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Welcome to the Central Council



ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, NOTTINGHAM,
the historic Mother Church of the City, where the members of
the Central Council will take Communion before the Meeting

Nottingham — The City and Countryside

By W. L. Exton, Secretary, Southwell Diocesan Guild

THE coming-of-age of a ringing Guild is always a great occasion, and when this is coupled with the visit of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers this is indeed doubly so. It was therefore with great pleasure that we, the members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, learned that the Central Council had accepted the invitation to visit our diocese in 1967.

Nottinghamshire, not one of the most beautiful counties of England, still manages to retain a peaceful rural atmosphere despite many setbacks. The great black scars of the coal mines and slag heaps on the western side contrast with the whites of the open-cast gypsum mines and their dust on the south and east, while through the centre flows the River Trent, on whose banks stand some of the largest power stations in the world. The title "Power House of the Midlands" is certainly no misnomer.

A tour round the county reveals many delightful spots to explore, with churches of every description and size, and there in the very centre we find Southwell. Our Cathedral here is unusual in many ways, with a modern Taylor ring, hung backwards in the central tower, the only backward 12 in England. Spend a pleasant hour in this quiet Minster town, marvel at the tranquillity, or sit in the Memorial Gardens and listen to the bells.

Visit Newark, a perfect blend of Early English, Decorative and Perpendicular architecture, overlooking the cobbled market place, the most complete remaining market square in England. Ten bells, again Taylors, out this time 1842, in fact the first complete ring of ten cast as a ten by Taylors who had at that time just moved to Loughborough. Spare time to walk round the church, see the beauty of the now restored interior and above the decorative ceiling.

Tour the villages of the Trent Valley, the Dukeries, or those in Sherwood Forest, each with a church, an endless variety of architecture, towers of all kinds, some with spires, some without, and even one with a saddle-back roof. Each interesting in its own way, many with bells, a large quantity of which were cast within the county itself.

BELL FOUNDING CENTRE

It is appropriate that the Central Council should visit the city of Nottingham, which for over 400 years was a centre of the bell founding industry, so flourishing that at one time there were two foundries within the city. These, alas, have now disappeared, along with such thoroughfares as Bell Foundry Yard and Ten Bell Lane, which once graced the maps of Nottingham. Thankfully, many of these bells, recording much of our early history, still remain and ring out from our towers and steeples.

Nottingham, a city of contrasts; small narrow lanes and quaint buildings, surround the Church of St. Mary in what was once the old city centre. This church, a fine example of the Perpendicular style, with a large square central tower, built on a hill, still commands respect on the city skyline despite the appearance of many modern office blocks.

Less than a quarter of a mile away, down in amongst the busy shopping streets, stands the Church of St. Peter. This contains our city ring of 12, the second lightest 12 in a church tower, a small tower surmounted by



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a tall, thin spire. The tenor bell, upon which the clock strikes, is exactly an octave higher than Little John.

Little John is the deepest-toned bell in the British Isles. The quarter chimes are perhaps the finest set of clock bells in the world. These hang in the dome above the magnificent Council House built in Portland stone in 1928, overlooking the old Market Square, now paved and gardenised, thus setting a pattern for the remainder of the city, an open city with sweeping boulevards and tree-lined streets, interspersed with parks and gardens.

Many industries have their homes in the city, and even more owe their origins to Nottingham. Boots the Chemist, Players' Cigarettes, Raleigh Cycles, Ericssons' Telephones, Wheatcroft roses and, of course, Nottingham lace. Not only is the lace made here but also the engineering works to produce the lace machines exported to all corners of the world.

It is perhaps interesting to note that the first bank was opened in the city of Nottingham; this was in 1688 by one Thomas Smith, a city draper. The first provincial children's library was opened in Nottingham in 1875, and who knows what new decisions will be taken by the Central Council in 1967?

For these we must wait and see, but in the meantime we look forward to greeting you on this the first meeting of the Central Council to be held on the Tuesday following the spring Bank Holiday.

ADDITIONAL RINGING

Monday, May 29th

Bunney, St. Mary the Virgin's (6) 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Ruddington, St. Peter's (8) 3.30-4.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 6.00-9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, All Saints' (8) 6.30-7.30 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles (8) 7.30-9.00 p.m.
Lenton, Holy Trinity (8) 7.00-8.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30th

Nottingham, All Saints (8) 6.30-7.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's (10) 6.30-9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 6.30-9.00 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles (8) 6.30-9.00 p.m.

Important.—These times must be adhered to.

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NOTTINGHAM WELCOMES THE CENTRAL COUNCIL



A Greeting from the President of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Lord Bishop of Southwell, the Right Revd. Gordon D. Savage, M.A.

A hearty welcome to Nottingham and to the Diocese of Southwell. We count it a great honour to have the privilege of entertaining the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for its Annual Conference this year.

As you meet our Diocesan Guild you will find great keenness, and enjoy superb Midlands hospitality. Throughout my ministry I have had wonderful friendship, co-operation and help from the great bell-ringing fraternity of our Church, especially at Marston, Oxford, in Buckinghamshire, and now in the Diocese of Southwell.

This Diocese consists of the County as well as the City of Nottingham. You will see our many fine churches and public buildings and some of you will visit the Castle, Wollaton Hall, the University and so on. You will be entertained by the Lord Mayor in our fine Council House. A "must" is a visit to the Cathedral of the Diocese, Southwell Minster, which celebrated its millenary in 1956; and I hope you will make a detour to see something of Sherwood Forest on the way.

It is a bitter disappointment to me that I cannot be with you on May 30th, but on that day I shall be returning from the Consecration of Bishops in Portugal and Spain, at which I have to represent the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese, so appropriately titled the Bishop of Sherwood, will be with you and personally convey my greetings.

You have my prayers and my blessing for your visit to us, and I hope you will all have a happy and interesting weekend, not least in the many fine towers put at your disposal.

A hearty welcome to you all!

GORDON SOUTHWELL.

[Photo by courtesy the "The Guardian & Journal."

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters will be the Victoria Hotel, Milton Street.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in St. Mary's Church at 7.30 a.m.

Council meeting, Portland Suite, Victoria Hotel, 9.45 a.m.

Luncheon: Tuesday. Members *not* staying at Headquarters who wish to have luncheon there must advise Mr. W. L. Exton by May 23rd and indicate whether they will require table d'hôte meal at 16/6 plus 10 per cent. or buffet luncheon.

Civic Reception at the Council House on Tuesday at 4.45 p.m.

There will be an informal social evening on Tuesday at Headquarters commencing at 7.30 p.m. to which members and friends are invited.

RINGING

The following towers are available for ringing over the week-end:—

Saturday, May 27th

Basford, St. Leodegarius' (8) 2.30–4.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's (10) 2.30–4.30 p.m.
Bulwell, St. Mary and All Souls' (8) 6–9 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 6.00–9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, All Saints' (8) 6.30–7.30 p.m.

SERVICE RINGING

Sunday, May 28th

Nottingham, St. Mary's (10) 10.00–10.45 a.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 9.45–10.45 a.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
(and after Evensong for 30 minutes if required)

Nottingham, All Saints' (8) 9.30–10.30 a.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
Aspley, St. Margaret's (6) 8.45–9.45 a.m.
5.30–6.30 p.m.
Basford, St. Leodegarius' (8) 10.15–11.00 a.m.
5.15–6.00 p.m.
Bulwell, St. Mary and All Souls' (8) 9–9.45 a.m.
5.45–6.30 p.m.
Daybrook, St. Paul's (8) 9.00–9.30 a.m.
6.00–6.30 p.m.
Lenton, Holy Trinity (8) 10.15–11.00 a.m.
5.45–6.30 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles' (8) 9.15–9.45 a.m.
10.30–11.00 a.m.
5.45–6.30 p.m.
Wollaton, St. Leonard's (6) 9.00–9.30 a.m.
6.00–6.30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL RINGING

Southwell, Cathedral (12) 1.30–3.00 p.m.
4.45–6.25 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's (10) 2.30–4.00 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's (12) 2.30–3.45 p.m.
Holme-Pierrepont, St. Edmund's (6) 2.30–4 p.m.

Monday, May 29th

Bingham, All Saints' (8) 9.30–10.30 a.m.
East Bridgford, St. Peter's (6) 10.00–10.45 a.m.
Elston, All Saints' (6) 10.30–11.15 a.m.
Staunton-in-the-Vale, St. Mary's (5) 11.00–11.45 a.m.
Balderton, St. Giles' (8) 12.00–1.00 p.m.
Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints' (6) 1.15–2.00 p.m.
Coddington, All Saints' (6) 1.30–2.30 p.m.
Winthorpe, All Saints' (6) 2.00–2.45 p.m.
North Collingham, All Saints' (6) 2.30–3.15 p.m.
Sutton-on-Trent, All Saints' (8) 3.45–4.45 p.m.
Ossington, Holy Rood (6) 3.45–4.30 p.m.
North Muskham, St. Wilfrid's (6) 4.30–5.30 p.m.

Newark, St. Mary Magdalene's (10) 6.00–7.00 p.m.
Nuthall, St. Patrick's (6) 9.15–10.00 a.m.
Eastwood, St. Mary's (8) 9.45–11.00 a.m.
Greasley, St. Mary's (8) 10.45–12.00 noon
Hucknall Torkard, St. Mary's (8) 11.45–1.00 p.m.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, St. Mary Magdalene's (8) 12.45–2.00 p.m.
Mansfield Woodhouse, St. Edmund's (6) 1.45–3.00 p.m.
Warsop, SS. Peter and Paul (6) 2.45–4.00 p.m.

Cuckney, St. Mary's (6) 3.45–5.00 p.m.
Edwinstowe, St. Mary's (6) 4.45–6.00 p.m.
Mansfield, SS. Peter and Paul (8) 5.45–7.00 p.m.

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A SALUTATION FROM THE LAND OF ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

By F. W. MIDWINTER

(Chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild)



THE visit by the Central Council to Nottinghamshire for their annual conference at the end of May this year will be quite the most important occasion within the Southwell Diocesan Guild during the 21 years since it was formed.

Never before will such a galaxy of ringers, famous in their various ways for the part they play in the Exercise, have come together in our county at one time, bringing with them in the many dialects from whichever part of the world they come that atmosphere of goodwill which is the bond of bellringers throughout the land.

Being young in years, as Guilds go, we have as yet watched this great event from afar, and being surrounded as we are by the long-established ringing centres of Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Yorkshire, we as a Guild, formed more or less from the fringe of other people's territories, had a great deal to learn in our formative years.

Now, being firmly on our feet, we were delighted when you accepted our invitation to bring the conference to Nottingham this year.

The desire that every one of you will enjoy your visit to the full is in the hearts of all our members whether it be in the village towers of the Trent Valley or Sherwood Forest, in the towns or in the city of Nottingham itself, the latter renowned as "The Queen of the Midlands" and, incidentally, famous for its pretty girls! For those who discover Southwell Minster for the first time, there is a feast in store. The "Village Cathedral", the home of our Bishop and centre of the Guild, has a delightful rural atmosphere, with beautiful stone carvings unspoilt by the passing of time. Our ringers are ready to welcome you and we hope that you will enjoy their company and find pleasure in handling the various rings of bells, and when it is all over that you will take home with you happy memories of this land of Robin Hood and his Merry Men.

Photo by courtesy of "The Newark Advertiser."

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Ivin 1, Miss L. Ellison 2, S. Ivin 3, R. Sharp 4, R. Piron 5, K. Fleming 6, M. Marriott (cond.) 7, R. French 8, Rung for Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Rodney French.

Our Picture — St. Mary's, Nottingham

ALTHOUGH not the earliest church in Nottingham, this fine example of the Perpendicular style, set high among the lace market (i.e. lace factories), in what was at one time the city centre, is nevertheless, the mother church of the city. The building operations were in progress from 1386 (a commission of inquiry) to 1517 (completion of the Rood).

The history of the bells follows very closely the history of the Nottingham bellfounders, many of whom, along with their families, lie buried in St. Mary's churchyard. One of the earliest reputed bell founders in the city, William Brayser de Nottingham, was a prominent figure towards the end of the 14th century, but whether he cast any bells for St. Mary's is not recorded. Later, in 1433 Richard Redeswell was casting bells in the city and amongst others he cast a bell for St. Peter's (Nottingham), but whether he cast any for St. Mary's is not known, but we do know that he and his partner, who is not named, were sued for not having paid for their bell metal.

In the late 15th century the Nottingham Bell Foundry passed into the Mellours (or Mellers) family, and then via the Quarbnies to the Oldfields, who cast an enormous number of bells between 1530 and 1747, and finally into the Hedderley family before being sold about 1800.

TOWER OVERTHROWN

The inventory of church goods in 1553 states that there were five bells and a sanctus at St. Mary's, and tradition has it that during the great storm of 1558, the six bells were cast to the outside of the churchyard, and the tower of St. Mary's was overthrown on to the chancel, and from the churchwardens' accounts it would appear to be nearly 20 years before the bells were set up again.

The first definite mention of recasting the bells is in 1590, when it is recorded that "the greates bell" was set up, this was taken down by one John Sheppard and his men, and carried from "Maister Quarbnies" (presumably Robert) and taken up again by John Sheppard.

