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OUR MOST DISTANT BELLS

FOR 85 years the bells of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, have rung out Sunday by Sunday giving their message; and the story of the bells is vividly told in "Bobs and Singles," a history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society, written by Patricia Ward, the wife of one of the ringers and a former Master of the Society.

The donor of these bells was Mr. R. H. Rhodes, and his desire was to have eight bells of the same weight as the recently hung ring in St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. A. Troyte, regarded then as the leading authority, suggested a ring of ten instead of a heavy eight, and to this the Cathedral authorities agreed, but when the sanction arrived Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had already made the moulds for the eight. The two trebles were added as the gift of Mr. E. P. W. Miles. Before leaving England the bells were inspected by Dr. Stainer, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Mr. Troyte and pronounced to be a magnificent ring.

Gratitude to the donor is expressed by the following inscription on the tenor:

Through all the ROADS of life, the best
We'll strive to be your guide;
And let our notes do your behest
By tolling far and wide.
We've crossed the seas to this fair land,
To do God all the honour;
From clime to clime we'll ring our chime,
And tell of Rhodes the donor.

Not to be outdone the story is continued by the following verse on the trebles:

We, two little bells to complete the chime
Were nearly left out too late,
When MILES to the rescue, but just in time,
Added us on to the eight.

The Society of Christchurch Cathedral Bell Ringers was formed on November 19th, 1880, with Mr. T. B. Hall, an experienced English ringer and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, as the first Master. Practices were held on the light bells of St. Paul's, Papanui, which had been installed that year. The blessing of the Cathedral bells took place nearly 12 months later, on October 31st, when some 150 people crowded into the ringing chamber having mounted the spiral staircase. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Christchurch and Primate of New Zealand (Bishop H. J. C. Harper).

The service of consecration of the Cathedral took place the following day, the architect being Sir George Gilbert Scott. The Mayor declared the day a public holiday, and the bells were rung at intervals from 6.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. The first evidence of change ringing recorded was 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles on August 27th, 1882, and in June of the following year came the first 720 of Grandsire Doubles and on December 16th 1,200 Grandsire Doubles.

In May, 1890, it was reported to the Cathedral Chapter that the ninth bell, used for daily services, was cracked. The architect suggested that further damage might be stopped by having a hole drilled in the metal above and below the crack, then cutting it off from the uninjured metal. The crack was through "clocking." This bell was sent home to be recast and the eighth with it to test the pitch, tuning forks being unknown in those days. The work was most satisfactory and the ninth became the best-tuned bell in the ring.

The Society went ahead during the Boer War and scored its first peal—Grandsire Doubles. The arrival in Christchurch of T. W. Biddle from Ballaraat influenced ringing considerably. He was self-taught through reading Jasper Snowdon's books. A personality in the tower was W. Jones, who for 30 years rang the tenor. At the word "go" he would turn his face to the wall and maintain a steady pull. A peal of Bob Triples was scored on the light eight in January, 1903, to be followed later in the year by a peal of Grandsire Triples. That year was notable for its ringing activities, in all 43,000 changes being rung—Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor, Triples, Major, and Caters. Stedman Triples was not introduced until 1908.

The arrival from Birmingham of G. H. Clayton in 1911 had a big influence on the Society and in his reminiscences later in life he comments that he was amazed at the all-round competence of the men, who could all ring Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. On various occasions Mr. Clayton was Master, and it was a pleasure for Mr. T. J. Lock and the Editor to meet him in 1965. For many years he seems to have been the mainstay of the Society.

"The Great Adventure" party to visit New Zealand in 1934 consisted of Messrs. W. H. Fussell (Slough), G. Martin, J. Hardcastle (Bradford), R. Maude (Pudsey) and W. Linter (Fareham). The week spent at Christchurch was marked by extensive ringing practices and hospitable entertainment. Two attempts were made for a peal of Bob Major. The first was lost after 70 minutes due to a rope jumping on the fifth, and the second when in sight of home two bells changed course after ringing for three hours and 13 minutes. The band consisted of G. Nelson Sloan 1, S. H. Barnett 2, W. Linter 3, J. S. Wilde 4, C. Charge 5, W. H. Fussell 6, B. Shaw 7, G. Martin 8.

And G. Nelson Sloan was still ringing with enthusiasm when Great Adventure II went to Christchurch in 1965. But Nelson during the interval had travelled far; he had toured England visiting 55 towers and had been elected a member of the College Youths. During the Second World War he kept the Society together, and it is an indication of patriotism that, out of an active membership of 12, nine served with the Forces and all returned home safely.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The second session of the 26th Council (70th annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967, in the Portland Suite of the Victoria Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham, at 9.45 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.30 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 1.45 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Applications to affiliate to the Council:—

(a) The Railwaymen's Guild.

(b) Beverley and District Ringing Society.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Honorary Members.
Mr. G. W. Pipe, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed and Mr. F. A. White retire and are eligible for re-election. There are two vacancies.
2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
5. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
6. Presentation of the 1966 Accounts.
7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
8. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—

To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

- (a) Standing Committee.
- (b) "The Ringing World" Committee.
- (c) Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.
- (d) Records Committee.
- (e) Literature and Press Committee.
- (f) Towers and Belfries Committee.
- (g) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
- (h) Biographies Committee.
- (i) Peals Analysis Committee.
- (j) Overseas Ringing Committee.
- (k) Peals Collection Committee.
- (l) Methods Committee.

MOTIONS

9. (a) "That this Council deprecates most strongly the deliberate submission of false information for publication in 'The Ringing World' and asks all Associations and individual ringers to do all they can to stop this practice before serious harm is caused to the Exercise and its journal."
Proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Rogers.
- (b) "That all peal reports will continue to be published in 'The Ringing World' but only those accompanied by a peal fee of 2d. per word will be published in the present style."
Proposed by Mr. W. Butler, seconded by Mr. N. J. Diserens.
10. To determine the date of the 1968 meeting at Worcester.
11. To determine the place of the 1969 meeting.
12. Any other business.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Honorary Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

Worcestershire and Districts Association

THE annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association commenced as usual on Easter Monday with ringing on the ten bells of All Saints', Worcester, followed by the annual service. In the absence of the Association's chaplain, the service was conducted by the Rector of All Saints' the Rev. J. G. Barnish, M.A., who used the Association's form of service. During the course of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by M. J. Fellows 1-2, J. C. Eisel 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, and D. Beacham 7-8.

Following the service, members transferred to the Cathedral Chapter House for the annual general meeting, the Association's president, the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, M.A.) being in the chair.

This year it had proved possible to send the annual report to members in advance, thus giving them a chance to read the officers' reports and accounts beforehand. This, however, did not prompt any members into asking questions when the reports came up for discussion. In his report of the recent Central Committee meeting, the general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham, mentioned that a grant of £50 had been promised to St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, bell restoration scheme and that arrangements for a one-day ringing course were being considered.

POSTAL VOTES REJECTED

Before proceeding to the election of officers, the president stated that some postal votes had been handed to the general secretary immediately prior to the meeting. The president said that as the rules of the Association did not say this method of voting was permitted, then, in his opinion they could not be taken into account. This ruling was contested but accepted by a majority after a show of hands.

This year there were again two candidates for the office of Association Master, namely Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. M. D. Fellows. Following election speeches and voting by show of hands (a proposition for a secret ballot having been rejected), Mr. W. B. Cartwright was re-elected by 43 to seven votes.

The remaining officers were all returned unopposed, viz.: General secretary, Mr. D. Beacham; treasurer, Mr. G. Westwood; peal secretary, Mr. G. Bowen; chaplain, the Rev.

OUR MOST DISTANT BELLS

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Among those who have served Christchurch well is Albert J. Lancefield. His keenness for peal ringing brought results during his two years with the Society and a life membership was conferred on him. The good work of Mr. Lancefield was carried on by Mr. R. H. Idle, who was elected Master in May, 1960, and is still in office. Three days before the Great Adventure II party the first peal on the heavy eight (Grandsire Triples) was rung. Taking part were J. Dunn 1, Miss L. Stevens 2, G. N. Sloan 3, J. Gardner 4, N. F. Reeve 5, R. G. T. Bennett 6, R. H. Idle (cond.) 7, C. H. Ward 8.

The Master was invited by Mr. T. J. Lock to stand in the peal of Plain Bob Royal on the Cathedral bells by Great Adventure II party, which was successful. The band consisted of Cecil W. Pipe 1, Shirley Burton 2, Arthur G. Mason 3, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4, Raymond H. Idle 5, Leonard Stilwell 6, W. Mark Damerell 7, Thomas J. Lock 8, A. Patrick Cannon (cond.) 9, Wilfred Williams 10. This was the first time the 32 cwt. tenor had been tuned in for a peal.

With such a tradition behind them we feel certain that Christchurch Society will continue to be one of the big centres of change ringing in the Southern Hemisphere. We can recommend "Bobs and Singles" for a place on a discerning ringer's bookshelf. The price is 7s. 6d. post free from G. Nelson Sloan, 9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 4, New Zealand.

H. L. Davies; librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper. The auditors, Messrs. R. W. R. Sheppard and A. D. Cook, were also re-elected. Mr. A. J. Brazier was elected as the Association's fourth representative on the Central Council.

The remainder of the business concerned two motions to alter the rules. The first was to correct an omission when the rules were revised last year by making it clear that only paid-up ringing members were entitled to vote at meetings and this was passed nem con. The second sought to limit the duration of the Master's term of office to three years and also make him ineligible to stand again until a further three years had elapsed. This motion, however, was rejected by a large majority.

The remainder of the day was spent ringing at Stoulton, Pershore, Strensham, Earls Croomie and the Cathedral. At Pershore, owing to the restricted access to the "bird cage" ringing chamber, a one-way system had been devised following our experiences the last time this tower was available. Unfortunately this did nothing to prevent a broken stay and a broken rope!

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The peal secretary reported that 62 peals were rung by 155 members in 31 towers; of the peal ringing members 77 were resident and 78 non-resident. Six members rang their first peal and there were three new conductors.

Peals worthy of note were the non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Brierley Hill; the peal of Grandsire Triples at Clent, in which the librarian and the new "freeman," Mr. C. W. Cooper, rang at the age of 80; and, at the other end of the scale, the peal of Bob Minor at Stoulton, which Andrew Jopp (aged 13) conducted, with his brother Paul (aged eight) ringing the second. D. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch Meeting

There was an excellent attendance at the Collingbourne on March 18th, when the Marlborough branch met at St. Andrew's, Collingbourne Ducis, or its monthly meeting. Members were particularly pleased and honoured by the presence of the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. N. Longridge) and visitors were also welcomed from East Ilsley, Hagbourne, Portsmouth, Wroughton, Purton, Stratton St. Margaret and Cossingham (Som.).

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. F. Kidd). The Lesson was read by the Master, and Mr. Colin Ward was the organist. Tea, in the nearby schoolroom, was much enjoyed, the company of over 30 being the guests of the local ringers. It was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. R. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. R. Barlow, and in appreciation of the hospitality a collection was taken for church funds.

At the business meeting Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary) presented the balance sheet for 1966, which showed a credit balance of £8 2s. 9d., an increase of some £2 on the year's working. Details of the last Guild committee meeting were given by the Rev. Roger Keeley and it was decided to organise a strong contingent to attend the Guild Festival, at Melksham.

Mr. Fred Read (vice-chairman and ringing master), who presided, thanked all who had contributed to a most enjoyable meeting, and extended a warm welcome to the Master and visitors. The Master suitably replied.

April meeting, Shalbourne with Great Bedwyn (provisional); May, Pewsey. Ringing was then resumed on the heavier six at Collingbourne Kingston. W. A. E.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincs.—On April 2nd, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene Bramford 1, Janet Hudson 2, J. F. Underwood 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5.

