS ALMOST TOO POPULAR

FOR some time the secretaries of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Association had been uneasy about the attendance at the average ringing meeting and the progress achieved. Although there were usually 20 to 30 ringers present they were nearly always from the same few towers while most towers were not represented. There were ringers who would be seen if a meeting was held at their own tower but seldom, if ever, were seen at District meetings and hardly seemed to advance in their ringing.

Feeling that as we are an "Association of Church Bell Ringers" we should try and cater for all our members, it was decided to hold a meeting for learners only. Speculating on attendance, we felt that if we got 20 we would be doing well, but it would be pure gain and success if we attracted learners from two or three towers to ring strange bells with strange people.

Gateshead was chosen as being convenient to all areas, having easy-going bells, no problems over noise, and the Eastern District secretary, Miss Margaret Thow as tower captain. Unfortunately we can only ring on the front six, as the seventh is badly cracked. The meeting was duly announced for January 21st as "Learners only: Rounds, Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob."

During the week Miss Thow grew more and more surprised and alarmed as over 50 names arrived by Wednesday. In all 55 sat down for tea and, with other visitors, there must have been nearly 70 ringers there, with ringers from as far afield as Hartlepool, Sedgfield, Shildon and Bishop Auckland with nine other towers represented.

Ringers began to arrive at 2.30 p.m. and soon packed into all possible nooks and crannies, while we attempted to give everyone a try at rounds. It was not the easiest thing to organise, not knowing the capabilities of many ringers, trying to avoid too many unsure ringers at once and keeping some reliable ones on the treble to set the pace. However, by tea most ringers had rung twice and a set of handbells in the church to practice Plain Hunt reduced the congestion a little. After tea half an hour was spent ringing plain courses of Bob Minor, then back to more rounds and call changes.

An attendance of 60 proves that there is a demand for this type of meeting; for some ringers it was their first meeting and for some it was the first time that they had rung outside their own tower. At a short discussion after tea it was agreed to hold a similar meeting soon, at Shildon if possible.

Finally, if other Districts have our original problem, we can only suggest: "Go thou and do likewise." There was a profit of £4 10s. on the tea, which will go into the Bell Fund, bringing the fund total to £87 12s. 6d.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A well-attended meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Headcorn on January 14th. Ringing was under the supervision of Messrs. B. Groves and G. Evenden, and methods rung included Yorkshire Surprise Major, Spliced Stedman and Grandshire Triples.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. J. Pharoah, who extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors. After a splendidly prepared tea Mr. Pharoah presided at the business meeting.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. P. Carter, and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES IN HERTFORDSHIRE

The extremely mild weather encouraged many members and welcome visitors to attend the annual District meeting of the St. Albans District at Hatfield on January 21st. Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal. The Rev. Michael West conducted an interesting service and then joined the members for tea in the Memorial Hall.

At the business meeting the president of the Association, Mr. Ken Dunstan, took the chair. Before the business, all present stood in silence in memory of members who had died during the past year—Mr. Fred Spicer (St. Albans), Mr. J. Wells (Kimpton) and Mr. J. T. Watkins.

It was decided to hold the annual District meeting of 1968 at St. Albans.

The secretary read his report, in which the past year's activities were enumerated—the District outing, car rally, dinner, advanced ringing course, a series of evening practices, the first District peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and the loss of Tewin to the Eastern District.

When it came to the election of new officers, the secretary, Mr. Roger Brown, announced that he would not be seeking re-election and had pleasure in nominating Mr. Keith Walpole, of Wheathampstead, to succeed him. Keith was unopposed and elected to office. The committee presented a small gift to both Roger and Sheila Brown and, on behalf of the entire District, Mrs. Amy Coburn thanked Roger for his work over the past two years.

Mr. Gerald Penney was re-elected as Ringing Master, and Miss Julia Fellows as "The Ringing World" representative. The District Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. M. A. Coburn, Miss J. Fellows, Messrs. Roger Brown, Geoffrey Dodds, Eric Edmondson, John Ewer and Gerald Penney. Mrs. Coburn was no longer standing for the General Committee, and Mr. Geoffrey Dodds was elected to join Gerald Penney on this committee. Miss Fellows was elected to write up the District peal book, and the Ringing Master mentioned a few points he had noted about 1966's "District Peal Programme"—16 peals were rung, of which ten were on tower bells and six "in hand." Five members rang their first peal, 19 rang something new, and altogether 37 District members took part.

The proposed activities for 1967 were discussed—unfortunately there was very little re-

sponse from the District as regards the car rally, dinner, further courses and practice meetings. It was decided that the committee would carry on and organise something on these lines, but it was pointed out that if anyone had any bright (or otherwise!) ideas, the committee were there to hear and discuss them. Suggestions already received are a course on belfry maintenance and instruction of learners.

Under any other business, some discussion followed on the possibility of a visit by the Central Council, and it was pointed out that if the Association were to be hosts a good deal of money would have to be raised by each District, and there was no time like the present to think seriously about ways of raising as much as possible.

Finally the meeting was closed with votes of thanks. Evening ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. J. A. F.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Hertford on January 14th Mr. E. Newnham was proposed as president of the Herts County Association in succession to Mr. K. Dunstan. Mr. Newnham intimated that he was prepared to accept nomination.

The District secretary, Mr. P. M. F. Searles, and the District Ringing Master, Mr. S. James, were both re-elected, and elected to the District Committee were Messrs. S. James, D. Harris, J. Thorp, P. Owen and B. Foley. To the Association Committee Messrs. R. Berry and S. James were elected. Eleven new members were elected from Hertford, Cheshunt, Tewin, Benington and Little Munden.

It was agreed that during 1967 a series of practice meetings be arranged on a tower's own practice night to assist learners in method ringing, particularly the towers that lack outside support.

Mr. D. Harris suggested that advanced ringing practices should be held to help those ringers who are learning the more advanced methods but are reluctant to "catch hold" during meetings and when visiting other towers on practice night. These practices will be arranged by the District Committee.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies who prepared tea was proposed by Mr. S. James.

Next meeting: Little Munden, February 11th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

N. and E. District

The January meeting of the N. and E. District was held on the 14th, at the very fine Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, which also has a fine octave cast by an organ builder, Lewis of Brixton, about 100 years ago. Unfortunately only about 20 people attended the afternoon ringing. The bells, owing to local complaints, are not very often available for meetings. Ringing included Stedman, Cambridge and Yorkshire.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Springford), who gave a talk on the history of the church. He told of the building of the church in Wells Street in the West End of London in 1847 at a cost of £10,300 without internal fabric—of how it was moved stone by stone to Kingsbury in 1934. He said that the church architect had recently stated that today he would not even start to draw up plans like this unless he knew that there was at least £1,000,000 in the building fund.

Tea was followed by the business meeting. Nine new members were elected—the Misses W. and L. Ferguson, S. Taylor, E. Pearce, together with M. Pearce and D. Gazeley (Hendon), C. Pike (Kingsbury) and D. Willocks and P. Blakebrough (Southgate). The provisional election as a non-resident life member of Mr. Jeremy R. Pratt, of Clapham, prior to a peal at Bishopsgate, was ratified.

Evening ringing took place at St. Mary's, Hendon. D. T. C. S.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

Biggleswade was a popular venue for the District annual general meeting on January 14th. The Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dominey, conducted the service and presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. K. Fleming) in his annual report mentioned the formation of two new bands—at Potton and Old Warden—and that the young people were among the most regular attenders at meetings.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, Mr. P. Mehew; secretary, Mr. K. Fleming; committee, Messrs. R. Giddings, P. Rogers, R. Sharp and A. H. Smith; Belfry Repair Fund, treasurer, Mr. G. Mayer; organists, Messrs. H. J. Lockey and P. Rogers; Press secretary, Miss L. Ellison.

The general secretary (Mr. A. S. Smith) in his speech stated that the Striking Committee's report would be considered at the Association's annual general meeting in May, and expressed the hope that within the next few months a District Ringing Master would be appointed.

The president (Mr. A. Rushton) closed the meeting by noting the high percentage of youth present and also thanked the ladies for a splendid tea.

Ringing under the joint management of Messrs. A. H. and A. S. Smith was then resumed until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Next meeting: Clifton, February 11th, L. E.

THE END OF SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

About 80 people (61 of whom are District members) were present at what is scheduled to be the final annual meeting of the Southampton District, which took place at Romsey Abbey on January 21st. During the afternoon and evening ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. The service was conducted by Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

Tea was served in the new Church Rooms, and the chairman (Mr. J. Hartless) commenced the business meeting by thanking Canon Norris for his cordial welcome to the ringers and by proposing a vote of thanks to the local ringers and their wives for such an excellent tea.

The treasurer's report showed that membership during the year had increased from 105 to 115, there was an 11 per cent. increase in the balance in hand, and the number of towers paying affiliation fees had increased from four to twelve. Seventeen new members were elected.

With District boundaries due to be changed at the Guild annual general meeting in July, it was thought advisable to arrange only the April quarterly meeting. The Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Faithfull, proposed that it should be a memorable one, held in Southampton, with ringing at St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Bitterne Park on April 15th.

Mr. A. V. Davies, chairman of the Christchurch District, proposed that a joint meeting of towers in the New Forest area should be held in September. As there was general agreement, arrangements are being made for September 16th. M. F.

LEICESTER DISTRICT HELD ITS OWN IN 1966

In his report presented to the annual general meeting of the Leicester District, held at South Wigston on January 7th, Mr. R. Hughes, the District secretary, said 1966 had been a year in which the District could be said to have held its own, perhaps even bettered itself ever so slightly. This must be a very good thing in these days, when pessimism was so rife concerning things cultural, artistic, religious and otherwise generally worth while.

New and rejoined members totalled 20, six being from Bitteswell, thus putting this tower more firmly on the map. Paid-up membership was 137 as compared with 134; there were also 39 outstanding subscriptions. The average attendance at meetings was 25, a slight but encouraging increase.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick presided over an attendance of 39, representing 11 towers. An apology was received from the Guild president, Mr. Bernard S. Payne, and it was reported that John A. Acres, a long-standing friend, was in hospital at Chelmsford. It was decided to send him the good wishes of the District with a little present of cigarettes.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. B. G. Warwick; secretary, Mr. Ron D. Hughes; Ringing Master, Mr. Sid Harrison; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Poyner. A very heartening sign was the election of ten new members, six being from Blaby.

Mrs. P. J. Steniforth thanked the ringers and friends at South Wigston for a much enjoyed tea, the Vicar (the Rev. Neil Robinson) for conducting the proposed new Guild service, and the organist.

Ringing afterwards included London and Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

In the truly massive tower at Ramsbury, the Marlborough Branch held its first meeting of 1967 on January 21st. Twenty-three members and visitors from Wooburn, Bucks, Wroughton and Swindon were present. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Roger Keeley and tea prepared by Mrs. G. Westall and helpers.

Mr. G. Newman (chairman) thanked all who had helped with the arrangements and congratulated Miss P. Mundy on scoring her first quarter. Mr. A. Watts, tower captain, thanked the near neighbours who had helped with the Christmas ringing. There were plenty of opportunities for beginners in the ringing, which was under the direction of Mr. Fred Read.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,272 Surprise Minor (three methods): E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in three Surprise 4 and 5. For Matins, and as an engagement compliment to Ian Oram and Margaret Fort.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. D. A. Day 1, J. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, R. E. Manton 4, J. L. Day 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. T. Bonshor, Mrs. D. A. Day and her twin sister Mrs. M. Muggleton.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: Doreen E. Kendrick 1, T. Lloyd (first quarter) 2, Rachel Williams (first quarter) 3, B. R. Millward 4, D. M. Collins (cond.) 5, G. Parting 6, D. H. B. Millward 7, F. C. Millward 8. Rung with 1, 2 leading, by the Sunday service band as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. T. James, who is leaving to become Vicar of Abergele.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Brenda H. Boyce 1, R. C. Taylor (first of Major as cond.) 2, R. Rice 3, P. J. Hall 4, P. England 5, W. R. Rice 6, M. G. Bartlett 7, E. T. Skipsey 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): Katharine M. Thorley (aged 10, first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 2, J. C. Hudson 3, J. Woolley 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: R. C. Button 1, C. W. Daws 2, G. H. Jones 3, D. P. Sturge 4, R. S. Bradley (first quarter) 5, S. J. Woodcock 6, F. C. Hobson 7, V. Nutton (cond.) 8.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Marion Dallison 3, Alice Ward 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, K. Dallison (first as cond.) 6. In memory of Alfred J. Bull.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. R. F. Cole 1—2, A. J. Slade (cond.) 3—4, M. B. Jefferys 5—6, R. Durrant 7—8. First quarter "in hand" by all the band. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: E. Pickett 1, Miss J. S. Young 2, Miss J. Whitnall 3, E. Newnham 4, Miss C. R. F. Cole 5, R. Durrant 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. Hawkins 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to E. Newnham.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Boyle 1, W. Scheerer 2, Ann Boyle 3, C. Hague 4, John Webb 5, James S. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter first attempt 1 and 3. For Matins.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Lucas (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Smith 2, Mrs. B. Baines 3, Miss V. Stevens 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, A. Baines 6. Rung with best wishes to Miss Vivienne Stevens, at the start of her career in the W.R.A.C.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Helen Barnaby (first Triples) 1, J. K. Foot 2, G. F. Thompson 3, A. A. Chown 4, H. M. Johnson 5, K. R. Holtom 6, M. J. V. Chown 7, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bennett on the birth of a daughter.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): T. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, J. Flint 2, P. Clarke (first quarter) 3, Derek Manton 4, David Manton 5, D. D. Carr (cond.) 6, P. S. George 7, C. D. Cosby 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: P. C. Sinden 1, J. Hedgcock 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, L. Mantering 5, D. J. Carr (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringers of 3 and 7.

GREAT HALLINGBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. Wats 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, K. Westwood 4, T. Camp 5. For the induction of the Rev. Colin Sambrook Smith as Vicar.

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. R. Randall (first of Doubles) 1, H. C. Bennett 2, A. K. Griffiths 3, A. J. Cox 4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): D. R. Randall 1, A. K. Griffiths 2, H. C. Bennett 3, P. C. Randall (cond.) 4, A. J. Cox 5.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Offen (first quarter) 1, M. Chidwick 2, S. Wigg 3, M. Hitchcock 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, Q. Partis 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Groves 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, S. Wigg 3, P. S. Muchlinski 4, M. L. Howe 5, Q. Partis 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge, Ipswich and London Surprise Minor: Eunice D. Overend 1, D. A. Burt 2, J. E. Newman 3, D. J. Orledae 4, D. G. Massey 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Minor (seven methods): R. H. Roberts 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. First by all the band.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Barton (first of Bob Major) 1, Mrs. J. Fynes 2, C. B. Fynes 3, G. Rix 4, M. Etherington (first "inside") 5, H. W. Franklin 6, D. D. Smith 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Curtis (first quarter) 1, D. Johnstone (first "inside") 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. Boreham, whose funeral was at Lavenham.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Merrilyn Chambers 1, P. Bedford 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, F. May 4, M. Carter 5, G. Blower 6, A. House 7, D. Bedford 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, C. Fisher 3, N. Handley 4, D. Osbourne 5, S. Adams 6, D. Oliver (cond.) 7, L. Butler 8.

STAINES, MIDD.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: E. Skipsey 1, T. Skipsey 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, M. S. Loveday 4, N. Somerhayes 5, R. Wiggins 6, R. C. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Maybury 8.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: L. Houghton 1, W. Houghton 2, W. Cousins 3, J. Fox 4, R. Newson 5, Shelagh Collins (cond.) 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding 8. For Christian Unity Week.

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,259 Grandairs Doubles: C. Pouncey 1, Miss E. Pouncey 2, R. Attwood, sen. 3, P. Robertson (cond.) 4, R. Liddell 5.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: G. F. Dunstan 1, A. J. Davidson 2, C. E. Lanxon 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, A. Locke 5, G. D. Carter 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, D. A. Trethewey 8. A welcome to Patrick Carveth, born January 3rd.

USK, MON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: S. Kear 1, D. Hughes (first as cond.) 2, Miss S. Byford (first "inside") 3, Miss J. Clench 4, F. Hobbs 5, R. Clench 6, L. Jones 7, C. Richards 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan Thomas 1, June Whitlcher 2, D. Wilson 3, I. L. Dear 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, A. J. Slade 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. Duncan 8, R. Durrant 9, R. Chapman 10.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. Sloman 1, A. House 2, A. J. Boyack 3, I. Dear 4, J. Stephens 5, R. Chapman 6, D. Ellisdon 7, C. Wright 8, K. Warner 9, D. Hewitt (cond.) 10.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, T. Shephard-Walwyn (first "inside") 3, Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): Jane Terry 1, Ann Funnell 2, P. Carter 3, P. K. King 4, D. Parks 5, Pamela Dence 6, Dr. E. S. J. Haicher (cond.) 7, S. Taylor 8. First quarter 4 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): R. G. Crossland (cond.) 1, S. Gay 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Gay 4, W. A. Hollamby 5, J. E. Cannell 6. For Evensong, and the 21st anniversary of St. John's Youth Fellowship. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, S. Gay (first T.B.) 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. H. Long (Spring Park, first quarter) 4, M. Gay 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WIMBLEDON, LONDON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne Evans 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Caroline Madge (first "inside") 3, A. Bishop 4, Deborah Bishop 5, Elizabeth Zass 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, P. Willatts 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Caroline Madge.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ranshaw 1, R. Isgrove 2, P. J. Hardwick 3, Jennifer Andrews 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, J. Mattingly 6. First quarter 1 and 3. By Essex University Society.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Coventry Diocesan Guild is holding its 60th anniversary dinner on November 25th.

After a lapse of 25 years, Mr. Arthur Cook is peal ringing again at Grimsby.

Surprise Major is becoming more and more popular in Somerset. There were five first quarters of Yorkshire at Burwell on January 13th.