Robert Quarbnie had no family and took into his business Henry Oldfield (ii). This is probably one of the earliest recorded mergers in the business world as Henry Oldfield (ii) (sometimes referred to as junior), was the son of Henry Oldfield (i) who himself is recorded as casting bells between 1545 and 1580.

In 1595 Henry Oldfield (ii) recast the fourth bell (i.e. the present 9th). This magnificent bell (the only one which has subsequently not been recast) shows the detail and craftsmanship of the Oldfield firm. It has three rows of decoration and finely stamped lettering, including the circular mark of Henry Oldfield which he reserved for his more important work, amongst which was Great Tom of Lincoln, cast in 1610.

1605 saw the 3rd (predecessor of the present 8th) recast by Henry Oldfield (ii), and this was followed by the treble in 1613. Some time about 1625 the bells were rehung in a new frame as at this time there was in the churchyard "timbers which was the old frame on the bells of St. Mary's." In 1637 the tenor was recast by Oldfield, probably George (i), and in 1690 the second was recast again (Oldfield, this time George (ii)), and in 1699 a treble was added.

A RINGING FEAT

One can imagine the difficulties of ringing this 34½ cwt. six which, up to this time, were some 22 ft. higher in the tower than the present level (i.e. only 20 ft. from the top) and rung from the ground floor some 60 ft. below the existing ringing chamber, in the centre of the church.

During this time the six bells were rehung by one John Crow, and in 1708 the geometric bell loft was erected in the church; this put the ringers in full view of the congregation, but at the same time reduced the draught by some 30 ft.

Deering's Nottingham, published in 1751, gives the inscriptions of the six bells present

at that time, and it would seem to indicate that the two trebles to complete the octave must have been installed between then and 1761.

In 1757 Daniel Hedderley, who had now taken over the Nottingham foundry, recast the broken tenor bell, and this started another spate of restoration work.

DIFFUSE BRITISH HARMONY

The following appeal was issued on August 3rd, 1761:—

"The Twenty-second of September next, being by Authority appointed for the Coronation of our illustrious KING and his intended ROYAL CONSORT, it is propoed, at St. Mary's Church, to utter in the Morning of that distinguished Day, with the lively, melodious, and most extensive Music of RINGING BELLS: at which Time, by the Addition of Two Sprightly Trebles, her Peal will be fully compleated; Ten being to Ringers, and all Lovers of Mufic, the most harmonious of all Peals. What Mufic fo capable of circulating our spreading Joy, on this and all other grand Occasions? Surely none! unless the roaring of Cannon be so called. To what Distances from our exalted Situation, shall we revive, and welcome the wearied Traveller, with our Heart-cheering Sounds. 'Tis ours, now to emulate our Brothers of Derby and Leicester, in the diffusive British Harmony. This noble expreffion of Gladness shall be made anniversary, and our Successors will blefs us, for this delightful Completion of the Peal.

"We beg Leave in this Manner to acquaint our worthy Subscribers, that they will be forthly waited upon for their respective Subscriptions: and those Gentlemen and others, who have not been called on, that they also will be solicited for their kind Assistance, towards the well finishing this laudable Undertaking, this everlasting Honour and Ornament of our Town, by their

Obliged and thankful Servants,
THE COLLECTORS.

For the Firft BELL

This is the Day on which we beg to ring.
Our earliest Peal of Thanks; God blefs the
KING

For the Second BELL

Plenty and peace at Home we gladly share,
Conquest abroad: God blefs the Royal
Pair."

We can assume that the appeal was successful, for in 1761/2 two trebles were added by Lester and Pack to complete the ring of ten, and it is interesting to note that this is the first mention of any bell founder other than a Nottingham bell founder working on the bells, and this probably reflects the beginnings of the Nottingham foundry.

The resulting augmentation was obviously not all that could be desired, for in less than four years, in 1765, Lester and Pack were recalled to recast the 3rd, 4th and tenor. Where the money came from is not recorded, but the inscription on the 3rd bell is traditionally supposed to record that that one was paid for by the Sherwood Youths, who were at that time a very active ringing society.

10,260 GRANDSIRE CATERERS

The work must have given satisfaction and the "go" of the bells considerably improved as we find that after a series of long lengths the culminating effort of ringing 10,260 Grandsire Caters in 7 hours and 22 minutes was achieved on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1778, by the Society of Sherwood Youths. Two men were required to ring the tenor, but the ninth was rung single handed by one William Doubleday Crofts, perhaps the most famous ringer ever produced by Nottinghamshire. This was of course rung from the ringers' loft some 30 ft. below the existing ringing room floor.

This performance brought to St. Mary's the famous set of Cup Handbells, given by Squire Fortrey, now thankfully restored to their former place by the late Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Two other recastings are recorded between 1765 and 1935, the treble being recast in 1852 and again in 1856, this time by C. & G. Mears. Over the intervening years odd bells appear to have been rehung at various times, for example in 1803 the 9th was rehung by Thomas Turner when the "canons" were entirely cut off.

In 1934 it was discovered that death watch beetle had attacked the frame in no uncertain way, and that the tower stone work was in need of desperate restoration, and despite the depression of the 1930s no less than £12,000 was found to complete this work. The bells were removed to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's works and were all recast with the exception of the Henry Oldfield 9th, which was only cleaned and tuned.

The bells were rededicated on November 2nd, 1935, by the Vicar, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot, and the sermon was preached by the late chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson, and amongst the clergy present is mentioned the Rev. A. Inglis (assistant priest), now Canon A. Inglis and Rector of St. Peter's.

The size of the tower and ringing room can be judged by the fact that the new low sided A frame is placed diagonally across the tower, and the dedication service was held in the ringing room, the sermon being preached from the tenor box. Despite the attendance of over 100 ringers at the service there was still plenty of room to ring the bells in the dedication rounds.

INSCRIPTIONS

The original inscriptions were faithfully reproduced on the new bells and are as follows:—

Treble.—C. & G. Mears, Founders, London. Recast 1856. J. W. Brooks, Vicar. W. Dearden, J. Coope, Churchwardens. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

2nd.—Raised by Scrope Beardsmore, Vicar DD. Richd Lambert and John Wyer, Churchwardens. The Hon'able Wm. Howe & John Plumtree Esqrs—Members for the Town Subscription. 1761. Lester & Pack Fecit. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

3rd.—By Subscription. Revd. Scroope Beardsmore DD Vicar. G. Browne, H. Ward, J. Burgess Ch. Wardens. 1765. Sodales Musici Nottinghamiensis Restauraverunt. Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

4th.—By Subscription. Revd. Scroope Beardsmore DD Vicar. G. Browne, H. Ward, J. Burgess Ch. Wardens. 1765. Intactum Sileo Percute. Dulce Cano. Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

5th.—Susito Voce Pios Tu Iesu Dirige Mentes Venite Exvltimus. I. Edwards, I. Sweetapple. Churchwardens 1699. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

6th.—Robert Aldredg, Vicar. Ralph Shaw, Henrie Allvie, Wardens. 1613. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

7th.—Hee Campana Sacra Filet Trinitate Beata. W. Sturupp, T. Graye, Wardens. 1690. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

8th.—In noe ihu xpi ome genu fleetat celestm trestriu et inforu. R.A.V. M.G. 1605. W.L. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

9th.—Tu Tuba Sic Sonitu Domini Conduco cohortes. Richard Hunte Maior, Nicholas Sherwyn, Richard Johnson, John Gregorie, Robert Alvie, Peter Clarke, Humfrey Bonner, Richard Morehaghe, Anker Jackson, Aldermen. 1595. (Also four ER badges & 4 HO signs.)

Tenor.—Revd. Scroope Beardsmore DD Vicar. G. Browne, H. Ward, I. Burgess, Ch. Wardens. 1765.

"I will sound and resound unto thy people,
O Lord,
With my sweet voice, and call them to thy word,

I tole the tune that douleful is to such as live amiss,
But sweet my sound seems unto them who hope for joyful Bliss."

Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

G. A. D. & W. L. E.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the executive council of the Irish Association was held at Bray on April 22nd. In the unavoidable absence of the president, the chair was occupied by Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith, vice-president.

Before business commenced, those present stood as a mark of respect to the members who had passed away since the previous meeting—William H. Wilson (life member), John Worth (non-resident life member), R. Elliott (Enniskillen).

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. F. Bogan (Cork); vice-presidents, Messrs. C. W. Galbraith and H. Johnson and Miss E. M. Young; librarian, Charles J. Reede; Master and badge secretary, John T. Dunwoody; general secretary and editor of "Irish Bell News", Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, White Cross, Drogheda, Co. Louth; auditor, Miss Elinore Buttimore.

Points of interest from the annual report and statement of accounts, which were adopted, are as follows:

The stock of badges became exhausted and a modified type on the same lines was ordered. The cost remains at 3/- plus postage. A total of 24 peals was rung during the year; seven members scored their first peal and 28 members took part. The total membership stands at 747, viz.: 18 life, 1 honorary, 345 fully-paid and 43 in arrears and 340 non-residential life members. The total is an increase of 25 over the previous year.

The financial position remains virtually unchanged, with a credit balance of £63. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £227 capital and £54 available for grants.

The Dublin University Society appears for the first time as an affiliated body. This Society's members are rendering a real, practical and useful service to ringing in Ireland in general and Dublin in particular.

The attendance shield was won by St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast, with an average of 98.8% attendances at Sunday services in 1966.

The report of the "Irish Bell News" revealed that as a result of increased costs of material and more news items coming forward, the annual subscription was increased from 2/6 to 3/-. The circulation stood at 217 copies per issue.

The Council decided to:

- Increase the capital of the Bell Restoration Fund to £250.
- Adopt rules for peal ringing, which make it necessary for persons ringing in peals to become members of the Irish Association before peal attempts commence. Visiting ringers must become non-resident life members on the payment of 5/-.
- Hold a ringers' festival, organised by St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, in Limerick in September, 1968, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Cathedral.

Congratulations and good wishes were extended to Fred Dukes on having completed 25 years as general secretary. He had been assistant secretary to the late Gabriel Lindoff for four years previously and next year will complete his first 40 years as a bellringer!

At the conclusion of the meeting the contest for the Murphy cup was held on the bells of Christ Church, Bray. The contestants were: St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast; St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, and St. George's, Dublin.

The judges were Messrs A. Cortin, J. Lindsay and R. Henly, and the Ringing Master was Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, assisted by Mr. D. H. T. Taylor, Eastern District Ringing Master.

St. Mark's, Belfast, were declared winners with 41 faults, and St. Mary's, Limerick, had 47 faults. The cup was presented to Miss Rosemary Thompson, Master of St. Mark's, by Mr. C. Galbraith, vice-president.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Old and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. K. Collins (11, first quarter) 1. P. R. Board (13, first "inside") 2. Miss E. J. Gill (13) 3. J. P. Cooper (15) 4. T. F. Collins (15, cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter for the Dorchester Branch by an under 16 band.

Behind the Scenes of Nottingham Visit

WILLIAM L. EXTON

General Secretary of the Guild.

WILLIAM (MICK) EXTON, an assistant executive engineer in the Post Office engineering planning department, was born in Lincolnshire in 1932. It was not until moving to Newark following National Service in 1953 that he took up ringing seriously, and it was here under the guidance of Jim Raithby that he learnt most of his early ringing. His Guild offices have been Ringing Master, Newark District, 1953 to 1955; Newark District secretary, 1956-1959; and from 1960 general secretary of the Guild.

He rang his first peal, four Doubles methods, at North Muskham on January 2nd, 1954, and ringing alongside him was Bill Midwinter. He conducted his first peal the same year, Bob Minor at Barnby-in-the-Willows on September 30th. To the end of last year he had rung 262 peals (conducting 139), and of these 239 were for the Southwell Guild and 123 were rung with Bill Midwinter.

In 1960 he moved to Whatton-in-the-Vale where, with his wife Brenda, also a Sunday service ringer, he took part in the rehanging by local labour of the bells, and it is in the field of bell restoration that his main interest lies.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER

Chairman of the Guild.

BILL MIDWINTER was born in Nottingham in January, 1914, and has spent most of his life in the villages of the county before settling down in Newark in 1952.

His early interest in ringing was cultivated in the 1930s whilst living at Elston, but it was not until 1946, whilst resident at Southwell, that he rang his first peal—the tenor to Grandsire Doubles at Elston on February 16th, conducted by Fred Milner.

In 1952 he was elected the chairman of the Newark District a post he has held continuously since and in the same year he was elected vice-chairman of the Guild. He succeeded to the chairmanship on the death of the late Canon R. F. Wilkinson in April, 1963. He is also secretary of the Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers.

His peal total to the end of 1966 was 239, all of which were rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild and with this total he is the joint leading peal ringer for the Guild.

Perhaps his finest achievement was on Easter Monday, 1960, when he rang the tenor at Newark to the first peal on the bells for 63 years. He is married to a patient and understanding and non-ringing wife, "Dulcie."

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Leading Peal Ringer a Lady

The evening continued with ringing at the Town Hall and the Cathedral.

POINTS FROM REPORTS

The general secretary reported a rather noticeable drop in membership, although this appeared to be partly due to some towers straightening up their affairs and deleting those with overdue accounts.