Llandaff and Monmouth Association

THE 74th annual general meeting was held at Llandaff on Easter Monday and was attended by about 100 members and visitors. During the afternoon the bells of St. John's, Cardiff, Whitchurch and Llandaff Cathedral were put to good use.

The service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, and the organ was very well played by a visiting organist, Mr. Graham Elliott, of Abergavenny. The Dean, in his address, said people who offered their services as ringers found themselves tied to commitments for both regular practice and Sunday service ringing and this called for a high measure of faithfulness to their local bands as the completeness of any band was so dependent on each and every member being present when required. Any such person must be dedicated to his Church and should make every effort to take his or her place in the congregation at least once each Sunday.

Tea was served by the Cathedral ringers in the adjacent Prebendal Hall and Mr. D. J. King thanked them for the excellent tea.

BUSINESS MEETING

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Dean supported by the Master, Mr. L. Jones. The meeting stood in silent tribute to members who had passed away during the year; these included the Dean of Brecon and A. J. Pitman (both vice-presidents), H. Cassells, of Llanbradach, and Mrs. R. Alsop, of Ebbw Vale.

The hon. secretary, M. J. Pryor, in his report, paid tribute to the work of the late A. F. Pitman and Joe Lovett to the Association. Once again a member had received recognition from another Society, in that Nicholas W. H. Simon had been elected Master of the Bristol University Society. It was pleasing to note that Tudor P. Edwards had now returned to work in the area and his presence would be a great asset. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland, a Llandaff ringer, was ordained in September and was now curate at Sandfields, Port Talbot. They wished him well in his new calling.

The new badges were proving very popular and a large number had been purchased. The badge had been designed by Miss Sheila Sal-keld, of Chepstow. The Monmouth Branch held a very successful film evening in January, when the Washington Film was shown to an audience of nearly a hundred. A grant of £20 was made to Bedwellty for work on their bells and the ringers there were congratulated on their efforts to raise funds.

The membership at the end of the year was 348; this shows a slight decrease of 15 since the publication of the last full list of members two years ago.

HIGHER STANDARD

The standard of ringing in the area continues to rise and the list of peals rung indicates the very wide range of methods now being rung. Particular mention was made of good progress at Coity and Lower Machen. Porthkerry and Whitchurch; an all-local band at the last-named tower rang a peal to welcome their new Vicar.

Several ringers passed personal milestones with their peal ringing, but pride of place this year must go to A. William Gibbons, of Bridgend, who rang his first peal at the age of 73. In conclusion the secretary thanked those who had assisted with the production of the report at so little cost, particularly Mr. Iolo Davies and his helpers from Cow-bridge Grammar School, who duplicated and stapled some 8,000 copies.

The hon. treasurer's (the Rev. I. J. Richards) report showed a healthy state of affairs due to the fact that none of the Association's officers claimed any expenses for their work either in the area or at Central Council meetings.

The hon. librarian, Mr. L. Bainham, reported that the library at Newport was now well established and housed some 30 books as well as bound copies of "The Ringing World" from 1910 until 1916, and arrangements have been made with "The Ringing World" to supply a bound copy at the end of each year. Mr. F. J. Hannington had presented a fine collection of books to the library.

All the reports were adopted and thanks given to the officers concerned.

NEW MASTER

Mr. Iolo Davies, of Cowbridge, was elected Master for the year and installed in office by the retiring Master, Mr. L. Jones. The remaining officers were re-elected to their various posts.

Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Cadoxton, was elected an honorary life member. He started ringing before the turn of the century and in addition to giving loyal service had a son and grandson whose names appear frequently in the peal columns.

A motion to hold the annual general meeting on the Saturday following Easter Day was carried. The next will be held at All Saints', Newport. The 75th anniversary of the Society next year is to be marked by a dinner and social evening on October 12th, 1968.

An appeal to return "The Ringing World" questionnaire was made by the hon. secretary. A show of hands indicated that 40 of the 100 present took "The Ringing World" regularly. The rest were strongly urged to follow their example.

Ringing, which included Surprise Royal, followed at the Cathedral.

OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT BELL

Mr. Robert Bell, of Sunderland, who died in hospital on March 23rd, after a short illness, at the age of 61, had been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association since 1927. He started to ring at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, in 1925, and had been the tower secretary for many years. It is largely due to his efforts that there is still a change ringing tower in Sunderland. He was regular in attendance at meetings and had been chairman of the Eastern District since 1962. A retiring manner tended to obscure his competence as a ringer, but all who met him knew how helpful he could be. He took part in 26 peals for the Durham and Newcastle Association.

At the funeral service at Bishopwearmouth on March 28th prior to cremation the Rector (the Rev. D. N. Goldie) paid tribute to Bob's good work in the belfry. The bells he loved so well were rung half-muffled at the service and also to a quarter peal to his memory on March 30th. The Association was represented by the Ringing Master, Mr. K. Arthur.

Bob will be missed by the Association in general but by Bishopwearmouth in particular. He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom our sympathy is expressed. R. C.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Norman 1, Miss S. Y. Fowkes 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. F. Law 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6, Rung half-muffled for morning service.

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE

Mr. T. G. MYERS

From A. L. Bennett,

By the death of Mr. Tom Myers during the Easter week-end after a trying illness, the South West of England has lost one of its most outstanding ringers, and he leaves a wide gap which will not be easy to fill.

As a ringer, whether on a light or a heavy bell, his handling was really superb, and he was equally superb as a conductor, not forgetting the fact that he always expected a very high standard of striking.

His peals, it is believed, numbered 243 and they were rung in many parts of the country and on all numbers of bells. I am subject to correction, but he had completed the circuits in at least four methods, viz., Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent TB and Cambridge Surprise. In addition to ringing peals at Buckfast Abbey, the most westerly 12 in the country, he had also rung a peal on the most northerly 12, at Newcastle on Tyne.

Another of his peal ringing experiences was taking part in the first resident peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and his passing now leaves me the only survivor of that band.

At the time of his death he was captain at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and he had served the Guild of Devonshire Ringers truly and faithfully, having been the South West Branch secretary for 19 years and during the past 12 months its chairman. He had also been a Central Council representative since 1949, and it was only in recent times that he was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

Tom is no longer with us, but his memory will always remain with those of us who knew him so well, and I think it would be quite fitting if some form of memorial could be erected in the church he served so faithfully and so well.

From N.W. Branch, Devon Guild.

"We have lost with the death of Mr. T. G. Myers a great ringer who rarely missed a meeting in our Branch and who also visited us on other occasions. He was of a cheerful nature and a great deal of change ringing was learned from him.

"In association with the Sangwin brothers between 1930 and 1939 he conducted 22 peals in succession without losing one—a remarkable achievement. Most of the peals were rung at Bridgerule tower the fine bells being his favourite eight in the district.

"May he rest in peace.—R. Pearce, Sec."

MR. GEORGE CLARKE

With the passing on March 30th, at the age of 81, of Mr. George Clarke, of Clanfield, the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest member. He leaves two sons. Until last year he was foreman at the tower, in which he had been ringing for 62 years.

The funeral service was at Clanfield on April 4th and was attended by Branch members and representatives from Faringdon. The Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Siderfin), who conducted the service, spoke well of Mr. Clarke's ringing activities and of the innumerable people he had taught. His first peal was rung in 1905, and the first peal by an all-local band in 1907. The Vicar concluded his remarks with "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Later that evening a quarter peal was rung with the bells half-muffled by Alec Cantwell 1, D. Floyd 2, L. Oliffe 3, T. Hester 4, J. List 5, J. Coggins (conductor) 6, D. Smith 7, A. Hicks 8.

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Letters to the Editor

WHY SOME METHODS ARE RUBBISH

Dear Sir—Would it be of any advantage if some person of knowledge were to write an article or series showing just why some methods are rubbish? Why places in 7, 8 are so shocking, etc., and what constitutes something worth ringing and why?

If one "invents" a method in these days it is almost certain to have been already invented or is classified as rubbish or both, yet it is fairly easy to produce something short and much more musical than standard methods but which cannot go to an extent. Are they necessarily rubbish because they are not pealable? To the ignorant one would imagine that musical quality was the criterion, and long-drawn out dodging would be boring. Yet Double Oxford is a standard. Never having heard it rung, I do not know as to its music, but it looks deadly dull!

As to peals, I am not a peal ringer, five in 85 years, I think, but I take off my hat to those who are. In my experience they are always extremely helpful to the ignorant, both in tower and correspondence and we would be much poorer without them. Many a country tower only realises what first-class ringing can be when visited by a peal band. Long may peal tours be with us.

WESTCOUNTRYMAN.

IMBER BELLS GOING TO EDINGTON PRIORY

Dear Sir.—Further to my letter on page 148 regarding the disposal of the Imber bells, it was finally decided at the P.C.C. meeting at St. Francis Church, Salisbury, to give the five bells to Edington Priory, which is to become a ten-bell tower.

The Council agreed that it was more important to complete the interior of the unfinished church rather than pay £2,000 for the recasting and hanging of the bells at present. Also the bells had been stored at Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's for some considerable time and were taking up valuable storage space, which was another reason pressing for the disposal of the bells.

Meanwhile the interest at St. Francis' has not completely diminished. By gentle persuasion of the writer, one member of the P.C.C. has realised the importance of bells in church worship, who in turn suggested that one bell should be hung in the tower, with the idea that when the church is complete a new light ring of six bells be installed. This was generally agreed. So the sound of bells should come from the tower of St. Francis' Church yet.—Yours faithfully,

N. SKELTON.

P.S.—I fully agree with Allan E. Cook (page 200) when he says one tower he had in mind had its bells rehung only four years ago.—N.S.

TEACHING BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I must congratulate the writers of the articles for beginners.

There is one other thing which I consider most important, that is, when the beginner is ringing rounds should his bell get out of control, he should be able to bring it under control, as this will frighten any beginner.

Triumph. At last he is ringing a bell by himself. With an intelligent pupil this should be in less than ten minutes.

ANOTHER INSTRUCTOR.

"LEFT OVER RIGHT"

Dear Sir,—I am, unlike Mr. Jones (letter, page 216), apparently "not conforming to modern standards" (T. J. Lock, page 179) since I ring "left over right." Though, Mr. Jones, in your argument I fail to see any connection between handling ropes and handling cricket bats.

In my tower the instructor, quite rightly, lets the beginner decide which is his/her strongest and most comfortable way to handle the bell rope. To determine this, the beginner is subjected to a short tug of war, using the tail-end of the rope. The result of this experiment usually shows the beginner to be most comfortable employing "left over right." (I consider this to be right-handed, as do most tug of war teams!)

Since our present concern is that of handling ropes (and not bats) I feel a comparison with a tug of war team more relevant. Now, applying this in Mr. Jones' argument, this proves nothing.

Finally, it is interesting to note that the majority of "right over left's" have to swap the tail-end from their left hand to their right to tie the rope; also, the more advanced "right over left" ringer uses his right hand to ring single-handed!—Yours faithfully,
London, N.W. M. C. F.

"LONG TEN"

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Cook's letter referring to the "long ten." I came across the practice a few years ago, when I often attended Evensong at Chippenham, Cambridgeshire. I do not recall the name by which it was known there but as far as I can remember it was terminated by the calls "five in" and "four in" at successive treble leads after a suitable length, usually five or ten minutes. These calls in effect produced the other two leads of Grandsire, thus bringing up rounds.

I do not see why this form of ringing should bridge the gap between call changes and method ringing better than normal plain hunting (I am anti-"learning the numbers") but I think it is more probably of interest in studying the evolution of method ringing. Cannot we learn something of the way our predecessors thought from these old practices?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HARRISON.

Twyford, Berks.