Double Court, and not Double Bob, was rung in the first extent of the seven Minor methods peal at Ightham, Kent, reported on page 864, writes Michael J. Uphill.

For the benefit of those who keep individual records, Jane Reynolds and Jayne Reynolds, of the Lancashire Association, are the same person.

Great Barton, Suffolk, has two promising youngsters in Martin J. Drury and Robert J. Ellis. Their quarter of St. Clement's Bob Minor on January 25th was their first touch in any method except Plain Bob.

Mr. Joseph A. Fenton, whose death was reported on page 5, lived for 20 years at Melton Mowbray, and to his memory a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at Melton Parish Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

AMERICAN ORGANIST'S APPRECIATION

Mr. Frank I. Eldridge, a professor of music at Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, writes his appreciation of England and English ringing in the following terms:

"In the brief time I had in England I shall long remember the glorious ringing at 10.01½ hours at St. Paul's; the astonishing bells at Liverpool Cathedral; the delightful eight in F (it says 'E' in 'Dove'!) at St. Mary's, Ely; and the revelations and completely delightful time with those of you participating in the joint meeting at Longstanton.

"For never to be forgotten moments of shooting the breeze, I especially want to send greetings to Messrs. Douglas and William Hughes, Paul Taylor (all to whom I owe special thanks for time freely given from their businesses), Donald Murphy, of Sutton, Cambs, Peter Bedford (and his delightful family) of Aldeburgh, and Mrs. Wilfrid Moreton. To Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, my appreciation for wonderful hospitality for a weary traveller.

"I want the Exercise to know that yet another American has returned to the States deeply moved and really 'turned on' by all that the Exercise means in the world of today. If fate shall determine that I am not successful in spawning a ring of bells and active ringers in central New York State, perhaps my message will be received by someone who will one day be able to carry the torch. At least I have been personally thrilled and inspired!"

RECEIVED OFFICIAL APPROVAL

Ten-year-old Katharine M. Thorley rang her first quarter peal at Caldecott in Rutland with four officials of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Guild; it was very well struck. She is the fourth successive generation of her family to reach this standard. She previously trebled a 720 of Minor at Edith Weston to qualify for membership of the Yorkshire Association. She was born in Leeds and it is not long since she was using the upturned box of the eleventh at the Parish Church as a play-pen.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RINGING IN LONDON

Mr. F. Fowler, jun., of 9, High Street, Stourton, Warrminster, Wilts, wants to record London bells available between 11.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. He asks particularly for the times of St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Clement Danes', Westminster Abbey, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and others available.

ELY DIOCESE RINGING MAP

A map showing the state of ringing in the Ely Diocese is included in the January issue of "Sentinel," the Association's news letter. Depicted in it are towers with resident Sunday service teams; ringable but no team; few ringers; little ringing; unringable. The map is exceedingly useful for tour organisers and to them is well worth the 2s. charged.

ODD VENTURES

E. C. S. writes: "I am sorry that two errors crept into the notes on Grandsire Doubles, the publishing of one 240-block twice, and the attributing of another well-known block to the wrong Mr. Morris. I hope that my old friend Leslie will forgive me. The mistakes were mine and not the Editor's, and I can plead only the old excuse: 'Men are not wise at all hours.'"

PREACHER WAS ONCE TOWER MASTER

The Rev. Roger O. Fry, Rector of Portishead, returned to St. Michael and All Angels', Twerton-on-Avon, where he was tower master before entering a theological college in 1958, to preach at the Festal Evensong to mark the 81st anniversary of the rebuilding of the church. A feature was the church being lit by 81 candles. Previous to the service Roger rang the tenor to a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, in which three of his pupils took part—D. J. Barnett, A. F. Lee and T. J. Milsom. It is interesting to note that since 1955, when he introduced ringing for three Sunday services, the bells have never failed to ring three times and often four times on a Sunday.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Arising from the good response to his request for touches of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell writes: "Two interesting things have come to light over this which some of our experts could comment upon. Firstly, nobody could give me a touch of 98 changes; two people said it was impossible but could not say why. Secondly, it was not possible to work out 'round blocks' of touches with an odd number of changes as it is with touches of an even number of changes, i.e. calling the same touch but starting from a different place."

FIRST FOR 1968

Mr. H. E. Taylor, of Darley Dale, Matlock has pegged a claim to be the first "Ringing World" subscriber for 1968. This promptness in meeting an obligation might serve as a reminder to those who have not yet paid Mr. Jeater their subscriptions for 1967.

A CHRISTMAS OUTING

About a dozen ringers from South Cambridgeshire and Saffron Walden took part in a day's outing on December 27th organised by Mr. Ian G. Stracey. The occasion was marred by an accident at Linton, the first tower visited, which has a rather difficult heavy five. After ringing, Miss Jean Sanderson slipped on the way down and fractured her ankle. It is possible that another two months will elapse before she is ringing again.

Owing to the accident, the programme was a little behind time at Great Thurlow. It was at the next tower, Belchamp St. Paul, that the best ringing of the day took place—Cambridge Surprise. Spliced Doubles were rung on the noisy five in a round tower at Pentlow.

At Glemsford the Vicar expressed pleasure at hearing the bells rung for the first time over the Christmas festival. The six bells here are not the easiest to ring, but Plain and Little Bob Minor were rung. Other towers before lunch were Hartest and Wepstead.

Much of the afternoon's ringing was Doubles but at West Stow some Kent and Oxford Spliced was rung with the assistance of a local ringer. One car load failed to locate Dalham, our last tower, where the pleasant-sounding five were rung by the light of candles and hurricane lamps. The Rector rang with us and mentioned that the bells were only rung very occasionally. M. E. S.

GETTING READY FOR UNITY

Among latest recruits at All Saints', Huntingdon, is the daughter of the local Methodist minister.—"Sentinel," news letter of Ely Diocesan Association.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS

IT was asking for trouble in the first place, and was perhaps even presumptuous. Until nine months ago there had been hardly opportunities to do any ringing—the job which brought in the bread and butter made it almost impossible. There were a few towers near, but work always seemed to prevent ringing. Altogether during the past seven years two peals, perhaps half a dozen practices, no Sunday service ringing at all—it was not very encouraging. So it was really asking for trouble to accept an invitation to stand in a peal of Maximus. Three peals on 12, two of them Maximus, the other Cinques, and all rung eight or more years previously, was not very promising.

My thoughts ran on these lines when the peal of Maximus was first mentioned; and I had very mixed feelings when offered a rope. But the Ringing Master of what was now my home tower (I had moved last May) asked me, and seemed to have more confidence in me than I had myself. Since last May we had been concentrating on learners, and the whole 12 had only been rung twice on practice nights, and then only in rounds. Would I be able to stand up to it physically? After all, it would mean about 3½ hours of ringing, and I was seven years older and out of practice.

Incredibly, in the event it all went well. Much of the ringing was splendid, and the striking good (after one or two crisp comments). It was bitterly cold in the tower, at least five degrees warmer outside than in when we came down the steps eventually. At one awful moment I thought cramp would cripple my arms; and towards the end it felt as though my hands would be pulled off the ends of my arms. But not even one small blister resulted from all that unaccustomed exercise! It was my 25th peal.

The point of writing this? Not to do any personal trumpet-blowing, but to place the credit where it belongs, namely to those who taught me so well—they were and still are the Ringing Masters of Cleeve Prior and Evesham, and both are still teaching. It is also written in the hope that it might encourage others who have been unable to ring (for whatever reason) to return and try again. A. W.

JACK WORRALL RINGS AGAIN

A panel meeting of the Southern Regional Examination Board in Southampton on January 23rd was the occasion of a minor University of Bristol reunion between Heather and Ivor Trueman and Jack Worrall on the previous Saturday at the home of the Truemans. Circumstances prevented them attending the major reunion at Bristol on the same day.

For Jack Worrall, who was over from Germany for the week-end as representative of the Forces Schools at the panel meeting, it was an opportunity for ringing at Romsey and Southampton. This is only the second time in the seven years he has been absent from England that Jack Worrall has had a chance to ring, the previous one being at Cambridge two and a half years ago.

KEENNESS DESPITE DUAL ROLE

Osram's article has provoked a reply from Miss Ruth Blackshaw, who writes that at the small Church of St. Edmund, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, all the ringers are choristers. While they do not claim to be expert ringers, all are very interested in church work. The choir is manned twice each Sunday and the District meetings claim a full attendance each month. Also, time is spent in helping learners in other towers.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Rodney B. Meadows	7
David P. Hilling	2	Brian D. Threlfall	8
David E. Parsons	3	Stephen J. Ivin	9
*John Hill	4	Frank E. Darby	10
John D. Rock	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
Alan J. Frost	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
Tenor 41 cwt, 3 qr, 21 lb, in C.

* 400th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAGDEN, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Leonard England	Treble	John C. Sheppard	5
Victor Savage	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
Michael G. Bartlett	3	Victor G. Roberts	7
Christopher R. Jenkins	4	Richard C. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard C. Taylor.
* First peal. First on eight as conductor.

SHEPTON-BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES

*Geoffrey Hebdon	Treble	Peter England	5
Herbert W. Knight	2	George Prescott	6
Roy W. Rice	3	Sidney G. Smith	7
Walter S. Rice	4	John K. Baker	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Herbert W. Knight.
* First peal of Triples. First in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth. First in the method for the Association.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*John H. Thompson	Treble	†Peter J. Devrell	5
†David C. Hawkins	2	Alan F. Lee	6
Thomas W. Harris	3	*Ian P. Cox	7
*Julian E. Newman	4	*Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.

Rung to mark the 81st anniversary of the dedication of the rebuilding of this church. Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr, 7 lb, in F sharp.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 160 methods, comprising 32 changes each of Acton, Aldbourne, Aldenham, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedford, Benson, Benington, Bicester, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Blagdon, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clanfield, Claybrooke, Cleeve, Codicote, Colerne, Conisbrough, Corston, Clay-Crowan, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Eastbury, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Gresford, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Henbury, Highgate, Highworth, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ippelen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kettering, Keynsham, Lambourn, Langley, Langston, Launceston, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longney, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Mangotsfield, Marlborough, Marshfield, Maulden, Melksham, Mickleton, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northam, Northleach, Northolt, Northwood, Okehampton, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Painswick, Pickering, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe, Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivensham, Sibbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Superlative, Tetbury, Thornbury, Thorne, Tiverton, Tring, Trowbridge, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wight, Wootton, Wordsworth, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, with 159 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt.

Victor Griffin	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.

Rung to the memory of Bert Price, former tower captain at Yatton

Cleeve:	38—56.14—56—38.14x14.58—36.14.7.	f.
Crowan:	—56—14—56—36—14—34.58—12—1.	e.
Mangotsfield:	—38—16—12—16.34—14.58.14.36—3.	f.
Highworth:	—56—14—58—38—34—38.56—36.5.	f.
Melksham:	—56—14.56—56.12.38—14—38—16—1.	f.
Okehampton:	—36—14—58—16—34—14.58—36—3.	f.
Keynsham:	—38—14—58—16—14—58.36.12.56.7.	b.
Helston:	—58—16—58—38—12—58—56—3.	f.
Marlborough:	—36—14—12.58—36—14—38—14—5.	l.
Aldbourne:	—38—16—12—36—12—58—56—5.	e.

HEMINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Westminster, Hull, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr, 27 lb in F

George J. Hawkins	Treble	*David A. Burt	4
David J. Orledge	2	*Raymond E. J. Baker	5
*David G. Massey	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

STOCKLAND-BRISTOL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods, being one six-score each of Reverse Grandsire, New Antelope, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course, two each of New Doubles, New Grandsire, Huntspill, Stedman Slow Course, three each of Antelope, Stedman, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, St Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Union and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*John S. Walton	Treble	*Stanley Lewis	4
†Marjorie Legg	2	George Prescott	5
*John Coombs	3	†Geoffrey Duckham	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott

* First peal in 18 methods. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part		Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
Christine Smith	Treble	Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 5
Dennis Knox	2	Rodney H. French 6
Ian Knox	3	John W. Sinfield 7
*David Redfearn	4	Ivor N. Pett Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.

* First peal in the method.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George, Bristol East.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt, in G

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Richard O. Humphries	5
*David Rennolds	2	David E. Rothera	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Brynley A. Shackleton	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker (2½) Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr, 24 lb, in B flat.

N. R. J. Tumber (Em.)	Treble	R. Dyckhoff (King's)	4
C. M. Tuckett (Queens)	2	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	5
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Threlfall.

Rung by an Old Wykehamist band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 12 cwt, 20 lb, in G.

Philip A. Beckett	Treble	Harold Dowler	4
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	5
Geoffrey Gardner	3	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Latham.

Rung as a compliment to Rosalie and Ivor Nichols on the birth of a son, David Martin

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (2) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk, Treble Bob, (4) Morning Star, Treble Bob, (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Alex Richardson	Treble	Sidney Hough	4
Brian Schofield	2	Neil D. Lomas	5
*Timothy Wylie	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal in 25 methods.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAWSTON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Julia A. Fellows Treble	Donald F. Murfet 5
Geoffrey Pearson 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Geoffrey M. Brewin 3	*C. Martin Press 7
*David E. Rothera 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by C. Martin Press.

* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Neil V. Avis Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey 5
Heather M. McArthur 2	Brian J. Vaughan 6
Vivien A. P. Cross 3	David E. Culham 7
Adrian G. Semken 4	Michael J. Howes Tenor

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Carlisle, (2) Chester, (3) Netherseale, (4) Bourne, (5) York, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 7 cwt.

Yvonne A. Murray Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds 4
*† Josephine A. Quilter 2	† James L. Towler 5
*Peter G. Brown 3	† Joe E. G. Roast Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 25th peal together. † First of Seven Surprise. ‡ 100th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Heywood's Treble	Ivor Goulter 5
*Margery A. Wratten 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Peter Baker 3	† Leonard Edwards 7
Frances Fairbank 4	William A. Farmer Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mary and Alan Carveth, of Truro, on the birth of a son, Patrick (January 3rd).

TETBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

William F. Scudamore Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
Frederick W. Soden 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Peter Pearce 3	Frank Reed 7
Michael R. Rose 4	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band. First on the bells since re-hanging.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frank Reed Treble	Brian W. Hall 4
Frederick W. Soden 2	D. Kay Adkins 5
Terence J. Hester 3	Bertram J. Coggins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefords.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being: St. Matthias, St. Philip, St. Guthlac, St. Polycarp, Minster, Abbots Ann, Wolsey, Bodicote, Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Grandsire, Newborough, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Litchurch, Old, Hudibras, Kennington, Plain Bob, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, St. David, St. Columb, Campion, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur W. Williams .. Treble	*W. John Clayton 3
Margaret J. Hope 2	*Thomas Bound 4

John W. Hope Tenor

Conducted by John W. Hope.

* First peal in 42 methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Johnson's Variation Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock 5
Rosemary Spicer 2	J. Richard Castledine 6
Frank W. Croft 3	Jack S. Dear 7
Robert H. Vigor 4	C. Michael Orme Tenor
David L. Gullick 5	

Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.

First peal on the bells since the completion of the ringers' gallery.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Robert A. Swift Treble	† Colin Wyld 5
Brenda M. Davies 2	Robert Swift 6
Margaret M. Jones 3	Nicholas J. Davies 7
Frederick G. Huckstepp .. 4	*John C. Clark Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. First on the bells since re-hanging.

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

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Michael H. O'Callaghan .. Treble	Tony Lewis 5
D. Paul Smith 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Thomas Cullingworth 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

CHATHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Thomas Cullingworth 5
Doris E. Colgate 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Tony Lewis 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Ralph Bird 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*Graham N. Benjamin .. Treble	Anthony J. Leves 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 2	Richard Hayes 6
† Harold Evans 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Judith M. Corby 4	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Ian Oram and Margaret Fort.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

F. John Nelson Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Richard S. Starkie 2	Dennis Latham 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite 8
John H. Fielden 4	Denis Mottershead 9
Philip G. K. Davies 5	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sun., Jan. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

John H. Fielden Treble	Edward Jenkins 5
John P. Partington 2	Richard S. Starkie 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a welcome to Rachel Kathleen, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. M. Seaman, M.A.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Joseph Thornley Treble	*Allan Keen 5
*James Cunliffe 2	Bernard Moss 6
James E. Andrews 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
*Roy Jolley 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Ashcroft, mother of the tenor ringer, and an engagement compliment to Margaret E. Fort, Bolton Branch secretary.

(Preston Branch)

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.
*David Rigby Treble	Pat Gardner 4
†Dennis H. McCormick .. 2	Jeffrey Simcox 5
‡Philip Wilson 3	†Roger Barnes Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

* First peal attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal "inside."
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor. Average age of the band 15½.

(Bolton Branch)

DEANE, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, comprising two extents each of Surfleet and Beverley and three extents of Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr, 18 lb. in F sharp.

Albert Greenhalgh Treble	*John Illingworth 4
*R. Keith Lister 2	*James E. Andrews 5
†Roy Jolley 3	Geoffrey Fothergill Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal in three methods. † First of Surprise Minor "inside."
‡ First of Minor and of Surprise.

Rung by the local band as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Robert Shaw, assistant curate at Westhoughton, and Miss Patricia Speakman.

(Preston Branch)

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
John D. Nixon Treble	Graham J. Mee 4
John Nelson 2	David L. Marsden 5
Bernard Moss 3	James E. Sumner Tenor

Conducted by John D. Nixon.

First as conductor. First of Oxford T.B. Minor by all the band.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr, 2 lb. in G.

Alan Evans Treble	B. Stedman Payne 5
J. Martin Thorley 2	*Geoffrey W. Randall 6
J. Edward Cawser 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
*Peter C. Randall 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser

* First peal in the method and 25th peal together.

COLEORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr, 25 lb. in G.

