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THE READERS' OWN JOURNAL

THERE has always been a close link, since the days when John Sparkes Goldsmith founded "The Ringing World," between the reader and the editor, and because of the family spirit that has been engendered over the years that relationship is very real. At times the editor disappoints certain sections of the family as, for example, the introduction of the new type of heading on the very week of the College Youths' dinner. Never before has the editor been chivvied so mercilessly as on that occasion. But, as our readers know, it was just part of the picture, and when the grandeur of Mancroft in that Christmas scene was presented the volume of appreciation was very stimulating.

Since then there have been other issues of "The Ringing World" with a tinted cover—giving, incidentally, another four pages—and these have met with warm approval. The Committee decided at their last meeting at Derby to plan for 20 of these front page cover issues during 1967, and if the results are encouraging in three channels—greater circulation, more advertisements and notices and a better return from the publication of peals and quarter peals—this might well become a permanent feature except during the holiday period.

On the other hand, there might be a universal desire to increase the selling price of the journal. As every housewife knows, "the freeze" does not apply to commodities and costs are rising. While the audited figures of "The Ringing World" accounts are not yet available, the convener is aware that trading during 1966 was successful after taking all sources of revenue into consideration. There was a fair profit. But is this profit adequate to meet the new scale of charges that became operative this year of an approximate 5 per cent. rise in costs?

A 16-page issue of the journal with postage and carriage costs approximately £160 and with a 20-page issue this is increased to £200—blocks being an extra. Fortunately, "The Ringing World" has behind it financial reserves, and it is essential that the Central Council should be in this happy position. The possession of liquid assets is invaluable when it comes to financing publications where substantial sums are locked-up in the form of books for years before sufficient revenue is received to meet the printers' bill for the next publication.

Next week we embark on something new—a questionnaire to our readers, which is the brain child of two members of the Committee, Dennis Beresford and George W. Pipe. It is an attempt to analyse "The Ringing World's" family; to find out what the readers desire for the journal and how they would prefer the space available to be utilised. Such questions readily occur to one. The peal is a standard of performance that has been in existence for 300 years. There is a constant advance in the tech-

nical side of peal ringing and at the same time the development of physical fitness. Should the Exercise frame its being largely on peals? What is the percentage of readers' indifference to peals? What ratio of contents should be devoted to their publication? These are things the Editorial Committee want to know.

If you don't like peals, what would you like to read? Activities of Guilds and Associations, outings and tours, new methods and compositions, or turn the journal into a text-book to rival "The Beginners' Handbook"? Then there are others who feel that as we are Church Bell Ringers our primary purpose should be Sunday Service Ringing, and that we should fill our pages with subjects that would create an interest among call change ringers and those who have no desire to go beyond 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles. Can a journal for the advancement of change ringing build up a lasting circulation on such a basis?

The desire behind the questionnaire is to ascertain how to fashion "The Ringing World" so that a big sales drive can be attempted. This does not mean embarking on extravagant ideas, but to make the journal appealing to the many we know who are not subscribers—and they are also in the ranks of peal and quarter peal ringers. The journal is the property of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and above all its mouthpiece. The rules and decisions the Central Council have recommended to the ringing Exercise thus become part and parcel of our outlook.

Similarly, the work the Council undertakes in the installation and presentation of bells and facing up to the problems of sound control is a great service offered freely and gladly to the Church authorities. This relationship with the Church is very real, and the Central Council and its affiliated bodies desire that those who ring church bells should be recognised as true servants of the Church. With this thought uppermost, the men and women of our great family can say, "I am proud to be a Church bell-ringer." And the social link stimulating that family is "The Ringing World."

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Behind the Scenes Story of 165 Spliced Surprise Major

By M. J. HOBBS

FOLLOWING the new Spliced Surprise Major record of 64 methods, which was set at Stratton St. Margaret on May 21st, suitable celebrations were held at the conductor's home to discuss what our next plan of action should be. The unanimous decision, that we should continue to meet on the first and third Saturdays in each month in an attempt to increase our record, had already been anticipated by Tony Peake, who was in touch with the composer of our previous peals to see whether or not further progress was possible.

A number of reserves were drafted into the band for a short while and on May 28th and June 4th peals of 17 and 20 spliced were rung at Backwell and Highworth using Norman Smith's composition. On June 18th, again at Stratton, the first peal of what was to be more or less another series in itself was successfully accomplished in 70 methods. Whereas the previous record held by the Yorkshire Association had lasted for 11 years, ours was surpassed within one month.

Our next meeting place was to be at Blagdon on July 30th, when it was hoped that the composer, W. Eric Critchley, would be able to join us for 75 methods. However, this was not possible and it was not until the first Saturday in August that the next step was made, a peal in 80 methods at St. George's, Bristol, in 2 hours and 55 minutes. This peal introduced all of the band to their first Little Surprise Major method (Herefordshire), hence the reason that the number of changes were altered at this stage to 5,080 and not the standard 5,088.

THE MAGICAL HUNDRED

Once again holiday arrangements caused havoc with our programme and not until October 1st, a gap of almost two months, were we able to assemble again at Stratton, where 85 methods were scored without incident. At this stage Tony Peake took over the arranging of Eric Critchley's composition and his first increase brought the magical one hundred into our grasp. Six months had passed since we had been to one of our favourite towers, Longney, Glos, and so the time seemed ripe to pay a somewhat belated but nevertheless welcome return visit. On Sunday, October 16th, a good peal of 100 methods was scored in 2 hours and 40 minutes as a welcome to Penelope Jane, daughter of Jim and Jennie Taylor.

The amount of checking required for each composition was now so great that an error would have been too easy, so a second system of proof was set up and the somewhat onerous task of double checking fell upon the shoulders of the writer, who was thus able to reassure the band that each attempt was true.

By kind permission of the Vicar, churchwardens and senior ringers the next attempt was scheduled to take place on November 5th at Malmesbury Abbey. An extremely cold and wet Saturday afternoon saw us assembling in the tower, where we were very warmly welcomed by Mr. H. Blacker. With guest treble ringer Chris Kippin leading the way, a peal in 110 methods was rung in three hours.

Further work by Tony resulted in a peal of 120 methods at Longney on November 20th, including many local sounding place names—Calne, Shrivenham and Stratton. It was at this juncture that Lis Bowden confided in us that she was "infanticipating" an important event in May of 1967, so it appeared that our days were now numbered.

One hundred and thirty methods at Bradford-on-Avon on December 3rd did not even get off the ground due to one of the band going down with gastro-enteritis a day prior to the attempt. However, six new methods were added to this unringed composition and, on December 17th, once again at Stratton, 135 methods were rung in 2 hours and 46 minutes to herald the arrival of Brian and Lesley Bladon's first daughter, Helen.



The band pictured prior to the peal in 160 methods at Yatton on January 21st (from left to right): V. Griffin, J. R. Taylor, A. R. Peake, B. Bladon, P. Bridle, E. R. Venn, M. J. Hobbs, E. A. G. Bowden.

GREATEST NUMBER OF METHODS

A suitable conclusion to 1966 came on December 31st at Knowle, Bristol, when our next goal was achieved. A peal in 150 methods, surpassing the previous record for the greatest number of methods rung to a peal (148 Minor at Ashbocking), was completed in the somewhat brisk time of 2 hours and 47 minutes. This was one of the few peals in the series to be preceded by a false start. For some reason known only to himself, after 32 minutes' ringing, the conductor decided to call "Houghton" instead of "Houghton-le-Spring"—the result of this was complete and utter confusion, the like of which it is hoped we do not see again. Luckily there was no Evensong and through the good offices of Mr. Cocks, the local tower captain, we were allowed a second and successful attempt.

During 1966 we had jumped from 32 methods on January 1st to 150 on December 31st, and it was therefore with a feeling of trepidation that we approached the first attempt of the New Year on January 21st at Yatton, Somerset. This was the last peal in which Lis would be participating, and 160 methods—necessitating a change of method every lead—seemed as good a number as any for her to finish on. This being University Dinner Day, many people had gathered outside the tower to listen and record our efforts. It was very pleasing to make acquaintance with friends both old and new after the peal but time, as always, was not on our side. A hurried exit had to be made from Yatton in order that we could attend the U.B.S.C.R. Dinner.

Many would have thought that we had now reached "the end of the line" method-wise, but not our aspiring conductor/arranger. The Major record now lay, of course, in the hands of the Bath and Wells Association, so Tony, in an attempt to return it to our home Association, the Gloucester and Bristol, again burned the midnight oil and came up with a peal of 5,280 changes in 165 methods, to be attempted at his home tower (Stratton) on February 4th.

Although the day dawned bright and sunny, our ringing, unfortunately, was not so brilliant. Bearing in mind that this peal would be the culmination of two years' dedicated work, Tony set the bells up after 75 minutes due to the striking not being of a sufficiently high standard. This was our first failure since attempting 27 methods on November 6th, 1964, and so, after the usual peal ringers' inquest, it was decided that we should meet at Longney

on the following Saturday in the hope of a successful conclusion to the series.

With Di Chapman conveniently placed outside the tower, complete with tape-recorder, our second attempt for 165 methods commenced at 2.40 p.m. A slower speed than usual was adopted for this peal and it was some 3 hours and 3 minutes before "This is all" was called. Apart from one minor incident, when the conductor's glasses became dislodged and swung precariously from one ear, which resulted in several of the band endeavouring to restrain their mirth at his antics to right the situation, everything went according to plan. At this stage it is only fair to mention the herculean task taken by Ted Venn, who, after ringing the 7th since 85 methods, volunteered (?) to take Lis's place and ring the second for the final attempt—a jump of some 80 methods.

For the statistically minded, from the first peal on January 30th, 1965, the band met for 37 attempts and 34 peals were rung in 19 different towers; the total number of methods rung during these attempts was 187—75 of which were rung for the first time. Nine peals were rung at Stratton St. Margaret and seven at Longney, for which we are deeply indebted to the Rev. R. G. Bryant and the Rev. G. R. K. Moule respectively, also the local ringers at each tower. Seven of the peals have been recorded (14; 24; 53; 64; 150; 160; 165), the amount of time spent ringing is somewhere in the region of 111 hours and, finally, just for sheer irrelevance, during the series five babies were born—all girls—to various members' wives!

The band's combined thanks are accorded to W. Eric Critchley, Stephen Ivin, John Segar, Cyril A. Wratten and Shirley Burton for their help with compositions and methods and, once more, to the long-suffering husband, wives and girl friends who have so patiently stood and watched "from the touchline."