The deaths were reported of Peter Crook and Annie McDermott (née Potter), of Bolton; John Hall, Bispham; W. H. Ratcliffe, St. Annes; J. H. Gartside, Chorley; J. Taberner, Higher Walton; and George Brown, Bacup.

A belfry repair fund had been started and a payment had already been made to Newhey. The fund was intended to support major repairs (ropes and smaller items being left to Branches).

A look through the tower record cards showed a state of affairs that could be a lot better. Of nearly 200 towers they had no members in about one-third, although only 15 were reckoned as unringable.

The ringing secretary reported 179 peals rung by the Association, an increase of 15 over last year; 19 were on handbells and the 160 on tower bells consisted of: Maximus 12, Cinques 1, Royal 9, Caters 3, Major 84, Triples 15, Minor 32 and Doubles 4. Twenty-nine members rang their first peal, 42 shared the conducting (six their first as conductor). Leading conductors were Neil Bennett, Derek Butterworth (16), Kevin M. Price (15); leading peal ringers Margaret E. Fort (48, first lady to be leading peal ringer), Derek Butterworth (47), E. Jenkins (44).

An officers' peal was rung in memoriam Peter Crook, former Association treasurer. Special mention was recorded of Norman Smith's band, who progressively rang all the work peals of 16, 19, 21 and 23 Spliced Surprise Major. Another peal of special note was 24 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Manchester Town Hall.

MORTLAKE LONDON.—On April 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Diane Mullins 1. Kaye Lynas 2. D. Pickett 3. R. K. Russ 4. C. F. Mew 5. A. R. Millidge 6. J. Britchford 7. C. Stevenson (cond.) 8. First of Major in U.K. for 2 and 8. For Evenson.

HAILESA SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1. L. Derrick 2. L. Childs 3. J. Lott 4. C. Kortwright (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Mrs. Wainwright.

THE Manchester Branch were our hosts this year and once again the weather was kind—we had a beautiful, warm spring day on April 29th. There was plenty of ringing laid on from early morning, but even this was not enough—some unscheduled towers were grabbed.

As there was Evenson at the Cathedral during the afternoon it was decided to hold our own service following this. Time was by then rather short and Canon Wright took a very brief form of service, but his welcome on behalf of the Cathedral authorities was nevertheless warm.

The annual meeting was held in the Unitarian Chapel, rather unusual surroundings, but rooms are not easy to get in the centre of the city. About 110 enjoyed a splendid buffet tea and, following a few words from the Dean, the meeting began. The president, Canon Hodgson could not, unfortunately, attend, and Nick Newby took the chair in his stead.

GRANT TO MOORSIDE, OLDHAM

Under correspondence, a letter from the ringers at Moorside, Oldham, was read, in which they appealed for support in getting the bells overhauled. The committee had previously decided to donate £25, and this was accepted without comment by the meeting.

Due to good work by the ringing secretary (Mr. J. B. Partington) the annual reports had been circulated in good time and the reports of the general and ringing secretaries were taken as read.

The treasurer (Mr. J. F. Wood) commented on the balance sheet, which showed the finances in quite a healthy state in spite of rising costs.

There having been no opposition, the president and treasurer were declared re-elected, and the ringing secretary had been reappointed by the committee.

Members were reminded of the annual dinner (those who were not present, please note), October 28th at Preston.

Cyril Crosswaite proposed the vote of thanks to the Branch Committee, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and all the other incumbents who had made the ringing possible.

The meeting had been quiet and uneventful and only lasted about three-quarters of an hour.

Letters to the Editor

NOT THE WHOLE METHOD

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the correspondence regarding half lead "splicing" and would like to make the following observations.

Firstly, half a lead of a treble-dominated method is not the whole method, nor does it contain all the information required to construct the other half-lead. In the first half-lead there is no information as to the places made whilst the treble is leading and, conversely, in the second half there is no information as to the places made when the treble is behind.

Secondly, two half-leads "spliced" together make one single non-symmetrical method which should be named as such. Although these methods turn out to be irregular, only a purist can object to ringing them "spliced."

Another possibility for peal compositions is of ringing spliced with method changing at the half-lead only; this would give complete leads of symmetrical methods, apart from the first and last half-leads of the peal, which could be of the same method. This intermediate step has not yet been explored by composers, but I think it might lead to some interesting results.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DISERENS.

Woodley, Reading.

"NO SOUR GRAPES"

Dear Sir,—It was inevitable that somebody like you, correspondent, Mr. Jonathan Porter, would think that my letter about the Frindsbury peal was a question of sour grapes! I would like to point out that I get a great amount of pleasure from the reading of the performances of Bernard Grover which appear in "The Ringing World." (I know of all his peals before they ever reach "The Ringing World.") This does not mean that I must agree with everything he does!

In 1961 we were going to ring a peal of half-lead spliced (Yorkshire, Surperlative and Bristol) but it was explained to me then why it was undesirable to do so and we refrained from ringing the peal. Half-lead splicing does not improve the music available in the way that singles at the lead-end have done. If a band wants mental exercise, only one band has rung 165 methods to a peal and there is plenty of scope on 10 and 12 bells!—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

THE FRINDSBURY PEAL

Dear Sir,—I was glad to read Mr. Critchley's letter in your last issue and to realise that our peal at Frindsbury has aroused some interest. May I, however, point out that we ourselves did not consider our peal as one of spliced, as the regulations stand at this time, and that you were kind enough to publish it merely as a peal of "Surprise Major". We did, however, consider that we had rung a peal, since we began and ended in rounds and rang more than 5,000 changes with repetition.—Yours faithfully,

R. W. H. HAYES.

Chiddingstone Heath, Kent.

LEFT-OVER-RIGHTER'S EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—As an unrepentant left-over-righter, may I add to the controversy? Basically there is no reason why this particular habit should impair bell control or striking.

Mr. Lock's suggestion that left hand uppermost might lead to clipping at backstroke is surely only tenable if he can also show that the natives of Birmingham have right arms about six inches longer than their left! Again, Mr. Rodnes' point about stronger right arms can be answered provided a ringer holds the tail-end correctly and grips the sally with all his fingers. In any case, right-handedness is more a matter of habit than of differences in strength.

Having said this though, I must admit that in my experience the left-hander does suffer from two slight disadvantages. The first is that, after pulling off at handstroke, the rope may not always unloop cleanly to backstroke. This seems to be due to the fact that ropes, especially old ones, get set in their ways. Perhaps it also has something to do with the direction in which ropes are twisted when they are made.

The second drawback occurs where, in towers with poor rope circles, a left-hander has to ring unusually close to the ringer on his right; the chance of ropes getting tangled is definitely increased.

On balance I think it just worthwhile trying to persuade learners to accept the conventional hold.—Yours faithfully,

Erith, Kent.

PHILIP R. DOWN.

PEAL OF UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR FALSE

Dear Sir,—It has recently come to my notice that the peal of Uxbridge Surprise Major rung at Kirtlington, Oxon, on February 14th, 1966, by the Oxford University Society, and conducted by myself, was false.

I must therefore withdraw the peal and tender my apologies to the band, to yourself and to all concerned with the keeping of records.—Yours sincerely,

F. JOHN NELSON.

Whitefield, Manchester.

AN APOLOGY TO THE LADY

Dear Sir,—I feel Mr. Bunker of Cambridge is guilty of some exaggeration in his comments on my letter about the Oxford University Society's dinner. I had no intention of giving offence, although I realise that the remark in question could be read as though I did so intend. I apologise and admit I should have reworded the letter.

Whether Mr. Bunker's method of commenting on a "prize example of sheer nastiness" by giving further examples is consistent, I should not like to say.—Yours faithfully,

Aylesbury, Bucks.

JOHN CAMP.

THE 13 NOTES IN TUNING

Dear Sir,—I am sorry not to have replied before to Claude Rush, who asks ("R.W.", February 10th, 1967, p. 96) for more details about the "thirteen different notes which a bell gives" in my article in the January "Norwich Churchman" quoted in the "R.W." of January 27th, 1967, p. 60. My authority for this statement was a brilliant article on bell tuning by Michael Howard, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and which he lent me several years ago. I did not keep details of the article, but it should be possible to trace it in the British Museum Library.—Yours faithfully,

Norwich.

GILBERT THURLOW.

SINGLES IN TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—The group of Treble Bob Minor methods which will accept singles, referred to by Mr. R. D. Bailey (p. 302), have one basic requirement which he did not mention. In each section the pivot bell must always be in the same positions relative to the treble; that is, it must not make places within the section and must dodge when the treble dodges. This ensures that in all the false lead heads the pivot bell is in the same position as it is at the lead head and end, and that therefore all the changes can be grouped into 30 leads so long as all the leads with the same bell as pivot are of the same nature.

There appear to be only nine possible paths for the pivot bell, and only four of these are followed in methods given in the "Collection of Minor Methods"; the others occur in irregular and single change methods.

The touch Mr. Bailey gives for 530 Cambridge Minor appears to produce rounds after 216 changes.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough.

ALL TIE IN STRIKING COMPETITION OF 80 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—The striking competition at Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds, on May 6th, reminds me that striking competitions are not new to East Anglia. About 80 years ago one was held at Stockton, Norfolk, near Beccles. On this occasion the late Mr. Henry Hopson, who was the instigator in getting Beccles' ten bells rehung in 1909, was elected to judge the striking of the five bells. After the match he gave the results, and strange enough all teams tied; there were no arguments or animosity, so all adjourned to the "Black Boy" to celebrate.

Mr. Hopson told me of this event in the early years of this century; his father, William, rang in a peal of 5,040 Bob Royal in Beccles at the accession of Queen Victoria, 1837. There is a stone tablet in the campanile.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Derek Sibson is indeed correct in the point he makes about my peal of Bob Royal (page 716). I'm afraid that the error escaped me at the time of publication and I thank him for revealing it.

Perhaps I should also add that the peal at Llandaff in "The Ringing World" of May 12th, 1967, was rung on April 8th, 1967, in 3 hours and 17 minutes. Also omitted from the report was the fact that this peal was also rung as a "belated 21st birthday compliment to the conductor" (myself).—Yours, etc.,

NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

Redland, Bristol.

EVESHAM BELL TOWER

Dear Sir,—I would like to make one or two corrections to my notes on Evesham bells. The first peal in the tower was rung by the College Youths on December 27th and not 26th, Henry L. James, who afterwards became the Rev. H. Law James, partnered Francis Jelf on the tenor at backstroke and not Sidney Romans, as he rang the third, and the other member of the band was Charles Hounslow, of Oxford.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

Gt. Hampton, Evesham.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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WITH ANGELA IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

THIS year's tour began, perhaps appropriately, on April 1st. The party numbered 16 and our base was a guest house on the Hoe at Plymouth overlooking Drake's Island.

Our first tower was at Ottery St. Mary, the first of many fine rings of eight which we were to sample during the week. Then on to Totnes (8), where we were joined by Mr. Aubrey Bennett, whom we had the pleasure of meeting several times during the tour. The Hoe at Plymouth proved difficult to find in a car. The rebuilding of the city centre with the creation of pedestrian precincts has made driving quite an art, but we finally found our hotel, and after settling ourselves and having dinner, the handbells, which had kindly been lent by Kingston on Thames, appeared.

On Sunday we awoke to the sound of heavy rain. We rang for Matins at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. The afternoon had been left free for sightseeing, but when it was still raining after lunch we took ourselves to the bowling alley and spent a most enjoyable afternoon learning the finer points of ten-pin bowling. The rain had stopped before we drove out to Tamerton Foliot to ring for Evensong.

AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

By Monday the man who organises the weather had realised that the tour had begun and produced fine weather which was to remain with us for the rest of the week. During the morning we rang on the two very good eights in Plympton and the minor eight at Ugborough. We ate a picnic lunch beside a clear, fast-flowing stream typical of the Devon landscape and then went to Dean Prior (6) before ringing the fine 12 at Buckfast Abbey, where we were met by Fr Paulinus who rang with us despite a swollen wrist. We were much impressed by the new chapel at the east end of the Abbey and particularly by the beautiful modern stained glass. A Devonshire cream tea followed and then ringing at Churston Ferrers.

The drive from Churston Ferrers to Brixham was interesting, since one car whose occupants possessed an Ordnance Survey map passed another car which didn't, going in the opposite direction, and were pleased to arrive at the next church a full ten minutes earlier. Brixham bells were recently augmented to ten, and touches included a course of Yorkshire Royal.

MINOR MISHAPS

Tuesday was a day of minor mishaps. At Tavistock ringing on the very fine eight was unfortunately curtailed, firstly by the fact that the key to the tower was not immediately available on our arrival, and secondly because of a service. A breathtaking drive cross Dartmoor followed, but one of the cars had to make two attempts to get up the hill out of Dartmeet—on the second occasion without passengers. We rang next at Widecombe-in-the-Moor where the Vicar rang with us but where, unfortunately, the clapper dropped out of the fifth. After another picnic lunch we rang at Bovey Tracey (8), where the "blue line" eluded someone during the last lead of a course of Bristol.