J. Edward Cawser .. Treble	Alfred Ballard 5
*Sheila Parsons 2	Gerald Reynolds 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
Alan Evans 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Martin Green Treble	Howard C. Palmer 5
Malcolm E. Wade 2	Roland H. Cook 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Samuel J. Haines 7
William A. Lacey 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
First peal of Leicestershire Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr, 7 lb. in E flat.

LUBENHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and 12 of Grandire. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

John Hunt Treble	Judy Morris 3
Edward Guy Slater 2	Edward W. Martin 4

Raymond H. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

CAYTHORPE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Vincent.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr, 3 lb. in F.
Geoffrey R. Parker .. Treble	Peter A. Sharp 5
Harold F. Gibson 2	Louis Willders 6
John Walden 3	Jack L. Millhouse 7
Walter Tomlinson 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Walden, married at this church on December 23rd, 1916.

(North Lindsey Branch)

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb.
Joseph J. Willows .. Treble	*David J. Kennington .. 4
John H. Parker 2	Arthur Cook 5
Frank Kennington 3	Arthur Pashley Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

* First peal "inside" and also a birthday compliment to this ringer.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

*Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Martin Green 2	Samuel J. Haines 7
†John K. Smith 3	Howard C. Palmer 8
Richard J. Clifton 4	G. Ronald Edwards 9
Arthur E. Rowley 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Leslie W. G. Morris. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* 100th peal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet Dagley Treble	David Cubitt 5
Angela M. Wright 2	H. William Barrett 6
Geoffrey H. Pullin 3	Martin Cubitt 7
Peter Adcock 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and in the county. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr, 22 lb. in F.

Rung by the Norwich ringers as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

Leslie F. Bailey Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin 4
William Clover 2	Martin Cubitt 5
David Cubitt 3	Henry Tookey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THREE PEALS IN A DAY

All rung for the engagement of Mr. Roger Mitchell and Miss Irene Johnson.

PENN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Southrepps and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Diane J. Presdee Treble	Aidan C. Butcher 4
*Douglas K. Whitlock .. 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
F. Leslie Floyd 3	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal "inside."

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Nigel J. Cox Treble	P. John Hall 4
Douglas K. Whitlock .. 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
Brian J. Edwards 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 40 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2) Somerville, (3) Elford, (4) St. Albans, (5) Eynsham, (6) St. Simon, (7) Nuffield, (8) Shareshill, (9) St. Nicholas, (10) Laphy, (11) St. Giles, (12) Magdalen, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Paul, (15) St. Leonard, (16) St. Martin, (17) Wadham, (18) Ryton, (19) Windchendon Place, (20) St. John, (21) St. Miles, (22) Campion, (23) Little Aston, (24) Reverse Canterbury, (25) Clifford's Pleasure, (26) Southrepps, (27) Wychbold, (28) Marston, (29) Cadbury, (30) Hudibras, (31) Seighford, (32) Kennington, (33) April Day, (34) Plain Bob, (35) Dedworth, (36) Tichborne, (37) Folke, (38) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (39) Northrepps, (40, 41, 42) Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Douglas K. Whitlock .. Treble	P. John Hall 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
*Nigel J. Cox 3	Brian J. Edwards Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles.

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

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Christopher F. Freeman Treble	Robert A. Partridge 5
Harry E. Wells 2	Frank Godden 6
†Andrew R. Cope 3	Robert B. Blond 7
†Angela M. Ayres 4	William J. Irving Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ 25th peal and first in the method.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Gordon W. Limmer .. Treble	*William Birmingham, jun. 5
†David C. Brown 2	William Birmingham .. 6
†Walter G. Knight 3	*Howard Oglesby 7
*Ronald K. Russ 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

‡ First of Surprise Major. Mr. A. R. Pink's 500th peal as conductor for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows 7
Muriel Reay 2	Brian J. Luff 8
†Merryn Hutchings 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Susan Rothera 4	Martin D. Fellows .. 10
George E. Fearn 5	John C. Eisel 11
Philip J. Rothera 6	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus on an inside bell.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Merryn Hutchings .. Treble	John R. Insley 6
Ann E. Fellows 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
James Insley 3	George E. Fearn 8
J. Alan Ainsworth .. 4	John C. Eisel 9
David J. Purnell 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOURPAINE, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
Christopher F. Longridge Treble	Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 4
Timothy Bleathman 2	John N. Longridge 5
Timothy F. Collins 3	William T. Perrins Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

First peal on the bells.

MARDEN, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods consisting of five extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, five extents Plain Bob and 32 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*Bert Smith Treble	Colin Smith 3
*David H. Stone 2	K. Barry Osborne 4
Colin C. Hillier Tenor	

Conducted by Colin C. Hillier.

* First peal in three methods. First as conductor. First on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

COSELEY, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 Yorkshire, 672 Pudsey and 576 Aldenham, with 129 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*J. Dennis Holden .. Treble	Michael Elson 5
*Michael W. Fairey 2	*Arthur Pritchard 6
*Anthony W. T. Cleaver .. 3	*Eric E. Speake 7
*Roderick J. Lees 4	†John H. Allen Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

* First peal of seven-spliced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise. First of seven-spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

CHETTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and one extent of Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Christine Slater .. Treble	J. Dennis Holden 4
Elizabeth Timmins 2	Philip R. Johnson 5
Richard B. Dorrington .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

Dennis A. Frith .. Treble	Roland W. Morant 5
Minnie I. Foskett 2	Peter R. Humphrey 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	George H. Clift 7
David Stainsby 4	Richard Inglis Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by R. Inglis.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Salter, January 20th, 1967.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas

of Canterbury.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

William F. J. Cope .. Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell 6
*Stephen T. Kirby 2	John H. Hunt 7
†Jennifer M. H. Smith .. 3	John H. Taylor 8
Joseph Saunders 4	*K. Paul Giviller 9
†Geoffrey J. Gammon .. 5	Andrew Howard Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by John H. Hunt.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	*Walter H. Raxter 7
Rev. Albert Webb 2	†John J. Stanier 8
*†Gerald Bowen 3	Ian Lloyd 9
James Attwood, jun. .. 4	Arthur C. Berry 10
*David G. Franklin 5	Thomas W. Lewis 11
Malcolm Powell 6	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by R. Roger Savory. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal on 12. † Completes the method from Minor to Maximus. ‡ First of Maximus. 50th peal together by ringers of 8 and 11.

Rung by a resident Worcestershire band.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Reginald Rowe	Treble	*Royston J. M. Grosvenor ..	5
Joseph D. Johnson ..	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	John J. Stanier	7
Gerald L. Bowen	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by T. G. Pett

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Major.

Specially rung for the wedding of Mr. Paul David Hart Richards, only son of the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. M. Richards, and Mrs. Richards, to Miss Gillian Amelia Shirley-Priest, of Astwood Bank, Worcestershire.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5032 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt

Frederick A. Munday ..	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	6
Roger J. Lumley	2	Harold B. Schofield	7
Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	3	S. Barry Schofield	8
Mary H. Schofield	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
B. Gillian Schofield ..	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Arranged to mark Bradford becoming a University City.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.

Tenor 8 cwt.

W. Eric Critchley	Treble	Gibson Jackson	5
Anne P. Leigh	2	Harold Wagstaff	6
Howard Scott	3	Frederick J. Jackson ..	7
Ernest Short	4	Cyril Toyne	Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

Rung half-muffled in gratitude for the life and work of E. C. Stacey, member of the Yorkshire Association for 48 years, formerly Ringing Master at Doncaster Parish Church and of the Doncaster and District Society. Aged 82 years, died January 1st, 1967

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Watford, Lincoln, Dorchester and Cassiobury, with all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb in E.

Michael R. Meadows ..	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	6
Susan Jackson	3	John N. D. Chaddock ..	7
John Robinson	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

First peal of Spiced as conductor

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 102 methods, viz.: (1) Fornett, Fundenhall, Itchingfield, Knapton, Oakley, Ockham, Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead, Ellingham, Thornborough, Longford, (2) St. Vedast, St. Hilary, Lyng, Blackburn Place, Hascombe, Bedingham, Ellingham, (3) St. Alkmund, Pleasley St. Denys, (4) Kirkthorpe, Wragby, Chapel Allerton, (5) Drax, Felkirk, Gisburn, (6) Ackworth, Bradshaw, Crofton, (7) Selby, Sherburn, Rothwell, (8) Meanwood, Nidd, Wykeham, (9) Leeds, Lightcliffe, Lynham, (10) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (11) Horsley, St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (12) Eynsham, St. Jude, Elford, (13) Lapley, St. Mary Shreshill, (14) St. Leonard, St. Lawrence, Austrey, (15) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Little Aston, (16) April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, (17) Grandsire, St. Helen, Newborough, (18) Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias, Rushall, (19) Northrepps, St. Philip, All Saints, (20) Wychbold, Dumbleton, Honeysuckle, (21) Dedworth, Snodsbury, Primrose, (22) Wallflower, Chiddington, Cowslip, (23) St. Richard, St. Werburgh, (24) Campion, Hudibras, (25) Plain Bop, Southrepps, (26) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, (27) Stedman, (28) Somerville, (29) St. Albans, (30) St. Simon, (31) Nuffield, (32) St. Nicholas, (33) St. Giles, (34) Magdalen, (35) St. Paul, (36) St. Martin, (37) Wadham, (38) St. Crispin, (39) Ryton, (40) Winchendon, (41) St. John, (42) St. Miles.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Robin Brown	4
John Potts	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.

First peal of Doubles as conductor. The most methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ALTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Biddlecombe 1, Miss J. Piggett (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 St. Clement's and Cambridge S. Minor. R. Collins 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, R. H. Jones 3, M. J. Church 4, D. Floyd 5, T. Page (cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Kirkham 1, R. C. Ingram 2, W. J. Pettigrew 3, D. T. Finnemore 4, J. W. Pettigrew 5, A. S. Burdige 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, A. R. Inman 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 1, E. T. Lee 2, P. Bridle 3, Diane M. Chapman 4, P. J. England 5, D. G. Yeo 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8. First of London Major 5, 6 and 7.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury): Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, Carol Gosling 3, Ian Wickens 4, E. Brazier 5, G. Wickens 6. Conducted by Carol Gosling, Eric Brazier and Ian Wickens.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Bloxsome 1, J. Tyler 2, G. W. Simmons 3, F. Stephens 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, A. Ruck 6, J. Culley 7, W. Newman 8. A compliment to the Vicar of Charlton Kings, the Rev. T. R. Deakin on the occasion of his appointment as Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. Williams (cond.) 1, Suzanne Withers 2, J. G. Rose 3, B. H. Goodliffe 4, V. H. James 5, C. V. Coombs 6.

DARLINGTON.—On Jan. 26th, at Holy Trinity, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Irene Park 2, G. A. Barker 3, D. Cox (first "inside") 4, P. M. Park (cond.) 5, R. Park 6.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Saarsteiner (13) 1, D. A. McEndoo (13) 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, A. S. Doak 4, C. J. Reede 5, C. R. P. Broughton 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. P. O. Barry 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. A. Parsons 1, N. Summerhayes 2, Miss S. Aveyard 3, S. R. Elliott (first in method) 4, D. E. Parsons 5, C. White 6, A. D. Flood (first in method as cond.) 7, W. A. Peck 8.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. E. Hicks 1, Mrs. P. E. Pimm 2, Mrs. S. M. Norgrove 3, N. I. Bridges 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Susan V. Banks (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, M. Wills (first "inside") 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson 6.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. J. Drury 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. A. Underwood 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. J. Ellis 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. First blow in the method for 1 and 5.

HAWKESHEAD, LANCs.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Blackburn 1, A. Capstick 2, J. Bagnall 3, W. Wall 4, K. Price 5, T. Metcalfe 6, J. E. Burles 7, Rev. R. Lindsay (first in the method) 8. Also failing in Stedman.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Wigg 1, M. Chadwick 2, M. Hitchcock 3, H. Osborne 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, O. Partis 6.

HURST, BUCKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Eble 1, Mrs. C. A. Eble 2, R. K. Rivers 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, E. H. Langley 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. For Evensong, and congratulations to Alan and Mary Carveth, of Kenwyn, Cornwall, on the birth of a son.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Faulkner 1, C. G. Wright 2, L. Fox 3, Miss P. Fox 4, D. Ellisden 5, C. A. Hughes 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, A. White 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Browne 1, C. Geary 2, Anne Browne 3, C. G. Browne 4, C. Slack 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 5.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Lynas 1, E. J. Kennett 2, G. Wood 3, J. Clarke 4, N. A. C. Crane (cond.) 5, W. Edmed (first quarter) 6. In honour of the wedding of Sue Thompson, a ringer of this parish, and Bernard Austin.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, Plain Bob Royal. D. Young 1, O. Homewood 2, H. Clayton 3, R. Preston 4, Mrs. D. Day 5, W. Clamp 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Cook 9, R. Mantion (cond.) 10. For evening service, and in memory of Joseph Fenton, a ringer at this church for over 20 years.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Dec. 31st: Joan Lynas 1, E. J. Kennett 2, G. Wood 3, J. Clarke 4, N. A. C. Crane (cond.) 5, W. E. Edmed (first quarter) 6. In celebration of the wedding of Sue Thompson, a ringer of this parish, and Bernard Austin.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Evans (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, R. Edwards 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. Durham (first quarter) 6. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Lee (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 4, R. Edwards 5, J. Macfield 6.

PRESTON, WINGHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 P.B.): A. Berry 1, Miss R. Sinden 2, A. Davies 3, D. Cawley 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5. First on the bells.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Chatwin 1, Jean Chiswell 2, R. Tandy 3, A. Roberts 4, D. Chiswell (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Coley, and Mrs. Coley.

SOUTHPORT, LANCs.—On Jan. 8th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. N. Goodall 1, Mrs. E. J. Goodall 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, J. A. Elliott 4, K. Wilson 5, N. Heaps 6, R. A. Gage (cond.) 7, A. Wilson 8.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Gummer (cond.) 1, A. Derham 2, G. Twiney 3, V. Rose 4, J. Twiney 5, G. Burbidge 6. Rung half-muffled following the interment this day of the late Viscount Long of Wraxall.

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PRIME.—At Butleigh Hospital on January 23rd, 1967, to Keith and Freda (née Phillips), a daughter, Rachel Meta. 901

DEATH

FREEMAN.—On January 30th, 1967, Ethel Mary, of Lincoln, aged 78 years, widow of the late John Ashley and mother of John and Michael. 907

PERSONAL

Will Mr. N. J. Davies, of Ashford, Kent, please send his address, as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned undelivered.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, wish to thank all ringing friends for their kind thoughts and good wishes on the occasion of their golden wedding, January 11th, 1967. 902

"He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack; but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."—Proverbs xxviii, 27

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social. King George V Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 25th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (4s each) from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, Essex.

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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

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.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—No practices on Wednesday during Lent. Practices to take place on the following Saturdays, 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.: February 18th, March 4th and 18th. All welcome. 921

LATE NOTICES

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local Branches).—Joint meeting at Windsor, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Grove Road Hall. Ringing until 7.30 p.m. Social evening. Names for tea to A. J. Glass, 2, Parsonage Lane, Windsor, by Tuesday, February 21st.—Mrs. Hooton. Mr. Deason, Miss Hague. 937

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Earl Shilton (8), February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 941

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Evening meeting, Wilton, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Dis. Sec. 931

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

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MEETINGS

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening meeting at South Benfleet (6), Thursday, February 9th, commencing 7.45 p.m. Special methods: Grandisle Doubles and London Surprise Minor. Please support.—G. Eve, Hon. Sec. 905

BARNSELY & 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. Method for the day: Double Norwich.

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

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.—P. M. F. Searles. 877

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

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Wharton, February 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea. A. Lockton. 5 Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Wharton.—R. Blackshaw. 829

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS ANNUAL DINNER

At Church House, Westminster, on Saturday, February 25th, 1967, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (price 25s.) available from T. G. Pett, 8A, Herne Hill Mansions, S.E.24. There will be ringing at the following towers for those attending the dinner:—
 St. Giles', Camberwell .. 10.00-10.45 St. Mary Woolnoth (3) 2.30-3.00
 St. John's, Waterloo Rd. (8) 11.00-11.45 St. Mary-le-Bow (12) 3.15-4.15
 St. Luke's, Chelsea (10) .. 12.00-1.00 St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8) .. 4.15-5.00
 St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) .. 5.30-6.30

Three quarter peals are being arranged for Sunday, February 26th.

Please note that the summer tour of Ireland will take place from August 26th to September 3rd, 1967. All members and friends welcome. Those interested please contact T. G. Pett. 925

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. No names, no tea. 882

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. —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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at Otley (6), near Ipswich, on Saturday, February 11th, from 7.30-9 p.m.—W. L. 919

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A social evening will be held at St. John's Hall, Murray Road (off Ridgeway), S.W.19, on Saturday, February 11th. Wimbledon bells 6.30-7.30 p.m. Names to M. Bangham, MAL 8231. Also Surprise practice at Battersea (not Streatham), February 18th. 7-8.30 p.m. 917

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

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting at St. Lawrence's (5), Swindon Village, Monday, February 13th. Bells available 7.30 p.m. 904

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Crowcombe (6 bells) on Wednesday, February 15th, at 7 p.m. 939

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, La-
 cock, on Friday, February 17th. Bells (6) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Heath. 910

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's (6), Seavington, Saturday, February 18th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Branch Sec., Puckington, Ilminster. 936

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Newburn, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle upon Tyne 5. 913

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead (CLA 5192) by Thursday previous. 940

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 929

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 927

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Kempford (6), February 18th. 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 916

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, February 18th, 6-9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 924

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Ledbury, February 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 18th, 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss A. Macfarlane, 33, Ragged Hall Lane, St. Albans.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 918

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Practice meeting at Petham (6) on February 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cups of tea and minerals available. No service or business meeting. 909

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbottom (8), Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson. 932

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Edmonton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on February 18th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room 5 p.m. Notify for tea to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, by February 14th. Ringing: St. Paul's 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., All Saints' 7 p.m.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 911

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brightwell Baldwin, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by February 15th. 912

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Presbute and Mildehall, afternoon and evening respectively, Saturday, February 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 938

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 891

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Cannock on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) available 6 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 898

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

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield, February 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Both in St. Peter's Hall. Bells again in the evening. Numbers for tea, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by Monday, 13th. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 923

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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Evening practice meeting at Kildwick (8) on Saturday, February 18th at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 908

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, February 21st. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Mangotsfield (8), Wednesday, February 22nd, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—R. H. Driver. 928

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Church House 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Luke's, 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 903

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Glam, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Garrett, 2, Westbourne Road, Penarth, Glam, by February 21st. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 920

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. More ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, by 22nd. Everyone welcome. 922

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Haverhill, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Adams, 97, Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, by February 23rd.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at All Saints', Hastings, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec.