PIPES OF PAN

Dear Sir,—Unlike some of your correspondents, I do not think that any special action is called for by the recent hoaxes. I remain optimistic that the passage of time will take care of this—unless we should happen to be hoaxed by Peter Pan!—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

DOUBLES NAMES

Dear Sir,—I should like to name the following Doubles methods thus:—

Plain Course	Call	Name
Antelope Single	Plain Bob P.L.	Kingstone
Antelope Single	Old Bob Single	Felton
Antelope Single	Rev. Cant. P.L.	Ullingswick
Antelope Single	Grandsire Extreme	Ewias

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL V. POWELL.

Hereford.

SINGLES IN CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—I have been very interested in reading about singles being used in Surprise methods. About 1930 and just before, we at Kempston, Beds, rang 720 changes of Cambridge Minor, two singles, Wrong, bob, right, twice repeated. I do not put that in for peal ringing as I was advised by several first-class ringers against doing so; it just was not done! We also put singles in several Treble Bob methods on practice nights. Were we the first to try that way of conducting on church bells?—Yours sincerely,

E. P. INSKIP

Bromham, Beds.

PEAL OF MAXIMUS NOT ACCEPTABLE

Dear Sir,—I have been asked by the president of the Yorkshire Association to consider the position of the peal rung at Halifax, Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, on December 27th, 1966, and reported in "The Ringing World" of March 24th, 1967, on page 205.

I regret that this peal failed to conform to the rules of the Association and therefore is not acceptable as a performance by the Association.—Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY,

Hon. Peal Secretary.

PEALS OF 5040 MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—The compositions of Londinium Surprise Maximus in your issue of April 7th by Messrs P. Border and R. W. Pipe bring to my memory the first two peals of Surprise Maximus (probably the only two) containing only 5,040 changes, both rung at St. Marvle-Tower, Ipswich.

On April 12th, 1930, in 5,040 New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, the first lead was Primrose, thereby bringing up the Wrong at the first treble lead, cutting out 240 changes. The other on November 26th, 1932, was 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, calling the first course 6ths, Out, 7ths, followed by seven further courses, composed and conducted by C. J. Sedgley. The former peal was conducted by me.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. J. Daniel's letter on London Surprise Minor (page 216), there are probably dozens of touches for his requirements. I enclose two unoriginal touches which may be of interest

552 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR (Minimum length over 540 without singles.)

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600 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR (True to any 2nds regular Treble Bob Hunt Minor method.)

23456 W H

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Yours sincerely,

A. E. CRADDOCK.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Cambridge Univ. Guild's Bright Evening

FOLLOWING the Guild's new trend for grabbing fresh colleges, the annual dinner was held in Emmanuel College on March 4th—once again, by chance, the day after the Cardinals Ball. Sadly, many people at the dinner appeared still to be recovering from the after-effects!

Both peal attempts on Saturday morning were, unfortunately, lost, despite the care taken to ensure that none of the Friday night's revellers were in the band. Those who did manage to get up in time rang at St. Bene't's, followed by Great St. Andrew's and then Chesterton, where some wandered along down the river in beautiful sunshine to watch the Lent Bumping Races. Meanwhile ringing continued on the 12 at Great St. Mary's, with the glorious bells of the Cathedral Church as a grand finale to the afternoon's ringing.

The dinner in the Old Library in Emmanuel was presided over by Bill Ridgman. After an excellent meal, and during the ceremony of the Loving Cup, a non-conducted touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by J. M. H. Hunter 1-2, S. P. Darvill 3-4, V. Nutton 5-6, F. E. Haynes 7-8, B. D. Threlfall 9-10, F. C. Hobson 11-12.

The president, after proposing the loyal toast, welcomed the guests and introduced them to the company—Jim Quinney and his son, Ian (Cambridge Youths), the Vicars of Great St. Mary's and Great St. Andrew's and the Masters of the Oxford and Sheffield University Societies.

The toast of "The Guild" was proposed by Brian Threlfall, who, dismissing reminiscence as boring, took a brief look into the future with a little star-gazing. The Master, Stephen Darvill, in replying, waxed somewhat more eloquent.

Agreeing wholeheartedly with Mr. Threlfall that looking back at past activities was a boring topic for a speech, he began in characteristic style by reviewing the Guild activities during the year. Alas, he cried, so indolent, corrupt and incompetent had been the administration, most especially at its head, that regular items in the Guild calendar, such as the outing with Oxford University, had unfortunately been overlooked; definitely many lessons for future Masters were to be learned from this year's. They had, however, enjoyed two outings with Sheffield University, and the ringing standards and social life continued from strength to strength.

Sunday service ringing had got off to a good start this year, but as winter's icy winds began blowing in from the East many members had shown a reluctance to forsake their hot-water bottles. The formation of a Guild Action Group to drag members forcibly from their beds had, however, considerably improved the situation. Concerning belfry maintenance, the steeplekeeper had devised some brilliant sprung stays, none of which, unfortunately, worked: though bits of wood sawn off last year's Rag-floats were doing excellent service at St. Andrew's.

Proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the secretary, Ellis Thomas, felt he must comment on the arrival of visitors from that terrible place "The North." Several visits in that direction by the Guild this year, plus rumours that there were actually bellringers up there, were slowly undermining the conviction, long held in the Guild, that all the land north of a line between King's Lynn and Aberystwyth was covered by a vast ice cap, and was, therefore, completely uninhabitable.

Richard Tibbetts, Master of Sheffield University Guild, in replying, rushed to the defence of "The North," producing anti-Welsh anecdotes and cunning misquotes from Rupert Brooke. He added that he had not wanted to journey south to the Cambridge dinner initially, but the fluttering eyelids and persuasive charm of his Vice-Master, combined with the lure of a free dinner, had proved too much for a man to withstand!

The company well wine and dined, then adjourned to the relaxed atmosphere of the College's new J. C. R. bar for the rest of the evening. There we chanced to meet the Emmanuel College Boat Club, who, fresh from their own "end-of-races" Bumps Supper, promptly abducted one of our young lady visitors from Sheffield. . . . or was it perhaps the other way round?

E. N. T. et alii.

LADIES' GUILD Western District

The annual general meeting of the Western District was held at Weston-super-Mare on March 11th. The service, preceded by ringing from 3.30 to 4.30, was conducted by the Rector, after which tea was taken in the Church Hall, provided by members of the Guild. Ringing at Worle followed the meeting.

Officers elected for 1967-68 were: Vice-president, Mrs. M. de Jong; secretary, Miss B. Johnson; committee, Mrs. Parfree, Mrs. Eyles, Mrs. Lampard, Miss Hallett and Mrs. Chapman; new members Miss S. Tiley, S. Hebden, S. Walker, L. Brennan, V. Frewin, J. Fairley, N. Drew and Mrs. Gay.

Members would like to place on record their appreciation to Mrs. Parfree and Mrs. de Jong for their work for the Guild during their term of office together, and to welcome Mrs. de Jong in her new role of vice-president.

Next meeting: Thornbury, Friday, April 21st, 7.30 p.m. B. J.

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MIDDLESEX MEETING AT ST. GILES-IN-THE FIELDS

Holborn's most interesting church is undoubtedly St. Giles-in-the-Fields, which has grown from the chapel of a lepers' hospital founded by Queen Matilda in 1101, the present church dating from 1734. With its 160ft. spire it still stands supreme despite the numerous modern buildings which now surround it.

With a meeting in Central London one always looks forward to visitors and on this occasion ringers were welcomed from Bath, Sturry (Kent), Woking and Eling (Hants), together with a number from the Greater London area.

The Rector of St. Giles', the Rev G. C. Taylor, who is also president of the Middlesex Association, conducted the service and afterwards joined the company at tea in the spacious vestry.

At the short business meeting Mrs. Sheila Spreadbury (Wood Green) was elected as a ringing member. The very good news was received that Miss Mabel Prockson, a valued and respected member, had left hospital that day and the good wishes of all members present were extended. E. H. K.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

THE last meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Conisbrough and possessed most of the ingredients of an excellent meeting, i.e. a pleasant ring of eight, good company, hospitality a high and interesting standard of ringing, opportunity and progress. A few learners in the elementary stages would have been welcome and could have been well catered for. A good number of towers were represented and it was pleasing to have visitors from Uppingham, Lincs and Beverley.

The writer cannot recall such a large variety of Major methods being rung at a meeting. In addition to touches in the standard, plain and Surprise methods the ringing included five Spliced Surprise Major, seven Spliced Plain Major and touches in four different principles (Original, Forward Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Duffield).

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, followed by Stedman Triples and Grandshire Caters on handbells by Messrs. N. Donovan, J. J. G. Gilbert, S. Armeson, N. Chaddock and J. Chaddock.

Pudsey and Rutland Major will be special methods for the meeting at Dore on May 6th, when learners will also be especially welcome. A good gathering is desired as the Vicar (the Rev. Garth Heawood, formerly of Norfolk) retires the following week. During his stay at Dore he has been a great encouragement to the ringers, his son and daughter both taking up the art during his incumbency. N. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Newark District

A very successful meeting was held at Southwell on March 18th. This was the first meeting the District had held there since the Minster bells were augmented to 12, and the primary interest was to fan interest in the Guild's activities in the members of the newly-formed band. It was, therefore encouraging to see most of them taking part in the ringing and also attending the business meeting.

Almost 50 ringers swelled the congregation for Evensong in the Minster, which was led by the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood. Tea was afterwards served in Trebeck Hall by Newark ringers and wives. Five of the local band were elected to membership.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on April 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. C. Henderson 1, J. M. Elaine Mordaunt 2, J. R. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson 4, G. R. Mordaunt 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Barrett, a ringer.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On April 3rd, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: W. R. White 1, B. R. White 2, Mrs. E. Mordaunt 3, R. Mitty 4, N. Leslie 5, A. Mordaunt 6, D. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Barrett, former ringer at Appleton and Abingdon, also of F. G. Myers, of Plymouth.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, E. T. Lee 2, A. E. Cox 3, J. Brain 4, P. J. England (first in method) 5, G. H. Pullin 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. F. Lee 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, R. L. Coles 3, A. Swaton 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, P. J. Devrell 7, B. Sarll 8. First in method for all except treble. For the wedding of Noel Lee and Yvonne King

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On March 27th, 1,280 Cambridge surprise Major: 1, Wickens 1, K. Game 2, R. J. Cooles 3, A. R. Millidge 4, B. J. Bull 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, G. W. Shanks 8.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): J. Wilson 1, Monica Martin 2, J. Martin 3, W. Robertson 4, B. Potts (cond.) 5, G. Baxter 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On April 2nd, 720 Ipswich, 540 St. Clements': A. J. Munnings 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, D. J. Derrick 3, M. J. Howes 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, L. H. Bowden 2, C. F. Mutton 3, W. H. Cholwill 4, R. G. Pearce 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, R. Hill 7, C. Cholwill 8. For Palm Sunday, and a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret E. Chilton, of Newark, Notts.

BROADCHALKE, WILTS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Carter 1, A. J. Grant 2, R. T. Jones (cond.) 3, G. M. Penney 4, D. G. Chalk 5, D. J. Gilbert 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 6. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Carter 1, A. J. Grant 2, R. C. Laity (first quarter) 3, D. G. Chalk 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, D. J. Gilbert 6. For the wedding of Miss S. Leyland and Mr. R. Fry.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Spice 1, Sheila Coping 2, Jenny Quaife 3, M. C. Hansford (first "inside") 4, Christine Webb 5, R. J. Edmondson (first of Major) 6, M. G. Foster 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8. Run to celebrate the birth of Frances Kate, daughter of Rev. A. McCabe (curate).