At Lustleigh, which was our next stop, we had some difficulty when trying to raise the fourth. On investigation the stay was found to be too long and fouling the tower wall. An energetic member of the party took it off and, having found out from the Vicar who had made it, took it to the local carpenter to be shortened. By the time we had finished ringing the stay was ready and we refitted it before leaving. At Moretonhampstead we were unfortunate enough to break a stay—the first ever on one of our tours. Ringing at the last two



Left to right, standing at the back: Bernard Stone, Mike Bew, Catherine Powell, Wendy Treble, Angela Newing, Paul Treble, Ivor Pett.
Seated, centre: Janet Cleeve, Peter Newing, Pam Sturdy.
Seated, front: Angela Wright, Jane Blackler, Roy Blackler, Stella Rice, John Norris.
Missing: Chris. Rowson.

towers of the day, Okehampton (8) and Lydford (6), was without mishap, so obviously the bogey had left us.

Wednesday was a half-holiday, and after ringing at Menheniot (6) and St. Cleer (6), where an attempt for a quarter of London failed, most of the party set out for Bodmin Moor. A pleasant drive by the River Fowey brought us to Jamaica Inn, where we refreshed our brains on smuggling lore, our thirsts on the local brew and our appetites on Cornish pasties. Thus fortified we set out for Brown Willy, 1,373 feet, the highest point on Bodmin Moor. The ascent was completed by all but one and handbells duly rung on the summit—another first!

AN INGNOMINIOUS RETREAT

Our first tower on Thursday was Callington (6), followed by Lezant, where the Vicar kindly arranged for us an extra tower, St. Stephen's-by-Launceston. We enjoyed ringing on the fine Taylor eight before making the short trip to St. Thomas', Launceston. Short at least except for the car that attempted to ford the river by the church and, having failed to mount the far bank, had to reverse ignominiously. While most of the party enjoyed a leisurely lunch hour, a few keen types climbed Rough Tor, second in height to Brown Willy. On their late arrival at Davidstow, the next tower, they found that in the absence of their incomparable expertise another stay had been broken. However, this breakage was probably due as much to the withdrawal of the wood-

worms who had undoubtedly been holding it together as to mishandling. Nevertheless, this second blot on our hitherto untarnished escutcheon was sincerely regretted.

A cross-country drive to Tintagel followed, where after a brief look round the castle we enjoyed ringing the pleasant six. We liked the "fillets" which were gold with white bands. Bodmin's was the final tower of the day with another fine eight by Taylors.

A VIRGIN RING

Friday's ringing began at St. Germans, at the old Saxon cathedral, followed by Talland, where we admired the altar candlesticks fashioned from old clappers, and Lansallos, where a brand new first certificate for round ringing was on display. At St. Veep we found the bells of good tone, and read with interest now the founder, Pennington, "jumped for joy" when he discovered that he had cast the ring in 'une. Investigation by the sceptical confirmed the virgin state of the bells.

At the next tower, at Lostwithiel, we admired the church with its decorated lantern spire and enjoyed ringing call-changes with an octogenarian member of the local band, and one of the B.B.C. team at that! Lanlivery's bells we liked rather less and considered the bearings very plain. However, the bells at Tywardreath were more to our liking and we rang with two of the local band before going to Fowey, the last tower of the day.

On Saturday we rang at Buckfastleigh before concluding the tour at Wolborough.

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Chester Guild had a Good Year

THE Annual Festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Macclesfield on May 13th. Attendance this year was considerably down on last year's number but the inclement weather no doubt had something to do with this. Ringing during the morning was interrupted for various reasons—a wedding at Prestbury, broken stay and rope respectively at Bollington and Gawsorth, and no bells at Congleton, as they had just been taken down ready for rehangng on ball bearings!

The business meeting commenced at 2.15 p.m., apologies for absence being received from the Bishops of Chester and Birkenhead, the Dean of Chester and the Archdeacons of Chester and Macclesfield. In addition, a number of the regular attenders had sent apologies due to other pressing commitments. With his letter of apology the Bishop of Chester expressed the hope that all would enjoy the new "form of service" which had been specially prepared for bellringers' worship. This would be the first occasion that the new form would be used.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Oxtun on May 14th, 1966, had been circulated and were taken as read, together with the statement of accounts for 1966.

Mr. C. K. Lewis then presented the annual report for 1966, which was briefly as follows:—

During the year we had lost through death three life members of the Guild—Mr. Harry Lewis, Mr. Albert E. Richards and Mr. Cecil Raddon.

Membership at present stands at: honorary members 11, life ringing members 23, ringing members 648, representing 85 towers.

Finance.—General Account balance £86 1s. 2d.; Bell Restoration Fund balance £293 12s. 5d.; Chester Cathedral Bell Fund £681 10s.

Performances.—1966 was a record year for the Guild—183 peals were rung, 150 on tower bells and 33 on handbells; 161 resident members and 91 non-resident members took part. There were 33 first pealers and 73 rang a peal in a new method or methods. There were 42 conductors, three of whom called their first peal. The Master (Mr. John Worth) had conducted the first peal ever to be rung by members of the General Committee (Grandsire Cinques, at Macclesfield). The longest peal of Maximus on handbells, 10,032 Plain Bob, was rung by the Guild, and a Guild band rang the first peal of Surprise Maximus at York Minster.

General.—Two meetings of Branch secretaries had been held and very fruitful discussions had taken place. One result was the issue of a circular commending recruitment to all incumbents, which also appeared in the Diocesan Leaflet.

MR. A. R. ELKINS—NEW MASTER

The election of officers then followed. Due to the untimely death of the Master, John Worth, an unprecedented problem had arisen. His nomination had been the only one received by the General Committee, and it was recommended to the meeting by the General Committee that the post for this year should only be filled by a Past Master or Deputy Master, nominations for next year being received in the usual manner. Mr. A. R. Elkins, as a previous Deputy Master, was elected unanimously.

The following officers were then elected: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. O. Baker; report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis; peal recorder, Mrs. C. K. Lewis; librarian, Mr. P. Laffin; auditor, Mr. S. Jones; Press reporter, Mr. R. B. Smith.

The date of the annual dinner and dance was given as October 14th and the venue is to be the same as last year—the Assembly Rooms at Bowdon.

The Annual Festival for 1968 will be organised by the Chester Branch.

The meeting ended shortly before 4 p.m., in sufficient time for members to make their way to the Parish Church for a 4.30 p.m. service. The new form of service was enjoyed by all present, as was the sermon, preached by the Bishop of Stockport.

After tea, ringing was enjoyed at the three Macclesfield towers, Chelford and Sutton. At the last-named tower an all-ladies' band rang some Plain Bob in fine style. Ringing continued until a late hour, catering for the needs of all.

R. B. S.

TARRINGTON TOUR

On April 1st the Tarrington ringers went on an evening tour of West Herefordshire. The first tower visited was at Stoke Lacy, where the light ring of six bells proved rather difficult to handle for the learners. The fine six at Stretton Grandison were much enjoyed. At this tower we were met by the Vicar of Bosbury, the Rev. D. E. Green, whose tower we next visited. Here two friends from Ledbury joined us and a course of Cambridge was brought round. The party later called at the "local," appropriately named The Bell, for refreshment.

At Coddington we had to ring by candlelight and a course of Kent was rung here despite the bad "go" of the tenor. The last tower was at Ledbury, where touches of Major and Triples were rung.

R. D. H.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith Brooks 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

TWO minutes' silence was observed at the start of the annual general meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Leighton Buzzard on May 6th in remembrance of Mr. D. Thompson and Mr. H. D. Harris. The president (Mr. A. E. Rushton) said of these ringers that they were both very outstanding in their own different ways and would be a great loss to the Association.

After receiving the apologies for absence and signing the minutes, the statement of accounts was presented, which showed a very good balance and a healthy number of ringing members.

Mr. A. E. Rushton was elected to serve another term as president. The general secretary and treasurer for the past four years, Mr. A. S. Smith, will also serve another year in office. Mr. Anthony H. Smith was chosen as the new peal secretary, and it is hoped that all ringers will note the change when ringing peals for the Association. Mr. M. J. Lockett was elected to replace the late Mr. H. D. Harris as one of the trustees. The other officers remained as in the previous year.

After discussion, Felmersham was selected for the next annual general meeting on May 4th, 1968. The Belfry Repair Fund investment was debated at length and it was left to each District to join the general fund of the Association if they so wished.

Mrs. S. I. Smith was chosen to organise the Association striking contest to be held in November.

All members were asked to make it known that the Towers and Belfries Committee was willing to help any church within the Association which asked and all P.C.C.'s will be advised of this body.

The Central Council motions were discussed and the representatives, Mr. A. E. Rushton and Mr. J. H. Edwards were enlightened on the views of the Association.

A magnifying reading glass has been purchased for the use of any member with failing eyesight to use for as long as is wished to keep abreast of ringing reports, etc.

The secretary made an appeal to all ringers who do not take "The Ringing World" to avail themselves of a copy which was available in the hall in the hope that they may take this essential paper every week in the future.

After the election of four new members the president thanked everyone concerned in making the day such a success, all officers for their unfailing work and the clergy for giving us the use of the bells during the year.

Ringing took place during the day at a number of towers with bells ranging from five to ten and methods to suit every ringer.

A. S. S.

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Peterborough Wants A New Look

To Reduce Silent Towers and Improve Finance

THE 1967 annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held in the Kettering Branch and centred on Rothwell with its fine-toned eight, was a veritable paradise for tower grabbers (sorry, visitors), over 20 towers being open during the day. There was an attendance of well over 100, together with visitors from Bedfordshire, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire and Lancashire.

The Guild service was held in Rothwell Parish Church and the address was given by the president, the Rev. Ernest G. Orland. After an excellent tea served by the ladies of the Rothwell band the annual meeting opened with the president welcoming all the visitors.

Then the company stood for a few moments in silence as a tribute to the following deceased members: W. Atterbury (Northampton), R. S. Cowley (Northampton), B. Edwards (Nassington), H. Hackett (Wellingborough), Mrs. W. W. Halley (Wilby), W. E. Hargreaves (Wellingborough), R. W. Lawrence (Kettering), R. Moore (Cogenhoe), F. Newman (Collingtree) and W. R. Parker (Northampton).

The president brought up the matter of the donation sent by Canon G. F. Turner (past president) and the recommendation was for inquiries to be made with a view to purchasing a Master's badge.

YOUNG RINGERS

The Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) in his report stated that the influx of young ringers had again been a marked feature during the past 12 months. It had been a great pleasure to have to attend meetings and practices where the majority of those present were under 20 years of age. He appealed when some juniors asked for Plain Bob or Grandsire for volunteers.

The general secretary (Mr. E. Billings) in his report stated generally, with the exception of peals, 1966 had been a year of little or no progress, with only three Branches reporting any advancement. A review of membership over the last six years indicated a decline in numbers. The approximate total was 950 ringing members compared with 1,150 in 1961. Service ringing was also declining and figures submitted by Branch secretaries showed that less than 35 per cent. of their bells were rung regularly on Sundays.

ONLY TWO UNPAID PEAL FEES

Peal ringing had been their most successful activity. Fees from only two peals remained unpaid; the income from the 93 paid-up peals had realised £17 8s., and was a very valuable addition to the finances.

The general financial position had improved by approximately £20 during the year and the general fund balance was now £123 16s. 7d. The main item of expense, the annual report, continued to rise and the cost was now 3s. 3d. per copy. Income from subscriptions advertisements and sale of reports just covered the report's publication. Without the affiliation and peal fees "we would gradually run out of money to pay our other expenses." The balance in the Bell Restoration Fund was now £822.

"To conclude," reported the general secretary, "1966 has not been a very successful year. We must endeavour to attract and properly train more members and to set the silent towers ringing on Sundays. Possibly what we need is what 'The Ringing World' already has—a new look."

The present officers were re-elected: The Rev. E. G. Orland, president; Mr. J. H. Bluff, Master; Mr. E. Billings, general secretary; and Mr. G. F. Roome, auditor. It was decided to make grants from the Belfry Repair Fund to three towers in the Peterborough Diocese for proposed augmentations.

Three important coming attractions were announced—the Summer Festival on September 2nd in the Guilsborough Branch; the

PETERBOROUGH GUILD STATISTICS

Ringing Members	950
Branches	11
Affiliated Towers	63
Peals in 1966	93
Assets	£957

Guild Dinner on October 21st at Towcester; and the 1968 annual meeting in the Towcester Branch on May 25th, 1968.

The meeting concluded with an omnibus vote of thanks ably proposed by Mr. R. H. Daw, the secretary of the Peterborough Branch. As the business had been despatched without any dawdling there was an extra half-hour of ringing and this was gratefully received by all those who are hoping for a place in the 1967 list of tower . . . ; as Koko said—"The task of filling up the blanks I'd rather leave to you."

DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK PAGE

After a long illness the end came peacefully for Frederick Page on May 9th at the age of 78 years. A member of the Manchester City Police from 1910, he joined the band of ringers at the Town Hall until his retirement in 1935. During that period his peals totalled 236, and, on retiring to Sussex, he added a further 124 before illness intervened.

He rang his first peal at Wolstanton, Staffs, in 1907, later becoming a leading light in the Manchester area. Among his achievements was that of conducting Stedman Cinques on handbells. His contemporaries included such well-known names as Harold Poole, the Pye brothers and William Bottrill, with whom he rang several peals.