It would be wrong to close this report without singling out for special mention Anthony R. Peake, whose drive and enthusiasm had been a source of encouragement since the days of the humbler numbers. He has spent an immeasurable number of hours poring over figures, and without his initiative and leadership we are all sure that these attempts would never have been possible.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, R. Dilley 2, P. Rogers 3, R. Fuller 4, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 5, R. Cousins 6. For Parish Communion.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. FERN

Walter Henry Fern, of Ilfley, Oxon, or "Walt" as he was affectionately known, will be sadly missed by the host of friends who mourn his sudden death on February 18th. For practically all his life Walt served his church in a variety of ways. Although we always associate him with bell ringing his first love was for the children and for over thirty years he taught at the Sunday School and great was his joy to know that in the latter years he was teaching children of parents he had taught in earlier days.

In his ringing it was the same; although quite an accomplished ringer, nothing gave him more pleasure than to help and encourage youngsters in the art and he would cheerfully stand practice after practice ringing rounds or call changes. Apart from his faithful attendance at his own tower at Ilfley he was always ready to help any other band and many of us within quite a few miles of Ilfley have good cause to be grateful to him.

Having lived in the Ilfley and Cowley districts when they really were village communities he knew everybody and was always ready with a helping hand and a cheerful word and smile. He had a fund of anecdotes about past happenings and the inevitable characters one hears of in villages and not least about his probationary period in bell ringing, of sitting through the service ringing as patiently as he could until he was allowed to ring the cailing bell, finally being accepted as one of the band and proudly ringing a plain course of Grandsire Doubles from the card in front of him. It wasn't until after the war that he learned change ringing.

We also remember Walt for his love for his "cottage" garden, and his special love for animals. How for years, until the village school was closed, every night before he went to bed he walked or cycled from his home to feed the school cat and budgie, and again before he went to work in the morning whatever the weather. Stray cats strayed no longer. Walt took them in and cared for them. May he rest in peace. W. F. H.

MR. J. H. MCGREGOR

After a short illness the death of Mr. John Henry McGregor occurred in Bakewell, Derbyshire, on February 15th.

Mr. McGregor joined the Midland Counties Association in 1929 and was a regular ringer at All Saints Church, Bakewell, till a few years ago, when his health prevented him ascending the steps to the ringing chamber. He was also a member of the Bakewell handbell team, and was well known throughout Derbyshire.

He will be greatly missed, but remembered by us all. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow and family. B. B.

MR. JOHN JOLLEYS

With the sudden death of Mr. John Jolleys on February 10th not only did the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association lose a most loyal and steadfast member; but the Church of St. John the Baptist, Broughton, lost a life-long servant and friend.

He was taken ill after returning home from work on the Tuesday evening, and passed away just over 48 hours later. In the sixty years of his life, he had served Broughton Church in many ways, for more than fifty of them being a ringer for more than 40 years and tower captain for over 30. A truly outstanding record of loyal and faithful service.

But John Jolleys was not merely a ringer and tower captain; living, as he did, next door to the church he had often been called upon to act as verger, sexton, grave-digger and general handy man. His knowledge of the church and its congregation was immense, and his memory had often satisfied people trying to trace the graves of distant relatives. To many people John Jolleys was Broughton Church.

As a ringer his name was seldom found in the peal columns; but he was rarely, if ever, missing from Sunday service ringing or weekly practice. In his time he taught scores of young people to handle a bell and ring a course of Bob Minor, and in recent years his Friday night practices had been of enormous benefit to many young ringers from various towers in the Preston area.

His sudden passing leaves a gap at Broughton which will be very difficult to fill, but we must hope that the example of devotion, patience and service that he set will inspire others to carry on his work.

The funeral service, on Feb. 13th, was well attended by ringers and friends and a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung immediately afterwards. On the following Saturday a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung by members of the Preston Branch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION Southern Division

The annual Divisional meeting was held at Brighton on February 18th. Afternoon ringing was at St Nicholas Church, and the tea and business meeting were held at St. Peter's Church Hall with about 50 members present.

Canon Keeling, Vicar of Brighton, presided at the meeting when the Divisional secretary (Mr. D. L. Hall) the committee (Mr. G. P. Elphick and Mr. B. J. Stone) and the Divisional auditor (Mr. S. W. Brown) were re-elected. Mr. J. R. Norris was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Hills his deputy.

The secretary's report, including the moans about attendances at meetings, and the balance sheet were passed. Attention was drawn to the lower net income and it was agreed that this must be kept under review.

In the discussion on "The Ringing World" opinion seemed more or less evenly divided between those who approved the change in appearance and those who disliked the change. Several individual opinions could be summarised as "it doesn't matter what it looks like, it's what's in it that counts." A common desire was for the return of the name of Mr. J. Goldsmith to the front cover.

A sub-committee was formed to consider attendances at meetings and if thought desirable to alter the present system. D. L. H.

5,280 Spliced Surprise Major in 165 Methods

Arranged by ANTHONY R. PEAKE from a composition by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

23456 M W H

45236	—	—	Malmes Umb. Wootton
24536	—	—	Bide. Hit. Banwell
52436	—	—	Hen. Oke. Aldbourne
			Gres. Shenley
43526	—	—	High. Lydn. Brisling.
54316	—	—	Thor Pick. Wed.
35426	—	—	Harl. Bices. Chipp.
42356	—	—	Durs. Launc. Sidbury
63254	—	—	Pres Sups. Corston
26354	—	—	Hough Kett. Cleeve
32654	—	—	Llan. Lincoln. Exmin.
56423	—	—	Leck. Osp. Uxbr.
42563	—	—	Ilfra. Bidd. Northl.
35264	—	—	Okeham Gren. Ruard.
34562	2	—	Drayt. Rev. Dub. Pyrl.
			Helston
45362	3	2	Street. Hung. Crow.
			Stoke. Drog. Nor'd.
			Olney
23564	—	—	Henb. Axmin. Mangot.

Ford. Tring. Wem.
Blag. Jed. Barns.
Hanbury. Eal. Ames.
Knowle. Redruth
Wat. Keyn. Faring.
Highwor. Ald. Melk.
Frank. La Camp.
Shriv. Lundy. Scaw.
Bedf. Wight. Mickl.
Wrax. Chedd. Clan.
Rams. Hasel. Twyf.
Lond. Apple. Lisk.
Ipple. Long. North.
Lind. Cherwell. Rad.
Derwent Benson
Dorch. Otley
Codic. Jers. Coler.
Camb. Zeals. Revel.
New Gloucester
Deben. Ashb. Marsh.

Fram. Tiver. West.
Bening. Quin. Bitton
Yatton. Leath. Alder.
Kea. Radlett
East. Lincs Falmouth
Thorne. Port. Words.
Urch. Pains. Calne
Shore. Lang. Seaton
Elf. Strat. Vaux.
Act. Warwick Claybr.
Stock. Puds. Eastcote
Cuck. Apsley. Less
Iskle. Yorks. Northolt
Lamb. Chard. Rutland
Dawlish Bristol
Dart. Conis.
Stow. Dedham Cray
South. Dub. Richmond
Olveston
Ches. Mins. Maulden

Containing 32 changes each of the following methods: Acton Aldbourne, Aldenham (Ald), Aldermaston (Alder), Amesbury, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedford, Benington, Benson, Bicester, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Blagdon, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clancield, Claybrooke, Cleeve, Codicote, Colerne, Conisbrough, Corston Cray, Crowan, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Ealing, Eastbury (East), Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Gresford, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Helston, Henbury, Hendon, Highgate (High), Highworth (Highw), Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring (Hough), Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ipplepen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kea, Kettering, Keynsham, Knowle, Lambourn, Langley (Lang), Langston (La), Launceston, Leatherhead, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire (Lincs), Lindum, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longley, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Maulden, Melksham, Mickleton, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northam (North), Northolt, Northleach (Northl), Northwood (Nor'd), Okeford (Oke), Okehampton (Okeham), Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Painswick, Pickering, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe (Rad), Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse, Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivensham, Sidbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Superlative, Thornbury (Thor), Thorne, Tiverton, Tring, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wight, Wootton, Wordsworth, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, with 164 changes of method.

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Letters to the Editor

SPICED MINOR "FIDDLES"

Dear Sir,—I have noted with interest the recent exchange of views between Mr. H. Chant and Mr. I. Pett. Being very interested in the matter of Spiced Surprise Minor ringing, I would like to state that I can see no objection to ringing methods of the type used in the peal at South Mymms, from either a musical or an aesthetic point of view. Mr. Chant, himself a champion of 65's at back-stroke, and surely the only other criterion which can be used in judging a method is its difficulty.

Having had some experience of this type of method myself, I can say that they are very difficult to ring, in spite of their stagnant appearance. I suppose one could conceivably condemn the methods as just being a "fiddle" to get more methods in, but aren't singles in Surprise Major just a "fiddle" to introduce more musical courses? Surely the man who subscribes to one of the biggest "fiddles" in Spiced Minor ringing, namely Alliance and Little methods, can have no objections on these grounds?

It is a sad fact that any form of progress is always attacked most bitterly by those who have helped the course of progress in their time. I would urge the young people who rang this peal to persist in their efforts and to take no notice of such criticism from those who should know better. I note from the quarter peal columns that the ringers appear to be a Sunday service band, and their achievement is the more to be congratulated for this reason.

I would, however, like to make an inquiry. The arrangement of most of the extents used is fairly obvious from an examination of the method contained in them, but it would be interesting to know how the method "Queen Mary" has been introduced. It is a fairly simple method to adapt Mr. A. G. Driver's six method extent so that it contains "King Edward," as was recently done by a Kent band (who, incidentally, renamed a method which had already been rung to a full peal!) or the sixth's place variation of this, appropriately named "Queen Mary." I cannot, however, see how it is possible to include both these methods with the "Cambridge" six. Perhaps someone could enlighten me?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN D. GRUE.

Chorleywood, Herts.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. R. Brown's letter (page 112). I enclose the names of some of the Doubles variations that he rang at Chapel Allerton:

Plain Course	Bob	Name
St. Hilary	Grandsire S.	Brightwell
"	Antelope S.	Standlake
"	All Sts. P.L.	Sandford
Blackburn Place	Grandsire S.	Lillingstone
"	Antelope S.	Sevalcliffe
"	All Sts. P.L.	Arnold
Westminster II	Grandsire S.	Burton Joyce
"	Antelope S.	Epperstone
"	All Sts. P.L.	Stoke Bardolph

These were all rung for the first time in a peal. I think, at North Muskham, Notts, on November 4th, 1965.

I have no record of any variations of New Bob using Grandsire Singles, etc. — Yours sincerely,

GEORGE A. DAWSON.

Carlton, Nottingham.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

Dear Sir.—There is nothing quite so boring as a Tubb-thumper.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

BUREAUCRACY

Dear Sir,—Tubb-thumping Mr. Tubbs seems to have caught hold of the parrot-cry of sections of industry (the Egg Board, the Potato Board, the Milk Board, the chain stores and supermarkets etc.), "Get big or get out!" Has he forgotten what we had the last war against?—it was surely against HIS system of bureaucracy and totalitarianism, and that was told every Englishman on September 3rd, 1939, from the words sent forth: "We are fighting for freedom: Freedom in Politics, freedom in Religion, and freedom to manage our own affairs our own way!"