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Groves 1, M. P. J. Inskipp (first "inside") 2, Rosemarie A. Frith 3, P. J. Gibson 4, T. J. Sheaham 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For St. Patrick's Day.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On March 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, Carol Gosling 3, E. Brazler 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. For the marriage of Miss Shirley Ede and Mr. Peter Bell.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss D. E. Marshall (first quarter) 1, R. H. J. Mears (first "inside") 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, Miss M. Lush 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, P. R. Board 6, E. H. Arney 7, J. W. Marshall 8. To welcome back the Vicar, Canon P. Anderson, after his recuperation.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Carol Frank (first quarter) 1, Caroline R. F. Cole 2, E. Newham 3, R. Durrant 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, E. Pickett 6. A compliment: to the ringer of the 3rd, on being elected president of the Herts Association.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tigwell 1, D. Carey 2, H. Heath 3, J. Martin 4, H. Fell 5, Rev. P. Wooster 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, E. Green 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, R. Collins 2, J. Priest 3, Anne Pickering 4, Patricia Hill 5, P. Privett 6, D. Blows (cond.) 7, R. Collins 8. For Confirmation Service.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On March 31st, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Kirkpatrick (first quarter) 1, W. Willons 2, D. Rennolds (cond.) 3, B. Martin 4, Miss S. Withers 5, S. Bateman 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 2nd, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. C. Stevens 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, G. H. Humphries 3, N. G. T. Steere 4, I. M. Parry 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. Brown 7, A. Brown 8, K. Taber (first of Caters as cond.) 9, F. E. Collins 10. A compliment to Mr. Philip Cooper, son of the late Daniel Cooper, married on March 25th.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Minor (five methods): Gladys D. Northway 1, J. Hartless 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, L. D. Smith (most methods as cond.) 5, D. Jackson 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, on April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For the christening of Kevin Paul Osborne.

EALING MIDDXX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Read (first quarter) 1, Susan Davis 2, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, P. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chambers 1, P. Mounsey 2, S. G. Pick 3, K. Hilton (first "inside") 4, T. Coates 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Martin 1, Miss S. Withers 2, J. Collard 3, D. Rennolds 4, T. Newlands 5, W. Willons 6. Jointly conducted by 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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ON EASTER DAY

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Easter Eve for first Easter Communion, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, J. Wrigley 2, Miss M. Stubbs 3, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 4, A. Wrigley 5, E. Goater 6, E. Naylor 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. First "inside" 2 and 3.

BENDIGO VICTORIA.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Wilson 1, Monica Martin 2, T. Wilson 3, C. Rayner (first "inside") 4, 4, Martin (cond.) 5, W. Cook 6.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boustead 1, A. R. Ling 2, B. Redgers 3, B. Forsyth 4, C. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Morgan 7. Also for the birth of a second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan.

CHIDDINGTON, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Gribble 1, C. Cheseman 2, J. R. Palmer 3, R. J. Everest 4, P. R. Everest 5, N. S. Butcher 6, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 7, H. W. Evans 8. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6. First of Triples by a local band since 1939.

EDMONTON, MIDDXX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Langdon (first quarter) 1, Beryl Platt 2, Jacquie Hedges 3, Gloria Simpson 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Langdon (first as cond.) 6, Trudy Newcombe cover.

EYNHAM, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. S. Norgrave 1, B. Coggins 2, Mrs. P. E. Pimm 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. E. Hicks 6. Also rung half-muffled to the memory of the parents of Mr. G. Cox.

FILTON, GLOS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. M. Morse 1, Miss M. N. Haslum (cond.) 2, G. Gooding 3, D. C. Haslum 4, A. Howard 5, A. N. Blount 6.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—1,272 Minor (Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford): S. Marshall 1, R. C. Bunning 2, J. A. Adams 3, G. T. Bunning 4, D. G. Adams 5, G. P. Adams (cond.) 6. First Minor 3 and 5.

HARPENDEAN, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan D. Cowan 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Catherine Powell 3, M. Bew (cond.) 4, R. Newson 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, A. W. R. Wilby 7, L. G. Coburn 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Barbara Ward 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, Jean Warner 3, H. Cokombe 4, J. Bailey 5, S. Oates (first quarter) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, P. Hartt 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORK.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. N. Pearce (first in the method) 1, Susan Mitchell 2, S. P. D. Burnett (first in method "inside") 3, A. C. Barton (cond.) 4, Jennifer E. Pearce 5.

HUITON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Hall 1, S. Powell 2, R. Rice 3, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 4, W. Rice 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothea Hargreaves 1, Louise Evans 2, Sara Woolley 3, S. Cass 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5, B. Edwards 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—1,260 Doubles (five methods): Jane Markham 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, G. Precott 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cheryl Macdonald-Hardie 1, F. Ward 2, C. Geary 3, C. Bewick 4, A. Humphrey 5, R. Newsum 6. Also to celebrate the birth of Christopher Anthony Coe.

MINSTER, Sheppey, KENT.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marianne Leworthy 1, Jane Bryant 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, Joan A. Hayward 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, N. R. Mattingley (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 5.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, B. Coley 2, D. Tambling 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

ROYDON ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles: B. G. Burton 1, Mrs. M. Norgett 2, W. P. Sams 3, C. W. Sams (cond.) 4, A. A. Livinas 5, N. Ward 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—1,092 Plain Bob Triples: B. F. Sims 1, P. S. George 2, R. D. Bellamy 3, G. E. Bonham 4, J. S. Walker 5, R. L. Piron 6, P. Mehew (cond.) 7, C. D. Corby 8. A 16th birthday compliment to ringer of 2. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. L. George (first quarter) 1, T. W. Griffiths (first "inside") 2, P. S. George 3, J. S. Walker (cond.) 4, G. E. Bonham 5, J. D. Tarrant (first quarter) 6, C. D. Corby 7, I. P. Sawford 8. First quarter peal by the present local band.

STREATHAM LONDON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Smith (first away cover) 1, Irene E. Shanks (first Grandsire Triples) 2, Rosemary J. Cotten 3, Mary Potter 4, J. R. Pratt 5, G. W. Shanks 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, C. P. Starbuck 8.

SULLY, GLAM.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dr. T. G. Morris 1, G. Whincup 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, G. Davis 4, G. Havard (cond.) 5, Catherine A. Havard 6.

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Rededication of Wittersham (Kent) Bells

It was cold and blustery on April 2nd, when the bells of St. John the Baptist, Wittersham, Kent, were rededicated by the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Lucey) during Matins.

The church was beautiful with the Easter decorations, lilies in the Sanctuary, daffodils, primroses and other flowers elsewhere. At the entry to the belfry steps there was a large bowl of multi-coloured polyanthus and smaller jars of the same flowers in little niches on the stairway. In the belfry one was greeted by the sight of red, white and blue sallies suspended above the red floor covering (kindly given by Mrs. Chester Beatty), and two arrangements of daffodils and forsythia.

General ringing for about an hour preceded the service. After singing the bellringers' hymn the Rector and choir, together with the family and friends of the man to whom the bells were to be rededicated, and the many ringers present, proceeded to the base of the tower, where the Rector rededicated the bells "to the glory of God and to the memory of Herman Anton Andreae."

Present at the service was his daughter, Lady Mallett (a member of the local band of ringers), at whose instigation the work was carried out and who was also responsible for having the ringing chamber floor repaired.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Graham-Harrison, a retired clergyman from Northamptonshire, who has recently come to live in Wittersham, and who took as his two-fold text "They work—to the glory of God." He spoke along the lines that whilst bellringers were members of their own band or team, they were also members of the band within the whole Church.

After the service the ringers, numbering about 40, returned to the belfry for further ringing. The bells have been retuned, turned and rehung in a cast iron frame, with provision for two trebles to be added at a later date, and they now run in a clockwise direction. We were very sorry indeed to learn that the bellhanger from Taylor's foundry, Mr. Fred Thorold, had been ill and absent from work since he left us last December, and the Rector referred to this during his prayers for the sick.

Apart from the local band, those present included the Ashford District secretary (Mr. Alan P. S. Berry), former Ashford District Ringing Master (Mr. John Cooper) and ringers from Appledore (Kent), Battle, Sussex, Bethersden, Folkestone, Hothfield, King's College (Cambridge), New Romney, Rolvenden, Sevenoaks, Stone (Kent), Sturry, Tenterden and Winchester School. We were very pleased to receive as non-ringing visitors in the belfry Sir Victor Mallett, Lord Dunboyne and Mrs. Chester Beatty.

THE BELLS

The second, third and fourth are now the only bells existing in Kent by Josephus Carter, and are referred to in "Church Bells of Kent" as three of the finest bells in the county. The whole ring was restored and rehung, and a new treble added, in 1937, the gift of Mr. A. Max Wilkinson, churchwarden, and was rededicated on Easter Sunday, 1938. The fifth became cracked in August, 1938, and was recast in 1951 by Gillett and Johnston, and was rededicated on May 6th, 1951.

Tenor.—"John Wilnar made me. I. B. G. F. C. W. 1629. Weight 16 cwt, 2 qr. 20 lb.

Fifth.—Shoulder: Thomas Mears and Son, London. Fecit 1808. Waist: Recast 1951 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. "O be Joyful in the Lord all ye lands: Serve the Lord with Gladness, and come before His Presence with a Song." Weight 13 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Fourth.—"Thomas Odiarne, Jeremy Odiarne Isaack Odiarne gave this bell." 1609. Weight 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Third.—"Josephus Carter me fecit." 1609. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Second.—"Josephus Carter me fecit. 1609. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Treble.—Shoulder: Mears and Stainbank. 1937. Waist: "In Joyous Sound—Remember Kenneth Maxmillian Wilkinson, Commander R.N. 9 Nov. 1936. Aged 43." James Fischer Wilkinson, M.C. Major R.F.A., France and Flanders. 1914—29 Oct. 1918. Aged 23.

A peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the bells on April 2nd, conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

P. F. D.

WARWICKSHIRE'S OLDEST CHURCH

News from Wootton Wawen, the oldest church in Warwickshire, is that there is an active young band with 12 of 16 or under. Three have rung quarter peals, nine more eager to, and one has rung a peal.

FROM DERBYSHIRE

The Chesterfield striking contest to be held at Clowne on May 13th was discussed at the well-attended monthly meeting at Creswell. North Wingfield, Wingerworth and Creswell are hoping to enter a team for the first time for several years. The contest should prove more interesting than last year, when only four teams competed. Mr. D. Davis, the new District Ringing Master, supervised the ringing.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The Andover District enjoyed the delightful little six at Longparish on April 1st. The Rev. K. S. P. McDowall conducted the service, and the ladies of Longparish belfry provided tea. The highlights of the evening at Longparish and Barton Stacey were touches of Cambridge Minor and three courses of London Surprise.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH NEWS

The Cheltenham Branch continued its evening practice meetings at Swindon Village, Leckhampton and Charlton Kings this year.

There has been a change ringing band at the difficult five at Swindon for many years, and the Church Council is now considering providing a treble. There is a pit for this and no difficulties are apparent apart from minimum costs.

The neighbouring eight-bell towers are quite a contrast, one light and fast, the other slow and sonorous. There was a satisfactory attendance at both, methods being varied up to Bristol.

Meetings will be further afield a little later as the area is very long and narrow, the most distant necessitating Saturday meetings.

W. A. F.

St. Uny Doubles rung at Lelant on April 3rd consists of plain course Stedman. Single, Grandire Single in quick six. Composition: two singles, 60 changes apart.

"The Child's Guardian," the official magazine of the N.S.P.C.C., has in its March issue a fine picture of a group of students from St. John's College, York, giving a handbell recital in York for the N.S.P.C.C.

The Huntington Guild had a most successful Easter with five tower bell and two handbell peals, all conducted by A. Colin Banton. Also operating in the area was A. Martin Thorley, who conducted another three during the same period.

The Bath and Wells Association at its annual general meeting on Easter Monday abolished the compulsory contribution of 6d. per rope for a peal to "The Ringing World." In its place the Association will make a contribution out of general funds to the journal.