To mark his retirement from the Police Force, he conducted a peal of Kent T.B. Major by fellow police officers at Gorton, Manchester, on January 8th, 1935. One also calls to mind the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's, Leicester, in 1934, the first peal of Cinques for the National Guild of Police Ringers. His last peal for the Guild was conducted by him at Manchester Town Hall on July 1st, 1939.

On arriving in Sussex he joined the Shoreham and St. Peter's, Brighton, band, ringing peals with the Surprise bands of Keith Hart and Oliver Sippetts. Of his total of 360 peals, 17 were rung for the National Police Guild, one being the first on handbells, another the first police peal outside London.

Thus ends the career of a splendid ringer. He had what the daughter of the late Rev F. E. Robinson recently described as the three essentials for a good ringer—patience, perseverance and humility.

The funeral took place at Brighton Crematorium on Monday, May 15th. A. W. B.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the Society was held at two Leeds towers—Chapel Allerton (6) and St. Chad's, Headingley (8)—on April 22nd. Once again Leeds Parish Church was not available.

After a varied programme of ringing at Chapel Allerton in the afternoon tea was provided by the company of St. Chad's, Headingley. The business meeting then took place and the following officers were elected unopposed: President: Irvin Slack (Horbury); vice-presidents, Jack Gibson (Pudsey) and Alan Clifton (East Ardsley); secretary and treasurer, Ian North (Rothwell); Ringing Master, Miss Pat Lockwood (Ossett); Central Council representatives, Guy Cox (Rothwell) and Robin Brown (Rothwell); P.R.O., Charles Naylor (East Ardsley).

Mr. Ian North, in his annual report, stated that the Society was spending more than it received, and there were only two answers to this problem: more subscriptions or more donations. The latter were generally preferable, and the secretary announced that he would donate one shilling per meeting, in the hope that others would follow his example. Many of those present agreed to this.

The number of regular attenders remained low, as many ringers seemed content to ring with the Society only when the Society visited their own towers. It was sincerely hoped that they would reconsider this attitude during the coming year.

The Society extends a welcome to any ringers who live in the Leeds or Wakefield areas. Come and join us on the last Saturday of every month: to ring anything from rounds to Surprise Major. C. S. N.

WITTERSHAM, KENT

Dear Sir—Your correspondent P. F. D., in the admirable article on the bells of Wittersham (page 271) unfortunately has the weights of the bells wrong; the ones he quotes are those in the ringing room—compiled before the recent retuning by Messrs. Taylor, which now makes the weights as follows:—Treble, 6-1-5 in C sharp; 2nd, 7-1-19 in B; 3rd, 9-1-2 in A; 4th, 11-1-27 in G sharp; 5th, 13-2-6 in F sharp; tenor, 16-2-8 in E. Key-note of bells was unaltered. Messrs. Taylor have also done another job recently in Kent, namely adding a new treble (2-3-21 in G sharp) to the minor five at Thanington Without, giving a ring of six (tenor 6½ cwt. in C minor). Although dedicated last September, this was not mentioned in your columns. —Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable Kent.

The Nottingham University Society has given a cordial invitation to members of the Central Council and their friends to join the Society for service ringing at Beeston on Sunday, May 28th, from 9.30-10 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. The invitation is also extended to any who may stay in Nottingham until Wednesday to visit the practice on that evening between 7.30 and 9 p.m.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After 11 months' silence the bells of All Saints', Fulham, now ring out with the completion of the tower restoration.

Mr A. W. Rolfe rang in a congratulatory quartet for his 80th birthday at Mildenhall, Suffolk.

A large number of towers in Oxon, Berks and Bucks rang in connection with the National Folk Dance Week sponsored by the English Folk Dance and Song Society.

The peal at Drayton, Somerset, was rung to celebrate the birth of a son, John David, to the Rev. and Mrs. David Hoare, of Amptill, Beds, and as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Locke, Tower Master at Drayton.

Correction.—The band who rang the peal of Doubles (eigh. methods) at Marston, Oxford, on April 8th (page 311), was: Stephen Buck treble, David E. Pullin 2, Roy H. Jones 3, Leonard R. Porter 4, Alec Gammon tenor.

At a recent ringing school a well-known Kent peal ringer was heard to remark: "I would like to get my hands on the bloke who says peal ringers don't help learners—I have spent all the morning ringing the 5th and 6th to rounds."

When Her Majesty the Queen paid her first visit to the county of Rutland on May 12th she went through Oakham, Preston and Uppingham. The bells at all three places were rung to welcome Her Majesty, and a peal of Minor was rung at Preston in the evening.

The Misses Caroline V. Harris and R. Jean Osbon of the Witherham, Sussex, band, rang their first peal of Surprise on May 7th. The conductor reports that they rang very creditably. By ringing the 4th Mr E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, "completed the circle" at Witherham for the fourth time.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A HANDBELL RECORD

Conducted and arranged by Cyril A. Wratten a handbell peal in 27 methods was rung at Cheltenham on May 4th. This constitutes a record number of Major methods yet rung to a true peal "in hand." The previous record was 26 methods by the Lincoln Guild on May 15th, 1950. Mr. Wratten makes his claim with considerable diffidence, as 14 of the methods were only variations of St. Clement's and Crayford College, and the peal was much easier to ring than the peals of the Lincoln Guild band in the early 1950s and again in 1960. These were rung in up to 50 methods, but all those above 26 methods were later, unfortunately, found to be false.

CANON THURLOW ON CATHEDRALS

In the Pitkin Pride of Britain Books Canon Gilbert Thurlow has made a valued contribution in "Cathedrals at Work" (price 2s. 6d.). Today millions of people annually visit our cathedrals, but relatively few know the inner workings of a cathedral, and it is to meet their need that Canon Thurlow has written the story of the cathedral's development from earliest times.

The Canon is ever true to his office of President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and there is a section devoted to towers, bells and ringers. He summarises our art as follows: "Change ringing requires fitness of mind and body. It is a popular exercise as well as a religious activity. It is practised today by far more people, old and young of both sexes, than ever before, and every English Cathedral, Norwich alone excepted, has a ring of bells in or near it, in use for change ringing."

There is a good action picture of ringing the new ring of 12 in the Norman central tower of Southwell Cathedral and another of the bells revolving in Guildford Cathedral.

FROME BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

Eight teams took part in the second annual striking competition held by the Frome Branch on April 29th at East Harptree. Safely ensconced in a nearby pub with the window open, Mr. Albert Tyler again made notes and jotted down faults, finally coming to the conclusion that a well-struck touch of London by Chilcompton "A" team had won the day, with Farmborough coming second.

It was particularly gratifying to have two new "learner" teams this year, and we sincerely hope that they will persevere and join us again next year.

Our thanks to all who made the day a success; to the Rev. J. Ainger, who presided at tea, and to the ringers and helpers at East Harptree. M. H.

NEVER FORGOTTEN

In connection with the quarter peal at Ruardean in honour of the 84th birthday of Mr. W. Beard, Mr. W. Rees did not know until the bells were up that he was conducting. He called his last quarter 20 years ago and admitted afterwards that "he had to think a bit".

A pretty young lady called Ro' Just couldn't get Stedman to go! The dodging perplexed her, Her Quick became "Quicker," And she could never get out of the Slow.

A HALF-CENTURY AT CHILVERS COTON

The colleagues of Mrs. Dorothy E. Beamish at All Saints' belfry, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, have presented her with a lovely standard lamp in white and gold to mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer at the church. The presentation took place at the home of Mr. G. A. Bell, a member of the band and formerly captain of the Prestwich, Manchester, ringers.

A peal of Stedman Caters had been attempted earlier in the day but had come to grief halfway. Those who took part, together with the remainder of the Coton ringers with their wives, enjoyed a pleasant evening which included handbell ringing and a film show.

PROTESTS JUSTIFIED

A peal attempt at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, came round after 2 hours and 20 minutes due to a shift course "The band," writes John Pladdys, "cheerfully ignored violent hammering on the belfry door and ceiling during the last 20 minutes as irate neighbours tried unsuccessfully to gain admittance, and bellowing dire threats. Because the area is so built up it is unlikely that permission will be given for a further attempt. This is believed to be the longest length on the bells for over 60 years."

Except on national occasions, peals should not be attempted in built-up areas unless the bells are muffled. The attempt indicates a sense of irresponsibility and lack of regard to a protesting neighbourhood.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD

The University of Sheffield Guild of Change Ringers has moved its annual general meeting to the first week of the summer term. The following were elected to the offices for the coming year: Master, Miss Patricia Rogers; deputy Master, Mr. John Eborall; secretary and treasurer, Miss Carole A. H. Patey, Guild of Change Ringers, Sheffield University Union Sheffield, 10.

ONE-DAY RINGING SCHOOL AT WEST WICKHAM

The Lewisham and Tonbridge Districts combined on May 6th to present a one-day school based at West Wickham. Proceedings commenced with prayers in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. K. W. Wright. The company was then divided into four groups. Walter Dobbie and Tony Lewis gave instruction on bell handling and ringing rounds, while Philip Corby explained plain hunting. Stanley Jenner conducted a group at Hayes in elementary methods and Ian Oram led another group through 'the mysteries of elementary conducting in the vestry at St. John's.

It was not possible to provide communal meal arrangements, so after we had refreshed ourselves in our various ways we resumed activities with more rounds and hunting at West Wickham, elementary methods at Bromley Common and conducting practice at Addington, Surrey. Throughout the afternoon all present had an opportunity of learning rope-splicing under the tuition of John Canell and William Hughes.

A discussion followed, during which general satisfaction was felt with the day's events, though a section for more advanced ringing would be welcome in future.

Grateful thanks are extended to the lecturers, the incumbents and to local ringers.

FIRST PEAL BY KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On St. George's Day (April 23rd) a pleasing ceremony took place in the belfry at Frittenden, when a new board recording the first peal rung by the Kent County Association was dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. A. Baxter-Shawe. A representative gathering of ringers began ringing at 2 p.m. and were met at the tower by Harry Baker, on whose initiative this very worthwhile project had been put in hand.

The Rector said the prayers of dedication before the afternoon service, and the many ringers present provided what the Rector regarded as a pleasant augmentation of the usual village congregation.

The board records that on October 31st, 1881, there was rung in 2 hours and 50 minutes a peal of 5,040 Bob Major by G. Payne 1, F. G. Newman 2, G. Baldock 3, G. Potter 4, T. Taylor 5, T. Potter 6, W. Brattle 7, T. Daynes 8. Conducted by T. Daynes. The weight of the tenor is given as 13 cwt. in F sharp. This, of course, was on the old ring of bells, which have since been replaced by a fine ring cast by Gillett and Johnston in the 1930's.

Thomas Daynes was an active peal ringer and his name appears on various other boards in Frittenden belfry. His name was perpetuated in Kent ringing circles by his grandson, George H. Daynes, who was captain at St. Nicholas', Deptford, and, after the bells became derelict, remained very active in other towers in the Deptford, Greenwich, Eltham and Lewisham areas and rang many peals for the Association. He called Holt's Original at Eltham when over 80 years of age—no mean feat.

One of the ringers present at the peal board ceremony was Mr. Ernest J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, whose grandmother was named Daynes and came from Frittenden. Unfortunately Mr. Ladd has no knowledge of any relationship his grandmother may have had to Thomas Daynes, but there is likely to have been a connection.

Present at the service with her husband was Mrs. Harry Baker. Although they have not rung any peals for some years now, they were the first man and wife to ring 200 peals together. Both were members of the active peal ringing band inspired by Mr. Thomas E. Sone, which between the wars rang many peals in various towers around the Weald of Kent. P. A. C.

SALISBURY GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at the popular seaside village of Burton Bradstock on April 22nd. Six towers were represented and visitors were most welcome ringing a fairly wide range of methods. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar Rev. C. H. Ridler. An excellent tea awaited us in the nearby church hall, provided by the local ringers and lady helpers. At the business meeting, with Mr. C. W. Powell in the chair final arrangements for attending the Guild festival were made.

Next quarterly meeting, Lodres, Saturday, June 24th. Practice meetings: Whitechurch Canonicoorum June 5th, and Melbury Osmund, July 12th, all subject to confirmation. J. D.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt.

Andrew N. Stubbs Treble	Robert E. Dennis 7
Alan F. Thirst 2	Martin C. Faulkes 8
Wilfred Williams 3	Frank E. Darby 9
Tudor P. Edwards 4	James G. A. Prior 10
Antony R. Kench 5	Kenneth J. Hesketh 11
*David E. Rothera 6	Philip A. F. Chalk Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

* First 12-bell peal. First of Pudsey Maximus in the City.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

S. Arthur Read Treble	† Adrian P. Beck 5
Ronald G. Beck 2	Gwilym Salmon 6
*Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3	Eric Naylor 7
† Philip H. D. Jones 4	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Eric Naylor.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. Tenor 19 cwt.

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

On Wed., May 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Stedman and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.	
Raymond P. Selway .. Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell 3
Trevor E. Marks 2	Derek S. Beaufoy 4
William E. Turner Tenor	

Conducted by William E. Turner.