"Tubb-thumping Mr. Tubbs," if I read his letter in "The Ringing World" of February 24th correctly, would have ringing go the same way as industry—everything streamlined into a sort of closed-shop or bureaucracy, and only the biggest allowed to survive, that is—only those Guilds, Associations or Societies with 75 members (the minimum for sending one of its number to the Central Council) to be recognised. If they have less, then Mr. Tubbs and his kind consider them non-Associations. Who does "Tubb-thumping Mr. Tubbs" think he is to declare such a state of affairs? Did not every Society have to start from small beginnings—how many began with more than 75 members?—Sincerely yours,

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—I agree with Philip Gray that the reports of some outings are boring but I am quite prepared to put up with those in order to enjoy the excellent reports which appear from time to time. Some of the accounts are very informative in a general way and also help to keep one's "Dove" up to date, although a few scribes are unreliable witnesses and their reporting needs corroboration—steel bells at Lower Beeding, for instance.

I should like to thank A. E. R. for his contributions on the activities of the Bedfordshire ringers. Their pilgrimage to Kent as reported by Mr. Rushden (I presume) made excellent reading.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held on February 4th at Diss and was well attended with over 50 members and friends sitting down to tea. The Rector (Canon E. L. Corbell) conducted the service and gave a most interesting address.

At the business meeting the officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Dr. P. Jonason; secretary, Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo; Ringing Master, Mr. H. B. Fuller; Standing Committee, Mr. F. C. Arnold, Mr. J. Mowle; Branch Committee, Messrs. C. Catchpole, L. King, W. G. Saunders, T. Simmons and F. Sutton.

Five new members were elected, four of them from East Harling, where it was decided to hold the next meeting on May 6th.

Thanks were accorded to all who had helped with the meeting, especially Canon Corbell and Mr. A. G. Harrison. C. F. W. P.

CORK AND SHANDON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. W. E. Box's letter in a recent "Ringing World" concerning St. Mary's, Cork and St. Ann's, Shandon.

My grandfather, the late Alfred P. Botsom, used to recall ringing at St. Mary's just after the turn of the century. Although the frame and fittings had been regarded as unsafe as early as 1897, the bells were rung, up to about 1912, for special occasions. I believe the last time was in April, 1912, when a half muffled quarter peal was rung for the "Titanic" disaster. I still have my grandfather's records of peals and quarter peals; I believe the one at St. Mary's was his last.

Although the bells were installed in 1870, it was well known that an unsuitable kind of wood was used for the frame and fittings, and that the tenor was too heavy for the frame and the tower. How the 1912 quarter was rung I can never think, as my grandfather recalled that three men were needed on the tenor, and two each on the seventh and sixth.

Regarding St. Ann's, Shandon, I can confirm that these bells were hung for ringing until about 1908. Most Irish ringers will have heard of T. E. Cobley, who has become something of a legend as far as ringing in that country is concerned. He was tower captain here until 1908, when the condition of the tower necessitated the bells being hung "dead." Although it broke Tom's heart, it was no loss to Irish ringers; my grandfather's little black book has several rather uncomplimentary things to say about St. Ann's bells. The measurements and weights are as follows:

Treble: 22" diameter, 6 cwt., D.
2nd: 26", 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., C.
3rd: 30", 7-3-8, B flat.
4th: 35", 9-0-2, G sharp.
5th: 40", 10-0-5, G.
6th: 45", 11-1-6, F.
7th: 50", 12-3-8, E.
Tenor: 56", 27-1-9, D.

The treble and tenor are inscribed "FERRA LINGUA LOQUOR. J. HATTE 1714."

—Yours since ely, TIMOTHY BOTSOM.
Chipstead, Surrey.

SALISBURY GUILD AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—The General Committee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at its meeting in Salisbury deplored the fact that the rules of the Guild were not being adhered to in the case of two peals:—

No. 1, Yorkshire, at Wareham, Dorset, on May 28th, 1966.

No. 2, Grandsire Triples, at Wareham, on July 8th, 1966.

The peal booking fee has not been paid in the case of No. 1 peal. The same applies to No. 2 peal with the addition that at least one ringer was not a member until December 31st, 1966. The Salisbury Guild will not be claiming this peal.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH T. BARRETT.

Beaminstor, Dorset.

HANDBELL FOUNDER

Dear Sir.—Recently I was asked to inspect a set of bells acquired by a lady whose knowledge about them was rather limited. I discovered them to be musical handbells minus their handles or clappers. On the largest of them is inscribed: "Symondsons, Founders, No. 1 Tottenham Court Road, London." Does any reader know any particulars of this foundry? I hazarded a guess that they could have been cast from about 100 to 150 years ago. Am I right or hopelessly out—as sometimes occurs in that "antiques" programme "Going for a Song"?—Yours faithfully,

Rotherham, Yorks. MICHAEL KING.

P.S.—One bell is marked: 13 F (M. & S. number is 12F).—M.K.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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London County Association's Policy

LONDON County Association's A.G.M. was held on February 11th, proceedings starting with ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. Clement Danes', where the service was conducted by Mr. W. D. Grainger, a member of the Association.

Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells during the service and the lesson was read by H. W. Rogers. Tea, excellently prepared by three lady members of the Association, was then taken in a private room at the Edinburgh Tavern, just opposite the church.

About 56 members and friends of the Association were present at the annual general meeting which followed. During the year 20 new members had been elected, and to these were added at this meeting Messrs. C. G. Wright, D. Wright, A. Skilton, J. Gaze and R. Lister. Association members who had passed on during the year were R. Sanders (elected 1914), G. Hoad (1907), P. Crook (1918), S. H. Symonds (1919), E. D. Smith (1921), J. G. W. Harwood (1936), T. R. Dennis (1936), G. H. Barber (1946), W. H. Hewett (1907). Also remembered was Mrs. Emily Grainger, a great friend of the Association and mother of Mr. W. D. Grainger, who had earlier taken the service. The accounts, presented by Mr. W. G. Wilson, showed a balance of £182, being an increase of £16 over last year.

The Master, Mr. C. M. Meyer, presenting his report for the year, gave a most encouraging picture of the various activities and work of the Association in the realms of Sunday service ringing, meetings, practices, lectures and had been rung was the official peal to celebrate demonstrations. Among the eleven peals which had been rung was the official peal to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Diocese of Southwark, one of Stedman Cinques rung at the Cathedral. In contrast, great regret was expressed by Mr. Meyer that the Association had been omitted from the 900th anniversary celebrations at Westminster Abbey.

NEW MASTER OUTLINES HIS POLICY

To preside over the election of Master, Mr. W. T. Cooke, a member of the Association and a Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was unanimously voted to the chair.

Two nominees had been put forward—Mr. C. M. Meyer (the retiring Master) and Mr. H. W. Rogers. Speeches supported the two candidates, and a ballot resulted in favour of H. W. Rogers.

After Mr. Meyer invested the new Master with his badge of office, Harold Rogers made his maiden speech to the Association as Master.

The entire theme of this was future policy, and broadly it was to be a genuine "new look" and 1967 interpretation of the stated objects of the Association. Subject only to approval of the committee of the Association it would be:

(a) To do all possible to help improve and establish local companies of ringers within the area of the Association. Without strong local companies neither this nor any other Association can do a really useful job of work.

(b) As the only territorial Association embracing the whole of the County of London, to collaborate fully in uniting and rationalising the manifold ringing activities which take place in the area. The Master mentioned that for many years his ambition has been to get the Secretaries or other leading officers of such associations around a conference table to work out and publish a joint plan of activities for the benefit of all London area ringers, the majority of which each belong to several of



MR H. W. ROGERS

The new Master, formerly for 18 years general secretary, and Central Council representative for 21 years.

the overlapping Associations. Is it too much to ask of human nature that 1967 shall see an attempt by all the bodies concerned to start such a plan of rationalisation. This Association would willingly provide central meeting facilities for all secretaries who would co-operate with this.

(c) To recognise the changed pattern of living, leisure and extra mural pursuits of ringers in 1967 and to adjust social and practice meetings to suit up-to-date and new requirements.

Finally, the Master stressed that alone he could do nothing; he must have the full support of the membership. Given this support he could provide the platform and lead the organisation from which a year of useful activity could be launched.

The following supporting officers were elected: Deputy Master, D. Hewitt; treasurer and librarian, W. G. Wilson; secretary, Miss V. E. Dupré; assistant secretaries, L. Way and C. Dalton; stewards, A. F. Udall and Miss J. Spurgeon; trustees, C. Hughes and J. H. Lott.

The secretary gave details of an attractive programme of meetings and events for 1967, the majority of which were on the Association's regular second Saturday in the month basis. One exception was April, when a meeting proposed for Aldgate and St. George's-in-the-East was on April 15th to avoid clashing with the Richmond-upon-Thames Music Festival ringing competition at Isleworth on April 8th. Both tower- and handbell entries are still required for this function. A good social evening concluded the day's activities.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. H. Cook (first of Royal) 1. H. Clayton 2. Mrs. D. A. Day 3. W. Clump 4. D. Young (first "inside") 5. R. H. Cook 6. R. Looker 7. J. L. Day 8. O. Homewood 9. R. E. Manton (cond.) 10. For Evening.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

New District Secretary Elected

THE S. and W. District annual meeting was held at Twickenham on February 11th. Ringing and a service at St. Mary's preceded the tea and business meeting, which was attended by about 40 members and friends.

The secretary was able to present a reasonably encouraging report on the year's activities. One hundred and fifty ringing members had paid subscriptions for the year and, as a result of the increased subscriptions, there had been a substantial rise in income, the balance carried to the Association's Central Fund being up about 60 per cent. on that of the previous year. Another encouraging aspect of the finances was the sum that had been donated to the Bell Restoration Fund. The introduction of the "pink pig" collection box had produced a sum of over £25 for this fund.

The peal and quarter peal ringing activities of the year had been similar to those of 1965; eight peals were rung and 44 quarter peals had been reported. The secretary said that he felt the quarters total was disappointingly low, especially as five towers accounted for almost the entire total. He felt that quarter peal ringing was of great importance for improving standards of striking, and he hoped that many more towers in the District would make the effort to "have a go" in the coming year.

The most satisfying aspect of the year's activities had been the continued success of the evening meetings. Attendances had now settled down to a steady level higher than was being achieved with Saturday meetings, and this change of emphasis appeared definitely to have been for the better. The year had also seen the introduction of practices devoted purely to Surprise ringing, and the District was very grateful to the Vicar of Feltham for allowing the bells to be available once every two months for these meetings.

The elections of officers produced two changes. W. S. Deason resigned from the secretaryship following his election as Master of the Association and C. H. Rogers, of Isleworth, was elected as the new District secretary. F. T. Blagrove was elected to the post of District auditor.