Three of the local band took part in the peal of Stedman Triples at Liss to honour the wedding of Bernard S. Gambrill, the vice-captain, and Miss Sheila Knox. This was the first of Stedman on the bells and our correspondent asks if it was a coincidence that the previous evening's last touch for Evensong, conducted by the bridegroom, contained all "singles."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Alan R. Pink and Mr. Christopher C. Clarke rang their 100th peal together at Daventry on February 25th.

One of those very rare events took place at Haresfield, Glos. on March 19th, when the whole band rang their first quarter peal—Grandire Doubles. Congratulations to all concerned.

Regarding Mr. John R. Mayne's letter about conductors making sure their notations are accurate, his observations did not apply to Penden Surprise Major, as the correction was published a week before his letter. Regrets that the reference was not deleted.

Which leading composer composed a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples that was two courses short of the usual quarter peal length? Which leading peal ringer called it on Easter Sunday without realising the error until it was pointed out to him afterwards?

Ringwood Sunday service band made history on April 3rd by ringing a quarter of Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire). It was the first quarter of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung by resident members of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY. BELLS RUNG FOR LAST TIME

The bells of St. Alkmund's, Derby, were rung for the last time on April 8th, the day of the annual general meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association. The church passed over to Derby Corporation on April 3rd but our correspondent believes that services are being held there until April 26th.

The future of the bells is unknown; an assurance has been given by the diocesan authorities that the ring of eight will not be broken up but, apart from that, the Vicar and P.C.C. are non-committal.

The views of Derby Association have been conveyed to the Bishop and a letter from the Association is going to the local Press as it is hoped that a home for the bells may be found at a Derby church or one in the diocese.

The proposed extension and redevelopment of Derby is likely to make several churches in the centre redundant. Recently St. Andrew's Church was considered to be a liability in view of the population movement. It is suggested that a smaller church be built but nothing has yet been settled. St. Andrew's houses a ring of ten.

WOMEN RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO SUFFOLK M.U. PRESIDENT

St. Mary's, Offham, Suffolk, bells, augmented to six by Messrs. Taylors in 1959, was chosen by Mothers' Union branches in the Bosmere Deanery for the ringing of a quarter peal in honour of Mrs. Cashmore, wife of Bishop Cashmore, who has retired after 12 years as president of the M.U. in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

A change in the band through two experienced ringers becoming expectant mothers necessitated the ringing being limited to changes. One of the ropes was taken by 12-year-old Judith Atkins, and others participating were Mesdames Joyce Lester, Brenda Lavers, Winifred Lockwood, Janet Perry and Monica Green.

IN NORTHERN IRELAND

A profitable week-end in Northern Ireland was spent at the beginning of April. Peals were rung at Hillsborough, Carrickfergus and Holywood of two Spliced Surprise Major conducted by Robert C. Kippin, and Yorkshire Surprise Major by George E. Thoday.

ROCKETS AND BELLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Unusual features at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Easter Saturday, were the ringing of a quarter peal for the first Communion service and the firing of rockets from the church tower to denote the commencement of the service. Fr. Beaumont, of 20th Century Mass fame, devised the service.

SUDBURY'S PLIGHT

"It seems a shame that this town with so many bells should so seldom hear one of the most famous sounds of England," says the Sudbury Group Magazine.

The towers at St. Gregory's and St. Peter's have been declared unsafe for their bells to be rung but All Saints has the finest ring of bells for miles around, with a 25 cwt. tenor. "However," concludes the report, "the town cannot muster eight ringers and the bells are silent for most of the year."

PROMISING YOUNG DEWSBURY RINGER



Ruth Richardson has recently taken part in her first quarter peal of Double Norwich before celebrating her 12th birthday. Ruth was taught to handle a bell by Jeanne and Vernon Bottomley two years ago and rang her qualifying 720 for the Yorkshire Association in December, 1965. She has become a reliable and steady ringer. Stedman is at present her favourite method. She is a neat handler and is ever present and never late.

Ruth has joined wholeheartedly in the present Dewsbury project to train a band to ring the bells of neighbouring Cleckheaton, which have been silent for many years, and it is gratifying to hear her drawing her pupils' attention to handling faults.

She is a very busy young lady—amongst other activities is her membership of the local Girl Guide Company. Her crop of badges includes the bellringer's, of course.

A USEFUL PAMPHLET

Based on its unique experience of 80 years of accident risks, the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Ltd. has produced a useful "Stop Accidents!" pamphlet calling attention to accidents arising from churches and halls.

Of church bells, it is stated "Church bells are seldom in other than careful and competent hands. Accidents happen when rules are broken or when inspection and maintenance fail. Bell accidents are serious. Some of the worst have resulted from failure effectively to keep visitors out when the bells are up."

A picture calls attention to "Dark steps are a danger," and asks "Consider controlling lights by key or time switch. When steps are hidden behind a door, keep it locked when practical and show a warning notice." Even experienced ringers with many towers to their credit have been known to slip on dangerous stairs.

The E.I.O. gave helpful assistance to a lady who slipped when visiting a church last Christmas and fractured her ankle. She is still incapacitated and E.I.O. are standing by her. It cannot be over-emphasised the importance of bellringers being protected for the modest premium of one shilling a year paid by the P.C.C. in their cover with E.I.O. The inquiry is well worth while.

BELLRINGING INTRODUCED TO A FRENCH GIRL

"And what do we do tomorrow?" Françoise, my pen friend, asked me on Saturday night. "Go ringing, of course," I replied automatically.

"Ah, yes, you have written to me about this, I have not understood."

I was appalled—surely my French wasn't that bad? "You know, ringing, like this . . ." I gave a vivid demonstration of my hobby, upsetting a tea cup and a vase of flowers in the process, but she didn't know.

Thus Sunday morning found us arriving at Lanchester Church, gaily making introductions and running lightly up the stairs to the ringing chamber. At least I was running lightly up the stairs before I realised that all I could hear of Françoise was a grunting sound several stairs lower.

"You have many, many stairs," she complained. I acquiesced without bothering to rub in the fact that there are only 35. Soon we clambered into the belfry. "What's this?" Françoise asked, grabbing at a sally, and thanked us profusely for the French flag we had wrapped around it for her benefit.

And so, on that memorable day, we gave Françoise her first ringing lesson in a mixture of French and English which was a travesty of both languages — "Pulez la belle plus hard," "All quatre fingers sur la corde," etc. etc.

She learned quickly and before long I could take her to visit other towers, which she seemed to like (a) because of the young masculine ringing specimens in the area; (b) because of the tea; and (c) because of speeches which usually referred to her presence in a complimentary manner.

One speech made by a noteworthy local ringer (no names mentioned. Mr. Tyson), following a cricket match, ringing and a truly magnificent tea, bound all three together as typical of England, and included the following remark: "They may have De Gaulle, but they've nowt like this!" And Françoise sadly agreed. A.

CALL CHANGERS JOIN SCIENTIFICS IN STRIKING CONTEST

A striking competition in which call change ringers competed with change ringers took place at Clyst St. George on April 1st. Each of the nine teams was required to pull out the bells from a "set" position, to ring a set piece taking at least 10 minutes and then to set the bells again.

The tea break was followed by a dignified service taken by the Rector (the Rev. D. H. Large). The Rev. J. G. M. Scott made some useful comments before announcing the results and presenting certificates to the first three teams.

Results: 1 Withycombe A (Grandsire), 60 faults; 2 Otterton (call changes), 79; 3 Whimble A (call changes), 90; 4 Pinhoe B (call changes), 98; 5 Pinhoe A (call changes), 99; 6 Withycombe B (call changes), 117; 7 Lymptone (Plain Bob), 121; 8 Colaton Raleigh (call changes), 126; 9 Whimble B (call changes), 130.

Six teams came from towers owing their main allegiance to the Devon Association. The competition was organised by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (Aylesbeare Branch).

F. D. M.

TOWER BELL PEALS

FOUR PEALS OF SURPRISE ROYAL IN ONE DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, 1967

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

No. 1.—In 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Brian J. Woodruffe Treble	Basil Jones 6
Brian Harris 2	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Michael W. Crowder 3	Richard Inglis 8
Geoffrey R. Parker 4	Bernard F. L. Groves 9
Alan McFall 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Rung as a compliment to B Gillian Schofield and Roderick W. Pipe, who were married at Bradford Cathedral on March 27th.

No. 2.—In 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Jeffrey Brannan Treble	Basil Jones 6
Geoffrey R. Parker 2	Alan McFall 7
Bernard F. L. Groves 3	Brian J. Woodruffe 8
*Robert B. Smith 4	Richard Inglis 9
Michael W. Crowder 5	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 100th peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a compliment to Anne P. Smith and Edmund R. Wilkinson, who were married at All Saints' Church, Marple, on March 28th.

No. 3.—In 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Alan McFall Treble	Basil Jones 6
Brian J. Woodruffe 2	*Robert B. Smith 7
Geoffrey R. Parker 3	Michael Harris 8
Jeffrey Brannan 4	Michael W. Crowder 9
Bernard F. L. Groves 5	Richard Inglis Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* 150th peal on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to Maryl R. Crossthwaite and John H. Fielden, who were married at St. John's Church, Preston, on March 27th.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

No. 4.—In 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard Inglis Treble	Basil Jones 6
Bernard F. L. Groves 2	Michael W. Crowder 7
Robert B. Smith 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 8
Alan McFall 4	Brian J. Woodruffe 9
Brian Harris 5	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung for the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

This is the greatest number of ten-bell peals ever to be rung in one day by one band. Each of the above peals was witnessed by G. Ronald Edwards.

HUNTINGTON GUILD'S EASTER

ALL FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G sharp.
Lynne I. Clowe Treble	Susan Mitchell 4
A. Shirley Beanland 2	Jennifer E. Pearce 5
A. Colin Banton 3	Simon P. D. Burnett .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.
Lynne I. Clowe Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce 4
Susan Mitchell 2	H. David Holland 5
Simon P. D. Burnett 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

SCALBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.
*Christopher J. Groome Treble	†Jennifer E. Pearce 4
†Christopher J. Easton 2	Gerald W. Reynolds 5
†Michael J. Pickup 3	A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* 25th peal for the Association. † First in seven methods. ‡ First in seven methods "inside." First in more than one method on the bells.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat
*Patsy M. Barnes Treble	Susan Mitchell 4
Susan E. Thompson 2	Simon P. D. Burnett 5
A. Colin Banton 3	Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal attempt

Rung as a birthday compliment to Cynthia Barnett.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., April 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Andrew N. Pearce Treble	Simon P. D. Burnett 4
A. Colin Banton 2	Jennifer E. Pearce 5
Susan Mitchell 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Alkelda.

On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Being 1,008 St. Clement's and 2,016 each of Plain Bob and Little Bob, with 351 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Richard D. Gibson Treble	J. Ian Booth 5
Eve Rimer 2	Christopher L. D. Munday .. 6
Frances Fairbank 3	Christopher C. Brown 7
Howard C. Palmer 4	F. Neville Pailing Tenor

Composed by George E. Feirn. Conducted by F. Neville Pailing.

First peal of Spliced Plain Major by all except the ringer of the 3rd

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Foskett, of Nottingham.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 23. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Giles B. Thompson .. Treble	Robert B. Smith 5
Derek F. Yates 2	William H. Dowse 6
David Salter 3	Frank Osbaldiston 7
Christopher Movley 4	Richard Inglis Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

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

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SHIRLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Marion R. Panton Treble	Robert W. Sherriff 5
Maurice C. Hughes 2	John K. Foot 6
Pamela M. Turner 3	Ian C. Maycock 7
Roger E. Tallis 4	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
Rung as a compliment to Judy Robinson, a local ringer, on the occasion of her wedding, which took place earlier this day.

SALFORD-PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 lb. in F sharp.