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., May 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.	
Mervyn R. Arscott Treble	Marian J. Beale 4
Brenda M. Bindon 2	Keith E. Beale 5
Leslie H. Arscott 3	* Raymond F. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott

* 25th peal and 25th for the Association.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Reginald W. Rex Treble	Richard W. Sweet 6
Gillian M. Hunt 2	* Edgar T. Skipsey 7
Gillian M. Brearley 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 8
D. John Hunt 4	D. Paul Smith 9
*David Rennolds 5	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First of Royal. Tenor 23 cwt. approx.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

INVERARAY, Argyll.—At the Episcopal Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 4 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

Derek F. Yates Treble	Cyril Crosswaite 6
Frank Osbaldiston 2	Michael W. Crowder 7
Neil Bennett 3	Jeffrey Brannan 8
Alan McFall 4	Brian Harris 9
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

* Brian Schofield Treble	† Ernest Pimlott 5
Michael Thomson 2	Harold Worrall 6
Christopher J. Jones 3	Harry W. Howard 7
John Moore 4	Stuart W. Bracegirdle .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First of Triples.

TATTENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Alban.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods/variations, being 240 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Moira, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Wychbold, Marston, Salwarpe, Broadwas, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Dedworth, Tichborne, Windrush and Norfolk.

Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen P. Newton .. Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards 4
John R. Scott 2	Frank R. Morton 5
Keith W. Eaton 3	Gordon K. Green Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

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

On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

* Frank R. Morton Treble	Herbert Sutton 4
Leon A. Perry 2	John R. Scott 5
Frederick S. Sutton 3	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 50th peal of Minor.

Rung to commemorate the opening of the new Church Hall by Lady Helen Delves Broughton, which took place on May 6th.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

KNOWLE, Warks.—At the Church of SS. John the Baptist, Lawrence and Anne.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

Marion R. Bennett Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 5
Susan Rothera 2	John K. Foot 6
Peter S. Bennett 3	Ian C. Maycock 7
David E. Rothera 4	Philip J. Rothera Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Maureen Hughes and Barry Smith, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

David W. Friend Treble	* Kevin Betesta 7
David J. Marshall 2	* Derek Astridge 8
John K. Smith 3	* Denis E. Carlisle 9
* David K. Walklate 4	Harold Taylor 10
* John S. Dean 5	* Michael R. Blore 11
* Gordon A. Halls 6	* Clive Thrower Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells for the Association by an all-resident band. Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Michael Willis Treble	Geoffrey Bridges 5
Neil Handley 2	* William Allsopp 6
Reginald Wallis 3	David K. Walklate 7
Kevin A. Betesta 4	Reginald J. Stretton .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* 25th peal.

Rung to mark the end of the centenary year celebrations of the church. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

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

On Thurs., May 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Gordon A. Halls Treble	* Melvin Rose 6
Clive Thrower 2	George L. Roobottom 7
* Alec Humphrey 3	Burley P. Morris 8
David W. Parkin 4	A. Colin Banton 9
* Jack Chadwick 5	David W. Friend Tenor

Arranged by D. W. Friend. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal of Royal. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

SOURTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Wed., May 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents Reverse Canterbury, three Stedman, six Plain Bob, four April Day, 18 Grandsire and two 240's Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

D. Roy Bould Treble	Wilfred C. Boucher 3
Alan Carveth 2	George E. Mudge 4

Robert A. Southwood .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HARTEST, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5160 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 43 six-scores.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Stephen W. Harper .. Treble	Peter G. Pitt 4
Frank B. Lufkin 2	Neil V. Avis 5
* Ernest W. Furbank 3	Geoffrey H. Isgar Tenor

* 100th tower for a peal First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all.

BENTLEY COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Kent and Oxford T.B., 720 each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

Barbara Fisher Treble	Ernest W. Furbank 4
Ronald J. Brown 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Peter G. Pitt 3	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Ernest W. Furbank.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABSON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.
 Brian K. Lewis .. Treble *Susan A. Moore .. 4
 Gloria M. Wilshire .. 2 Derek M. Smith .. 5
 Myra J. Gibbs .. 3 Anthony W. Gibbs .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal of Minor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 Donald N. Jennings .. Treble Joan V. Reyner .. 4
 *Margaret J. Berndt .. 2 *Jeffrey P. Ladd .. 5
 *Valerie A. Bone .. 3 A. David Leach .. Tenor

Conducted by A. David Leach.

* First peal.

OCKHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods: Four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Northrepps, April Day, Kennington, and four extents each of Plain, Old, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and St. Columb. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Michael D. Fuller .. Treble Janet E. Cleeve .. 3
 *John H. Payton .. 2 Martin J. Kirk .. 4

John A. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Martin J. Kirk.

* First peal in 12 methods. Rung for Whitsuntide.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 6, 1967 in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Rosemary Bray .. Treble Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 5
 Leslie Evans .. 2 Peter D. Sell .. 6
 Frederock R. Harris .. 3 Rev. Michael Hart .. 7
 Dennis Jayne .. 4 *David Barwick .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal. First in the method for all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. First in the method on the bells.

HOLME-LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Elizabeth Taylor .. Treble Rev. Michael Hart .. 5
 *Peter Hughes .. 2 Peter D. Sell .. 6
 Austin T. Wingate .. 3 Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 7
 Michael V. Powell .. 4 George T. Cousins .. Tenor

Composed by John Pladdys. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal of Major. Rung on the Festival of Whitsun

FOWNHOPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., May 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent and two 2,160's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*Gillian Sims .. Treble *Peter D. Sell .. 4
 Rev. Michael Hart .. 2 Austin T. Wingate .. 5
 Leslie Evans .. 3 *Marcus C. W. Sherwood Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Aileen E. McAtteer .. Treble *John Lindsay .. 5
 †G. Harry Ellis .. 2 †Liam Benson .. 6
 Jean Jeffery .. 3 Harry Brown .. 7
 †Maud Lindsay .. 4 John T. Dunwoody .. Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.. † First of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major on tower bells. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Rung as birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 3 and 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BIRCHINGTON, Kent.—At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.

On Sun., May 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Keith I. Davis .. Treble David W. Grimwood .. 6
 Pamela E. Powell .. 2 Ronald F. Cleaver .. 7
 Rachel J. Sinden .. 3 David J. Baker .. 8
 James Hedgcock .. 4 Derek J. Carr .. 9
 Michael G. Tong .. 5 Graham J. Neilson .. Tenor

Composed by William Shipway. Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.
 James T. Stevens .. Treble Maxwell F. Oakshett .. 5
 Arthur G. Mason .. 2 Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 6
 Herbert E. Audsley .. 3 John W. Smith .. 7
 Frederick J. Cullum .. 4 Thomas W. Blewitt .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*Edward F. Wyld .. Treble Colin J. E. Wyld .. 5
 †Elizabeth John .. 2 †J. Lynn Garraway .. 6
 Brenda M. Davies .. 3 Nicholas J. Davies .. 7
 Martin Ostler .. 4 *Eric Weston .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. (5-part.) Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.

* First peal. † First of Triples.
 Rung immediately following the induction by the Archbishop of Canterbury of the Rev. David Marriot to the benefices of Wye and Brook.

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

On Fri., May 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum .. Treble Herbert E. Audsley .. 5
 Arthur G. Mason .. 2 Tony Lewis .. 6
 John Pladdys .. 3 John W. Smith .. 7
 Christopher T. Osenton .. 4 Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

The ringer of the fourth has now "circled the tower" three times.

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

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Douglas Shaw .. Treble Terence Barton .. 5
 *Diane M. Bradford .. 2 Brian E. Jemmett .. 6
 George A. Naylor .. 3 Peter M. Wilkinson .. 7
 †Rev. Stanley M. Evans .. 4 Raymond Finch .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside."

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

On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob, and two extents of St. Martin's Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

Marilyn J. Chidwick .. Treble Malcolm J. Hitchcock .. 3
 *Malcolm Barden .. 2 Ian R. Russell .. 4

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

* First peal of Doubles and first "inside."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*Elizabeth Metcalfe .. Treble James E. Dickinson .. 4
 Nicholas M. Newby .. 2 Kevin Price .. 5
 *William John Hughes .. 3 Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung for Ascensiontide.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*Freda Lacey .. Treble Jack Bray .. 5
 Frank Lord .. 2 Maurice Lings .. 6
 William Baines .. 3 Fred Jeffery .. 7
 †Roger Lord .. 4 Harold Judd .. Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal. † First of Major on tower bells.

RIPPINGALE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven extents—four Norwich and three Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 2 lb.

*Anthony D. Walker .. Treble †W. Bryan Cox .. 4
 Cecil Wade .. 2 C. Leonard Blanchard .. 5
 †Daphne P. Brown .. 3 James W. Haw .. Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise. 100th as conductor.
 Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. P. Knight, R.D., Vicar of Deeping St. James, on appointment as Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Fri., May 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5041 DOUBLES

Being 480 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Clifford's Pleasure, 360 Southrepps, 720 April Day, 480 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 1,200 Plain Bob and 1,440 Grandsire.

Benjamin Williams .. Treble	†D. Geoffrey Kerley .. 4
*D. R. Lyn Jones 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
Alwyn R. Lewis 3	William J. Thomas .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* 25th peal for Association. † First of Doubles.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 HADLEIGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Ruth M. Foreman Treble	John Hill 5
Thomas J. Lock 2	John R. Mayne 6
Alfred Cutler 3	Dennis Knox 7
Alan R. Patterson 4	David P. Hilling .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to John and Marjorie Hill.

HADLEIGH SURPRISE MAJOR

a 38—56.4.58—12.38.14—14.5.14—14.7.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Peter N. Felton Treble	*Robert J. Wiggins 5
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 2	†David G. Pickett 6
Alan R. Patterson 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. 7
William S. Deason 4	Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.

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

Rung as a welcome to Sarah Frances, first child of Gillian and Robin Leale, whose birth took place during the peal.

HESTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sun., May 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt.

Parker's 12-part.	
Myles Hawkins Treble	Derek Fowles 5
John Chilcott 2	Aidan Butcher 6
Carole Andrews 3	David Parsons 7
Peter Ruch 4	Christopher Rogers .. Tenor

Conducted by David Parsons.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the rededication of this church.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

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

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HADDISCOE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., April 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being one 240 (Pitman) and five extents of Grand-sire and five extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Norman P. J. Cossey .. Treble	J. Barry Pickup 3
H. William Barrett 2	Roger E. Peckham 4

Michael J. Parker Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

First peal on the bells since rehanging in a new frame.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Bussey, a ringer at Haddiscoe for more than 50 years.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLOXHAM, Oxon.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' four-part.	Tenor 26½ cwt.
Patricia E. Hibbert Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 5
John W. T. Hibbert 2	Brian R. White 6
Norman H. Leslie 3	John H. Napper 7
Dennis A. Leslie 4	Francis A. White .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

BUCKLAND, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 AQUITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

Ronald K. Russ Treble	Frank Reed 5
Michael Hatchett 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method.

Rung on the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate and for Ascensiontide.

AQUITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Method Notation: —58—16—12—1236—14—1458—14—78.

l.h. (2nds) 8674523. Bob 4ths. f.c.h. 24365.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 2,112 Plain Bob, 1,334 Double Bob, 672 Reverse Bob, 240 Little Bob, 192 Crayford Little Court, 144 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, and 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, with 276 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*Christopher Richards .. Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
†Diana M. Chapman 2	†Edward R. Venn 6
Frances Fairbank 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Valerie Willard 4	†Peter Bridle Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Major. † First of Spliced Plain Major. The greatest number of Plain Major methods rung to a peal in the county and for the Guild.

HADDENHAM, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Sara K. D. Woolley .. Treble	Robin J. Lee 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
*Christopher J. Royal 3	Anthony K. Fortin 7
†Ronald J. Snack 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Major.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Leale on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Frances, on May 6th.