Six new ringing members were elected, viz.: R. E. J. Bunker (Ruislip), M. Lane and N. J. Perryman (Stanwell) and the Misses G. Birchall, H. Chisholm and M. Jeppeson (Hampden). Nine non-resident life members were also elected.

Under "any other business" it was pointed out that by holding the A.D.M. on the second Saturday in February the District was clashing with the A.G.M. of the London County Association. It was decided that in future years the A.D.M. should be held on the last Saturday in January.

The meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks and was followed by evening ringing at All Hallows', Twickenham. W. S. D.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Bingham District had an excellent meeting attended by over 50 ringers at St. John of Beverley, Wharton, on February 11th. Wharton ringers are to be congratulated, not only for the work on the bells, but for the beautifully decorated ringing room.

Four new members were elected, viz.: Mr. P. Hall, Mr. C. Cade, Miss W. Hall, Miss J. Holmes, all from Lowdham. Mrs. J. Dawson was proposed as a vice-president. The sum of £1 15s. was collected for Bell Repair Fund.

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Central Council President at Derbyshire Association Dinner

DESPITE the last minute change of date almost 200 members and friends were present when the Derby Diocesan Association held its 15th annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon Cinema and Restaurant Chesterfield, on February 18th. Prior to the dinner several of the principal guests, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield (Councillor Mrs. Annie Collishaw and Mrs. E. Hill) visited the Parish Church where they not only saw both the bells and ringers in action but also had first-hand experience of learning to ring.

After the loyal toast, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in his opening remarks as chairman for the evening, paid tribute to the life and work of Sir Arthur Heywood, of whom, he said, all Derbyshire ringers should be proud. Another Derbyshire celebrity of whom they should also be proud, namely Mrs. Elisabeth Bowden, was actually present and on behalf of the company he heartily congratulated her on taking part in the record peal of 160 Spliced Surprise Major methods. The chairman said he had great pleasure in introducing Canon Thurlow, in his official capacity as President of the Central Council.

Proposing the toast of "The Church and Exercise," Canon Thurlow said he was, first of all, very pleased about two things. One was that he was glad the change in date had not prevented him from coming whilst the other was that the famous crooked spire was still attached to Chesterfield Church and not on top of St. Albans Cathedral as shown on television recently! It just showed how careful you had to be, particularly for example with forms of address as the Bishop of Bath and Wells discovered when he received a letter addressed to "Messrs. Bath and Wells Ltd."! In another instance which occurred recently a friend of his rang the G.P.O. inquiry service to make sure of the Bishop of Portsmouth's address and phone number, only to be told that the addresses and phone numbers of all public houses were to be found under the name of the landlords!

LOYALTY TO CHURCH

On a more serious note, Canon Thurlow urged the company not to worry too much about the Church being criticised so much nowadays. This was no new pastime but had been going on for ages—ever since the days of Pontius Pilate, who said then that the Church was dead and had no future. However, it had survived despite this as it always would continue to do. When one considered that in this country alone we spent over £2,000 million a year on gambling it was nothing short of a divine miracle that the Church is as good as it is. In actual fact some sections of the Church activities were better now than they ever had been, particularly when the state of present day ringing was taken as an example.

Referring to the "Exercise," the Canon assumed all those present took "The Ringing World" and knew all about the Central Council. He did, however, urge everyone to support their ringing paper as much as they possibly could as it was tremendous value for money and could never be replaced. Similarly he hoped they fully appreciated the Central Council and the work of all its various committees. Although all the committees did extremely useful work, the Towers and Belfries Committee in particular was worth a special mention as it was always very busy giving advice based on many years of experience to one church or another.

In conclusion Canon Thurlow reminded the company that despite all the criticisms and faults both the Church and the Exercise were part and parcel of the same thing and always would be. As an example of the co-operation between the two bodies, he quoted the Association's effort to raise £1,000 towards the £200,000 needed for the extensions to Derby Cathedral which he thought was most commendable and hoped they would be successful in their venture.

Responding to the toast of "The Church and Exercise," the Bishop of Repton, the Rt. Rev. Warren Hunt, said speaking at that dinner rather reminded him of the time he was inducted, when he had to ring the bell as many times as years he intended to stay. On one side there was his family wondering whether it was worth unpacking or not, on the other side the congregation eyeing him over with a mixture of suspicion and distrust whilst at the back the ringers were wondering if he was going to break the rope, the stay or both!

F. E. COLLINS!

Joking apart, though, he really was a keen supporter of ringers and ringing, admiring in particular the tremendous drive and enthusiasm which the majority of ringers seemed to have. A very good illustration of what he meant was the tower captain at his former parish of Croydon (Mr F. E. Collins) for no matter which church the Bishop visited if there was a ring of bells there, Ted Collins had not only rung there but more often than not had got his name on a peal board too! In fact he had often thought that the Royal Commission at present looking into drugs ought to look into ringing as well!

Although he fully agreed with Canon Thurlow's present day definition of "The Church and Exercise" it was not so many years ago that the ringers' exercise consisted only of ringing and then getting down the steps, out of the church and into the nearest public house as fast as possible, whilst the local Vicar's exercise consisted of continually going back and forth to answer the telephone during peal attempts! Nowadays of course the ringers go to service and then go for a drink.

Proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Mr. G. Roobottom (Derby District) said he was a farmer by trade and so apologised for any muck spreading which might occur! He welcomed the distinguished guests, the visitors and all the ladies present. This, he said with a twinkle, was one of the rare occasions when the ringers saw their wives! He always thought it a great shame that they should be left at home doing nothing, whilst their husbands were out ringing peals and so wondered whether they could more usefully employ the time making bell ropes!

In her response on behalf of the visitors, the Mayor of Chesterfield, Councillor Mrs. Annie Collishaw, said as this was the third consecutive year the dinner had been held in Chesterfield it was obvious that they liked coming, particularly as she understood the attendance of over 200 on each occasion was an all-time record for the Association. She hoped that their visit to the ancient borough would be well worth while.

The formal part of the evening thus at an end the floor was cleared and dancing enjoyed. A raffle in aid of Derby Cathedral Extension Fund realised just under £14. Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Thurlow, Miss June Brocklehurst and Mrs. Pegg for singing and reciting respectively, and last but not least the organisers.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the chairman, Mr. Smallwood, on the top table were Canon Thurlow, the Bishop of Repton and Mrs. Warren Hunt, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Ven. T. W. Ingram-Cleasby, the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield, Mr. B. P. Morris (general secretary) and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carlisle, Mr. D. Friend (peal secretary) and Mrs. Friend, Mr. D. J. Marshall (Education Officer) and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Roobottom, Mr. J. Newman, Messrs. A. Humphrey, I. Friend, M. Phipps and Miss M. Yarnold.

Others present included: Mr. and Mrs. A. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. P. Attwood, Rev. and Mrs. A. Batsleer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Camm, Mr. and Mrs. L. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cope, Mr. and Mrs. D. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. D. Derbyshire, Mr. and Mrs. H. Farnsworth, Dr. and Mrs. G. Futers, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gascoyne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. B. Greasley, Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenhough, Mr.

and Mrs. A. Heeley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mould, Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Revill, Mr. and Mrs. B. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. F. Roby, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Rollinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sallis, Mr. and Mrs. K. Saxton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherratt, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaffe, Mr. and Mrs. E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. P. Yarnold.

Messrs. D. Adams J. Arkwell, D. Bannister, D. Barnes, B. Bateman, M. Blore, L. Boulter, D. Camm, M. Camm, R. Chambers, J. Dodd, G. Faulkes, J. Greasley, C. Greenhough, J. Healey, A. Heron, P. Heywood, G. Hibbard, C. J. Hughes, C. Jenkins, K. Kimmons, R. Marchbank, C. Miller, G. A. Newman, H. Paddison, G. Pears, T. Plumtree, P. Quigley, W. Revell, P. W. Saltmarsh, A. Shore, J. Stennitt J. Timons, I. Wilson, A. Wittermore, J. C. Woolley and T. Wylie.

Mesdames Bowden, Fogg, Hibbard, Pegg, Phipps, Revell and Tansley.

The Misses J. Brocklehurst, V. Dorricott, G. Fanshaw, P. Fogg, M. Frost, L. Greasley, S. Heeley, J. Hinchcliffe, V. Hind, K. Hughes, M. Hunt, A. James, H. James, A. Lawrence, V. Meddoes, R. Miller, J. Murrell, I. Pepper, E. Phipps, I. Prythurch, E. Revell, L. Shaw, C. Slatcher, P. Tomlinson, M. Walker and V. Walton. M. P. P.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,296 Minor (three methods): C. Carter 1, R. W. Rex 2, G. K. Dodd 3, W. Hunt 4, R. W. Crook 5, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 6.

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles E. Dolman 1, Miss P. J. Dolman 2, W. Fisher 3, P. Corfield 4, E. J. Dolman (cond.) 5, G. Holden 6. For Evensong.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford T.B., 720 Cambridge): Susan Harrison 1, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison 2, L. J. Parry 3, R. C. Groom 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,440 Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise): Susan Harrison 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, L. J. Parry 3, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Margaret A. Robinson (first on eight) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, R. L. Jones 3, F. A. Benn 4, K. Rider 5, C. M. Meyer 6, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 7, R. Jean Henderson 8. For Evensong.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. A. Sheffield (first attempt) 1, Christine Slater 2, Barbara Pickering 3, J. Wellings 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 6. A farewell to Remi M. Hodister, former captain of this tower.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Russell 1, Juliet Hall 2, Janice Penning (first Triples "inside") 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. A. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Juliet Hall.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. Hartley 1, E. Eldridge 2, J. Dieppe 3, T. Tocock 4, J. Muller 5, M. Barton (cond.) 6, W. Spicer 8. For Evensong, and to mark the gift of a son, Matthew William John, to the conductor and Marilyn Barton.

COWLEY OXON.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand-sire): Violet Holloway 1, Brenda Martin (cond.) 2, W. Fern 3, J. Sutton 4, J. Gardner 5, A. J. Adams 6. A welcome to the congregation of the John Bunyan Baptist Church at a combined Evensong.

DERHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Adams (first as cond.) 1, Janet Hohl 2, Hilary Webb 3, P. C. Palmer 4, S. Marshall 5, P. M. Adcock 6, K. S. Hohl 7, G. P. Adams 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. O. P. Adams, father of the conductor.