J. Edward Cawser Treble	*Peter C. Randall 5
*Sheila Parsons 2	Harry Poyner 6
†Anthony J. Cox 3	*Geoffrey W. Randall 7
E Alan Jacques 4	B. Stedman Payne Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

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

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, viz.: (1, 2) Kent T.B., (3, 4) St. Clement's, (5, 6, 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*Barbara K. Fyle Treble	Richard T. Liggins 4
Raymond D. Hart 2	James Draycott 5
Geoffrey Pratt 3	Arthur R. Wright Tenor

Conducted by Arthur R. Wright.

* First peal.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents with ten different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	Robert W. Sherriff 4
Dolphine C. L. Holman .. 2	Alan J. Collings 5
Fred C. Lyne 3	James Stockley Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Collings.

First peal as conductor

Rung as a compliment to Peter S. Bennett and Marion R. Panton, who were to be married on April 1st, 1967, at Chelmsford Cathedral.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONELEIGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.
Paul S. Reading Treble | Shirley E. Jones 4
Peter C. Randall 2 | Geoffrey W. Randall 5
Christopher J. Royal 3 | James W. Belshaw Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.
Christopher J. Royal .. Treble | Peter C. Randall 4
Anthony J. Cox 2 | Geoffrey W. Randall 5
*James W. Belshaw 3 | Robert W. Sherriff Tenor
Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* Most methods to a peal of Minor. Most methods as conductor.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.
*David R. Randall .. Treble | Robert W. Sherriff 4
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 2 | Peter C. Randall 5
†Mrs. Doris M. Randall .. 3 | Christopher J. Royal .. Tenor
Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor "inside."
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Peter S. Bennett and Marion R. Panton, married this day at Chelmsford Cathedral.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., March 30, 1967 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
David W. Friend Treble | Gordon A. Halls 6
*Alec Humphrey 2 | †George L. Roobottom 7
Edmund Shuttleworth .. 3 | Burley P. Morris 8
*Melvin Rose 4 | Alan H. Bridges 9
*Jack Chadwick 5 | Clive A. Thrower Tenor
Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal of Caters. † 100th peal.

CLAY CROSS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.
*John A. Timons Treble | Verena Simpson 4
Mrs. Florence Davis .. 2 | Dereck Davis 5
Marjorie Yarnold 3 | Malcolm P. Phipps Tenor
Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. W. Price, tower captain at this church for over 25 years, who died on March 21st, 1967.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 3,776 Bristol, 640 London and 320 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 60 changes of method.
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.
Ann Jenner Treble | Ian H. Oram 5
Andrew J. Corby 2 | Ralph Bird 6
Judith M. Corby 3 | Tony Lewis 7
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4 | Stanley Jenner Tenor
Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

BRABOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 11 methods: (1) Beighton, (2) Eastwood, (3) Redcar, (4) Beighton, Eastwood, Redcar, Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Sleaford, (6) Netherwood, Bangor and Sleaford, (7) Chester, Bangor, Netherwood, Sleaford, Munden and Sandiacre.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.
Ralph Bird Treble | John Faircloth 4
Mary S. Faircloth 2 | Ian H. Oram 5
Tony Lewis 3 | Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor
Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John Evang.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt 18 lb. in D.
Tudor P. Edwards Treble | Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Derek Butterworth 2 | Philip J. Crossthwaite 7
Edward Jenkins 3 | Richard J. Parker 8
J. Colin Ashworth 4 | J. Barry Pickup 9
Richard S. Starkie 5 | Neil Bennet Tenor
Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung with best wishes to John Fielden and Maryl Crossthwaite, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

(Bolton Branch)

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Saviour.
On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.
J. Carter's Treble | John Illingworth (15) .. 5
Joseph Thornley 2 | Albert Greenhalgh 6
Roy Jolley (15) 2 | Geoffrey Fothergill 7
Keith Lister (15) 3 | James E. Andrews (15) .. Tenor
Margaret Fort 4
Conducted by Keith Lister.

First peal as conductor.
Rung upon the eve of the Feast of St. Richard of Chichester, Bishop, and as a belated peal of welcome to the new parish priest.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
Raymond Helliwell .. Treble | Roger Leigh 4
*Kevan Dean 2 | Michael Bell 5
*Douglas Deakin 3 | †Anthony Helliwell Tenor
Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First of Minor "inside." † 50th peal at Accrington.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.
Raymond Helliwell .. Treble | Roger Leigh 4
*Nigel Dean 2 | Michael Bell 5
Douglas Deakin 3 | Anthony J. Helliwell .. Tenor
Conducted by Anthony J. Helliwell.
* First peal "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONG EATON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
*E. Alan Jacques Treble | Gerald W. Reynolds 5
*J. Edward Cawser 2 | Rupert A. Clarke 6
Monica M. Jelley 3 | B. Stedman Payne 7
Harry Poyner 4 | John M. Jelley Tenor
Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 50th peal together. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb in A flat.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Neville W. Price Treble | Steven C. Wells 5
Brian L. Burrows 2 | John Watkins 6
*Robin A. Gilliver 3 | K. Paul Gilliver 7
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 4 | *William M. Johnson .. Tenor
Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung by a Hinckley District band. Tenor 14 cwt.

MARSTON TRUSSELL, Northants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents in each of the following methods: Reverse St. Bartholomew, Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin. April Day, Plain Bob and Grandshire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.
*Hazel Nichols Treble | Judy Morris 3
Dr Ron W. Adams 2 | Raymond H. Martin 4
Edward W. Martin Tenor
* First peal. Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) Double Court and Single Court, (4) Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob, Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
Amos Ingall Treble | Walter Tomlinson 4
Philip C. Pitchford 2 | Ronald Applewhite 5
John F. Pearson 3 | Louis Willders Tenor
Conducted by Louis Willders.
Rung with the compliments of the band to Miss Sylvia Joan Rushton and Mr. Derek Woodcock, who were married previous to the peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E fiat.
 Tudor P. Edwards Treble *Richard J. Bowden 7
 Richard S. Starkie 2 †Charles P. Quarterley 8
 Kenneth J. Hesketh 3 †David J. King 9
 David J. Llewellyn 4 John S. Mason 10
 Frederick R. Scott 5 David P. Hilling 11
 J. Keith Ward 6 Robert C. Kippin Tenor
 Arranged by P. Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
 * First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † First of Maximus.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David Hilling.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Richard W. Owen Treble Reuben S. Clench 5
 David Pike 2 Lionel Jones 6
 David L. Philips 3 David J. Hughes 7
 David J. King 4 James L. Fitzgerald .. Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. King.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Mark Clarke and Miss Patricia Johnson. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods, being an extent each of London Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 98 lb. in E.
 Frank C. J. Arnold Treble Robin R. Churchill 4
 Paul Cattermole 2 Timothy G. Pett 5
 Thomas E. Spight 3 Leslie F. Bailey Tenor
 Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
 On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Taylor's six-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.
 Geoffrey K. Dodd Treble Bradley Murduck 5
 Reginald F. Crook 2 Robert B. Blond 6
 Reginald W. Rex 3 Philip Murduck 7
 Harry E. Wells 4 Claude Corderoy Tenor
 Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
 On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 E. Dennis Poole Treble Robert H. Newton 5
 Arthur Newton 2 Roland Biggs 6
 Joyce I. Barton 3 David A. Cornwall 7
 Sydney M. Bailey 4 Walter Lee Tenor
 Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Keith H. Gould, ringer at this church, and Patricia F. Denton, who were married earlier in the day. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WARBOROUGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
 On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.
 Bradley Murduck Treble Frank E. Godden 5
 Harold W. Dunsden 2 Reginald W. Rex 6
 Philip Murduck 3 Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
 Roy H. Jones 4 Reginald F. Crook Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd

HORTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
 On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being seven extents in nine methods. Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's College, Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 David H. Brown Treble William Birmingham 4
 Albert C. Wenban 2 Frederick R. Scott 5
 Monica Blagrove 3 Frank T. Blagrove Tenor
 Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
 C. Jeffrey Jones Treble Christopher I. Rowson 4
 J. Richard Poole 2 A. Keith P. Poole 5
 Marie R. Cross 3 James R. White Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

PIDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 In four methods, being 1,200 each of Newborough, Longparish and St. Anne and 1,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt in A.
 Martin R. Bolton Treble Leonard R. Porter 3
 C. Richard Miles 2 Elizabeth M. Barber 4
 Roy H. Jones Tenor
 Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.
 Rung for Palm Sunday.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
EMPINGHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 7, 21, 23, 24 and 25. Tenor 15½ cwt
 E Ann Sadler Treble Christopher J. Groome 4
 Ronald Russell 2 Gerald W. Reynolds 5
 Roger N. Scholes 3 J. Martin Thorley Tenor
 Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
DOWNTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
 On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Thurstans' one-part. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.
 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. Treble *John W. Blackwood 5
 *David Wilson 2 Ronald N. Marlow 6
 William A. Theobald 3 *William T. Perrins 7
 *Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 4 John N. Longridge Tenor
 Conducted by William T. Perrins.
 * First peal of Stedman.

CHILDE OKEFORD, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Consisting of 1,440 Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob and 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.
 *D. John Knight Treble Robert Allinson 4
 Christopher F. Longridge .. 2 William T. Perrins 5
 Jeffrey L. Cloughton 3 John N. Longridge Tenor
 Conducted by William T. Perrins.
 * First peal. First of Minor on the bells.

SHROTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods in the following extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4, 5) Single Oxford, (6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 *Martin Corry Treble Timothy F. Collins 4
 Christopher F. Longridge .. 2 William T. Perrins 5
 John N. Longridge 3 Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. Tenor
 Conducted by John N. Longridge.
 * First peal.

MARLBOROUGH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.
 David B. Ellery Treble Michael C. E. Hodge 4
 J. Richard Poole 2 Melvyn J. Hiller 5
 A. Keith P. Poole 3 Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

MARLBOROUGH, Wilts.—At the Church of St. George, Preshute.
 On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In four methods: Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.
 J. Richard Poole Treble A. Keith P. Poole 4
 David B. Ellery 2 Christopher I. Rowson 5
 Melvyn J. Hiller 3 Michael C. E. Hodge .. Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
PENSNETT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
 On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.
 Elizabeth Timmins Treble | Frank Beech 5
 Christine Slater 2 | Richard B. Dorrington .. 6
 Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3 | Richard J. Warrilow .. 7
 Gerald W. Reynolds .. 4 | Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor
 Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.
 *Angela C. Hughes Treble | John H. Payton 5
 Peter Henry 2 | Keith G. Game 6
 †Peter R. Daws 3 | Richard H. Youdale .. 7
 *Jill P. Oakshott 4 | Christopher W. Daws .. Tenor
 Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
 * First peal. † First on eight.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods; 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 Robert E. Lester Treble | †Stuart G. C. Harrison .. 4
 *†Reginald C. Kersey .. 2 | Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 5
 Hubert A. Mitson .. 3 | Howard W. Egglestone Tenor
 Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
 * First of Minor in more than one method. † First peal attempt.
 Rung as a farewell to the Bishop of Dunwich and Mrs. Cashmore on the Bishop's resignation and their departure from the Diocese.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt.
 Robert Crocker Treble | Reginald W. Rex 5
 Philip Murduck 2 | Howard E. J. Smith .. 6
 Bradley Murduck 3 | Reginald F. Crook 7
 Philip Taylor 4 | Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor
 Composed by F. Hopgood. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 XENOPHON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt.
 Philip Murduck Treble | William Birmingham .. 5
 Michael Hatchett 2 | Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
 Ronald K. Russ 3 | Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
 Reginald W. Rex 4 | Alan R. Pink Tenor
 Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B.2.) Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 First peal in the method (Tipler's B36/4).
 Rung for the Easter Festival.