LUDGERSHALL, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 111 methods, being 120 each of St. Simon; St. Martin; St. Nicholas; Winchendon Place; Grandsire, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell; St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Free-land, Oxtou; Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead; St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme; St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford; Antelope, Allestree, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall; Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene; Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monachorum; Clifford, St. David, Little Aston; Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert; Burnham, Stirling, Twyford; Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac; Cowslip, Wall-flower, St. Neots; Wychbold, Haseley, St. Adwena; Buttercup, Violet, Bledlow; Dedworth, Primrose, St. Clement; St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Worthington, Cherwell; Minster, Abbots Ann; Tichborne; Plain Bob; Kennington; Southrepps; Wollaton, Clashmore; Allexton, Beaufield; Coxmoor, Pancrasweet; Duxford, Euxton; Foxhill, Goxhill; Hex-greave, Ixworth; Jevington, Kexby; Loxton, Moxley. 240 each of Marston, Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias, Rushall, April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, Northrepps, St. Philip, All Saints.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

C. Richard Miles Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
John A. H. Betts 2	Leonard R. Porter 4
J. Paul Coad Tenor	

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

Rung for St. George's Day

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 JUGHOLME SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard F. B. Speed .. Treble	Roger W. Smith 6
Patrick I. Chapman 2	Barry E. Saunders 7
Diana M. Frost 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Roderick W. Pipe 4	Barrie Hendry 9
Alan J. Frost 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

JUGHOLME SURPRISE ROYAL

MX—30—14—12—30, 14—14, 50, 16—16, 70, 58—18, 30.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.	
J. Charles Hudson Treble	Ronald Russell 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Stephen B. Bell 5
Roger N. Scholes 3	Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung in honour of the first visit of Her Majesty the Queen to the county of Rutland.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
TETTENHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*Philip J. Day Treble	Cyril Griffiths 5
Gillian Griffiths 2	Philip G. K. Davies 6
†Christine Slater 3	A. Elizabeth Timmins .. 7
Robert W. Humphries .. 4	†Richard B. Dorrington .. Tenor

Composed by S. Biddleston. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dennis Beresford Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	John S. Barnes 6
John R. Pratchett 3	Roger Baldwin 7
Peter M. Wilkinson 4	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

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

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	Eric N. Harrison 7
Muriel Reay 2	John C. Eisel 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	George E. Fearn 9
John R. Insley 4	Peter Border 10
James Insley 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
Richard A. G. Inglis .. 6	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

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

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., April 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Maurice C. Hughes .. Treble	John R. Insley 5
Ann E. Fellows 2	James Insley 6
*Raymond Aldington .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Alan S. Burbidge 4	Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, Solihull, Warks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Wed., May 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Francis Cole Treble	John R. Insley 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	James Insley 6
Ann E. Fellows 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
Raymond Aldington .. 4	Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G

James W. Belshaw .. Treble	John R. Insley 5
Muriel Reay 2	David J. Purnell 6
Ruth M. Border 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
James Insley 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

SEEND, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of: Stedman Slow Course, Union Bob, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Alban, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Paul, St. Osmond, St. Ninian, St. Ambrose, St. Nicholas, Lapley, St. Giles, Winchendon, St. John, St. Miles, St. Remigius, Horsley, Church Gresley, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Thurlby Delight, St. Blaise, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Oldswinford, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Old, Norfolk, Kennington, Grandshire, Newborough.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Bert Smith Treble	K. Barry Osborne 4
Colin H. Smith 2	Colin C. Hillier 5
Derrick P. Bailey 3	Paul A. Barrett Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

Most methods to a peal by all the band.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. Treble	*Edward R. Fairbrother .. 5
Frederick R. Wiggin 2	†Frank Beech 6
Jennifer M. Beech 3	Ian Friend 7
A. Elizabeth Timmins .. 4	Richard J. Warrilow .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Ian Friend.

* 25th peal. † 50th peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

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

Arranged and Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal of Major. † 25th together.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Ernest G. Pearce Treble	Michael J. Howes 6
Cecil W. Pipe 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Ernest W. Pye 8
B. Gillian Pipe 4	Barry Pickup 9
William E. Pye 5	Rev. Peter N. Bond .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Johnson and Robert Cook, who were married in Perth (Australia) Cathedral this day.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., May 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (4) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (5) Oxford and Kent T.B., (6) and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Philip Thompson .. Treble	Michael J. Bew 4
*Catherine M. Powell .. 2	†Frank B. Lufkin 5
Peter G. Pitt 3	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal. † 700th peal.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Ernest W. Furbank.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Peter R. Humphrey .. Treble	†Christopher P. Starbuck .. 6
Michael J. Uphill 2	†Simon Humphrey 7
R. James Cook 3	John R. Pratchett 8
*Ian L. Dear 4	Dennis A. Hewitt 9
James Attwood, jun. .. 5	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal. ‡ 100th on tower bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Robert J. Cooles Treble	John F. M. Maybrey 5
Catherine M. Powell 2	Christopher D. J. Webb 6
Alan E. Bagworth 3	Michael J. Bew 7
Peter Henry 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

First peal in method for all except the ringer of the 3rd and the conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Christopher and Genebeth Webb on the birth of their son, William Timothy, on May 4th, 1967.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., May 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

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

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

WISBOROUGH GREEN, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter and Vincula.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Heather Alford Treble	Ian M. Robinson 4
Derek Slater 2	David D. Smith 5
Edgar R. Rapley 3	George Francis Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Irene Gocher, of Warnham, and John Marshall, of Wisborough Green.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANFEIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

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

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by David J. King.

This composition was specially chosen as a compliment to the members of the Irish Association for their warm welcome to the Gwent ringers when visiting Dublin recently.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERSFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*Ronald G. Tipper Treble	†Andrew P. Reeves 5
Mary E. White 2	David M. Hughes 6
Keith Sansom 3	R. Brian Walton 7
Kenneth A. Tipper 4	†Clive C. Chennell-White Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Walton.

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

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DODDERHILL, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*Allan Russell Treble	*John Clements 5
Arthur D. Sayer 2	Reginald Woodyatt 6
Gerald Bowen 3	*David G. Franklin 7
Walter H. Raxter 4	Frederick C. Pugh Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.

LEDBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Maurice F. Edwards Treble	James W. Belshaw 5
Ann E. Fellows 2	James Insley 6
John R. Insley 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
David G. Franklin 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D

Patricia Rogers Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis 7
M. Susan Jackson 2	J. Henry Fielden 8
W. Eric Critchley 3	Alan Hartley 9
Kathleen M. Higgins 4	Neil Donovan 10
Christine Andrew 5	Edward Jenkins 11
Margaret E. Fort 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

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

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

James S. Webb Treble	Ronald R. Warford 6
Kenneth B. Sissons 2	Ronald J. Snack 7
Jennifer E. Pearce 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 8
Christopher J. N. Dalton 4	Robin Brown 9
Ronald H. Dove 5	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Rung in memoriam P. John Hall, of Weston-super-Mare.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' five-part No. 1—"The Sleeping Beauty."

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*John H. Allen Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill 5
*D. Kay Moore 2	*Richard O. Humphries 6
*Derek B. Williams 3	S. Clarke Walters 7
Edward W. Colley 4	*Roger W. Powell Tenor

Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Roger W. Powell.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

PERTH, Western Australia.—In the Burt Hall, St. George's Cathedral.

On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Eileen S. Palin 1-2	Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 3-4
Heather A. Mann 5-6	

* First handbell peal and first attempt. First handbell peal and first of Minor in Western Australia.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Johnson and Robert Cook.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Tues., April 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C

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

Composed by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Tues., May 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Frank J. Matthews 7-8
*Trevor A. Cross 3-4	Edward J. Beer 9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves 5-6	Stuart Sandford 11-12

Arranged by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Maximus "in hand."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

KEYWORTH, Notts.—At 5, Meadow Drive.

On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor size 11 in G.

W. L. Exton 1-2	Brian M. Buswell 3-4
R. Brian Mills (cond.) 5-6	

First peal in four methods "in hand" by all the band and for the Guild

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood.

On Thurs., March 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in C.

Richard J. Parker 1-2	Philip J. Crossthwaite 5-6
*John L. Riley 3-4	Cyril Crossthwaite 7-8

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

* First peal on handbells

HALF PEAL

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On April 27th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Cater 1, C. A. Moxon 2, R. Cater 3, W. F. Moreton 4, G. E. Hancock (cond.) 5, T. Tarbutt 6. First half peal 1 and 3.

LONG LENGTH

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,920 Minor (three methods): Miss M. J. Beale 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, L. H. Arscott 3, R. Parker 4, R. F. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on April 28th, 1,260 Spiced Plain, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob Minor: J. R. Poole 1, D. R. Baxter 2, A. K. P. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson 4, M. J. Hiller 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (back three covering): G. Warner 1, Jane Tarrant 2, Joyce Sturges 3, R. Wimplett 4, J. Wimplett 5, S. Sturges 6, W. Mulford 7, H. Harvey 8. Conducted by Terry Tarrant (non-ringing conductor). A farewell tribute to Canon Ivor Jeffery-Machin, and Alderman Mrs. Jeffery-Machin.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Freeman (first of Triples on treble) 1, H. E. J. Smith 2, J. J. Hill 3, Mrs. E. J. Weaver 4, R. C. Wilson (first of Triples) 5, H. E. Balaam (cond.) 6, J. Weaver 7, A. Taylor 8. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Taylor 1, H. E. J. Smith 2, J. J. Hill 3, H. E. Balaam 4, R. C. Wilson 5, J. Weaver 6, J. Chesterman (cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Balaam.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Kersey 1, Miss J. Piggett 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, C. Chennell-White 4, D. M. Hughes 5, R. Corke (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. For Alton Deanery Festival.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 27th, 1,620 Minor (Kent, Cambridge and Plain Bob): J. Dolman 1, A. Bagnall 2, C. W. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, L. Monk 5, A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, S. Christian 2, D. J. Derrick 3, M. Whittell 4, R. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the 260th anniversary of the Union of Scotland and England. Also on Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Bond 1, Miss M. Christian 2, D. J. Derrick 3, A. Walters 4, R. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janice M. Pennins 1, Juliet Hail 2, R. A. Blewitt 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, A. J. Glass 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the ringer of treble, upon her recent engagement to Mr. John Dieppe, of Cookham.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, on April 27th, 1,344 Double Norwich: I. Quinney 1, C. Muncey 2, G. Jones 3, C. Daws 4, R. Youdale 5, S. Woodcock 6, A. Schofield 7, R. Inglis 8. Also on Ascension Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Thomas 1, R. Youdale 2, M. Damerell 3, D. Sturge 4, J. H. R. Freeborn 5, R. Shipp 6, R. Inglis 7, A. Schofield 8.

CANTERBURY.—On May 9th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rachel J. Sinden 1, Brenda Davies 2, C. J. E. Wyld (first in method) 3, B. Johnson 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, D. Manger 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, H. Deacon 8.

CHERTON, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Binstead 1, M. Munt 2, P. A. Court 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. Eastmead 5, A. P. S. Berry 6. Rung for Rev. and Mrs. Munt, on the birth of their third daughter, Rachel Mary Jean.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, S. Pulker 2, I. Harris 3, R. Danson 4, J. Benfield 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, A. W. Lloyd 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung to inaugurate National Folk Dance Week.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Ascension Day, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. M. Foster 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, G. H. Humphries 3, C. M. Foster 4, G. Fisher 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, I. M. Parry 7, K. Taber 8, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Razzell 1, Mrs. C. M. Foster 2, G. H. Humphries 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, C. M. Foster 5, G. Fisher 6, N. D. Brown 7, F. E. Mitchell 8. For Evensong, and also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Seare on the birth of their daughter, Rosemary Ann, on May 1st.

QUARTER PEALS

ECCLESHALL, STAFFS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Balls 1, A. W. Haslop 2, P. R. Harris 3, A. S. Whittall 4, D. A. Randles (first quarter) 5, E. Young 6, D. A. Frith (cond.) 7, W. Evans (first quarter) 8. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Evans (first on treble) 1, Christine Boulton 2, Hilary Evans 3, A. W. Haslop 4, W. Griffiths (first "inside") 5, A. S. Whittall (cond.) 6.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. Smith 1, Rosemary Smith 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, K. Baker 4, A. Perry 5, J. Coombes 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, Miss J. Piggett 3, E. Hedger 4, C. Chennell-White 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For Farnham Music Festival.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Alison I. Walker 1, P. Mary Beach 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, Helen M. Simpson (first as cond., aged 14) 4, D. J. Beach 5, G. G. Knighton 6. A birthday compliment to Jonathan D. Beach (2) and Alison I. Walker (14).

HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. R. Lay (first quarter of Doubles) 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, J. W. Thorp (cond.) 3, S. E. James 4, B. J. W. Foley 5, Gwyneth M. James 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 cover): Jackie Saker (first quarter) 1, Josephine Harris 2, Anne Trinder 3, A. C. Harris 4, A. R. Agg 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6, P. J. Cranfield (first quarter) 7, W. F. Todd 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On May 9th, 1,368 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh R. Collins 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Harrop 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, L. Houghton 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, O. P. Claxton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Clover, of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: Judith Robinson 1, Hilda Oatway 2, Pauline Smith 3, D. Parr 4, P. Ford 5, A. H. Smith 6, W. Oatway 7, A. J. Smith (cond.) 8. For the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Guildford Diocese.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Hughes (first on 10) 1, A. M. Faulkner 2, K. Warner 3, W. H. Aley 4, R. Durrant 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, F. V. Gant 9, F. E. Scoones 10. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, D. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Hoyle 5, A. Charlesworth 6, R. Coverley 7, K. Wilson 8. Within the octave of the Patronal Festival, and as a compliment to Mr. Fred Addey on completing 70 years' service in the choir.

MARSTON, OXON.—On May 1st, 1,260 May Day Doubles: S. Buck 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, M. R. Bolton 3, A. Gammon 4, L. R. Porter 5. First in method on the bells and for the band. Rung as part of the celebrations during National Folk Dance and Music Week, April 29th-May 6th. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Page (first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones 2, M. R. Bolton 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion, and V.E. Day anniversary.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna Griffin (first quarter) 1, W. Colwell 2, D. J. Withers 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls (cond.) 5, T. Crabbe 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 7th, at St. George's, Jesmond, 1,296 Stedman Doubles: Joy Askew 1, J. Pardoe 2, S. Pardoe 3, G. White 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, P. Marin 6. First of Stedman 1, 2, 3 4 and 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, K. Sanaom 2, D. Hatherly 3, K. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, H. deCombe 8. A wedding compliment to Sub-Lieutenant David John Gammans, R.N., and Susan Mary Tibbitts (Vicar's warden's daughter).