DROITWICH, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Dollings 1, J. Sach 2, Mrs. Sayer 3, A. Sayer 4, A. Russell (first quarter) 5, M. Powell (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to John Sach.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Jan. 22nd, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: T. H. Wilson 1, G. McGregor 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, Miss H. M. Hubert 4, C. R. P. Broughton 5, H. W. Jones 6, C. J. Reede 7, W. T. Farrell 8, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 9, H. H. Brown 10. First of Caters 1 and 2. For Evensong.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,312 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland S. Major: K. D. Waples 1, W. Ayre 2, A. V. Good 3, H. Collings 4, R. E. Sheppard 5, B. M. Barker 6, P. W. Harper 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of four Spliced S. Major 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and by a Western District band. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Ann P. Bond 1, W. Ayre 2, C. Valerie Mills 3, F. M. Byrne 4, A. V. Good 5, R. E. Sheppard 6, K. Sheppard 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 4 and 7. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,312 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland S. Major: C. Valerie Mills 1, A. V. Good 2, W. Ayre 3, B. M. Barker 4, K. J. Walpole 5, P. W. Harper 6, K. D. Waples (first of four Spliced S. Major) 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Virginia Drake 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, A. P. Burley 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. Locke 7, C. J. Dunstan (first on eight) 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8. A farewell to Virginia Drake, returning to Plymouth. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 2, A. Locke 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, W. R. Curtis 5, J. J. George (first on eight "inside") 6, A. Carveth 7, A. Beattie 8.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cocker 1, S. Walmsley 2, J. Nelson 3, G. Cunliffe 4, J. Sumner 5, L. Walmsley (cond.) 6.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,263 Steeman Caters: Jane A. Carruthers 1, Iris Lemare 2, M. Susan Jackson 3, M. R. Meadows 4, R. Joy Watkin 5, R. H. Dove 6, Rev. G. C. Galley 7, C. B. Dove 8, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 9, A. E. Hartley 10.

LONDON, E.C.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Botolph-without-Aldgate, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Pladdys 1, Miss R. J. Henderson 2, R. Jones 3, R. Churchill 4, C. M. Meyer 5, D. L. Cawley 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, L. Hanne 8. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Jones 1, P. S. Muchlinski 2, J. Pladdys (cond.) 3, K. J. Rider 4, A. Griffin 5, T. Lewis 6, J. W. Euston 7, C. M. Meyer 8. Both first in the method on the ringing bells.

NEWHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Miss P. Winch (first quarter) 1, R. Kite (first quarter) 2, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 3, J. B. Keeler 4.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Bevan (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Prisca Hornby 3, L. A. Tremear (cond.) 4, J. Huggins 5, J. Hatch 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss R. Perry 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, J. Lawley 3, M. Clewes 4, B. Sutton 5, B. Wootton 6, A. D. Roden 7. For evening service.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, F. M. Bowers 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, A. P. Smith 4, A. Locke 5, G. D. Carter 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, G. W. Taysom 8.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire and Plain Bob): A. P. Trigg (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. C. Sims 2, J. Sims 3, G. Clarke 4, P. G. Braund (cond.) 5, F. Mounce 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Beard, for many years a ringer at this church, who died January 31st.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: (R. Brain (first quarter) 1, P. W. Clarke 2, J. G. Flint 3, Alan S. Smith 4, D. G. Carr 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: F. Emmett 1, G. W. Hollis 2, J. Upton 3, G. Court 4, P. Mayne (cond.) 5, J. Kelland 6, J. Rowell (first "inside") 7, P. Cork 8. Rung for Sunday service, also for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Richards, life member and former ringer at this church. And also a compliment to Christine Clay (nee Griffith) and George Court, both ringers at this church, on the birth of sons.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Maple 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, Mrs. I. Maple 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Duffin late headmaster, Rydon School.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Alan H. Durfee is starting a handbell ringing group at Cornell University.

This year's St. Valentine's quarter peal was rung by the single ringers at Rayne, Essex—and there were four ladies!

The last peal the late Mr. John Worth rang was at Liverpool Cathedral on February 18th. He conducted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus from the third, the time taken being 4 hours 30 minutes.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Reginald S. Cook, of King's Langley, Herts, aged 82. He was president of the Herts County Association in 1938. An obituary will appear next week.

Mr. Samuel J. Haines, of Wigston Magna, Leicester, rang 56 peals in 1966 and not 54 as recorded. The error arose through his name having also been printed in peals as S. John Haines.

The band who ran the peal at Penn would like to express their thanks to Derek Knowles for stepping in at short notice in place of Gordon Griffiths, who was a victim of the "tummy bug" which has been busy in the district, and to Daisy Eyre for preparing the tremendous spread which followed. A special mention too of Lily Griffiths' "fish pie" which all enjoyed.

The first in memoriam peal to Mr. John Worth was rung at Heywood, Lancashire, on the day following his death, conducted by Mr. Neil Bennett.

Easter Monday will be a great day in the Schofield and Crossthwaite families as it is the wedding day of Gillian and Maryl. The two families have rung a peal together—probably the last together in the girls' spinsterhood.

Twelve dozen handbells made of glass belonging to Mr. K. J. Foss were sold for £2,726 at Sotherby's recently. Prices ranged from £38 for specimens of four various colours with plain glass handles to £170 for a pair with turquoise bodies decorated with raised spirals.

By calling Parker's twelve-part peal of Grand-sire Triples at Withyham, Sussex, on February 26th, E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, completed his 150th peal as conductor. It was at this tower that he called his first peal, ringing the same bell to the same method and composition.

The 40th anniversary of the hallowing of the restored Diocese of Leicester on Feb. 21st was marked by a visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The ringers did their part as, previous to the service, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung on St. Martin's bells, conducted by Mr. Herrick B. Bowley.

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A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION

In the Lambourn Valley, Berkshire, between Newbury and Lambourn, there are many picturesque villages. All, writes Geoffrey K. Dodd, have impressive church towers—Boxford, with a short red brick tower and an unringable five. Welford, a round tower and round tall spire. Sheffield, also a round tower, with an unringable six.

A little further on is East Garston, with a centre tower and heavy going six. Here the film "The Quiet Week-end" was made. Finally comes Lambourn, with its tall central tower and majestic ring of eight, with a 24 cwt tenor.

Our story concerns Welford. Three young Highclere ringers, led by Philip Taylor, received permission from the Vicar and churchwardens to endeavour to repair the broken wheels and clappers in their half term holiday.

Fortunately Philip's father is an engineer and a keen ringer, and he was able to assist in thread cutting. After several days' work, Sunday, February 19th, was fixed for the red letter day, the only work remaining being the loose headstock of the fourth. There remained 1½ hours' work before the bells could be raised singly and rung in rounds for the first time for at least 50 years. Changes were attempted with some success before the bells were lowered it being asserted that the half hour's service ringing planned could be done with safety.

It cannot be claimed that the bells are 100 per cent perfect. The old-fashioned fittings, dating from 1600, long-flighted clappers and old-fashioned bearings ensure that plenty of pulling is required on the back two. The tenor, in Mr Dodd's opinion, is nearer 12 cwt. than the 17 cwt. mentioned in Dove's, but the ring of five is of excellent tone. It is to be hoped that the efforts of these lads will eventually have the fruitful result of being rung Sunday by Sunday by a local team.

The inscriptions are:

Treble.—Joseph Carter. 1588. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Second.—Henri Knight Made Mee. Ano 1592.

Third.—Henri Knight Made Me. 1619.

Fourth.—William Webb. Georg Coxhead, Church Wardens G.B. 1661. W.W.P. WB.

Tenor.—W.R. 1576 William at Ceir Babro Nowrn Nabtiein

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Southern District meeting on February 18th got off to a good start with South Anston's eight bells being raised promptly at 2.30 p.m. A wide variety of ringing took place and a pleasing feature was the attendance of Mr Ernest Short's youngsters from Sproughton. Tea was served to 40 ringers and afterwards Mr. Harold Chant took the chair, due to the enforced absence of the District's vice-president, Mr. Michael R. Meadows. The main item was the acceptance of the committee's proposals for six practice meetings, details of which have now been circulated to all the District's towers. The clash of dates with the Eastern District also came under discussion, but nothing really definite could be resolved.

Further ringing continued at Harthill, a "silent" eight bell tower. Despite various mechanical contrivances in the ringing chamber the fine-toned bells were again rung to a wide variety of methods. The attendance of 40 to 50 ringers was an improvement on the November meeting, no doubt the main factor being that it was the District's first meeting at both towers, since 1939 at least. M. K.

SUSSEX VETERAN HONOURED

Rogate, Sussex, recently honoured Mr. James Stenning (77) and his wife Ethel by a parish party. Mr. Stenning has completed 62 years as a ringer at Rogate Parish Church and for 40 years was captain of the tower, maintaining the bells in perfect order and teaching novices the art of change ringing.

He was presented with an address commemorating "with gratitude and affection an outstanding record of service to the Church," and his wife received a bouquet. A cake in the shape of a bell, and bearing the inscription on Rogate tenor had been made by Mrs. Kristen Munday, and this the couple cut.

The Vicar, the Rev Percy Hayman, paid a happy tribute to Mr. Stenning's service, and there were congratulatory messages from the Bishop of Chichester (the Rt. Rev. R. P. Wilson) the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers and Mr. Paul Taylor, as the Loughborough Foundry was responsible for recasting and augmenting Rogate bells to six in 1904. From Mr. Taylor there was a gift of a handbell to Mr. Stenning to mark the occasion.

Mr. Stenning has no intention of retiring. "Hard work and study is the secret of ringing. It is very absorbing, and you have never finished—I am still learning," was how he regarded his duties as a ringer.

THE FESTIVE BOARD AT ILMINSTER

The Crewkerne Branch's annual dinner at the Royal Oak, Ilminster, on February 10th was a happy occasion attended by a company of 50. The Rev. P. R. Shepherd, of Shepton Beauchamp was in the chair and proposed the loyal toast. The secretary, Mr. Robert Dean, then welcomed the visitors from neighbouring Branches and proposed a toast to them. Mr. G. Jeanes replied on their behalf, and the evening concluded with a light entertainment.

31 YEARS AFTER

The peal at Maresfield, Sussex, was of special interest to two of the ringers—Messrs. Frank H. Hicks and Arthur J. Hart—as they both rang their first peal in that tower when the ring was a lumpv-going six, on February 9th, 1935—31 years and two days before the present peal. In their first peal Arthur rang the heavy-going tenor and Frank the treble. It was Grandsire Doubles, conducted by William A. Kitchenside.

JOINT MEETING IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Over 40 ringers attended a successful joint meeting at Somerby, Leics, on February 25th of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild and the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

After a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Harrison), with Miss Hollingshead as organist, the company was hospitably entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. S'mson. Mrs. Jill Staniforth proposed a vote of thanks to them for their hospitality and to the ladies who helped with the tea.

At the Ladies' Guild meeting Mrs. Staniforth was re-elected vice-president, Miss S. Chesterton honorary secretary and Mrs. M. Jelly and Mrs. P. Morris as Ladies' Guild Central Council representatives.