XENOPHON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Notation: —36—14—1258—16—34—1458—16—78.
 L.H. (2nds) 5738264. Bob 4ths. F.C.H.'s 24365, 43265, 32465.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Being seven different extents.
 John Chesterman Treble | *J. Jeffery Hill 4
 Howard E. J. Smith .. 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 *Richard C. Wilson .. 3 | Andrew Taylor Tenor
 Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
 * First peal. First peal on the bells.
 Rung immediately after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harmsworth at this church, where both are ringers.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.
 Robert Edwards Treble | Martin D. Fellows 5
 *Peter L. Bill 2 | John C. Eisel 6
 Clifford Skidmore 3 | *Gerald C. Hemming .. 7
 Roderick J. Lees 4 | Michael J. Fellows Tenor
 Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
 * First peal of four spliced.

OLDSWINFORD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.
 Peter J. Brown Treble | Geoffrey Westwood 5
 M. Irene Ellsmore 2 | Robert Edwards 6
 Peter L. Bill 3 | John C. Eisel 7
 Michael J. Fellows 4 | Martin D. Fellows Tenor
 Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
 First peal of London Major.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. H. Buckley and as an engagement compliment to Martin D. Fellows and Joan Flynn.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.
 Alan Sheppard Treble | Christopher J. Groome .. 5
 J. Martin Thorley 2 | Ronald R. Warford 6
 *C. Barrie Dove 3 | Gerald W. Reynolds .. 7
 John Potts 4 | A. Colin Banton Tenor
 Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
 * 150th peal for the Yorkshire Association.
 The ringer of the treble has now "completed the circle."

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Fri., March 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
 John Potts Treble | Ronald R. Warford 4
 James Thorley 2 | G. Fred Terry 5
 *Alan Shepherd 3 | Leslie M. Woodhead .. Tenor
 Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
 * Has now twice "circled the tower."
 Rung with the bells half-muffled at the request of the Vicar.

WALKINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
 On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
 Susan Mitchell Treble | Robert C. Woodward .. 4
 Christopher J. Groome .. 2 | A. Colin Banton 5
 Jennifer E. Pearce .. 3 | J. Martin Thorley Tenor
 Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
 Jennifer E. Pearce Treble | J. Martin Thorley 4
 Christopher J. Groome .. 2 | *John Woolley 5
 Mrs. J. Martin Thorley .. 3 | A. Colin Banton Tenor
 Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
 * First peal in seven Minor methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
 On Tues., March 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Bruerton's 12-part. Tenor size 15 in C
 *A. Alan Potts 1-2 | Robert B Smith (cond.) 5-6
 Gerald Moorhouse 3-4 | †J. David Atkinson .. 7-8
 * First quarter peal of Triples "in hand." † First of Triples.
 Rung in memory of John Worth, whose last peal attempt was on these handbells at the above address on February 21st, 1967

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay 24, Ridge Crescent.
 On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
 Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1-2 | Robert B. Smith 5-6
 Peter J. Staniforth 3-4 | Gerald Moorhouse 7-8
 *Alan McFall 9-10
 Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
 * First peal of Stedman "in hand." First of Stedman "in hand" as conductor.
 Rung on the eve of the wedding of Anne P. Smith and Edmund R. Wilkinson, both ringers at Marple.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
 On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor size 12 in G
 James R. White 1-2 | Richard J. Parker 5-6
 Rupert A. Clarke 3-4 | *Robert M. Chambers .. 7-8
 Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
 * First peal "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on March 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples. F. Wills 1, D. Wills 2, P. Colton 3, B. Thompson 4, M. F. Lock (cond.) 5, C. D. Yates 6, G. Skinner 7, J. N. Longridge 8. Rung on the Thomas eight, in honour of the christening of Katharine Anne, second daughter of Clive and Joyce Bryant.

FARNBOROUGH HANTS.—On March 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sally Reed (first in method) 1, Sarah Hughes 2, J. M. Kippin 3, B. Simpson 4, C. H. Kippin 5, D. Cox 6, S. Reed 7, H. Reed (cond.) 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Vinters 1, D. A. Frith 2, V. Evans 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, J. Holmes 5, T. A. Relf 6, J. Watson 7, P. Slight 8, K. Ketteringham 9, H. R. Woods (cond.) 10. A wedding compliment to the vergers' daughter, Miss Ann Nidd, and Mr. Alan Butler.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On March 27th, 1,296 Oxford T.B.: D. Gullick (cond.) 1, L. Runcles 2, G. Cherry 3, S. Gullick 4, A. Harris 5, E. Winters 6. For the wedding of Mr. Peter Croft and Miss Maria Contessa.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on April 2nd, a quarter peal of Grandire Caters: Jessie M. Kippin 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, C. H. Kippin 3, P. J. Joyce 4, G. Britchford 5, M. Church 6, S. Reed (first of Caters) 7, T. Price 8, H. P. Reed (cond.) 9, D. N. Cox 10.

HALSE, SOMERSET.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: F. Pike 1, L. T. Hancock 2, F. Branchtowler (cond.) 3, F. Morris 4, A. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. A wedding compliment to Mary Burrough married this day.

HAMBLEDEN, Bucks.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes 1, G. Smith 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger 5, T. Wright 6. By Lane End ringers as a compliment to Canon W. E. Watts, on completing 30 years as Rector.

HAMPTON, MIDD.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Chisholm (first quarter) 1, Barbara Deason 2, Hilary Essen 3, Lesley Essen 4, Alison Wylie 5, W. S. Deason (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HAREFIELD, GLOS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss J. Pillinger 1, Miss G. Richardson 2, D. Tomlins 3, Miss P. Buckland 4, P. Screen (first as cond.) 5, G. Whalley 6. First quarter attempt by all the band. A birthday compliment to R. Screen, a local ring.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: D. E. Romney (first quarter) 1, R. W. Skinner 2, J. Simmons 3, C. J. Royal 4, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, D. Knox 6, D. Francis 7, L. A. Timms 8. A wedding compliment to Robin and Sue Lee.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Margaret Wenban 3, F. K. Rawson 4, A. C. Wenban 5, J. Brooks 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Rung by the Society of Windsor Youths.

HOBERT, TASMANIA.—At St. David's Cathedral, on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lorna Walker (first quarter) 1, S. Smith 2, Monica Martin 3, J. Martin 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Gregory 6.

HOLFORD, SOMERSET.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: J. Farr (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, R. Some field 3, C. Lock 4, J. Aldridge (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On March 25th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. A 21st birthday compliment to M. Chilton.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6.

HORBLING, Lincs.—On March 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. Spencer (cond.) 1, S. Wesley 2, S. Richardson 3, A. D. Walker 4. First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On March 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley A. Hawes 1, P. T. Selwood (first "inside") 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, D. M. Wilkins 4, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 5, M. Green 6.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On March 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Barrett 1, I. Margets 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, J. W. Forde 4, G. G. Walpole 5, F. C. Gunton 6, R. Bickers 7, Rev. P. Bond (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Commander G. Sayer and Miss Jennifer Drake.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 3rd, 1,320 St. Uny Doubles: Marion L. Lidgley 1, A. P. Smith (cond.) 2, H. Miles 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis 5, F. M. Bowers 6. First in variation. Also on April 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. J. George 1, Marion L. Lidgley 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. R. Curtis 6. First of Surprise 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to H. Miles, the tower captain.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. L. Anderson 1, Mrs P. Smith 2, P. Smith 3, R. Bagshaw 4, P. M. J. Bradford 5, P. J. Bagshaw (first as cond.) 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Worthington 1, R. Spicer 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, M. Worthington 4, F. J. Robinson 5, A. A. F. Peters 6.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Without, Aldgate, on April 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. V. Gant 1, S. Penfold 2, D. Ellisden 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, C. E. Wright 5, C. C. M. Pain (cond.) 6, J. McDonald 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Also on March 5th, 1,260 Sedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, S. Penfold 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, J. McDonald 4, C. E. Wright 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, F. E. S. Jones 8.

LYDLINCH, DORSET.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. R. Board 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): R. Birch 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, A. Neilson 6. For Evensong.

LYNG, SOMERSET.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. F. Arcott 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, R. Parker 3, G. H. Baldam 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. A belated birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On March 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Valerie Green 1, D. N. Heapy 2, R. Salter 3, D. Salter 4, B. Corbishay (cond.) 5, A. Maddocks 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First "inside" 3.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael's, on March 19th, 1,260 Doubles: M. Barden 1, M. L. Howe 2, W. Manser 3, S. Wigg 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, J. Long (first quarter) 6.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Shirley Bolton 1, Monica Martin 2, Helen Henderson 3, A. Bolton (cond.) 4, J. Martin (250th quarter) 5, D. Heyes 6, J. Roper 7, G. Heyes 8.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.—On March 29th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne and Ipswich): E. G. Jones 1, P. J. Heritage 2, B. J. Davis (50th quarter) 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. C. Clarke 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. M. Kortwright 1, Miss Carol Johnson (first "inside") 2, R. Boultebe 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Joyce 1, Prisca Hornby 2, K. Sansom 3, Lesley Read 4, R. Stone 5, D. Hughes 6, L. Tremer 7, B. Walton (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 2.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: P. Hull (cond.) 1, J. Metcalfe 2, W. J. Tiley 3, K. Laver (first "inside") 4, S. J. Atwell 5, R. Talbot 6. A 94th birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Harvey, former captain and ringer at this tower.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 19th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Caroline Madge 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Deborah Bishop 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6, A. Bishop 7, A. Bagworth 8. First in the method 1, 3 and 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples. E. S. T. Farr 1, R. E. Dean 2, N. V. Harding 3, A. C. Wenban 4, M. Hatchett 5, F. R. Scott 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Margaret Wenban 3, N. F. Phillips 4, F. K. Rawson 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6-7, S. Blyth 8. Rung as a compliment to Rev. Jack Wilson, former curate, inducted this day as Vicar of Basildon, Berkshire.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On March 17th, 1,260 Hoare 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, J. Buggins 4, P. J. Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandire): J. Venn 1, B. Heritage 5, A. Cleaver (first quarter) 6.

NOTICES

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BOLTON — Shirley and Andrew Bolton have now moved to: Lot 260, Armin Street, Scoresby, Victoria, Australia. 1395

FOSTER. — The address of Martin and Christine is now: 12, Godstone Mount, Downs Court Road, Purley, Surrey. Everyone welcome. Tel. 01-BYW 2413. 1373

MORETON.—On April 22nd Michael P. Moreton is moving to: Flat 31, Victoria House, Ebury Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. Telephone No. 01-730 4070. 1381

PIPE.—The address of Roderick and Gillian is now: 25, Douglas Road, Hollywood, Birmingham. 1399

SCOTT.—The address of Stanley G. Scott, of Easthampstead, will be: Spincroft, Tilehurst Lane, Binfield, Berks (Tel. Bracknell 22125), from: April 22nd. 1398

PERSONAL

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for that is the law of the prophets."—St. Matthew vii, 12.

HANDBELLS WANTED

PREPARATORY SCHOOL MASTER requires immediate loan of handbells with tune and change ringing cards if possible. State charge for hiring.—Vernon Boardman, 10, Copers Cope Road, Beckenham, Kent. 1315

PUBLICATIONS

"BOBS AND SINGLES." an illustrated history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellingrings, N.Z., by Patricia Ward. Price 7s. 6d. from G. Nelson Sloan, 9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 4, New Zealand. 1402

"RINGING TOWERS." the Australian quarterly. Annual subscriptions (5s.) now due should be sent to Mr. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms Hatfield, Herts (not Mr. G. W. Pipe). Make cheques and P.O.'s payable to Mr. Lock.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE. — Kindly note that the tower secretary of St. Nicholas Church is Mrs. Madge Ashby, 4, Bedford Road, Barton-le-Cley, Beds. 1382

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — The A.G.M. will be held in Canon Moule's rooms, Clare College, after the practice on Wednesday, April 26th. Business includes election of officers for the next academic year. 1380

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND FRIENDS

attending the meeting in Nottingham are respectfully informed that peals are being arranged for them between May 27th and May 31st inclusive by the Hon. Peal Secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, Mr. H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Nottinghamshire, and are invited to write to this gentleman stating their requirements in all particulars at their earliest convenience. 1376

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BIRTH

PIPE.—On April 9th, 1967, at Ipswich, to Diana and George Pipe, a daughter, Alison, sister for Sarah and Stephen. 1417

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of handbells, suitable for children, tune and change ringing. Details and price to J. King, Headmaster, St. Rumon's V.P. School, Dolvin Road, Tavistock, Devon.