The Salisbury Guild Festival will be held at Melksham on May 13th, and not as stated in last week's issue.

TECHNICAL

Proving 135 Methods

By JOHN SEGAR

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Many multi-method peals of Surprise Major have three leads only in a course. They are the Home, Middle and Wrong leads. A peal could start as above with a lead of Rutland, which could be the only lead of this method in the peal. In the peal of 135 methods composed and conducted by Mr. A. R. Peake there is one lead only of 112 methods.

There are courses of Rutland which cannot be used because they are false against the plain course of this method. There are 21 courses of Superlative which are false against the plain course of Rutland. But why waste time finding the falseness between courses when the only leads involved are the H, M, W? I do not remember seeing any article dealing with the proof of these leads. I regret I omitted from my book what I am about to explain here. Most systems require a lead of each of the 135 methods, an early intimation of the enormous task ahead. The falseness between them can be calculated $135 \times 134 = 18,090$. Never before in the history of ringing has a composer and his friends had a task taking the time this peal needs. It is wise to consider carefully which is the best system. Mr. Peake chose the Blue Line system advertised by the Central Council librarian. Instead of using the figures of the methods it has

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etc.

figures agreeing with the seven blue lines. Copy from each of the 135 sheets the required lead, see pages 4 and 5. The plus and minus signs of methods occur in a variety of ways. While copying a lead bring together for easier examination the rows with the treble in the same place with the same sign. The top row, pages 4 and 5, is 7864235, so copy the figures under 78 on the Rutland page, under 86 of Superlative, and under 57 of London (not in the book). This table should be completed for all positions of the treble. It will show there is no falseness between the selected leads of these methods. As more methods are filled in, duplicates will occur. There is 3+68 in the Home lead of Watford and Rutland, which must be dealt with as explained in the book.

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TOURS AND OUTINGS, 1966

By PHILIP M. J. GRAY

WHAT greater joy has ringing got to offer than the occasional excursion to unknown parts? There is the excitement of the break from routine, the challenge of finding the way along unfamiliar roads, the effort of handling bells heavier and worse going than our own, the delight of sweeter and more smooth going bells and, above all, the enjoyment of one's fellow travellers, some met for the first time and some regular companions for many years past. I doubt whether any other pastime offers such a pleasure as does ringing and I have yet to meet any other body of people so well informed about the highways and byways (especially the byways) of our land as are ringers.

To judge by the pages of "The Ringing World" in 1966, tours and outings are as popular as they ever were but, of course, their nature is changing. In the 18th century we read of a band walking from London to Oxford and back to display their skill on a few rings in that city. In the 19th century the train made it possible to travel further quicker, but the more remote country parishes were seldom visited. Then we hear of the wagonette for outings, the motor-coach and the bicycle. Like most other features of life today, the motor-car has now largely taken charge but it must be noted that in 1966 some travellers still forged up and down hill into the wind and rain on bicycles and the motor-coach has not totally disappeared.

But it is the car which mostly carries ringers about and accounts now record mishaps to crankshafts, tyres and gaskets almost as often as they mention the accomplishment of a satisfying touch of Stedman or a successful course of London. What the record number of towers visited in one day now is I hate to think, but the breathless, surging appetite for bells and miles comes through in most reports. A kaleidoscope of personalities, funny incidents, romances, weights of bells, teas, other refreshments, missed turnings, sun, rain and snow whirls through the lines of these reports like a newsreel played at double speed. I salute the College Youths who travelled in measured tread to Gloucester, had a ring, some tea, perhaps some other drink and home again; no precipitate anxiety to get into the 20th century for the College Youths!

There must be many an outing and some tours which never make the pages of "The Ringing World" and why should they? We do not need to record every such event for the present or posterity. A tour does, nevertheless, provide excellent material for those who can write to con-

tribute something readable for all. One is justified, I believe, in reviewing tours and outings for their literary merit as much as for the events they recount. There is a story in every trip that ringers make; there is a sight, sound or saying that is there to be shared with many more than the few who were present. When writing about a trip, should not the dominant thought be how to entertain the 5,000 or more readers than how to satisfy the dozen or so fellow tourists who pressed the job on you? Literary style is an elusive and personal thing but it is no bad exercise to consider for a moment how Pepys, Cobbett, Borrow, the journalists who write your daily papers or even Ian Fleming would have handled the events you have experienced. I am sure they would have put in much less detail and conveyed the flavour of that particular outing by more careful attention to just one or two events which they thought others might like to share and enjoy with them. Enjoyable though all tours and outings in 1966 undoubtedly were, the accounts of most of them were, sad to relate, a bore.

The year 1966 was not, happily, a complete literary wilderness. One can re-read Hugh Falkner's delightful Rabbit's Run from Jamaica to Melbourne (April 15th) and savour again such an original thought as "The White-chapel Bellfoundry are paid to hang bells dead and this saves the Rabbit the embarrassment of exposing his deficiencies." The Rabbits' Guild had another hit when their president, Betty Dobbie, gave us witty glimpses of the Universities' Association in motion (October 14th): "Ranald Clouston, often viewed from below climbing a ladder, unchallengeable authority in his own field" is surely the perfect word picture of Ron to the many who know him and the definitive "Identikit" for those who have yet to have that pleasure. October 14th was a vintage number as it also had the anonymous racy account of the Campingologists. The prose positively sprang into blank verse and almost fooled me that camping is enjoyable when experience tells me positively otherwise. Different, but very readable, was Birgit Hoffmann's account (July 1st) of an outing seen through the eyes of a German girl and written in English that ought to shame many of our native writers. Of the more conventional tour reports I found Chris Kippin's on Wratten's Wringers the most readable (September 16th), mainly because of the clever use of recurrent themes (the Test Match score, somebody called Richard and "Yorkshire and score") which gave a connecting thread and sense of progression to the account which was lacking in most others. It made one want to read on to see what happened next.

At the year's end most of us are fortunate to be able to look back on some very happy days on tour or on an outing. May 1967 give us every bit as much pleasure and may you charm all of us with your writings.

Royal Cumberland Youths Celebrate Pinnacle Year

VICAR OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS GIFT OF HANDBELLS

WITH the presence of ladies as full members, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is providing London ringers and beyond with one of the big social occasions in the ringing calendar. This year's dinner at the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 4th, was the largest in the history of the Society, and a company exceeding 200 participated in a happy evening under the genial chairmanship of Mr. Dennis Beresford, who was accompanied by his wife.

The dinner had the distinguished patronage of the Bishop of London (the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford), who was accompanied by Mrs. Stopford and the Dean of Westminster (the Very Rev. E. S. Abbot), because the Cumberlands were privileged to make a contribution to the Abbey's 900th anniversary year. Before the Master was a glittering set of 12 handbells. These, the gift of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, were presented to the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. Austen Williams), who was accompanied by his two churchwardens, Miss F. Nuell and Mr. W. O. Newport.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, a Cumberland Youth of long standing, had made the journey from Southampton to propose the toast of "The Society" in its pinnacle year with a galaxy of outstanding peals. The gibe against the Ancient Society regarding its "Sevenoaks English" was replied to by its Master (Mr. A. J. Frost). Others on the top table were Mr. W. R. Winterton (who invariably starts the speeches by proposing "The Church") and Mrs. Winterton, Preb. G. R. Timms (St. Andrew's, Holborn), Mr. P. M. Wilkinson and Miss Foster, Mr. D. E. Sibson (the Society's secretary, who had the onerous task of making the arrangements), Mrs. A. J. Frost, Mr. J. S. Barnes (senior steward) and Miss A. Parish.

Following the toast of "The Queen," the Master gave a welcome to the guests. He expressed his gratitude to the Bishop of London for in his busy life coming to spend an evening with them. The Society had the privilege, he said, of sharing in the ringing in the ninth centenary celebrations of Westminster Abbey, when its representatives were entertained by the Dean. It was their delight to welcome the Dean that evening. There was also a special welcome to the Rev. Austen Williams, Vicar of St. Martin's, the Society's headquarters, and to Preb. G. B. Timms, Guild Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, who allowed the Society to practise at his church.

Mr. W. R. Winterton proposed the toast of "The Church" and recalled that he first came to one of their dinners 20 years ago and in that time he had heard 20 different speeches and replies to that toast. Some were quite sermonistic, quite a lot were done by him and, after all, one did not know what attitude to adopt in proposing such a toast which was really one to themselves—for they were all members of the Church. They were delighted to have with them for the first time the Bishop of London. Thank goodness it was a gathering of the Cumberlands and not the College Youths, as they were thus able to have Mrs. Stopford with them.

BELLS—ONLY TWO MENTIONS IN BIBLE

The Bishop of London, in reply, said if they looked at Cruden's Concordance they would find that bells were only mentioned twice in the Bible and it was perhaps strange that bells should become such a feature of English Church life. Bells became associated with English Church life about the fifth century and then they were rung in the same manner as in

some parts of Europe today—noise was made. Change ringing was a peculiarly English thing and he did not know why the English should have taken to this somewhat mathematical pursuit and about the 17th century it embodied itself in the life of the Church.

One of the things they could be extremely thankful for was the remarkable revival in ringing ever since the second world war and quite a lot of young people had taken to it. Their Society reminded them that it was not solely a masculine pursuit; many girls and young ladies had taken to ringing and their Society had taken them into their ranks for what they were worth.

"Speaking for the Church, which is all of us, we are immensely grateful for those who ring our bells with such devotion. It has not always been easy to man the towers; now it seems that the future is assured by the activities of this Society and another which we do not mention very often!"

ST. MARTIN'S GIFT OF HANDBELLS

The Master said at the last dinner the Vicar of St. Martin's promised them a gift of handbells. The rules of their Society were changed a few years ago and at the annual meeting it was the unanimous wish of the members that the Rev. Austen Williams should be elected an honorary member. The Master then presented Mr. Williams with an illuminated certificate and welcomed him as a member of the Society.

Thanking the Society, the Rev. Austen Williams said: "I have over the years grown fond of bells. I have always regarded them with a certain amount of apprehension as I live close to the bell tower. . . I feel you have done me an honour but I shall never attempt to ring bells."

Mr. Williams then handed over a beautiful set of 12 handbells and added: "I make one condition. I hope by next year the bells will ring 'Cwm Rhondda'."

A touch of Stedman Cinques was then rung on the new bells in impeccable style, conducted by the Master. The band was E. A. Barnett 1-2, Miss Joan Beresford 3-4; D. Beresford 5-6, D. E. Sibson 7-8, P. Beresford 9-10, J. A. D. Woolford 11-12.

The toast of "The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths" was proposed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, who said he was taught to ring by George Williams, who was for many years a revered member of the Society. Mr. Winterton had mentioned 20 years ago; it was exactly 20 years ago when he was asked to take the chair at a Cumberlands' annual meeting. George Cross was Master and George Steere secretary. Alf Pulling proposed Mr. Teddy Barnett as Master, an honour which he declined.

OFFICE OF "WARNER"

Later he found that E. J. Osborne was a Cumberland Youth 125 years ago. He was a kindred spirit of his as they both collected peals. Osborne did a great work in searching out and preserving records of peals which he found in the British Museum. The Canon added that he personally owed a great deal to him. Another old Cumberland Youth was William Shipway and he was fortunate enough recently to pick up his book. From that he noticed that he was "Warner" to the Society of Cumberland Youths. He did not know if his duties were to warn the Society if another Society was trying to capture some of its members. Those were the times when the rivalry with the College Youths was at its height.

In humorous vein the Canon narrated that it was not generally known that St. Peter and

the Devil were interested in ringing. They met on the boundary of heaven and hell and had an argument. The Devil said: "I am sure the College Youths started in 1637." St. Peter said: "I am not so sure." It was agreed that they would consult the College Youths in their respective territories. When they met again the Devil said: "November 5th, 1637. All the College Youths tell me so." St. Peter replied: "I will have to take your word for it. There only seem to be Cumberlands up here!"

Concluding, the Canon said the Society was in very good heart under its excellent Master and in the future they would go from strength to strength.

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

The Master, who was very cordially received, said they were a little surprised at their last annual general meeting when they discussed the rules of membership that they had not been altered for over 50 years. They were surprised by a question that was asked as to what were the principal aims of the Society. One went year by year following what they considered to be the best course to follow. They considered the following: (1) To continue the tradition of one of the old London Societies by the maintenance of the best possible standards; (2) to promote the Society on a national basis as one to which ringers aspire to join; (3) to endeavour to promote a fellowship within the Society that would induce ringers to join the Society.

With regard to the last object they could justifiably claim that they had been successful in promoting in the Society a spirit of comradeship and the success of that dinner proved the point. There were over 200 people present and they were delighted to welcome people who had travelled far. There was a large contingent from Lincolnshire and Newark and other friends from South Wales.

On the subject of fellowship, their big departure last year was the holding of a county meeting at Leicester after a period of retrenchment. This year they were going to visit Northampton in April. Another Society was visiting there later in the year.

Those of them who read the report of the other Society's dinner would find that a certain passage was difficult to understand as it was written in Sevenoaks English. It referred to gullible natives being subjected to proselytising activities from their Society. It was, of course, their aim to increase their membership but they did not regard them as gullible natives but as discerning ringers. This year their proselytising activities would be in Northampton.

PEALS—HIGHEST EVER

Their peal total in 1966 was higher than it had ever been in the history of the Society, with a total of 26 peals. The first peals for the Society in 10, 12 and 14 Spliced Surprise Major had been rung and the first peals for the Society in 6, 7 and 8 Surprise Major methods silent and non-conducted. Peals of Eardley, Milford and Hereford Surprise had been rung for the first time, and a peal of 91 Spliced Minor methods rung in Essex, which was the most methods to a peal for the Society. Their progress during the year had been amazing through their weekly practices and they were indebted to the incumbents of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Martin's for permission to ring.

One of the special items of the year was the ringing of a quarter peal of Bristol Surprise in connection with the ninth century

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Cumberlands Dinner—Continued

celebration at Westminster Abbey and the cordial welcome given them by the Dean. Another was the memorial to George Cross, and Walter Dobbie made a wonderful oak table for St. Martin's belfry.

Concluding, the Master said: "One of the landmarks this year has been the change in the secretaryship of the Central Council. I think all of us owe a big debt of gratitude to Teddy Barnett for all he has done while he was secretary of the Council, and this Society is proud of him."

Excerpts from a recording of the quarter peal of Bristol Surprise rung by the Society at Westminster Abbey were then played over to the company.

The toast of "The Visitors" was wittily proposed by Mr. P. M. Wilkinson, and the Dean of Westminster, in reply, said one of the merits of a Grant of Royal Peculiar was that it could open its doors very wide, and during their 900th anniversary year they opened them wide and admitted everyone. One great event of the year was the harvest festival and while the gifts were being carried in procession they were accompanied by the ringing of handbells. He was greatly impressed by their gathering—by their youth and by their ladies as much as by their men.

"FAR FROM HOME"

Also to respond was the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. J. Frost, who said from the speeches he could understand why it was customary for the Master of his Society to reply. He had some notes and during the proceedings had written down a line from a hymn: "The night is long and I am far from home." He thanked the large number of members of his Society present for their support—were it not for the ladies it might have been one of their gatherings! At College Youth dinners they toasted "The Visitors and Kindred Societies." He could well understand why there were no kindred Societies toasted there!!

In a few weeks' time both their Master and he would be privileged to be in that room as guests of the University of London Society. That was one of the many Societies of ringers today as there were the territorial Associations, the touring Associations and the peal ringing Societies. From the number of peals being rung today many who took part could be called professional ringers.

Mr. Frost said he would like to take up the point their Master raised that each individual Society should consider its purpose in life and whether it was making its full contribution. He felt it was time a new approach was made. It might be that Saturday meetings made no appeal. "The Ringing World" was undergoing a change; things needed to be changed to keep up with direction of today. Ringing dinners seemed to be popular but he hoped that they would never reach the state of one ringing Society in the West Country that only met for its annual feast!

An unexpected toast came at the end when Mrs. Tom Francis met with a general desire by proposing the health of the Master.

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Middx. School's Progress with Handbells



Boys of the De Brome Secondary Modern School, Feltham, playing at their school concert. From left to right: G. Clow, P. Kerry, J. Lee, A. Waite, R. Mitchell and P. Ireland.
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IT would appear from the article in "The Ringing World" of January 27th, on the activities of the Hunshelf Secondary Modern School, Chapleton, that there lies within the schools up and down the land a large nucleus of potential bellringers just waiting to be tapped. This has certainly been the experience of the writer at the De Brome Secondary Modern School for Boys, Feltham, Middlesex. Over the past two years a bell-ringing society has been formed at this school using, with the permission of the local incumbent, both the tower and handbells of St. Catherine's Church, Feltham.

We are not so fortunate in the number of handbells on loan to us at the Hunshelf School, there being only eight handbells in the Taylor set at Feltham, but this Christmas we were kindly lent the William Barber set of 12 handbells from All Saints' Church, Isleworth, which has given us a little more scope.