THE PEAK(E) OF SPLICING

There was a young (?) ringer signed "D. B." A composer of limericks we see.

But the Peak(e) of splicing

(Though, I admit, not in writing).

Must be one-sixty-five at Longney.

H. TAYSOM.

CHANGE RINGING AT LEEDS

HIGH SCHOOL

The Leeds Central High School Handbell Society was formed in late 1960 as a change ringing group, using six borrowed bells. Double-handed ringing was taught from the start and about a dozen boys received instruction in the first year. By July, 1961, four of them were ringing plain courses of Bob Minor.

In the following three years membership fluctuated considerably, although fresh incentive was given in 1962, when, as the result of a generous donation by the Parents' Association, a secondhand set of six handbells (tenor size 17 in B flat) was purchased.

April, 1964 proved a crucial month in the Society's history. Two boys were ringing touches of Bob Minor of all lengths up to 180 when we were requested to take the handbell part in a Leeds schools' performance of Benjamin Britten's "Noyes Fludde" in Leeds Parish Church. Six boys responded very well and the final results were most impressive. Unfortunately, there seemed to be a reluctance to return to change ringing and by March, 1965, the Society had ceased to function.

A fresh start was made in the following September, and four boys rapidly achieved plain courses of Bob Minor. Progress was maintained, and bobs and singles were tackled with enthusiasm. We eventually scored a 360 in the autumn of 1966. Now, for the first time, attention has been turned to Bob Doubles, a move which was fully justified when, on February 17th, two boys, Lisle Joseph and Michael Perrins, scored their first quarter peal.

Michael has recently been receiving tower bell instruction at Pudsey. Lisle hails from Port of Spain, and it would be interesting to know whether he is the first Trinidadian ever to ring a quarter peal. Both boys are looking forward to scoring their first full peal in 'the not-too-distant future.

Apart from its weekly practices, the Society has given demonstration performances at Parents' Association musical evenings and has rung touches at the school's annual carol service and in assembly. Whatever the personal successes achieved, some 1,500 to 2,000 people are now aware that there is method in a bell ringer's madness. R.B.

NEWS FROM DURBAN

Back from his travels in Australia and South Africa, Mr. W. Moorey, of Elstead, near Godalming Surrey, has had interesting letters from Perth, W.A., and Durban, Natal. For years the leader of ringing in Durban has been Mr. Cyril Chambers and he reports that their ringers can only be described as learners and a plain hunt is their capacity. St. Paul's, Durban, has now a Vicar interested in bells and the consequence is no shortage of recruits. A curate is shortly due—the Rev. Mervyn Moore who, according to rumour, has rung in England.

THE WHISTLING BEER MUG

Permission was sought at a Consistory Court at Oxford on February 24th by the Vicar and Parochial Church Council of Lambourn, Berks, to sell a silver gilt "whistling tankard" valued at between £8,000 and £9,000. It was traditional for parish choir and bellringers at their suppers to blow into the holes in the handle to order more beer.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATHAMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

11 methods/variations: Four extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Colomb, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Dedworth, Reverse St. Bartholomew and one 240 (Morris's) Grandsire.

*Kay Whittaker Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in A.
Julian E. Newman 2	Alan F. Lee 4
Robin L. Coles 3	†Ian P. Cox 5
	John H. Thompson .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal attempt † Most methods "inside." Most methods to be rung on the bells.

Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. Fred Gooding, tower master at this church for 32 years.

FRESHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 methods/variations: Three extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Colomb, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Dedworth, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune and one extent and one 240 (Morris's) Grandsire.

*Ian P. Cox Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.
†Robin L. Coles 2	*George J. Hawkins 3
	†Julian E. Newman 4
†Alan F. Lee Tenor	

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* Most methods to a peal and first five-bell peal. † Most methods "inside." ‡ 25th peal together

Rung before Evensong to mark the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Francis Pollard, Rector of this parish for 12 years.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr 6 lb in D.

Stephen Iviv Treble	Robert L. Piron 6
Arthur Gibbs 2	Keith H. Fleming 7
Anthony H. Smith 3	Rodney H. French 8
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Alfred E. Rushton 9
Alan A. Paul 5	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood Conducted by Stephen Iviv.
Rung in memoriam Donald Thompson.

(The Bedford District)

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 of Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

James H. Edwards Treble	Frank W. Rivett 5
Kathleen A. Rivett 2	Robert L. Piron 6
Avril Iviv 3	Rodney H. French 7
Martyn J. Marriott 4	Stephen Iviv Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Iviv.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

STAPLEFORD, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being four extents of Plain Bob, two of St. Clement's College Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.	
F. H. King (Magd.) .. Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 4
S. P. Darvill (Downing) 2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 5
*R. E. J. Bunker (Downing) 3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.

* First peal

Rung on the 53rd anniversary of the closing of the Cambridge horse-drawn tramway system.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 4 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Alan McFall 2	Neil D. Lomas 8
John Worth 3	Neil Bennett 9
Alexander J. Martin 4	Brian J. Woodruff 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	Robert B. Smith 11
Derek Butterworth 6	Brian Harris Tenor
	Basil Jones Tenor

Conducted by John Worth.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Raymond J. Ballard .. Treble	Gerald Parsons 5
Norman Sherratt 2	David Midgley 6
Felicity Webber 3	Harold Dowler 7
†Hilary F. Pardoe 4	†Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Norman Sherratt
* 100th peal. † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal for the Chester Guild.

HANMER, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Wychbold, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Colomb, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day, Kennington and Old.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.	
David Allman Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
Frank R. Morton 2	Leon A. Perry 5
Keith W. Eaton 3	John R. Scott Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Thomas Higginson, who was interred at Hanmer prior to the peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

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

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUTLER'S MARSTON, Warks.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (3) London and Wells, (4) Norwich, (5) Norwich, (6) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich.

Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb.	
John P. Thorne Treble	*Anthony J. Cox 4
Richard J. Danby 2	Robert W. Sherriff .. 5
Peter C. Randall 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* 25th peal for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Feb. 15, 1967 in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PONTEFRAT DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Neil Handley Treble	Kevin A. Betesta 5
David K. Walklate 2	Graham Fisher 6
Geoffrey Bridges 3	William Allsopp 7
David Oliver 4	Reginald J. Stretton .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by David K. Walklate.
First peal of Delight Major by all the band and for the Association.

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Wed., Feb. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. Frank Smallwood .. Treble	Timothy Wylie 5
Arthur F. Lewry 2	Harry Parkes 6
George H. Paulson 3	Herbert E. Taylor 7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 4	Ronald H. Bullen Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.

On Wed., Feb. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

John E. Anderson Treble	James Crowther 5
C. Duncan Davis 2	Michael Poppleston .. 6
Stephen C. Wells 3	Denis A. Bayles 7
Malcolm E. Johnson .. 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of C. D. Davis

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

EARLS COLNE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 DUFFIELD MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Lesley Ward Treble	Brian J. Vaughan 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Neil V. Avis 3	Adrian G. Semken 7
Michael J. Howes 4	Walter Arnold Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

First peal in the method by all.

STEBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Janice A. Hunter Treble	*Christopher G. Hardy .. 4
Marion H. Wood 2	Peter L. Wood 5
Peter J. Perkins 3	Frank W. J. Roper Tenor

Conducted by Frank W. J. Roper.

* First peal. First by an all-Finchingfield band.

TENDRING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 21 methods as follows: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley. (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal and Capel, (3) London and Double Court Bob, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

Vivian A. P. Cross Treble	*Michael Bew 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 163 methods, comprising 32 changes each of Acton, Aldbourne, Aldenham, Aldermaston, Amesbury, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Benington, Benson, Biester, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Blagdon, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clansfield, Claybrooke, Cleve, Codicote, Colerne, Conisbrough, Corston, Cray, Crowan, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Ealing, Eastbury, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Gresford, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Helston, Henbury, Hendon Highgate, Highworth, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ipplepen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kea, Kettering, Keynsham, Knowle Lambourn, Langley, Langston, Launceston, Leatherhead, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longney, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Maulden, Melksham, Mickleton, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northam, Northleach, Northolt, Northwood, Okeford, Okehampton, Olney, Olveston, Osprey, Otley, Painswick, Pickering, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe, Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivensham, Sidbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Superlative, Thornbury, Thorne, Tiverton, Tring, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wight, Wootton, Wordsworth, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, with 164 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Maurice A. New Treble	James R. Taylor 5
*John R. Mayne 2	Anthony R. Peake 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Victor Griffin 7
Brian Bladon 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* Most methods to a peal. 100th peal of Surprise as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Francis M. Byrne Treble	*Peter W. Harper 5
†Howard Collings 2	†Reginald E. Sheppard .. 6
Walter Ayre 3	†Keith D. Waples 7
†Brian M. Barker 4	Anthony R. Kench Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Anthony R. Kench.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major by a Western District band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW RADNOR, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Feb. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb.

John W. Hope Treble	Thomas Bound 4
Laurence T. Mainwaring .. 2	Reginald Preece 5
*Martin Turner 3	Frederick R. Harris Tenor

Conducted by Frederick R. Harris.

* First peal of Minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PENSURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Phyllis R. Chidwick Treble	*Harold Evans 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
John A. Howard 3	Richard Hayes 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 ZENNON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Anthony J. Leves Treble	Ralph Bird 5
Ann Jenner 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Doris E. Colgate 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Tony Lewis 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

Rung with best wishes to John Barnes and Anne Parish, who were married this day at Cranbrook, Kent.

DORCHESTER, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
Robin R. Churchill 2	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 6
John Pladdys 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Roger D. Bailey 4	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

NORTHFLEET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's 8-part variation of Thurstan's.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Arthur G. Mason Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski .. 5
Marjorie F. Matthews .. 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
*John W. Smith 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	*Tony E. R. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

* Has now "circled the tower." † First peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to George and Anne Butcher.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

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

Composed by Roger Barnes.

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

CLITHEROE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Margaret Crossthwaite .. Treble	Harold B. Schofield .. 5
Mary H. Schofield 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	S. Barry Schofield 7
B. Gillian Schofield .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker.

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

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

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

John P. Partington Treble	J. Colin Ashworth 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	J. Barry Pickup 6
Edward Jenkins 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Geoffrey Cheetham 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Graham C. Paul Treble	R. Kingsley Mason 5
Richard J. Parker 2	James R. White 6
Rupert A. Clarke 3	Alan H. Bridges 7
Michael Maughan 4	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by James R. White.

RATBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	James R. White 5
Richard J. Parker 2	Michael Maughan 6
Graham C. Paul 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
Alan H. Bridges 4	Rupert A. Clarke Tenor

Composed by George Lewis.