MISCELLANEOUS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7.30-9 p.m. All standard methods.—C.H. 1393

PETHAM, KENT.—Kindly note that the tower secretary of All Saints' Church is now Miss D. V. A. Petts, Hunt's Farm, Petham, Kent, to whom all inquiries should be addressed. 1366

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Frittenden.—Dedication of peal board of first peal for the Association, Sunday, April 23rd, 2.45 p.m. in belfry Ringing 2 p.m. Evensong in church 3 p.m.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec.

VETERANS' REUNION, LONDON.—All our "Older Friends" will be "welcome" at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 24th next. A good chance for "Youngsters" to "Wheel 'm in."—Euston. 1379

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Chard (8 bells), Saturday, April 22nd 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 1415

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Bishop (6), Saturday, April 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 1378

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Babycary (6), Saturday, April 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horthorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 1333

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Evening meeting at Chesterfield on Saturday, April 22nd, Bells (10) 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 1374

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Annual meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, April 22nd, Bells (8) 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Bells 6 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. G. Dowdeswell, 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 1341

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking Competition will take place at Horsell on Saturday, April 22nd, beginning at 2.30 p.m. This will be followed by a service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Privett, 8, Butts Road, Woking. 1354

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tarrington, Saturday, April 22nd, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford. 1371

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicester (8), Saturday, April 22nd, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 1326

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Denham, Saturday, April 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names must be sent to Miss Hobbs, 4, Broken Gate Lane, Denham.—M.ss Hague. 1356

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanwick, Saturday, April 22nd, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. J. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, 1367

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Burton Bradstock, Saturday, April 22nd, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 1332

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Great Finborough (6), April 22nd, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Buxton Village Hall, 5, followed by business meeting. Rattlesden bells available in evening 6.30-9. Names for tea to Mr. H. Mitson, Alanore Lodge, Buxhall, Stowmarket.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, April 22nd, Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, Tel. 3515.—G. Fitzhugh, Dis. Sec. 1404

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Nantmel, Rads, April 22nd, Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea (2/6 per head) and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon. 1264

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Meeting at Constantine, Saturday, April 22nd, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 1318

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Curdridge, April 22nd, Bells 3 till 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Reading Room. Business meeting follows. Special methods: Erin and Double Norwich. 1343

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on April 25th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: April 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral; May 2nd, St. Mary-le-Bow; May 9th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; May 16th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 1410

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Humberstone, Thursday, April 27th, Ringing 7 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1377

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Redhill (8), Thursday, April 27th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1328

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The striking competition will be held at East Harptree on Saturday, April 29th, commencing at 3 p.m.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1391

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewre Branch.—Astbury, April 29th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Most important: Names for tea must be received by April 26th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1416

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting and District striking competition at Breadsall on Sat., April 29th. Horsley Cup heats 3-5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. General ringing 6 p.m. Names for tea to Bernard Greasley, 106, Brookside Road, Breadsall. 1327

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Dun, Sat., April 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Stephenson, 25, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun. 1385

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—A learners' practice meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Shildon, on Saturday, April 29th, commencing at 3 p.m. Ringing: Rounds and call changes to Plain Bob. Names for tea to Miss K. Anderson, 29, Princes Street, Shildon, Co. Durham, by Wednesday, April 26th. 1419

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, April 29th, Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1407

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Striking Competition, Somersham (6), Saturday, April 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock for those who notify W. Ransome, The Chestnuts, High Street, Somersham, Hunts, by April 26th, ringing teams excepted. General ringing in the evening.—H. S. Peacock. 1413

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—An evening meeting for learners will be held at Wendens Ambo (6 bells) on Saturday, April 29th. Help needed from experienced ringers.—All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1387

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, April 29th, 6-9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1384

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Spring meeting, Chetton, April 29th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, near Wolverhampton, not later than April 26th. 1390

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, South Brent, Devon, Saturday, April 29th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Petroc's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Diptford. Names for tea to Mrs. Pat Johnstone, Stidston, South Brent, by April 24th. 1403

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Westham (6), Saturday, April 29th, Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 1357

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Harrow Weald, Saturday, April 29th, Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting. Please make special effort to attend. Important business meeting.—J. Hooton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking Competition, Markfield, Saturday, May 6th. Rules as last year. Entries, with remittance, not later than April 29th. Leicester District meeting to follow., and Inter-District skittles match to take place in the evening. Names for tea to A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, not later than May 3rd. 1966 Guild Report (22 new compositions) 5s. each, and many previous reports available 2s. each from Hon. Gen. Sec. 1401

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 29th, Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel, Lincoln Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.15 p.m. Tea in Tithe Barn 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing: Fulbeck (6) 10-11; Leadenhall (6) 11-12; Navenby (6) 12-1; Waddington (6) 1-2; St. Botolph's, Lincoln (6) 2-4; St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) 2-4; St. Giles (8) 2-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30-4.15 Lincoln towers after meeting until 9 p.m. except St. Giles (8 p.m.). Names for tea to J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous.—John Freemantle, Hon. Sec. 1334

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at East Harling, Saturday, April 29th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No names required.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 1345

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Little Houghton on April 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to C. Lamberton, 26, Althorp Road, St. James, Northampton, by Tuesday previous, please. 1418

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Empingham (6), April 29th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 25th.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reading, April 29th, 1967

Programme (as per leaflet).

Lunch and Tea, Co-operative Restaurant,
(Town centre.)

Business meeting 5.30 p.m.

J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent,
Fforestfach, Swansea, Glamorgan.

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District). — Meeting, Nuthall, April 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Cunninghamham, 106, Watnall Road, Nuthall, by April 20th. 1359

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District—Quarterly meeting at Putney on Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Vestry Hall. Bells in evening. Special method: Bristol. Names for tea to Mr. B. Bull, 68, Gowan Avenue, Fulham, S.W.6. 1225

TRURO GUILD — Penzance Branch. — Spring meeting, Landewednack, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance, by previous Wednesday, please. 1268

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Fordingbridge, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5. Ringwood bells in the evening. Names for tea essential to Mr. R. N. Marlow, Rose Cottage, Bickton, Fordingbridge, by Thursday, 27th. No name—no tea.—L. F. C. 1331

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Skipton on April 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Millfield Hall, followed by the business meeting. Names, please (not just numbers), for tea should be sent to Mr. C. Lawson, 41, Long Meadow, Skipton, by Wednesday, April 26th, at the latest. Ringing arrangements: Bingley (8), 10.15–11.15; Ilkley (8), 10.15–11.15; Silsden (6), 11.15–12.15; Addingham (6), 11.15–12.15; Giggleswick (8), 1.30–3.0; Gargrave (8), 2.30–3.30; Kildwick (8), 2.0–3.30; Skipton (8), 2.0–3.45; Keighley (8), Kildwick and Skipton after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Northamptonshire Meeting, May 20th
Holy Cross, Daventry, 11–12.

Lunch, Wedgwood Restaurant, 79, Abington Street, Northampton, 12.45.
Business meeting at St. Giles' Church Rooms, 2.30.

St. Peter's, Northampton, 3.15–4.
St. Giles', Northampton, 4.15–5.15.
SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, 6–7.

Names for lunch to me by May 9th, please (price about 11s. 6d.). Accommodation is limited to 60, so early application is advised.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 1409

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 6th. Towers available: Teddington, 9.30 to 10.30, Houghton Regis 10.30 to 11.30, Totternhoe 11.45 to 1, Tilsworth and Stanbridge 1.45 to 3, Linslade 2.30 to 4, Leighton Buzzard 3 to 4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Durrington, 30, George Street, Leighton Buzzard.—A. Smith, Gen. Sec. 1412

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Napton, Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Free tea for those who send names to R. W. Sherriff, 29, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa. 1364

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tolleshunt D'Arcy (6) on May 6th. Competition at 2.30. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to R. Panton 140 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (57827.) 1291

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, May 6th, Cottered (5) 6.15–7 p.m.; Ardeley (6) 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 1386

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Chantry Hall 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells available in afternoon—St. Giles 2.30–3.45 p.m.

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:—
East Dereham (8) .. 1.30–2.30 p.m. Blofield (6) 2.00–3.00 p.m.
Drayton (6) 2.15–3.30 p.m. Hethersett (8) 2.15–3.30 p.m.
Horsham St. Faith (6) 2.00–3.00 p.m. Saxlingham N'gate (8) 2.15–3.15 p.m.

Evening towers will be announced at the meeting.

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, NORWICH, Nor. 57W, by Wednesday, May 3rd. H. William Barrett, Gen. Sec. 1389

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Tea, followed by meeting, in the Tresham Hall, 5 p.m.
Applications for tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to Mr. M. A. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, Northants, by Tuesday, May 2nd.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Rothwell (8)	3 p.m.—4 p.m.; 7 p.m.—8 p.m.
Ashley (5)	
Weston-by-Welland (5)	
Dingley (5)	10.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m.
Brampton Ash (6)	
Stoke Albany (6)	
Wilbarston (5)	
East Carlton (6)	12 noon — 2 p.m.
Cottingham (5)	
Corby (6)	Weekley and Warkton also 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Geddington (5)	
Weekley (6)	
Warkton (5)	
Cranford (6)	1.30 p.m. — 3.30 p.m.
Burton Latimer (8)	also
Barton Seagrave (5)	7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Isham (5)	
Pytchley (5)	
Orlningbury (5)	
Desborough (8)	2.30 p.m. — 3.45 p.m.
Rushton (6)	also
	7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Kettering (10)	7 p.m. — to 8 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary. 1365

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting at Elsham, May 6th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 1411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Branch Sec. 1372

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual Striking Competition (for 6 bells) at Horringer on Saturday, May 6th. Teams please meet at church at 1.30 to draw to decide order of ringing (late arrivals will be taken in order of arrival). Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by results and presentation of shield. Evening ringing at Horringer and Hartest. Entries and names for tea to Robin H. Rogers, 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, before Wednesday, May 3rd. 1369

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Guildford Cathedral, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Tea in the Refectory at 4 p.m. for those who notify me by Friday, April 28th (no name, no tea). Ringing after until Evensong at 5.45, during which the company will be welcomed to the Cathedral by the Dean. Business meeting in the Refectory afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 1, Elmslie Close, Epsom, Surrey. 1388

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1967

The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 13th, at Macclesfield.

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street, followed by Annual General Meeting.

Service 4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Michael.

Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street.

Cost of tickets: For lunch 6s. 6d. and tea 6s. 6d., if obtained before May 8th, from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Towers open:

Congleton (8), Bollington (8), Chelford (6), Alderley (6), Gawsworth (8) and Prestbury (8) all from 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Bollington, Chelford, Prestbury, Gawsworth, Christ Church, Macclesfield, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and Sutton from 3 p.m.—4.15 p.m. and after tea. St. Michael's (12) after tea.

Henry O. Baker, General Secretary. 122

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Members are earnestly requested to note that the A.G.M. will be held at St. Olave's Hall, E.C.3, on Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Names for tea imperative to Secretary. This is a most important meeting, which will review the Society's constitution, and members are asked to make attendance a priority. Tower list later.—D. L. Cawley, Sec., Torbay, Hillview Road, Whitstable, Kent. 1394

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