The boys in the accompanying photograph astounded everybody by the speed at which they were able to produce quite an extensive

repertoire of carols in the short space of three weeks from their joining the Society, plus an extensive amount of blisters. Nevertheless, their enthusiasm undaunted, their first public appearance took place at the school concert on December 14th, when after two weeks' practice they could manage two carols of an acceptable standard to the listening audience. This led to their visiting the old folk's homes in the area, plus Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, where many had a Christmas surprise they had not anticipated.

The headmaster, very much impressed by the performance of these boys, has now ordered from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry a new set of 12 handbells, which will undoubtedly be pressed into active service as soon as possible after their delivery to the school, unfortunately at least 12 to 15 months away.

To anyone who is seeking new ringers to join their Society the writer suggests an appeal to the local schools where, as already stated, a vast number of enthusiastic youngsters are to be found.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society since November was held at the 10-bell tower of Bradford Cathedral on January 28th.

Some 34 members were present before the meeting, a much improved figure on recent attendances, and Royal, Caters, Major and Triples methods were rung with varying degrees of success.

Tea was kindly provided nearby and the local company were thanked for this meal.

At the business meeting Mr. Irvin Slack said that he had, on behalf of the Society, brought up the question of the clashing of dates between the Yorkshire Association's practice evenings and the Leeds and District's own meetings, at the Yorkshire Association's meeting at Sheffield. The secretary (Mr. Ian North) suggested that it should be put to the Yorkshire Association that these meetings could help the Leeds and District Society by being held at the same tower, thus swelling the attendance. The vote taken was unanimously in favour of this suggestion.

The meeting decided, after discussion, that with such a short time available it would not be wise to hold a striking competition.

The date of the annual general meeting is to be moved to coincide with a Yorkshire Association meeting. Leeds Parish Church will not be available for this event but it is hoped that the meeting will be held within the city of Leeds.

Next meeting, Birstall (8), February 25th.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, J. J. George 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Locke 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, A. F. Burley 4, A. Carveth 5, C. W. Jose 6, A. J. Davidson 7, G. F. Dunstan (first on eight as cond.) 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Mrs. H. L. Parfrev 1, Miss G. M. Beckett 2, P. J. Devrell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, H. L. Parfrev 5, A. C. Perry 6, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 7, R. E. G. Smith 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hawkins, who were married at Christ Church, Bath, on January 17th, 1942.

Letters to the Editor

IN TRUE PERSPECTIVE

Dear Sir.—In the last few weeks there have been several letters published plainly "sniping" at the St. Martin's Guild. There appears to be no reason for this unless it is that the writers of these letters are upset about their inability to maintain as high a standard in their own ringing.

Mr. Corbishley's letter displayed a remarkable ignorance of Surprise Maximus ringing—he even implies that there is something immoral in ringing peals of Londonium! Peals of this calibre are not "churned out," as he stated—the band has to be recruited and highly trained. In this respect the St. Martin's Guild is to be congratulated in building such a fine band in such a relatively short period of time.

Mr. Button's letter, together with his references to the record length of Stedman Cinques appalled me. The peal was obviously not "guaranteed from the start"—is any peal? The performance was a remarkable study in physical and mental endurance and we in the St. Martin's Guild are proud of the fact that there are enough ringers in the Guild to undertake such a formidable task. Mr. Button's attitude can only be classified as "sour grapes." The annual general meeting of the Guild gave an overwhelming vote of thanks to the band for maintaining the position of Birmingham ringing—at the top! I heartily endorse this view.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL J. RIGBY.

Atherstone, Works.

MURPHY OF DUBLIN AND OTHER THINGS

Dear Sir.—Rummaging through some old papers, I turned up a postcard photograph of St. Mary's Cathedral, Cork, Irish Republic, upon the back of which I have written "8 bells, tenor 34 cwt., 1870, Murphy of Dublin; Flat 2nd hung dead, 1 over 4 ins."

I recall visiting the tower about seven years ago and everything then was in an appalling state—steps, tower chambers and bell frame inches deep in sticks, bird carcasses, eggs and worse, resembling one of the guano islands off the coast of Peru or Birmingham Cathedral in the pre-Fearn era. The bells hung in a timber frame with large clumsy fittings and, although hung for ringing, appeared to be sounded by a chiming apparatus of Ellacombe-Murphy vintage. As far as it was possible to judge by chiming them they were not too bad apart from, I think, 5/6, which verged on being what Tom Miller would have termed "noodles."

I should be interested to know something of the history of these bells, whether they have ever been rung, also if any further complete rings by Murphy exist anywhere.

In Cork a chime of eight at St. Ann's, Shandon, is now hung "dead." Can anyone confirm whether or not they have ever been hung for ringing? I have a suspicion that they were prior to 1908.

In passing, is Ronald Dove correct in asserting in his crossword puzzle that the original of "Fenchurch St. Paul" in the "Nine Tailors" is Terrington St. Clement? I have always understood from information gathered in the area that it was a "composite" of Walpole St. Peter, March (the "angel roof"), and Redenhall, but this may easily be wrong.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

P.S.—The tower of St. Mary's Cathedral, Cork, besides being lofty, has tall, stout pinnacles and this, coupled with a large west window, seems to indicate that there would be considerable movement if the bells were rung.—W. E. B.

TEN-BELL CHANGES

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. H. Shire's letter (January 27th), although I do not hail from the West Country, I may be able to throw a little light on his request for information.

In my home tower (Otley, Yorkshire), there was often talk of "Long Ten," which was stated to be an attempt to make five bells sound like ten bells. There were, however, two schools of thought, and readers will readily detect the fallacies in both.

The first school of thought was that "Long Ten" was rung on the back five of an octave, and went as follows:—

3 1 4 2 3 1 4 5

The other school of thought was that it should be rung on the back six of an octave as follows:—

4 2 1 5 3 4 2 1 5 6

In each case it will be noticed that two bells miss a blow alternately.

There was, however, a difference between Mr. Shire's method and our method. Mr. Shire's is rung with the bells up; ours was always rung with the bells down, i.e. in the chiming position.

It will be readily appreciated how difficult it would be for the two bells missing alternate blows, particularly the tenor. This was eased at Otley, however, by the fact that there was a hammer which struck the tenor bell independently, and was used as a "minute" bell at funerals.

I must confess I had never thought of attempting to ring this with the bells up. It would appear to be fairly simple, in that the two bells which strike alternately would ring "half-pull and stand," which would be somewhat comparable with the well-known "whole-pull and stand."—Yours sincerely,

J. W. HORNER.

Wigan.

DOUBLES NAMES

Dear Sir.—The following Doubles variations were rung in the peal at Chapel Allerton on January 2nd, 1967. Although none of them is to be found in Dodd's and Jones' collection, we believe that some of them may already have been rung to peals and named and we should be glad to hear from anyone who can enlighten us and so help to keep the records free from the confusions of duplication.

Name Given	Plain Course	Bob
Ackworth	Westminster II	Grandsire S.
Bradshaw	Westminster II	Antelope S.
*Chapel Allerton	St. Hilary	All Saints P.L.
Crofton	Westminster II	All Saints P.L.
Drax	Blackburn Place	Grandsire S.
Felkirk	Blackburn Place	Antelope S.
Gisourh	Blackburn Place	All Saints P.L.
*Kirkthorpe	St. Hilary	Grandsire S.
*Leeds	Huntspill	Grandsire S.
*Lightcliffe	Huntspill	Antelope S.
*Lyncham	Huntspill	All Saints P.L.
Meanwood	New Bob	Grandsire S.
Nidd	New Bob	Antelope S.
*Rothwell	St. Vedast	All Saints P.L.
*Selby	St. Vedast	Grandsire S.
*Sherburn	St. Vedast	Antelope S.
*Wragby	St. Hilary	Antelope S.
Wykeham	New Bob	All Saints P.L.

* Also rung at Felkirk, November 28th, 1966.

—Yours faithfully,
R. BROWN.

"Lyndhurst," 5, Copley Lane,
Robin Hood, Wakefield.

TUITION OF BEGINNERS

Dear Sir.—The correspondence upon the subject of tuition of beginners appears to have grown as cold as the early days of January. In answer to a repeated request by Mr. N. Chaddock for information upon methods of tuition practised in the Exercise, I submitted notes which were utilised for an article on page 682 of "The Ringing World." In the preamble to this article I suggested that this was a subject which was without glamour and far too mundane to incite our leading ringers and conductors to meet Mr. Chaddock's request, and indeed the notable lack of disagreement even with my own peculiar and non-traditional ideas lends support to my contention that the average change ringer is a selfish personality. I can only hope that the seamy picture that this paints of our mentors as they ring their long length and multi-method peals can be relieved by the knowledge that Mr. Chaddock has received a crushing volume of mail, sent privately. An affirmative from Mr. Chaddock would be gratefully received by all of us, since the only alternative is to believe that our leading bands "win" recruits already trained from more modest and less ostentatious belfries.

There are one or two rays of light amongst the dark shadows. An article by a Yorkshire lady contains the type of information requested twice by Mr. Chaddock. If I may comment on Miss Wilkinson's plan, I would first suggest that most of us might find there is something which is new; in my own case the idea of chair-lifting exercises seems quite original and useful, in theory. My second comment is that 20 beginners seem too many, but no one else has given us an idea of the ideal number. Also it seems a dreadful waste of Miss Wilkinson's time to teach these girls if she has no control over their future elementary change ringing.

Mr. Collins underlines the enthusiasm and purpose shown in Canadian ringing in his letter from Montreal. I would compliment him on the production of an excellent visual aid, but I am afraid that he would be very disappointed with the comparatively insipid and mediocre attitude in England, where a multitude of excuses at belfry level would be advanced for not projecting his film. Messrs. Michael King and M. J. Kirk appear to have first-hand knowledge of the problems of tuition, from the reception point of view. However, the lack of Christian charity shown by local ringers in Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire respectively, in deliberately neglecting to assist struggling bands emphasises my statement concerning attitudes.

Other items of information that one can ferret out of obscure corners of "The Ringing World" are more encouraging. Miss Amanda Powell (see page 8) is not the only beginner taught by that progressive Addington band who weekly contribute to our quarter peal columns. At least two Scouts have obtained bellringers' badges during 1966 (see page 844). Rutland High School contains four very active youngsters (see page 828). There is a band of young and enthusiastic ringers in the Lake District under the leadership of Mr. K. Price (see page 787). Redditch High School (see page 6) contains 20 pupils who have been introduced to ringing on a neglected octave. This good work continues, despite the lack of assistance from the peal ringers or from some of the Guilds. I would commend the faceless many who maintain this good work, in the face of ridicule and scorn from several of the Exercise, but would draw even their thoughts to consideration of the latter from an 11-year-old (see page 4): "When I started bell ringing six months ago a lot of my friends made fun of me . . ."—Yours sincerely,

D. C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Northern Division Secretary Retires**

Although not good, it was a fairly representative gathering that attended the Northern Division annual general meeting at Balcombe on January 28th. Warnham and Withyham were strong supporters, backed up by members of the Western Division. Ringing started smartly at 3 o'clock and the service was conducted by the Rev. I. Paton Hunter, Vicar of Danchill, who brought along his organist; grateful thanks were tendered to both. A splendid tea (as usual) had been provided by the local ringers in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the balance sheet showed a slight drop over last year but it was not considered too bad as individual subscriptions had been introduced in place of affiliation fees.

When the election of officers took place the hon. Divisional secretary (Mrs. E. L. Hairs) intimated that she wished to resign and this information was received with general regret. Mrs. Jean Osbon was unanimously elected to fill the post.

The Master (Mr. R. Johnson) thanked Mrs. Hairs, not only on behalf of the Division but on behalf of the whole Association, she having filled the offices of Divisional secretary in the Southern and Northern Divisions, peal secretary and Central Council representative, and during the last war had written up a duplicate book of the whole of the peals of the Association.

The Master commented that the younger generation were now progressing much faster than years ago and were ready sooner for holding office. It would no doubt help the Association if the older members were to realise this. He wanted it put on record that his thanks were also for the enormous amount of work done for the Association over a large number of years both by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs.

Mr. George Francis was elected Ringing Master with Mr. Roger Osbon as his assistant.

Practice meetings were again discussed and it was left to the Ringing Master and the hon. secretary to try and work up a little more support.

Under "any other business" Mrs. Hairs thanked all concerned for their support over the years and promised the new secretary all the assistance she could give.

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OBITUARY**MR. JOHN E. STOKES**

By the death on January 1st of John Stokes, at the age of 64, the Beccles company have lost a faithful member. He became very interested in ringing when driving the coach for the ringers' outing about ten years ago and decided to learn to ring, and in spite of restricted time due to his varied working hours, became a useful and regular Sunday service ringer when his duties permitted. He will be very much missed at the belfry.

MR. E. CHARLES BAILEY

The Beccles company suffered a second loss this month by the passing of Charles Bailey, at the age of 71, on January 16th. Charles learned to ring in 1910, with his father and other members of the family at Rickingham with the band that made some West Suffolk ringing history before the first world war. He served in Flanders 1914-18 and after the war he settled down near Beccles and became a regular ringer at Beccles and Barsham and, except for a few years during the last war, spent the rest of his life in this district. He rang about 70 peals, shared between the Suffolk Guild and the Norwich Association, and was a staunch churchman, regular in attendance in the belfry and at services and was for some time a member of the Church Council.

He will be very much missed at Beccles, and also at many other Norfolk and Suffolk churches which he often visited and was very well known. At his funeral ringers from Norfolk and Suffolk rang handbells, and the bells of St. Michael's were half-muffled on Sunday to his memory. E. R. G.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.**Eastern Branch**

The Eastern Branch annual meeting was held at St. Margaret's Lowestoft, on January 28th, and was splendidly supported with just on 50 members attending.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle, and the address given by the curate, the Rev. J. F. Towler, who is also a ringer. Mr. C. Mitchell played the organ. An excellent tea was served by Sister Riley and her staff at Harleston House, a nearby Church Army old people's home.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Miss D. E. Lidbetter; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Pickup; Standing Committee, Mr. T. J. Brock, Mr. A. E. Crowe; Branch Committee, Miss M. Kindred, Mr. A. H. Roberts, together with the re-election of Messrs. A. W. Bird, J. W. Forder and J. B. Gorrod.

Meeting dates for 1967 were proposed as: April 15th (Catfield); June 3rd (Blodfield); September 30th and December 9th. New ringing members elected: Rev. Peter N. Bond, Roger Newstead, David Wright (Great Yarmouth), Miss Ann Corney, Miss Elizabeth Carr, Rev. J. F. Towler (Lowestoft) and Paul Holsworth (Gorleston). Probationers: Mr. G. G. Townshend, Miss J. E. Groome (Loddon). The belfry election of Mr. R. A. Hunt, of Ruskington, Lincs, prior to a peal, was ratified.

Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Charles Bailey, of Beccles, who died on January 16th, and had been a member of the Association since 1910, also to Mr. J. E. Stokes, who, although not a member, was well known as a ringer in the District.

Forthcoming practice meeting: March 18th, Haddiscoe or Aldeby. N. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**Newark District**

The 20th annual meeting was held at Newark on January 21st. The 31 cwt, ten sound beautiful in the market place and are well worth the long climb to the ringing chamber.

After Evensong, conducted by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Toons, both he and the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Kingsnorth, joined a good crowd for tea, at which the Vicar expressed his pleasure in entertaining the District.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. In presenting the annual statement the secretary said the substantial balance was not entirely due to the increase in members' subscriptions and the peal booking fee, as the membership had risen by nine and there had been quite a few more peals rung than in 1965. Following up with a report on the year's activities, the secretary said both these facts were healthy signs, and the District began the New Year with considerable optimism for an even better year. One new member was elected, Mr. Keith Vernon of Balderton.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mrs. C. W. Reed were re-elected as chairman and hon. secretary respectively. Mr. Peter Wakefield re-elected as Ringing Master and Miss Margaret Chilton a committee member.

Mr. Midwinter gave a report on the activities at Southwell Minster, where he and two others had been teaching a new band. Several people had been taught to handle a bell and to ring rounds and call changes but he appealed for more assistance to help to break into change ringing. The next meeting was arranged at Southwell in the hope that taking the District there would fan more enthusiasm in ringing activities generally.

The meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Charles Copp and ringing continued during the evening. B. N. R.

Mansfield District

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District took place on January 28th at Grove House, Mansfield, and the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul and, as usual, it was well patronised. In the absence of a resident incumbent the service was taken by the Rev. A. Pettingell, at Mansfield again after a lapse of six years.

Following an excellent tea, the chairman opened the business meeting with a hearty welcome to new members, after which a short silence was observed to the memory of Mr. C. Randall, of Mansfield, who had passed away the previous Sunday, aged 79.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for 1966 were approved, and among items discussed was the Guild's Bell Repair Fund and suggestions on how the District income could be increased.

The following were accepted as Guild members: Mrs. F. Fogg and Messrs. D. Coulson, D. Marsh, P. Sheward, T. Ford, A. Godfrey, A. Whittamore, J. Simpson and A. Nelson, all of Eastwood; A. Wood and Miss M. Horsley of Kirkby-in-Ashfield; C. Pack of Warsop, Mrs. V. Solis was elected an honorary vice-president.

District officers returned were: Chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; secretary, Mr. D. J. Beach; Ringing Master, Mr. H. T. Rooke; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. B. A. Richards, Mr. D. A. Whetton was elected to the committee.

Thanks were accorded to all who had helped with the meeting, and ringing continued with an interesting and varied range of methods until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: March 18th, Selston. D. J. B.

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RINGS OF FOUR BELLS IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Mr. Percy Amos, captain at Weston Favell, sends us the following corrections to Mr. Peter Abbott's articles on the "Rings of Four Bells in Huntingdonshire":

Catworth tenor 15½ cwt., not 17½ cwt.

Brington tenor 5½ cwt., not 5 cwt.

Glanton tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. The note is nearer B flat than E flat. Bells rehung in 1908, not 1904. The tenor is only 35½ in. in diameter. To be 9 cwt. it would have to be around 37½ in.