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FULBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford, two of Single Court and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Daphne P. Brown Treble	Edgar A. Cole 4
Harry Barnes 2	J. Edward Brown 5
William H. Dale 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

The ringer of the second rang the treble in the first peal on the bells 62 years ago.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5250 STEDMAN CATERES

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Mrs. Kathleen Parr .. Treble	Michael Hatchett 6
Christopher H. Rogers .. 2	† Martin E. Harrison .. 7
Ken Warner 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
* Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. 4	* Harold W. Rogers 9
† Robin J. Collis 5	† Norman Felton Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

* 135th peal together. † First of Stedman. ‡ First peal. The conductor's 100th peal and his 65th as conductor on these bells. The 250th peal on these bells; rung in their 200th year.

CLAPHAM, S.W.—At the Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in F

* Nancy Tarrant Treble	Jacqueline Clarke 5
John Woolley 2	Roger Forest 6
Gregory Salt 3	Gerald Turner 7
Tony Lewis 4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by John Woolley.

* First peal. First in the method.

LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—12—36—14—58—16—78

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Margaret Whitehead .. Treble	Alan S. Burbidge 5
David Ley 2	Christopher L. D. Munday .. 6
Simon Taylor 3	A. Stephen Taylor 7
Christopher M. Movley .. 4	James W. Belshaw Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.

First in the method by all the band.

BIRCH, Manchester.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Simon Taylor Treble	John Pilkington 5
* David Ley 2	† Alan S. Burbidge 6
† Christopher M. Movley .. 3	E. Andrew Harrison 7
Paul Coddington 4	† Christopher L. D. Munday Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ 25th peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPRINGFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Vernon Green 5
John Hill 2	G. William Critchley 6
David P. Hilling 3	Dennis Knox 7
Alick Cutler 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Colegate Society)

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Janet Dagley Treble	† Martin Cubitt 5
* Barbara M. Payne 2	Desmond P. Mortlock 6
Angela M. Wright 3	Geoffrey H. Pullin 7
David Cubitt 4	† Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together.

RANWORTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sun., Feb. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Norman P. J. Cossey .. Treble	* Stephen Toone 4
Diane Toone 2	Roger Peckham 5
Thomas Brock 3	Stephen F. High Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a welcome to the District to the Rev. Peter N. Bond by members of the Eastern Branch

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

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

* Joan Bacon Treble	Richard E. Dean 5
E. Dennis Poole 2	Gordon W. Limmer 6
* William Birmingham, jun. 3	L. Joseph Young 7
John Young 4	* James T. Clay Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Richard E. Dean.

* First peal in the method.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb. in C sharp.

Frederick R. Scott .. Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Michael Hatchett 2	George W. Holland 6
David P. Hilling 3	George E. Thoday 7
Alan A. Paul 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells. Mr. Cannon's 825th tower for a peal.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' four-part.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Walter F. Judge .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Ronald K. Russ 2	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 6
Michael W. Coleman .. 3	Edward R. Venn 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Ernest G. Jones Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1967 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 2 Version.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat
James Linnell Treble	Alan J. Frost 6
Diana M. Frost 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Roger W. Smith 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Barry E. Saunders 4	Richard F. B. Speed 9
Patrick I. Chapman 5	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

WHISSENDINE, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours.

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 12½ cwt. in E.

Michael J. Hawkins .. Treble	J. Martin Thorley 4
Ronald Russell 2	Stephen B. Bell 5
Roger N. Scholes 3	Gerald W. Reynolds Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Joan Gilbert and Alan G. Payne, and as a birthday compliment to James Thorley.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COUNDRY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 120's. Tenor 11 cwt 21 lb in F sharp.

*M Cecilia Evans Treble	Reginald H. Newton 4
Alfred E. G. Owen 2	†Ernest F. Willcox 5
Philip J. Evans 3	*John A. Crum Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Evans.

* First peal † 50th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 8 cwt 24 lb. in G sharp.

John Freeman Treble	James W. Raithby 5
*Beryl N. Reed 2	Cyril H. Pritchett 6
Walter Tomlinson 3	Colin W. Reed 7
Paul Raithby 4	John Walden Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

* 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, differently called. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Philip Rogers Treble	David R. Chambers 4
Paul N. Mounsey 2	S. Geoffrey Pick 5
Linda M. Wilkinson 3	Harry Poyner Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung by the North Notts District.

HICKLING, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, viz.: Two extents Grandsire, four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure. Little Aston, Plain Bob. Kennington. April Day, Seighford.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

W Gordon Marsh Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
Margaret E. Chilton 2	Maurice W. Harrison 4
F. William Midwinter Tenor	

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. L. T. P. Harwood, in appreciation of his 40 years in the ministry.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

Yvonne Edwards Treble	Roger Baldwin 7
Jane Foster 2	Kenneth Newman 8
Joan Beresford 3	James A. D. Woolford 9
Sheila M. Dobbie 4	Derek E. Sibson 10
Edwin A. Barnett 5	Dennis Beresford 11
Peter M. Wilkinson 6	Peter Beresford Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.
Jan Friend Treble	Cyril Griffiths 5
Harry Griffiths 2	*Derek K. Knowles 6
*Gillian Griffiths 3	Barnabas G. Key 7
John A. Roden 4	Charles F. W. Eyre .. Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Arthur Eyre (son of the tenor ringer) and Lyn Richardson at this church on February 18th.

PATSHULL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Feb. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

*Morley T. Tobin Treble	Frank Beech 4
Elizabeth Timmins 2	Philip G. K. Davies 5
†Christine Slater 3	Richard B. Dorrington .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard B. Dorrington.

* First peal. † First in two methods "inside."

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

T. Leslie Walley Treble	Eric Young 6
Philip E. Jones 2	Barnabas G. Key 7
Charles S. Ryles 3	David J. Midgley 8
G. Arnold Moore 4	Andrew Thompson 9
Roger L. Hawksworth 5	William Watkin Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar of Newcastle, the Rev. H. M. Connop Price, who is leaving to take up the duties of Provost at Chelmsford.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Roger L. K. Whittell .. Treble	Jennifer Andrews 6
Alan R. Andrews 2	Neville F. Whittell 7
Lawrence R. Pizey 3	H. Frank Pike 8
Keith Whittell 4	Ernest G. Pearce 9
Janet M. Besant 5	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

Rung as birthday compliments to N. F. Whittell (21) and Edward E. Davey.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MARESFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's six-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Frank H. Hicks 5
*Ian M. Robinson 2	*John A. Howard 6
*Derek Slater 3	*Arthur J. Hart 7
*David D. Smith 4	*Douglas J. Hoad Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for the wedding of Rosemary Penfold and Malcolm Urry.

SEDLSCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Margaret R. Binsted .. Treble	Christine M. Baldock 4
*Susan M. Harrison 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
Frederick J. Lambert 3	Walter A. Binsted Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal.

Rung as a 12th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Charles Sangwin Treble	Harry Stacey 5
*Michael J. Crowell 2	Alan Carveth 6
†Colin F. Mutton 3	Derek A. Trethewey 7
†Brian G. D. Vince 4	*John R. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First peal. † First on eight. ‡ First of Triples.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Winchester College Society)
UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Antelope, and 11 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt.
*Michael Evans Treble | Barry Johnson 4
*Tony Pawson 2 | Richard Underwood 5
*Anthony Mason 3 | *Simon Jack Tenor
Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* First peal. First tower bell peal by men in the school only.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
OLDSWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Feb. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6th place bobs. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.
Frank E. Haynes Treble | Clifford A. Barron 5
John R. Insley 2 | Roderick W. Pipe 6
*Richard E. Price 3 | Michael J. Fellows 7
John C. Eisel 4 | George E. Fearn Tenor
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)
ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
David Nichols Treble | John S. Seagar 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2 | Neil Donovan 6
*Pamela A. Leigh 3 | Fred Jackson 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4 | Stuart Armeson Tenor
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." Tenor 14 cwt.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1967 in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Ronald H. Dove Treble | John Potts 5
Terence W. Brighton 2 | Ronald R. Warford 6
M Susan Jackson 3 | Wilfrid F. Moreton 7
*Robin Brown 4 | C. Barrie Dove Tenor
Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 25th peal on the bells First peal in the method by all the band,
on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: Carol Cousins 1, I. Wiltshire (first in two methods "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Amanda Powell 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, R. Rayfield 6. For Matins, and as an engagement compliment to Carol Cousins (tower secretary) and Barry.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. O. Goulter (first of Stedman Doubles) 1, F. N. Smeaton 2, W. B. Pitcher (first of Stedman Doubles as cond.) 3, R. S. Jolly (first of Stedman) 4, D. J. Bleby 5, B. R. Cox 6. First quarter on the back six (tenor 41½ cwt.). Rung for carol service.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Franklin 1, A. J. White 2, T. H. O. Lewis 3, F. L. Floyd 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, R. Lewis (first quarter) 6.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Tranter (first of Minor) 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, P. Rogers (longest length "inside") 3, P. N. Mounsey 4, R. G. Stevens (first quarter) 5, S. G. Pick 6. Rung by members of the King Edward VI, Retford, Campanological Society.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Sue Walker 1, J. S. B. Powell 2, C. Allen (first of Major and "inside") 3, G. Hedden 4, W. S. Rice 5, R. W. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, P. England (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): Hilary I. Pitman (12) 1, Sandra M. Pitman 2, B. W. Pocock 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. W. Robertson on February 11th.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, Carol Gosling 2, A. J. Ede 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. L. Farndon 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, Mrs. D. M. Randall 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5, A. J. Cox 6.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24 Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., Jan. 31 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
*Frank Osbaldiston 1-2 | *Robert B. Smith 5-6
*C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4 | *Alan McFall 7-8
Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5. Moat Close.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1967 in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1-2 | Martyn L. J. Jordan 7-8
*Julia A. Fellows 3-4 | Roger Baldwin 9-10
Gerald Penney (cond.) 5-6 | Christopher W. Woolley 11-12
* First peal of Surprise on handbells. First of Maximus in the method. First handbell peal of Surprise Maximus by all the band and the first outside Leicester. 50th peal of Surprise in this house.
WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS
—34—14—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T
2nds place i.e. 135274 4ths place bobs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)
PRESTON, Lancashire.—At 14 Southern Avenue.
On Sun., Jan. 8 1967, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
*Christopher L. Watson 1-2 | Cyril Crossthwaite 3-4
Philip J. Crossthwaite (cond.) 5-6
* First peal "in hand." First "in hand" as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
LONDON, W.—At: 4a, Ladbroke Square.
On Tues., Feb. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Simon Humphrey 1-2 | *Timothy G. Pett 5-6
*Richard A. J. Bower 3-4 | Christopher P. Starbuck 7-8
Arranged by Timothy G. Pett. Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.
* First peal of Major "in hand." First of Major as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

DUBLIN.—At St. George's, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. P. O. Barry 1, Miss G. G. Winnetu 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, D. H. Taylor 4, P. W. Brown 5, G. McGregor 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. First of Triples in the method 1, 2 and 6.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, P. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. David's on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Patricia Pavey 1, G. Batherham 2, G. Skinner 3, P. Pavey 4, J. Longridge 5.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Rennaw 1, Janet Bezzant 2, Jennifer Andrews 3, M. J. Bew (cond.) 4, R. Isgrove 5, P. J. Hardwick 6, J. Mattingly 7. Unnamed ringer 8. First of Triples 1, 3, 6. By Essex University Society.