Old Weston tenor is a 35½ in. bell and is 7½ cwt., not 9 cwt. The treble is not pre-Reformation but of the Elizabeth I period. The steeple is three-tier.

Offord Cluny tenor is only a 36½ in. bell and could not possibly weigh 10 cwt. To do so it would have to be around 39-39½ in. Its weight is more like 8-8½ cwt.

Orton Waterville tenor was recast by J. Eayre, not cast. Here there were originally three bells, all by the first of the three Toby Norris's of Stamford, 1606. This Toby Norris founded bells from 1603 to 1626, in which year a plaque in St. George's Church, Stamford, tells us he died. The present incumbent in a conversation with me said he would like to see a recording of other bells in place of the present four. I was recently assured by a well-known ex-Archdeacon ringer in the Ely Diocese that no faculty would be granted this tower for a sham apparatus if applied for, nor yet one to dispose of the bells. To anyone interested in pulpits, this church has a fine specimen of the Elizabeth I period.

JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON

A joint meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association drew over 50 people to Stockton Parish Church on January 28th. One attraction was the Washington Cathedral film, shown in the vestry by Mr. Fred Hodgson, who also showed one of British Railways films on its modernisation, which was of great interest.

At the business meeting the Southern District vice-president, Mr. T. Cooke, welcomed an old friend, Mr. Phil Toccock, whom they had not seen for nearly 20 years but who was stationed in the area again.

The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells by Mr. T. M. Cox, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and Mr. W. Tyson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, was in his usual good form in thanking the ladies for a tea which came up to the very high reputation they have built up.

During the afternoon and evening methods rung ranged from Cambridge, Yorkshire, Little and Plain Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandshire Caters, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples to several spells of rounds for the beginners. E. P.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Devon Branch held an enjoyable meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, Torquay, on February 4th, although it was not largely attended.

The ringing, supervised by Mrs. G. E. Retter, consisted of Grandshire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. de T. Andrews) conducted a short service, with Mrs. C. Pearson acting as organist.

After a bountiful tea in the St. Anne's Hall, the business meeting followed with Mrs. H. Boobier (vice-president) in the chair. Members were reminded of the annual meeting to be held at Lincoln in July and were asked to book accommodation early. Two new members, the Misses Lynn Murkin and Ann Retter, were elected.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Branch at South Brent with Diptford (subject to permission). It was reported that flowers were sent to Mrs. Pauline Burnham, the Branch secretary, on the birth of her first child, a daughter, on February 2nd. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing took place at Torre Parish Church in the evening. A. E. R.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The largest District annual general meeting at Basingstoke for many years was held on January 28th, with the bells of both St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches being rung during the afternoon and evening. The Guild service at St. Michael's was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Norman J. Woodhall, who is District vice-chairman. The Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, of Tadley, himself a ringer, gave an inspiring address based on the Linlithgow coat of arms on a Garter stall in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Under the device of the earth split in two is the motto "Spes manet" (Hope remains). In an age when standards of behaviour were declining and few people attended their parish church, he said, bellringers were able to ring out their message of hope into homes having no other contact with the Church.

A fire which damaged Church Cottage in the early hours of Friday morning necessitated quick changes in the arrangements, and the tea was held in St. John's School. At the business meeting the District chairman, Canon F. A. Sanders, welcomed the visitors, amongst whom was the Master of the Guild (Canon K. W. H. Felstead) and the chairman of the Andover District (Mr. G. K. Dodd). He was also delighted to see Church Oakley tower again represented at an annual general meeting.

The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the late Bert Garrett, honorary life member and for many years captain at Overton.

After the routine business of approving last year's minutes and accounts, 11 new members were elected, all juniors, five from Bramley and six from Sherborne St. John.

The votes of thanks included a special one to St. Michael's captain and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor, who had been working until the early hours of that morning salvaging and washing crockery from Church Cottage kitchen to enable the ladies of St. Michael's tower to provide tea.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The South West Branch held its annual meeting at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on January 28th. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the fine ring of eight, including the four standard methods and Double Norwich. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Roy E. Harris, and the visiting preacher was the Rev. Eric Hayman, who is a ringer. The organist was Mr. P. Grant Arnold.

Tea was followed by the meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev. Eric Hayman, in place of Mr. T. G. Myers. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Owen Thomas, wife of the branch auditor, who died recently. The secretary, Mr. Robert A. Southwood, gave a very fine report on the activities of the towers within the Branch.

Officers re-elected: Chairman, Mr. Thomas G. Myers; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Roy Bould; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Robert A. Southwood; Press officer, Miss Sylvia Sims; auditor, Mr. H. Owen Thomas. New members proposed and accepted were Paul Perkin (Whitchurch), Brian Hancock, Mrs. Julia Steere, Judith Hughes and Susan Davison (Stoke Damerel).

The following programme was decided upon for the coming year, subject to permission: Buckland Monachorum on April 15th, Stoke Damerel and the annual meeting at Plympton St. Mary on January 27th.

The resignation of Mr. F. E. Day was accepted by the meeting. It was decided to hold an annual Branch social event and a committee was elected to arrange this. The committee elected comprised Mr. Barry Knight (Stoke Damerel), Miss Linda Le-Tissier (Emmanuel) and Mr. D. Wheeler (St. Andrew's).

The presentation of a certificate was made to Mr. John P. Sims, captain of the Emmanuel tower, whose ringers came second in a ringing festival held at Stratton in December. Votes of thanks to all who had made it such a success concluded the meeting.

Evening ringing was enjoyed at Emmanuel and at Egguckland, Plymouth. S. P. S.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual District meeting of the Farnham District was held at Farnham on January 28th, when 134 members and visitors were present. The service was conducted by Canon J. S. Tudor-Jones with Mr. L. S. Cook as organist. An excellent tea in the W.V.S. Hall was followed by the business meeting, with the Master (Mr. P. Smart) in the chair.

Mr. T. Page (District Master) gave a rather less fiery report than of recent years. The District has 153 members but the average at meetings last year was 29. "I would not complain about the small attendance if it was not for the fact that it is usually the same ringers who turn up every time," said Mr. Page. "The Saturday evening practices attract quite a few visitors and were worth coming along to." He appealed to all to come and enjoy themselves and bring their friends next time.

Mr. Page made a suggestion that an evening practice could be arranged during the summer months at a tower that needed assistance to coincide with the normal practice. Such towers should apply for help. On recruiting, he said it was essential to start a vigorous campaign. He envisaged a colour poster with a church in the background and a group of people of all walks of life heading for the tower. "No class or colour bar," said Mr. Page. "Perhaps one of our C.C. representatives will take it up. There must be a ringing commercial artist who could produce a suitable poster." Farnham had now restarted and he hoped they would manage to continue.

Officers returned unopposed were: District Master, Mr. T. Page; secretary, Mrs. B. Simpson; treasurer, G. K. Williamson; auditor, W. Viggers. A ballot for Assistant Master went in favour of Mr. M. Church, who also goes on the Executive Committee. Two new members were elected.

A return to the tower was made, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. R. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Breaking with tradition, the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Charminster on January 14th. Bradford Peverell bells were also available during the evening. The Guild service, attended by the church choir, was conducted by the Branch vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks, and an address given by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Tea, provided by lady helpers in the School Hall, was enjoyed by a gathering of 37 members including ringers from North Dorset.

The secretary's report for 1966 stated that membership had slightly increased, Maiden Newton and Upwey towers having rejoined the Branch. Quarter peals had been rung at seven towers during the year and the quarter peal at Maiden Newton was believed to be the first in the Branch by an all-ladies' band. Branch practices had continued on alternate Saturday evenings, and five meetings had taken place. The statement of accounts, showing a satisfactory balance, was adopted.

Branch officers were re-elected for 1967 with the exception of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. W. Rose), who tendered his resignation after six years in the post. Mr. E. H. Amey, of Charminster, succeeds him, and Mr. B. Kear (Wyke Regis) now joins Mr. G. Goringe (Cattistock) as Deputy Ringing Master.

Subject to permission, branch practices will be held at Cattistock on February 11th, Upwey February 25th, Puddletown March 11th, St. Peter's, Dorchester, March 18th, and Wyke Regis April 22nd.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The ringing chamber of St. Mary the Virgin's was packed to overflowing on February 4th when the Ilchester Branch held a practice meeting at its own home tower. Ringing on the 11½ cwt. five was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. E. Turner) and included rounds, Bob Doubles, Grandshire and Stedman.

A most enjoyable evening was spent and thanks expressed to the Rector, the Rev. G. Thomas, and to Mr. H. Pope for their courtesy in making the tower and bells available.

Next meeting: South Petherton (8) on March 4th (quarterly).

QUARTER PEALS

LONG LENGTHS

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDD.—On Jan. 28th, 3,096 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, P. N. Felton (cond.) 2, C. Starbuck 3, M. E. Harrison 4, J. R. Pratt 5, R. J. Collis 6. A peal attempt called round due to indisposition.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 21st, 2,040 Doubles (three methods): A. L. B. King 1, R. D. Marsh 2, H. G. Wells 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire 1, C. Jeffrey (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, Amanda Powell 6. For Matins.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Harris (first quarter) 1, Joan V. Reyner 2, J. P. Ladd 3, P. J. Ostley 4, P. G. Smart (cond.) 5, M. E. Denyer 6. For Evensong.

BASLOW, DERBS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Noton (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss S. E. Davis 2, W. Sheldon 3, G. W. Hawksworth 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, J. D. Arkwell 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Atwood, of Old Brampton.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Clapham 1, Mrs. M. A. Parker 2, R. Paddison 3, D. V. Carrott 4, C. V. Waite 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6, C. Holmes 7.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. F. J. Marshallay 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, D. Matkin 3, J. Price 4, D. Reeson 5, R. Price 6, F. Price 7, C. Conway (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Phillip and Jacob's, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. J. Murrell 1, Mrs. R. J. Bowden 2, D. Powney 3, A. Tubb 4, R. J. Bowden 5, G. Land 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, G. King 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 3, 6 and 8.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Lucock (first away from tenor) 1, Susan Copping (first quarter) 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Lesley Evans (first Grandsire) 4, J. Copping (first Grandsire and as cond.) 5, R. Evans (first quarter) 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cullen 1, M. D. Fuller (first of Triples) 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, J. Hagley 4, Miss J. Kipling 5, Miss R. Weal 6, T. J. Wellen 7, P. Payne 8.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Violet Holloway 1, Brenda Martin (first as cond.) 2, W. Holloway 3, W. Fern 4, J. Sutton 5, H. Gardner 6. For Confirmation service.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Welshe (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Aldridge (cond.) 3, E. Webber 4, C. Lock 5, A. Welshe 6.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, P. N. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, LANC.—On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. R. Forsythe 1, T. Hobson 2, K. Lister 3, T. W. Smith 4, H. Worrall 5, A. Critchley 6, J. Thornley 7, J. Ashcroft 8. In honour of the Feast of the Purification.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Chapman 1, Miss J. Clipstone 2, R. J. Cowley (cond.) 3, T. Chapman 4, K. J. Chapman 5, C. E. Richardson 6, E. C. Buckby 7, P. Nesbitt 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Jan. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: A. White 1, S. Skinner 2, M. F. Lock 3, C. G. Bryant 4, J. Longridge 5, F. Wreford 6, C. P. Yates (first of Surprise) 7, P. D. Mack (cond.) 8. To welcome Katharine Anne, second daughter of Clive and Joyce Bryant. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, J. Longridge 2, C. Yates 3, P. Willis 4, F. Wreford 5, A. Truman 6, G. Skinner 7, C. Bryant 8. For Evensong, and bon voyage to Sir Francis Chichester.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Smith 1, Linda Templemore 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, W. Sear 4, I. Pett (cond.) 5, R. Churchill 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. F. Ballam (cond.) 1, R. J. Stannard 2, D. Rowlands 3, C. Stannard 4, J. Banks 5. For Evensong.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Brentnall 1, J. Nayamith (first "inside") 2, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 3, K. D. Waples 4, J. Spratt 5, R. J. Picton 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal. R. Harrop 1, E. Shipp 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, C. Tovell 7, L. Houghton 8, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. Howes, late chairman, Western Branch, N.D.A., who died on January 31st.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Greenway 1, Ann Butcher 2, F. Oakley 3, W. Kitson 4, F. E. J. Reynolds (cond.) 5, J. J. Webb 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Brewer, churchwarden and ringer at this church for over 50 years, buried here this day.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Billings 1, F. S. Slatford 2, B. Evans 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, H. G. Blanchard 5, N. G. Kneel (cond.) 6, L. K. Grey 7, H. E. Blacker 8. First of Major 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. First of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Old Bob Doubles: C. A. Slyfield 1, D. Lodge 2, Janet E. Cleeve 3, J. A. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. First in variation by 1, 2, 3 and 4. For morning service.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. C. Smart 1, W. E. Pearce 2, L. J. Malings 3, C. F. Cook 4, R. S. Price (first as cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smart.

STOULTON, WORCS.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Jopp 1, P. Jopp (cond.) 2, A. Jopp 3, R. Porter 4, D. B. Jopp 5, A. W. Porter 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (comp. J. Reeves): J. H. Thompson 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, R. L. Coles 3, D. J. Barnett 4, Shirley A. Cox 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, T. J. Milsom 7, Rev. R. O. Fry 8. Rung before Dedication Festival Evensong.

WEST DEEPIING, Lincs.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Single and Double Oxford and Single and Double Court): R. W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, P. A. Smith 3, B. Branson 4, F. Simey 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6.

WETHERBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Kent T.B.): D. Buck 1, Pauline Holland 2, Gerry Nutton 3, P. Moorhouse 4, B. Moorhouse 5, H. D. Holland 6. A farewell to Rev. C. J. Newell, who is leaving the parish.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. S. Barratt 1, Miss L. Deebank 2, P. L. D. Grove (first "inside") 3, J. M. Cox 4, M. C. Edwards 5, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. V. Nutting, who has been elected to a fellowship at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

First year undergraduates at Cambridge have now rung peals of Plain Bob Major on tower bells and "in hand" this academic year.

In the handbell peal of Plain Bob Royal at Halling, Kent (page 53), the name of Thomas Cullingworth, ringer of 9-10, was inadvertently omitted. Our regrets.

The treble ringer in the peal at Blunsdon, Wiltshire, on January 3rd ("Ringing World," page 85) was Roger Fry, not Rev. Roger O. Fry as printed. The error is regretted.

Mr. G. H. Ellis, Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Irish Association, contributes to this quarter's issue of the "Irish Bell News" a clear and practical article on Plain Bob Minor.

It will not be possible to use the bells of St. Catherine's, Montacute, Somerset, for some six to eight weeks while extensive repair work is being carried out to the somewhat notorious "swinging" tower and its roof.

John Mayne conducted his 200th different Surprise Major method in 1966 and was the first person to do so. It was in 1965 that he became the second person to ring 250 different Surprise Major methods, and not as stated in the recent article. The author sends his apologies.

The footnote to the peal of Yorkshire Maximus rung at Nottingham on January 7th was not R. B. Smith's 100th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells but was his 100th peal on 12 tower bells.

Found in the belfry after the Sheffield and District Society meeting at Wentworth on February 4th, one large blue sweater. Will the owner please contact the secretary, Wentworth Vicarage, near Rotherham.

The ladies of the Essex Association have scored their first peal—at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, on January 28th. It was a peal of Plain Bob Minor. It would be interesting to know in how many counties the fair sex have recorded peals.

Mr. R. B. Smith writes: "I thank Mr. Hemming for pointing out to me that 5,376 Minimus had previously been rung on handbells. A 5,280 was published in 'The Ringing World' in 1964 as being the record and at the time this was not disputed."

Miss Helen Henderson in sending us two quarter peals which she conducted at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne—Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor—informs us that she plans to come to England some time next year. An accomplished ringer, we are sure she will receive a warm welcome.

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The bell was used by St. Patrick himself in connection with Christian worship. Bells of this type were used by the Druids and St. Patrick, in order to eliminate prejudices, continued the use of the bells for Christian worship.

After St. Patrick's death, the bell has seen much history—it has been plundered, lost and found.

The Mulhollands became the hereditary keepers of the bell and for this duty they were given a townland near Stewartstown in Co. Tyrone, which is called Ballyclog (town of the bell).

The bell eventually came into the possession of a Mr. Adam McClean, of Belfast. After his death it was purchased by the Rev. J. H. Todd, D.D., for £150. It was eventually purchased along with its beautiful shrine by the Royal Irish Academy for £500.

It is now preserved in the National Museum, Dublin, and has on occasions been loaned for special ecclesiastical events.

St. Patrick may be regarded as the first Christian bellringer in Ireland. He had his own bell-maker, and gave a bell to each Bishop he consecrated.

(From the "Irish Bell News.")

BOURNEMOUTH SENDS CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. D. T. Matkin, of Bournemouth, as conductor of two record handbell peals, 13,139 Grandsire Caters and 15,840 Plain Bob Royal, both rung by all-local people, writes sending his congratulations to Mr. R. B. Smith and his band on the record of 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus.

STRONGEST CENSURE

Mr. C. J. Mobbs, president of Oastler College Guild of Church Bell Ringers, Huddersfield, had an unfortunate experience when he booked the film "Ringers Required" in October for showing on February 3rd. The booking was confirmed, but a reminder brought forth the answer that the film was no longer available—as the previous borrowers had not returned it! Such selfish and thoughtless action deserves the strongest censure. Mr. Mobbs had the unenviable task of preparing a hurried talk on the subject.

MINOR PEAL AT WOOTTON WAS HARD WORK

The bells of St. Mary's, Wootton, Oxon, are not an easy-going six, and the band who scored the first peal of Minor there on January 28th can take a just pride in their good peal. Some of the band took part in a quarter peal of seven Minor methods there in Oct., 1965, and it proved such hard work that doubts were expressed as to the success of the venture. However, this time the bells went very well and, although the band had to work hard, it was not so tiring as the quarter peal.

There have been three previous peals on the bells—all Grandsire Doubles. The first peal was on March 13th 1927, and the others were on March 31st, 1928, and November 5th, 1938.

BELFRY GOSSIP



BELL FOR A NEW RADAR TRAINING SHIP

This bell has been presented to the Sir John Cass Foundation for their new ship in memory of the late Albert A. Hughes by members of his family.

Cass's Foundation in Aldgate in the City of London is a technical college with a department of navigation, and their original training vessel was rammed and sank while moored in the Thames in fog nearly two years ago.

A new motor vessel, 100 feet long, and of 180 gross registered tons, has been completed by Bolton and Son Ltd., of Hamworthy, near Poole, and will shortly be brought round to the Thames for the handing over ceremony.

Mr. Hughes was a governor of the Foundation from 1942 to 1964, and chairman and treasurer from 1957 to 1962 and, as chairman, the original ship was registered in his name.

The bell, which is 12 inches in diameter and weighs 50 lb., was engraved by Mr. Warden, of Clerkenwell, with the inscription and coat of arms and was harmonically tuned to G.

LOSSES TO LIMERICK

St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, which has a ringing membership of 18, is losing two members. Mr. George Eades has been transferred to Dublin, and he and his wife, Kathleen (a member of the choir), were presented with a pair of fireside chairs, the gift of the bellringers, choir and vestry. The other, Mr. Alfred Foster, who was married on December 10th, has accepted employment in England.

LADIES' LINCOLN VISIT

The programme for the Ladies' Guild annual meeting at Lincoln on July 1st is: Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, followed by buffet luncheon in the Chapter House; annual general meeting 2 p.m., ringing afterwards; dinner 6 for 6.30 at Moor Lodge, Branstow.

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RETURN TO LEICESTER

Sussex has lost one of her leading ringers by the return to his native Leicestershire of Arthur Riddington, from Upper Beeding. Moving south due to business some 14 years ago, Arthur soon took an interest in ringing at Brighton, especially at St. Peter's. Here he met, and arranged several peals for, that stalwart Harry Stalham, the last being for Harry's birthday.

Gradually Arthur's interest veered towards his own village's bells, virtually unringable, as shown by a well-known tenor ringer. Many evenings were spent "digging" the bells out from the accumulated birds' nests and getting them into a ringable condition before he was able to begin to teach the first of many learners. Through all this he sustained his enthusiasm for peal ringing, helping many younger ringers to gain experience and knowledge.

Arthur did much to foster ties between ringers in Kent and Sussex, frequently visiting Kentish towers and arranging peals in Sussex towers so that ringers from both counties could ring together.

To mark his departure from Sussex two peals were arranged, one in his own tower at Upper Beeding, the other at Harry Stalham's old tower, St. Nicholas', Brighton, the ringers coming from both Sussex and Kent to take part. The Rev. J. Pearson, Vicar of Upper Beeding, was present to thank Arthur for his work in the church, and wish the band success in their attempt, a short prayer being said before ringing commenced. It was fitting that the second of the peals was his 200th in the South of England.

All ringers, especially from Sussex and Kent, wish Arthur every happiness in his new home and hope that he will manage the odd journey down to revisit old friends.

P.C.C. TOLD ABOUT RINGING ACTIVITIES

At the annual church meeting at Carbis Bay, held on February 2nd, amongst the reports given by the secretaries of the various organisations John Copping, secretary of the ringers, reported as follows:

There are 17 ringers and three probationers. The bells had been rung regularly throughout the year on Sundays and other occasions. The full ten bells had been rung every Sunday morning but usually fewer in the evenings.

The band had attended the two Branch festivals at Phillack and Helston and the rededication of the rehung bells at Manaccan. On the occasion of the annual Diocesan Festival at Truro in July this was combined with an outing when in the morning, the towers of St. Agnes, Perranzabuloe and Newlyn East were visited.

Three quarter peals had been rung, two by visiting bands and one by our own band; we hope to do more this year. Two full peals, one by a band from outside Cornwall and one by the Diocesan Guild, had been tried but both had failed. John was thanked for his report by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roberts). This had created much interest amongst the 50 people present.

1,000 PEALS BEFORE MARRIAGE!

In a moment of ringing enthusiasm the bachelor member of the Spalding area peal band declared that he was not going to get married until he had 1,000 peals to his credit. At 50 peals a year this would mean wedding bells in 1982! And now he has been bewitched by a lady member of the band and become engaged. Does she relish a 15-year courtship, or will her charming personality cause him to recant!!

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1966

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 126 methods, being 120 each of Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert, Burnham, Stirling, Twyford, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, Cliffor's, Little Aston, St. David, Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rushall, St. Matthias, Northrepps, All Saints, St. Philip, Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxtou, Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead, St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford, Allestree, Antelope, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene, Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monochorum, Cowslip, Wallflower, St. Neots, Wychbold, Haseley, St. Adwena, Buttercup, Violet, Bedlow, Dedworth, Primrose, St. Clement, St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Worthington, Cherwell, Gonalston, Woodthorpe, Colwick, Lambley, Woodborough, Elton, Churchdown, Uppingham, Grafton, Fyford, Ferncliffe, Netherfield, Gedding, Cropwell Bishop, Caythorpe, Holme Pierrepont, Westwell, Ardley, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Wensley, Stowe, Ripe, New, Bucknell, Hove, Donningleigh, Bulcote, Grafton Regis, Mitre, St. Aldate, Kempston, Oxbridge, Westleigh, Kinoulton, Fulmer, Gunthorpe, Plumtre, Dell, Upton, Adbolton, Cowleigh, St. Callen, Pagham.

Richard D. Bing .. Treble Roy H. Jones 3
Leonard R. Porter .. 2 Noel D. Deam 4

Alec Gammon Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

GARSINGTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 114 methods, being 120 each of Wollaton, Clashmore, Allexton, Beaufield, Coxmoor, Pancrasweet, Duxford, Euxton, Foxhill, Goxhill, Hexgrave, Ixworth, Jevington, Kexby, Laxton, Moxley, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, Clifford's, Little Aston, St. David, Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxtou, Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead, Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert, Burnham, Stirling, Twyford, St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford, Allestree, Antelope, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene, Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monochorum, Cowslip, Wallflower, St. Neots, Wychbold, Haseley, St. Adwena, Buttercup, Violet, Bedlow, Dedworth, Primrose, St. Clement, St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Worthington, Cherwell, Gonalston, Woodthorpe, Colwick, Lambley, Woodborough, Elton, Churchdown, Uppingham, Grafton, Fyford, Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rushall, St. Matthias, Northrepps, All Saints, St. Philip, Wensley, Stowe, Ripe, Royston, May Day.

Cl. Richard Miles .. Treble Leonard R. Porter 4
Elizabeth M. Barber .. 2 J. Paul Coad 5
Roy H. Jones 3 *Richard D. Bing Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung as birthday compliments to J. P. Coad and L. R. Porter and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Southern of Plymouth.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1967

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt, 9 lb in B flat.

John Phillips Treble James Phillips 7
Raymond G. Cousins .. 2 Dennis Randall 8
William A. Theobald .. 3 David P. Hilling 9
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 4 John Armstrong 10
Alan R. Patterson .. 5 Michael P. Moreton .. 11
William T. Cook 6 John Hill Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 6.) Conducted by David P. Hilling

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH PERROTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt

*Raymond P. Selway .. Treble Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 4
Rerek S. Beaufoy .. 2 Frederick T. Sandy .. 5
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 3 William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* 100th peal for the Association.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal on the treble. First of Minor as conductor. First in the method for all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Association.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Colin Banton Treble Edmund Shuttleworth .. 5
Alec Humphrey 2 David W. Friend 6
Felicity Webber 3 Gordon A. Halls 7
Melvyn Rose 4 Harold Taylor Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5340 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp

Neil Handley Treble Graham Fisher 5
William Allsopp 2 David Oliver 6
Kevin Betesta 3 Reginald J. Stretton .. 7
Geoffrey Bridges 4 David Walklate Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittsow.

Conducted by David Walklate.

First peal in the method by all.

Rung in memory of Mr. Thorne, parish clerk for many years.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in G

Donald E. R. Knights .. Treble Brian B. Hullah 5
Michael Hawes 2 †George E. Bonham .. 6
*Mary E. Tooke 3 †George E. Thoday .. 7
Donald F. Murfet 4 Geoffrey A. Lucas .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal of Major; † 75th peal together † 500th peal.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt in G.

*Phillip S. George .. Treble Brian Horrell 4
Margaret M. Roden .. 2 †Philip Mehew 5
George E. Bonham .. 3 George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday

* First peal † 650th peal

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Mrs. B. C. Sadler .. Treble Bernard C. Sadler 6
Peter Sloman 2 Frank B. Lufkin 7
*David Sloman 3 *Hubert H. Fuminger .. 8
Peter D. Chapman .. 4 Michael J. Hallett 9
*Allen W. Cansdale .. 5 Lawrence J. Real Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERFATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Urban W. Wildney .. Treble *Jennifer M. Andrews .. 5
Alan R. Andrews .. 2 Frank B. Lufkin 6
*Peter G. Pitt 3 Edward E. Davey 7
Neville F. Whittell .. 4 Walter Arnold Tenor

Composed by R. T. Lambert.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHMINSTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt

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

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B. 37.)

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. J. Sandwell, and as a 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. D. Robinson, the local tower captain. Also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Edna M. Cooper Treble	Yvonne A. Murray 4
*†Helen E. Gilbert 2	Rosemarie A. Frith 5
Anne Edwards 3	Claire Hudson Tenor

Conducted by Rosemarie A. Frith.

* First peal of Minor. † First "inside." First as conductor.
First peal for the Association by an all-ladies' band, all of whom are members of the S.E. District. Tenor 5½ cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
William Lampard Treble	Kenneth G. Weeks 4
Derek M. Smith 2	†Henry Taysom 5
*Malcolm R. Brain 3	Anthony W. Gibbs Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal "inside." † 50th peal.

TODDINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
*Wilfred Newman Treble	†Malcolm A. Maggs 4
†Graham L. Maggs 2	Cyril A. Wratten 5
*Robert Newman 3	Edric J. Owens Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Jan. '8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 6.	Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.
Beryl R. Simpson Treble	Douglas A. R. May 6
David J. Tubbs 2	W. Leslie Weller 7
Carolyn Tubbs 3	E. John Wells 8
Christopher M. White 4	Tom Page 9
*Martin J. Kirk 5	Stanley G. Ponting Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
*Ann Butcher Treble	Frederick E. J. Reynolds 5
Reginald Poston 2	John J. Webb 6
†Robert Brown 3	*Frederick Oakley 7
Alfred T. Poulton 4	*Raymond A. Brewer Tenor

Conducted by John J. Webb

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Frederick J. Cullum Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
Peter S. Muchlinski 2	Christopher T. Osenton 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Tony Lewis 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan 4	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Cooper Treble	Ralph Bird 5
Ann Jenner 2	Ian H. Oram 6
*Paul J. Dye 3	Philip A. Corby 7
†Tony Lewis 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner

* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."
Rung to welcome Canon W. F. Willoughby, A.K.C., as Vicar of Linton. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.	
*Charles P. C. Sinden .. Treble	Ronald F. Cleaver 5
Rachel J. Sinden 2	Colin J. E. Wyld 6
Pamela E. Powell 3	David J. Baker 7
James Hedgcock 4	Derek J. Carr Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison.

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

* First peal.

Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Rachel J. Sinden and Alan P. S. Berry, of Folkestone, upon their engagement.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Wells Surprise, (5) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Percy J. Spice Treble	D. Paul Smith 4
*Ian H. Oram 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan 5
Richard G. Crosland 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* Completed the "circle" for the fifth time.
Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Mr. Ian H. Oram and Miss Margaret E. Fort on their recent engagement.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*Stanley Walmsley Treble	†Jeffrey Simcox 6
Margaret Crossthwaite 2	†Geoffrey Cunliffe 7
Cyril Crossthwaite 3	†Christopher Watson 8
Lawrence Walmsley 4	†Roger Barnes 9
†John Ascroft 5	†Dennis H. McCormick Tenor

Arranged by Cyril Crossthwaite.

Conducted by Stanley Walmsley.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † First peal of Royal.
Rung to mark the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Sawle, B.D. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Casisbury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt.

Cyril Crossthwaite Treble	Neil Bennett 5
Norman Smith 2	Walter E. Wilkinson 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite 3	John H. Fielden 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 4	Richard J. Parker Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEPESH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Alfred Ballard Treble	†Peter C. Randall 5
*Alan Evans 2	John M. Jelley 6
†Sheila Parsons 3	Russell S. Morris 7
†J. Edward Cawser 4	Brian S. Chapman Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. † First in the method.

‡ 400th peal of Major. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

John Walden Treble	*A. Robin Heppenstall 5
*Beryl N. Reed 2	Walter Tomlinson 6
John Freeman 3	*Geoffrey Paul 7
*Peter A. Sharp 4	*Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by John Freeman.

* Most methods to Spliced Surprise Major.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.).	Tenor 8 cwt.
*John P. Morris Treble	Roy Stephenson 5
†Rhoda Reynolds 2	Frank Taylor 6
*William B. Dawson 3	Philip H. Reynolds 7
Thomas H. Charlton 4	Robert Howard Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Triples. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

MOULTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Hexham and Berwick, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

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

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.).

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

Joseph W. Cotton Treble	Richard J. Warrilow 5
Norman W. Cotton 2	Ian Friend 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Derek P. Jones 7
John K. Smith 4	David Perry Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Janet Dagley Treble	H. William Barrett 4
Angela M. Wright 2	J. Barry Pickup 5
Norman P. J. Cossey 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Edgar Charles Bailey, of Beccles, a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association from September 22nd, 1910, to January 16th, 1967.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods/variations, viz.: 240 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Moira, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Colum, Wychbold, Marston, Salwarpe, Broadwas, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Dedworth, Tichborne, Windrush and Norfolk.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal in 21 methods/variations. First peal in 21 methods/variations on the bells.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 ABERGELE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

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

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 368).
Rung as a tribute to the Rev. John T. James, devoted Vicar of this parish for the past 17 years, who was inducted to the benefice of St. Michael's, Abergele, on Friday, January 27th, 1967.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Meryl Newton Treble	Michael J. Best 5
Joyce I. Barton 2	Arthur Newton 6
Roland Biggs 3	John Young 7
E. Dennis Poole 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Angela M. Ayres Treble	Harry E. Wells 5
Harold W. Dunsden 2	Claude Corderoy 6
William J. Irving 3	Robert B. Blond 7
*J. Anthony Beaumont .. 4	James P. Blond Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

* First of Stedman and of Triples.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*Barry M. Wheeler Treble	Michael Bishop 5
Henry L. Bishop 2	Alfred H. Webb 6
*E. Stephen Wells 3	John H. Napper 7
George W. Bishop 4	Leonard F. Cox Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.

* First peal. Rung by all-parish band.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENWYN SURPRISE MAJOR

Terence J. Hester Treble	Frederick W. Soden 5
Cyril A. Wratten 2	Frank Reed 6
Peter D. Beedie 3	Brian W. Hall 7
Peter Pearce 4	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method Tenor 17 cwt.

KENWYN SURPRISE MAJOR

6—38—14—58—36—12—38—36, 14, 78.

OXFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Ifley.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

Brenda M. Arnott Treble	David A. Cornwall 4
Joyce I. Barton 2	Anthony K. Fortin 5
Sara K. D. Woolley 3	Ronald J. Snack Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

WOLVERCOTE, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

*Bruce G. Benstead Treble	Victor Griffin 4
Edward R. Venn 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
D. Kay Adkins 3	Peter J. Heritage Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Heritage.

* First peal. First as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANFORD ST. JOHN, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.	
Mrs. Enid Watson Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Christopher J. Groome .. 5
J. Charles Hudson 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. Ronald W. Sharpley after nearly 30 years as Rector of Burton Latimer.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Jan. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
Gerald W. Reynolds .. Treble	Ronald Russell 4
Christopher J. Groome .. 2	J. Martin Thorley 5
Roger N. Scholes 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Frederick S. Slatford .. Treble	*Norman G. N. Knee 5
George W. Massey 2	Edgar C. Shepherd 6
William A. Theobald 3	Charles F. Andrews 7
Laurence E. Hitchings .. 4	Eric J. Hitchins Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.

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

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAZELBURY BRYAN Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary and James.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Frank Hilliar	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	4
James Alexander	2	Ernest H. Amey	5
Christopher F. Longridge ..	3	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr, 1 lb. in G.

Neil Handley	Treble	David Oliver	5
Carol Patey	2	Graham Fisher	6
John Eborall	3	Reginald J. Stretton	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clive Longden	Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.

Rung as a welcome to Jonathan Mark, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Ashton.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part.		Tenor 8 cwt, 24 lb. in G sharp.	
Katharine Burchnall ..	Treble	Beryl N. Reed	5
*Derek J. Tysoe	2	†Colin W. Reed	6
Paul Raithby	3	Cyril H. Pritchett	7
Grace Burchnall	4	Harold Stevenson	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

* First peal on eight and first "inside." † 25th peal on the bells.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 methods, viz.: Three extents each of St. Miles, Ryton, St. Giles, Shreshill, St. Martin, Austrey, four extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, two extents each Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Seighford.

Tenor 11 cwt, 3 qr.

*Andrew L. B. King ..	Treble	†H. Geoffrey Wells	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	Ruth Blackshaw	4
		Maurice W. Harrison ..	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, 2 qr, 20 lb. in F sharp.

*Julia M. Sanders	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	5
Gillian M. Webb	2	Clifford W. Bowen	6
Jeffrey B. Webb	3	Leslie Monk	7
Cyril T. Collins	4	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Major.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Henry C. Weaver	Treble	Harold W. Clark	5
*Michael J. Wake	2	Colin J. Champion	6
Ernest Treagus	3	†Raymond P. Wood	7
*James M. Hills	4	John H. Hunt	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Piistow.