HALLING, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer M. L. Wood 1, Marilyn J. Chidwick 2, N. J. Chesson 3, G. Wood 4, M. Hitchcock 5, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 6. To celebrate the wedding of Janet Underdown and David Garrett on February 25th.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Drew (first on eight bells) 1, R. Parker 2, E. White 3, F. Welch 4, J. Cornelius (100th quarter) 5, R. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, T. J. Hill 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Jim Stenner, of Ilminster.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 29th, 1,299 Stedman Catena: Mrs. J. Evenden 1, W. T. Grace 2, Mrs. L. Cullingworth 3, T. Cullingworth 4, G. Cantrill 5, L. Head 6, B. Grove (cond.) 7, A. Macfadyen 8, G. Evenden 9, H. Smith 10. A farewell to Canon N. K. Nye, Vicar of Maidstone and a great friend to the ringers.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain): P. Gagen 1, D. Gagen (first of Cambridge) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine J. Tallis 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, D. Digby 3, P. M. F. Seales 4, R. G. Morris 5, M. C. Hughes 6, R. E. Tallis, jun (cond.) 7, R. E. Tallis 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Maurice Layton ringer at this church.

ROTHERHAM YOKES.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ruth Gordon 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, J. Wood (first "inside") 3, R. Harper 4, Tessa Hollis 5, A. Howland 6, N. Donovan 7, P. Walker 8, D. Nichols (cond.) 9, N. Chaddock 10.

ST. OSYTH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Hardwick 1, Antoinette (first quarter) 2, R. Isgrove 3, Catherine Powell 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, J. Mattingly 6. By Essex University Society.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Skinner (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, E. Fosberry 4, B. A. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Nora Skinner, mother of ringers 1 and 2.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Schofield 1, L. Stringer 2, P. Bamford 3, P. Beckett 4, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 5, P. J. Atkins 6. A farewell to the Rev. M. Bromfield, curate, by the local band.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Dence (first quarter) 1, P. K. King 2, Anne Oakley 3, P. Carter 4, E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. A birthday compliment to P. Dence.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Knight 1, A. Worle 2, Mrs. R. Ball 3, H. H. Yeates (first in method) 4, W. H. Kingcot (cond.) 5, D. Pearce (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for evening service, and as a tribute to Mr. E. H. Bell, a ringer at this church for many years.

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DEATH

UPTON — Nellie E., on February 22nd, 1967, peacefully at Fairlee Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight. For 57½ years the devoted wife of William Upton. Daughter, sister, wife and friend of ringers. 1087

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GREEN.—Mr. and Mrs. V. Green, late of St. Albans, have moved to: 10, Claverdon Close, Solihull, Warwickshire. 1130

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — South Eastern District.—The District Supper and Social will be held in the Church Hall, London Road Maldon, on Saturday, March 18th, at 7.15 p.m. Tickets (6s.) available from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Bell Hill, Danbury. **GUILDFORD GUILD**—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Yorktown, Tuesday, March 7th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Special method: Dorchester. 1075

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Guildford District.—Regret meeting at Haslemere, March 18th, has had to be cancelled. Alternative arrangement will be notified. —Y. L. Eloie, Hon. Sec. 1106

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MEETINGS

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The March meeting will be held at Wath, Barnsley, on March 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All welcome. Cups of tea will be provided.—T. Tarbatt, Sec. 1051

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1059

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, March 11th, Whittleford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room, Church Lane, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1056

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Ardleigh on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea, etc. Names to F. H. Erih, Vinces Farm, Ardleigh, Colchester. 1011

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Dagenham, March 11th. Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m.—M. J. Hallett, Dis. Sec. 1013

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford on March 11th. Cathedral bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom. Tel. Ewell 4986. 1012

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware (8), Saturday, March 11th, 5.30 till 9 p.m. Evensong 6.30.—Peter M. S. Seales, Dis. Sec. 1074

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 1065

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (annual Branch meeting).—Combined meeting at Staplehurst, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, Limetrees, Staplehurst.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted (5), Saturday, March 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. each. Names, together with cash, to Mr. G. C. Ivory, Cambridge Cottage, Cambridge Lane, Lynsted, Sittingbourne. 1036

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Bingham District.—Meeting, Cropwell Bishop, March 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whetton. 1052

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6) on Saturday, March 11th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 1058

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A quarterly meeting at Ufford (8), Saturday, March 11th. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All who wish for tea please book with Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Oulton, near Ipswich, Suffolk. Suffolk Guild committee meeting will be held in the hall next to the church at 7 p.m.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 1000

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting at Upper Beeding, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Old Tollgate, Bramber, at 5.15. Please notify for tea: R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Sussex. 1062

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Feckenham on March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. Styler, 10, Mill Lane, Feckenham, Redditch. 1088

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Monday, March 13th, at Penistone (8), 6.30–9 p.m. Methods: Call changes, main hunt, 6, 7 and 8. Plain Bob Minor and Major. Ringing Master, Mr. Christopher Moxon. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 1079

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Cutcombe (six bells) on Monday, March 13th, at 7 p.m. 1122

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Charlton Kings (8) on Tuesday, March 14th, at 7.30 p.m. 1097

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Stanwell, Wednesday, March 15th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1072

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Mountsorrel (8), Thursday, March 16th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Dis. Sec. 1090

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Long Ashton (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 717

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Practice meeting, Pilton (6), Saturday, March 18th, 7 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder. 1107

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Gravenhurst, Saturday, March 18th, 3-5 p.m. Shillington 5.30-8. Bring own tea.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1110

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtot, Birkenhead.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Ormesby, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 1115

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Striking contest, Great Longstone, March 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1125

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, March 18th, at Conisbrough. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only.—J. Laughton. 1096

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at St. Aidan's, Blackhill, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Consett. Learners welcome. 1100

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Old Fletton (near Peterborough), Saturday, March 18th. Bells (5) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Painswick (12), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by March 14th. 1121

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Almondsbury, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Most essential names for tea to R. H. Driver, 361, Church Road, Frampton Cotterell, before Tuesday, March 14th.—R. H. Driver. 1101

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Coln St. Aldwyn (8). March 18th, 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 1109

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Evening meeting at Brent Pelham, Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 6.30.—Dis. Sec. 1113

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Welwyn, March 18th, 3 p.m. (all day).—S.M.: Double Oxford.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1099

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Skinner, Langley House, Little Chart, Ashford, Kent.—A. P. S. B.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. K. Lister, 168, Manchester Road, Westhoughton, Bolton. No name, no tea. 1126

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Croft, Saturday, March 18th. Bells not available until 4 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea at Heathcote Arms. Names to Mr. G. Charlton, 17, Arbor Road, Croft, Leicester, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 1103

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Navenby on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, by March 15th. please.—G. R. P. 1044

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1105

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leek, when the recently rehung bells will be available from 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wilkinson, 27, Alsop Street, Leek. Staffs, by previous Wednesday. 1120

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Aldeby on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (5) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 1133

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Evening meeting, Tisbury, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Dis. Sec. 1116

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Collingbourne Ducis and Collingbourne Kingston, March 18th, afternoon and evening respectively. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1114

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Greaseley (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m.—9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying the District Secretary at 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Southwell, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in Trebeck Hall for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark, by previous Wednesday. Good attendance specially requested.—B. N. Reed. 1117

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bradley, near Bilston, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30-3.25, 4-4.25. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Numbers for latter to Mr. V. Vaughan, 68, Salop Street, Bradley, Bilston, Staffs, by March 15th latest. please.—C. M. S. Hon. Sec. 996

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Stoke Ash (5), March 18th, 6.30-9.—H. W. H. L. 1108

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Esher on Saturday, March 18th, 7-8.30 p.m. 1086

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash (8), Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 3.15-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6.15-7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref. 3, Arundel Close, Hawkwood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—C. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1046

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division jointly with Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Ringmer (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by Tuesday, 14th. 1067

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The annual dinner will be held on March 18th at the Waldorf, Cooper Street (off Albert Square). Tickets (25s.) and details of afternoon ringing available from D. J. Jukes, Guild of Change Ringers, University Union, Oxford Road, Manchester 13. 1131

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Sowerby, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. and in the evening after the business meeting. Please note that the District Committee will meet at 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.), please, to Mr. H. Lumb, 8, Dorchester Drive, Pye Nest Road, Halifax, by Wednesday, March 15th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1068

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Yeovil Easter Monday, March 27th. Service 12 noon. Lunch (8s.) at 1.15 p.m., and tea (3s.) in the Church Room at 7 A.M. and tea (3s.) in St. John's Church Room. Meeting in the Church Room at 2.15 p.m. Names for meals essential to Mr. G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset, by March 23rd. Ringing arrangements: Parish Church from 10.30 and after tea: Somerton 10-11; Montacute, Mudford, Preston Plucknett, Stoke-under-Ham and Trent all at 10.30-11.30 and 5.30-8; East Coker, Hardington Mandeville and Norton-sub-Hamdon 5.30-8; Somerton, Martock, South PePtherton, Huish Episcopi, Long Sutton, Drayton and Langport 6-8.30.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec. 1095

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Huntingdon, Monday, March 27th. Ringing arrangements:—Route 1: Gamlingay (6) 10 a.m.—11 a.m.; Great Gransden (6) 11-12 noon; Caxton (6) 12-1; Great Staughton (6) 1.30-3 p.m.; St. Neots (8) 2-3; Great Paxton (5) 2.30-3.30; Godmanchester (8) 3-4. Route 2: Alwalton (5) 10.15 a.m.—11.15 a.m.; Yaxley (6) 11-12; Winwick (5) and Hamerton (4) 11.45-12.45; Leighton Bromswold (5) 12.30-1.30; Kimbolton (5) 1.30-2.30; Great Staughton 1.30-3 p.m.; Brampton (6) 3-4; Huntingdon All Saints (6) 3.45-4.15. Service Huntingdon All Saints 4.15. Tea Church Hall 5 o'clock. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea (3/6 per head) are now available from General Secretary (number limited). Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Huntingdon All Saints and St. Mary's (8): Brampton until 8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 1119

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, March 27th. Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. 6d. each (including a drink); children (under 14) of resident members 3s. each; obtainable for first 200 applicants, with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, March 21st.—P. A. Corby, Secretary, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 992

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Llandaff on Easter Monday, March 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Llandaff 2-4 p.m. and after meeting: St. John's, Cardiff, 1.30-3 p.m.; Whitchurch 2-3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by March 21st.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 1094

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