Conducted by John H. Hunt.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle, (2) London and Wells, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Westminster and Allendale, (6) Norfolk and Primrose, (7) Beverley and Surfleet, with 31 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr, 2 lb. in G.

Audrey R. Alexander ..	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	*Simon Humphrey	5
Robin R. Churchill	3	Michael W. Coleman ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* Most methods to a peal of Minor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek J. Jones, of Spalding, Linca.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 9 cwt, 26 lb in G

*Joy F. Butler	Treble	R. Roger Savory	6
Michael J. Thomas	2	*Colin J. Butler	7
Mrs. T. H. Francis	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Thomas H. Francis	4	David J. Forder	9
Tom Chapman	5	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by John Freeman.

Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.

* First peal in the method.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 3 qr, 18 lb.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*John W. Blackwood	5
*Catharine J. Maundrell ..	2	Gordon Benfield	6
†David M. Hughes	3	*Michael B. Tyers	7
Philip N. Tubbs	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal in the method † First of Surprise "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 5 cwt, 17 lb. in B flat.

A Shirley Beanland ..	Treble	*A. Colin Banton	4
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Arthur Dunn-Birch	5
Susan Mitchell	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* 25th peal for the Association. 25th peal on the bells.

(Beverley and District Society)

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

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being 600 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, St. Remigius and April Day, 960 of Plain Bob and 1,080 of Grandsire, with 21 changes of method.

Tenor 5 cwt, 17 lb. in B flat.

Simon P. D. Burnett ..	Treble	Susan Mitchell	3
*Lynne I. Clowe	2	A. Colin Banton	4

Jennifer E. Pearce

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal "inside" at first attempt.

Rung by members of the Huntington Guild for Evensong.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DURHAM CITY, Co. Durham.—At 18, Houghton, St. John's College.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 20 in E flat.

Ruth Horwood (St. Mary's) 1-2	David J. Marshall (Bede) 5-6
Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) 3-4	*W. Bruce Warne (St. John's) 5-6

Composed by J. Hadley Hunter.

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal "in hand."

DURHAM CITY, Co. Durham.—At 281, St. Mary's College.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*Charlotte A. Bennett (Trev.) 1-2	David J. Marshall (Bede) 5-6
*Patricia Armitage (St. Mary's) 3-4	Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) 7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Malcolm E. Johnson.

* First peal of Major "in hand." First as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First handbell peal of Maximus.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society)

TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At 4, Auster Bank Crescent.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (maximum callings).

Tenor size 5 in F sharp.

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

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVELEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 10th, 1,608 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. P. Tobin (first Treble Bob) 1, J. D. Holden 2, E. E. Speake (cond.) 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, D. K. Knowles 5, H. Griffiths 6. 100th new tower this year for treble.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Morton (first quarter) 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Barbara Shaw 3, G. Lonsdale 4, D. Elisdon (cond.) 5, D. Knewstubb 6. For morning service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Box (first of Triples) 1, G. Carter 2, G. B. Davis (first "inside") 3, C. Parker 4, N. Parker (first "inside") 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. E. Selfe, interred this day.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hayden 1, P. Glazebrook 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Chappell 4, P. Warboys 5, E. White 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Huxley 8. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of treble.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen's, on Dec. 11th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 1, Elizabeth Emmett 2, Gillian Brearley 3, Susanna Pippleson 4, M. Gilbey 5, J. Parsons 6, M. Zobel 7, N. Simon (cond.) 8. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 6th.

CHARING, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marilyn J. Chidwick 1, Jennifer M. L. Wood (first Minor) 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, M. Hitchcock 4, G. Wood 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Johnson 1, Mrs. J. M. Booth 2, Miss E. Rimer 3, G. Pybus 4, J. I. Booth 5, D. P. B. Miles 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, R. A. Bradley 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of York.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Yates 1, M. Lock 2, J. Longridge 3, C. Bryant 4, F. Wreford 5, F. Mack 6, A. White 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First touch in method for 1, 4 and 7. A compliment to Preb. E. Royle (Vicar of Heavitree) on the birth of a grandson, Jonathan David Crosse, at Oxford.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. N. Lindon 1, Miss R. C. Russell 2, S. W. Barton 3, P. W. Evans 4, R. Aldington 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, D. B. Flint (first quarter) 8.

HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Lyn Croger 1, Vivian A. Cross 2, B. A. Lord (cond.) 3, M. J. Warren 4, D. E. Culham 5. Most methods to a quarter by all. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Warren (cond.) 1, S. Croger (first quarter) 2, D. E. Culham 3, Vivian A. Cross 4, B. A. Lord 5.

HURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. H. Smith 1, H. Smith 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 4, B. C. Castle 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 3 and 5. To welcome Helen Joy, born this day to Sylvia and Charles Randle, and granddaughter of ringers of 3 and 5; all ringer at Hurst.

LYNCOMBE, Bath, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, D. J. Orleed 3, W. G. Brown 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Oxford 1 and 6.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lawson 1, Miss J. Lawson 2, Mrs. N. Lawson 3, Mrs. J. H. Butterworth 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. N. Lawson 1, Miss J. Lawson 2, Mrs. J. H. Butterworth 3, R. Lawson 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Griffiths 1, Jean Griffiths 2, J. R. Williams (joint cond.) 3, W. Price 4, J. H. Jones (joint cond.) 5, P. Downer 6. Rung half-muffled to the Glory of God and in memory of the life and work of Mr. W. A. Roberts, churchwarden for 20 years.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. Kortwright 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwood 6. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. Frederick W. Nickalls, on his induction.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Tickle 1, Miss S. Flint 2, P. N. Mackley 3, R. Dorling 4, A. Flint 5, F. Heyes 6, K. Edwards 7, D. J. Bennett (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: F. Pack 1, Margaret Judge 2, E. T. Eades 3, D. W. Grimwood 4, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. M. Orme 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, A. C. Harris 3, R. Pettit (first Major "inside") 4, J. S. Dear 5, R. H. Vigor 6, R. Trebilcock 7, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Janet Andrews (first quarter) 1, Joan Hills 2, H. Smith 3, F. V. Gant 4, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. Rung with good wishes of the band to the conductor, who is leaving the district for Yarmouth. Also an engagement compliment to Stephen Holdaway, a member of the local band, and Tessa Grail.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford and Grandsire): D. Conway (first quarter) 1, C. J. Turner 2, John Arbury 3, C. C. Deem 4, C. C. Turner 5, E. J. Summers 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, James Arbury 8.

PEMBROKE, PEMB.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Lingard 1, P. C. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. R. Huntbach (first as cond.) 5, Prudence Pattison (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer (17) and the conductor (19).

PENN, STAFFS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. W. Knowles 1, M. P. Tobin (first attempt) 2, J. D. Holden 3, A. Kitson (first "inside") 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, E. E. Speake 6, D. K. Knowles 7, H. Griffiths (first as cond.) 8.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. M. Sturgess 1, J. W. Lawrence 2, G. O. Wright 3, G. A. Newton (cond.) 4, E. E. Pickering 5, P. Coe 6. A farewell to Rev. Fergus Brown, Rector of Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 4th, at St. George's Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Page 1, Heather Mann 2, Eileen Palin 3, B. Lawes 4, T. Gregory 5, J. Watson 6, Laithe Reynolds 7, A. Mann (cond.) 8. First Plain Bob Major 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. First in Australia 2 and 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 29th, 1,272 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: R. W. Smith 1, P. A. Smith 2, B. Branton 3, G. Davis 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Cowlin 6.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Flint 1, P. Clarke 2, C. Hardy 3, M. Giddings 4, R. Giddings (first as cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 5.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Tewkesbury Delight Minor: B. Spiers 1, D. Price 2, J. Clements 3, R. Robertson 4, J. Attwood, jun. 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Page 1, M. L. Northway 2, W. R. Gilks (first as cond.) 3, D. R. Fallick 4, K. J. Jacobs 5, C. R. Tubb (first quarter) 6. Rung for the dedication of the new church rooms.

RUSHMORE ST. ANDREW, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. J. Thompson 1, F. E. Wiseman 2, R. W. Steward 3, K. Nunn 4, J. E. T. Wiseman 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For early service.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Dorothy Page 1, Cynthia Wells 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of May Kirby, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Norcliffe 1, J. T. Locke 2, D. R. Best 3, R. C. Beale 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, K. Welch 8. For the 21st birthdays of Clive England and David Beale.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. E. Woods 1, Miss H. M. Julius 2, W. C. Shute 3, T. F. Collins 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6. First in the method by all the band except the conductor.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, A. Somerfield 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Vicar, Rev. Paul Ashwin, who died on January 23rd.

TWEEKSBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Pouncey 1, Miss N. Price 2, M. Hawkes 3, R. Liddell 4, A. Halling 5, M. Boskett 6, P. Robertson (cond.) 7, J. Warner 8. First of Triples 1 and 4. A farewell to ringer of 3, who is going to Singapore. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shill (first quarter) 1, R. Perks 2, R. Liddell 3, P. Robertson (cond.) 4, J. Warner 5, J. Wainwright 6.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Hawthorne (cond.) 1, Miss J. Morgan 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, Miss A. Anthony (first quarter) 4, R. Caporn 5, D. Lambert 6.

THRYBERGH, W. YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (504 Plain, 384 Reverse, 384 Double Bob): Margaret Donovan 1—2, J. Smalley (first as cond.) 3—4. First handbell quarter for both and first of Minimus.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sally Palmer 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung for the anniversary of the Union of the Benefices of West Meon and Warnford.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): G. Green (cond.) 1, J. Chance 2, B. Care 3, C. Stephenson 4, B. Eglesfield 5, C. Truman 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Wigston Surprise Major: Miss J. M. Whait 1, Mrs. A. Haines 2, J. E. Harrold 3, S. J. Haines 4, R. J. Welch 5, R. J. Carter 6, C. H. F. Knight 7, T. E. Harrold (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 5. For Evensong.

WHITCHURCH, Tavistock, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Cann (first in method) 1, G. E. Mudge 2, A. L. Bennett 3, J. C. Michelmore 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Virginia M. Dales (first quarter) 1, P. Bond (first "inside") 2, A. M. Feist 3, R. Bath 4, M. J. Church (cond.) 5, F. J. Farr 6. For Evensong.



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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

STEVENS—SMITH—The marriage between Philip Stevens and Anne Smith will take place on Saturday, February 25th, 1967, at 12 noon at Felpham Church. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 972

DEATH

ROWORTH.—On February 6th, 1967, Guy Roworth, a ringer at Christ Church, Swindon, chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and president of the Guild of Medical Ringers. 945

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BARNES.—From Saturday, February 18th, their wedding day, the address of John Barnes and Anne will be: 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent. Tel. Farnborough (Kent) 53666. 943

SMITH.—The address of Anthony D. and Susan E. Smith, of Pangbourne, Berkshire, is now: 114, Cotswold Way, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire. 956

PERSONAL

"Enter ye in by the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."—St. Matthew vii, 13.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

THE HANDBELLS offered for sale by me last week have now been sold.—J. L. Hayns, Leatherhead, Surrey. 973

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MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.—The 149th anniversary of the bells will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks. before February 22nd.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—During Lent, practice night on Wednesdays will be held at Norton from 7.15 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Orme. 942

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Fifteenth Annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon, Chesterfield, 6.30–11.30 p.m. Chesterfield (10) available 4–6 p.m.—Malcolm Phipps. 975

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social, King George V Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 25th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (4s. each) from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, Essex.

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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at the Strand Hotel, Brunswick Street, Liverpool. Tickets (£1 2s.) from V. David Jenner, 32, Manor Way, Liverpool 25. 965

RADLETT, HERTS.—Practice nights during Lent on Tuesdays up to and including March 28th, 7.30–9 p.m. Six bells (3½ cwt.). Visitors welcome. 950

ST. LAWRENCE'S, ALTON.—No practice Thursday, February 23rd.—R. Corke. 982

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.—Please note that all correspondence concerning ringing at the Cathedral should be addressed to the new secretary: R. W. R. Sheppard, 37, Linksvie Crescent, Worcester. 971

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Chew Stoke (6). Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 716

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY.—Meeting, Bilton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Burnell, 221, Bilton Road, Rugby. Car park next to church. 952

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 929

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 927

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stonehouse on Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eastington bells also available. Names for tea, please, to V. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by February 15th. 980

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, February 18th, 6–9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 18th, 3.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss A. Macfarlane, 33, Ragged Hall Lane, St. Albans.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Practice meeting at Petham (6) on February 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cups of tea and minerals available. No service or business meeting. 909

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Edmonton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brightwell Baldwin, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 912

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 891

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.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 889

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. 935

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, February 21st. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 945

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Practice meeting at the Cathedral on Wednesday, February 22nd, from 7.30 p.m.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 957

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Correction.—Practice meeting, Mangotsfield, Friday, February 24th, and not February 22nd, as previously announced.—R. H. Driver. 953

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Congresbury, February 25th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 949

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Winsford (6 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346, by Tuesday. 981

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Chews House at 5. Names to Mr. H. Burrows, 253, Luton Road, Dunstable. 966

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 22nd.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 967

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Church House 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Luke's, 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 903

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Johnson, 34, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. 954

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. R. M. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington, by Thursday, 23rd. 958

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), February 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Miss T. E. Staples, 14, Frederick Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, by previous Thursday. 976

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Glam, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Garrett, 2, Westbourne Road, Penarth, Glam, by February 21st. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 920

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local Branches).—Joint meeting at Windsor, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Grove Road Hall. Ringing until 7.30 p.m. Social evening. Names for tea to A. J. Glass, 2, Parsonage Lane, Windsor.—Mrs. Hooton, Mr. Deason, Miss Hague. 937

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).—Annual meeting, joint with LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton Mowbray District) meeting at Somerby, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Stimson, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Leics.—S. E. C., Hon. Sec. 969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, Bolton, by Wednesday, 22nd. 978

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided but names are not required. 962

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. More ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, by 22nd. Everyone welcome. 922

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Special meeting, Church Hail, Wantage, February 25th. 5 p.m. All towers please be represented. Cups of tea provided. Pre-arranged Branch practice will follow meeting. 951

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Haverhill, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Adams, 97, Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, by February 23rd. 951

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at All Saints', Hastings, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 962

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, March 1st. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All standard methods.—W. S. Deason. 964

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ash Priors, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 963

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Harbury, March 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after. The business at this meeting includes the election of a new Branch secretary and two committee members. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hanley, Mill Street, Harbury, Leamington Spa.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 970

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual general meeting of the above, Saturday, March 4th, at Egremont. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by March 1st. No names, no tea. 979

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Lymington, Saturday, March 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. T. Perry, White Gate, Greenhill Avenue, Lymington. 977

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. A. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington. Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 974

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by February 25th. 960

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD—A.G.M., St. Austell, March 4th, 3 p.m. Bells (8) after the meeting. Names for tea essential by February 27th.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tynholme, Berrack Lane, Truro. Tel. 2749. 955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sandon (6) on Saturday, March 11th. (Please note change of date.) Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (S7827). 955

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 28th at St. Thomas', Sarum. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. J. Chard, who welcomed the Guild to his church.

Presenting the annual report, the secretary, Mr. G. A. Trimby, stated the membership was now 135, an increase over the previous year, and attendances at meetings had shown a slight improvement.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles; vice-chairman, Mr. R. C. Mundy; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. A. Trimby; assistant secretary, Mr. N. Skelton; auditor, Mr. A. Newman; Ringing Masters, A. Haines, R. Jones, L. Page, N. Skelton, together with J. Baverstock and D. Briggs on the committee.

Meetings arranged for the coming year, subject to permission, are at Wilton, Tisbury, Chilmark, Shrewton, East Knoyle, Chitterne, Winterslow, Amesbury and Damerham.

Ringing continued afterwards at St. Thomas' and St. Martin's towers. G. A. T.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

On the evening of February 4th the ringers at the small Bedfordshire village of Campton were hosts for the first hour's ringing of the Northern District, with thanks to the Biggleswade District for the use of one of their towers. The usual well-known five-bell methods were rung but spliced would not go. It is sad to report that there were not many members present, probably on account of the tower being rather awkward to reach from the District's point of view. Then a few miles back across the border to Pilton (yet another five, anti-clockwise and rather noisy): Doubles and rounds for the ever-present and most welcome learners. Many visitors joined us and we hope that they will renew their friendship at our next meeting—St. Ippolyt's, Saturday, March 4th, 6 p.m. C. M. O.

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. Harold Walker, president of the York Minster Society, is in a York nursing home. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

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The Bob Course of Stedman Cinques appears in Trollope's "Stedman" (1938) and is familiar to most Stedman conductors. The bob at 1 puts the bells into the Tittum position and the succeeding calls bring rounds in the same course. The plan for coming round is a parallel of that used in touches of Stedman Caters already shown in this series. Here, the bob at 12 holds e8 behind for one six and allows the 10th to come up to the 8th. 8.10 are then kept behind by bobs until the 11th comes from the front. As soon as the familiar termination e80 is heard the omission of further bobs allows the bells to run home.

A little experimenting shows that it is easy to extend this touch to two courses or more. The 240 given here merely adds a single at 7. This call comes when the 6th is dodging in 10-11 up. The 6th is not affected by the single, but 2 and 3 are turned over, so that as the big bells are called home, rounds is just avoided. The whole procedure is then repeated.

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QUARTER PEALS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, L. Derrick 2, Marjorie Legg 3, E. T. Lee 4, J. Brain 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, I. Middle-ditch 2, R. Rose 3, H. Ivings 4, M. Rose (cond.) 5. For the induction of Rev. C. J. Newell.

STAMFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1, D. Osbourne 2, T. Kirkman 3, A. Newell 4, R. Stretton 5, C. Fisher 6, D. Oliver (cond.) 7, L. Butler 8.

THORLEY HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird 4, K. Westwood 5, E. S. White 6. For morning service.

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