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Perry (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, M. Burston 3, C. A. S. Webb 4, M. Androlia 5, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. J. Whorlow 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. F. Firman 5, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 6. For anniversary of Christian Stewardship Week.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Ellis 1, J. Marjoram 2, S. Bedford 3, A. Ellis (first "inside") 4, A. Knighta (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For the baptism of Mrs. Monica Ellis, mother of the ringers of treble and fourth; Mrs. Ellis also being a regular ringer with the Sunday service band.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Harper 1, Diane I. Hickman 2, Joy F. Butler 3, Mrs. K. S. B. Croft 4, K. S. B. Croft 5, C. J. Butler (cond.) 6, A. Jackson (75th quarter) 7, B. V. Butler 8.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Irene Royston (aged 12) 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, Susan Laidlow (aged 13) 3, E. Short 4, R. E. Price 5, E. Dallingwater 6, G. Jackson 7, Anne P. Leigh 8. First quarter peal on eight for 1 and 3.

STANDISH, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Richardson (first as cond.) 1, Miss J. Pillingier (first "inside") 2, G. Whalley (first "inside") 3, Miss P. Buckland 4, P. Screen 5, D. Tomlins 6. For United Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Miss G. Richardson.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Easter Day, 1,312 London Surprise Major: P. J. Brown 1, Miss M. I. Elsmore 2, W. H. Cooper 3, J. Warr 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, G. Westwood 6, J. C. Eisel 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Buckley (first of Stedman) 1, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, J. Warr 4, R. Smith 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. D. Fellows 7, A. D. Fellows 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sutton (first of Triples) 1, Miss W. Marriott (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Davidge 3, Mrs. E. Jacques 4, R. Hulme 5, M. Stanley 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, W. Merritt 8.

TANGLEY, HANTS.—On April 20th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Doubles (two methods): G. Bevis 1, Mrs. A. Newman 2, Mrs. M. Green 3, R. Newman 4, A. Green 5.

TARVIN, CHESTER.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill F. Burdett 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, T. Holmes 3, E. C. Crewe 4, A. J. Putnam 5, G. Parting 6. In celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of George and Elizabeth Wright, married at this church on April 9th, 1917.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. E. Norman 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, Miss L. M. Dade (first "inside") 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, A. K. Whatmore 6. A compliment to the daughter church, All Saints', Halton, consecrated 'he previous day.

THORNFALCON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. B. M. Bindon 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, A. H. Reed 3, R. F. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. A ruby wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mattravers.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Davies 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, B. Johnson 7, P. C. Sinden 8. First in method 3 and 4.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Mrs. I. S. Wright 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, T. S. Wright 5, P. Thomas 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cheal.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On May 1st, 1,440 Minor (eight methods): R. H. Roberts 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allison 6. Most Minor methods to a quarter for all the band.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fox 1, J. Fox (cond.) 2, C. Cousins 3, W. Cousins 4, H. Follen 5, W. Wiskin 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. T. Dutton 1, D. J. Wilkes 2, A. Botterell 3, J. S. Eastwood 4, K. D. Knowles 5, C. Bainham 6, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Coleman 8. Rung for the inaugural annual service for the West Midland Constabulary.

WARWICK.—On May 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. H. Randall (first I.B.) 1, E. Holdsworth 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, P. C. Randall 4, E. J. Gower (cond.) 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Chivers 1, E. C. Wadman 2, F. Savage 3, J. Mags 4, P. H. Jones 5, R. C. Beck (cond.) 6, H. D. MacKay 7, V. Savage 8.

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BIRTHS

COX.—To Anna and Brian, of North Adelaide, South Australia, on May 11th, 1967, a daughter. 1574
WEBB. — On May 4th, 1967, at Rodney House, Walton-on-Thames, to Genebeth (née Mooring) and Christopher Webb, a son (William Timothy) 1567

ENGAGEMENTS

REEVE—CANSDALE. — The engagement is announced between Evelyn, only daughter of Mrs. Cansdale and the late Mr. B. Cansdale, of Bures, Suffolk, and David, youngest son of Mr. D. Reeve and the late Mrs. Reeve, of Long Melford, Suffolk. 1561
STRUCKETT—SMITH. — The engagement is announced between David W. Struckett, of Roke Cottage, Steep, Petersfield, Hants, and Elizabeth W. Smith, of Soundings, The Crescent, Felpham, Sussex. 1562

RETURN THANKS

Ernest E. S. Johnson wishes to thank his young ringing friends for kindnesses shown during his illness and their visits to the hospital and gifts and cards. 1589

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COBB.—The address of Lewis and Elizabeth Cobb is now: 1, Avonvale Cottages, Kingston, near Ringwood. Sorry, no phone!! Please send any correspondence re Christchurch District, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, to new address. 1602
HOLDSWORTH.—As from May 22nd Elsie and Eddie's address is: 95, London Road, Burgess Hill. Tel. 3275. 1565
A. C. MARTIN (secretary, St. Mary's Ringers' Guild, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex) has moved to: Cherrington, 8, The Lawns, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex. Tel. HATch End 1628.) 1572

PERSONAL

After an enforced eight weeks in Burnham-on-Sea Hospital, "Birdie" is now at home. Anyone from the Midlands contemplating a holiday in Devon, Cornwall or Somerset (A.38) give me a call, if possible, when I shall be happy to see old faces again. Thanks to all ringers for their kind inquiries while in hospital.—Hector G. Bird, Konkors, East Brent, Somerset. 1495

"Let all things be done decently and in order."—I Corinthians xiv, 40.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Maldon on May 31st, 7.30–9 p.m. All are welcome.—I. R. Pantom, Dis. Sec. 1592

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.

Parish History Exhibition in Church, Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Organ Fund. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. 1548

CHALLENGE

The Northern Division of the Sussex County Association hereby challenge Sussex College Youths and/or Cumberland Youths to a mock Stoolball Tournament (under Marquis of Queensbury Rules) for the "Ashes" (treble stay at Slaugham) at West Grinstead on Saturday, June 3rd.

Bells (6) 3 p.m. Stoolball match 3.45 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided, bring your own cups). Service 6 p.m. Bells 6.30 p.m. Do come and support your side.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 1568

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, PENN, STAFFS.

RINGERS' SERVICE

Special service Evensong 6.30 p.m., Sunday, June 11th, 1967. Preacher, Rev. T. O. Boulton. Ringing 5.30 p.m. Refreshments and ringing after service. All welcome. 1599

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Summer Festival will be held in the Guildford District on June 3rd.

Guildford: Holy Trinity (8), St. Mary's (6) and Stoke (6), 10–11.30. Shere (8), 11.30–12.30. Ewhurst (6), 12–1. Cranleigh (8), 12.30–1.30.

You are advised to bring your own lunch

Wonersh (8), 2.15–3.15. Bramley (6), 2.45–3.30. Hascombe (5), 3.15–4. Dunsfold (6), 3.30–4.15. Chiddingfold (8), 3.45–4.45.

Tea at Chiddingfold Village Fête, 4.45, for those who notify. Service, 5.45.

Haslemere (10), 6.30–7.30. Witley (8), 7–8. Godalming (8), 7.30–8.30. Shalford (8) and Guildford, St. Nicolas' (10), 8–9.

Names for tea to Mr. J. Payton, 26, Turner's Mead, Chiddingfold, Surrey, by Tuesday, May 30th, at latest, please. 1478

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Seale on Spring Bank Holiday (May 29th), 6 to 9 p.m. 1573

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All members of the Central Council welcome to ring at Beeston on Sunday, May 28th; morning 9.30–10 a.m., evening 5.45–6.30 p.m. 1585

NORTHANTS ringer, nearing retirement, would like to hear of a small country cottage (preferably rent, buy if price reasonable) away from town expansion, anywhere Midlands or South. Replies to P. Amos, 30, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton. 1515

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, Batheaston, Bath.—Dedication of three new bells (treble, 2 and 6), augmenting ring to eight, and rededication of 3, 4, 5, 7 and tenor by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells on Sunday, June 4th, immediately following Family Communion at 9 a.m. Ringing after service until 11.30, then 2–4 p.m. and 5.30–6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Newman, 23, Meadow Park, Bathford, Bath. No names, no tea. 1455

ST. MARY'S, SALEHURST, ROBERTS BRIDGE, SUSSEX.—Change of Secretary. New secretary is: Mr. G. W. F. Coman, 20, High Street, Robertsbridge, Sussex. Telephone Robertsbridge 395. 1560

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Change of Officers

Hon Gen Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. F. Slaford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, Wilts.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: Mr. N. Kneec, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts.

Hon. Peals Secretary: Mr. C. Andrews, 9, The Close, Melksham, Wilts. 1543

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, WARSOP, NOTTS

FLOWER FESTIVAL, 1967

Wed., June 28th, to Sun., July 2nd. All visitors, especially ringers, will be welcome to the ancient and beautiful Parish Church of Warsop during the Flower and Patronal Festival.

Wed., June 28th.—Opening service 7. Viewing and ringing until 9 p.m.

Thurs., June 29th.—Patronal Festival. Parish Communion 7.30 p.m. Viewing 2.30–7.15 p.m. Viewing and ringing 8.30–9.30 p.m.

Fri., June 30th.—Viewing 2.30–9 p.m. Ringing 7–9 p.m.

Sat., July 1st.—Viewing 10.30 a.m.–9 p.m. Ringing 2 p.m.–9 p.m.

Sun., July 2nd.—Viewing 3 p.m.–6 p.m. Services, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion. Celebrant and preacher the Lord Bishop of Southwell. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon. Ringing 3 p.m.–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments available during all viewing hours throughout the Festival.

Local ringers will be in attendance during all published ringing times. Proceeds will be used towards the augmentation of the bells from 6 to 8. 1596

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield (8), May 27th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Wethersfield, Braintree. 1481

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Farnborough (8), Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Kippin, 75, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants (Farnborough 42644). — Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening practice on Saturday, May 27th, Winkfield. Ringing on the six bells from 6 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 1503

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Edinburgh on Saturday, May 27th. Ringing at St. James' 1.30–2.15; St. Cuthbert's 2.30–5; and St. Mary's after tea.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 1606

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Cowlinge, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. R. Johnson, The Vicarage, Cowlinge, Newmarket, Suffolk. 1467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Waldron, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham. — G. M. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1547

ELY ASSOCIATION.—A Ringers' Day will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Monday, May 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1553

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD.—The A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, May 31st, in Honiley Church after the practice. Business includes a proposed alteration to the rules.—Angela M. Bates, Hon. Sec. 1581

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 88th annual meeting will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th. at Chelmsford Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in the Chapter House. Coffee available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (6s.). Tea 5-6.15 p.m. (3s.). Ringing: Cathedral 10.15-10.45 a.m. and 6-8.30 p.m.; from 3 until 6 p.m.: Great Baddow, Sandon, Galleywood, Writtle. Widford: 6-9 p.m.: Great Waltham Terling. Great Leighs. Boreham. Luncheon and tea tickets available from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 1462

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ali Saints', Langport (6, 15 cwt.), June 3rd, 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing after. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leggett, Ridgeover, Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil, by May 31st. (Tel. West Coker 208.) 1512

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Wilden (5), Saturday, June 3rd, 3-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Colmworth (5) from 6.15.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 1591

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bells available again after meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 1584

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Alcester (8), June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Wootton Waven (6). Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, Dis. Sec., 20, Warwick Road, Southam. 1595

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Practice meeting of above at Irton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by May 30th. 1600

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**—Joint meeting at Killmarsh, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killmarsh, Sheffield.—A. King, M. Phipps, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Fenham, not Jesmond, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. N. Harrison, 18, Hartburn Place, Newcastle 4. 1604

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Garden party ringing meeting, Pleasley (5), June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. until tea at 5 p.m. No names required. Taversall bells available in evening.—E. J. Sterland, Hon. Sec. 1607

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. — Striking Competition, Wilburton, Saturday, June 3rd. Assemble 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and presentation 5. General ringing afterwards. 1590

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Barnwood (8), June 3rd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. at Upton St. Leonard's Village Hall. Upton St. Leonard's (8) available 6.30 onwards. Members of Stroud band especially welcome. Names for tea to D. Pohjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood, Gloucester, by Tuesday, 30th. 1539

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting at Berkeley, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (10) available 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Final arrangements will be made for the Branch outing (June 10th). 1577

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North-ham District.—Evening meeting, Barkway (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1566

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing at Gondhurst 3-4 p.m. Service 4.20 at Cranbrook. Tea at Cranbrook 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. Leeves, Hazelwood, Angley Road, Cranbrook, by Wednesday, May 31st. Ringing at Cranbrook to follow the meeting.—W. H. Dobbie. 1529

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Trill, Bryn Avon, Mortimers Avenue, Cliffe, Rochester, by previous Wednesday. 1536

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Summer meeting, Ebbw Vale, Mon, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Audrey Bruten, 8, Belle Vue, Garden City, Ebbw Vale, Mon, by May 29th. Gentlemen welcome. 1540

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's Parish Church, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 1608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Gisburn, Yorks, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Target methods: Double Oxford and York Surprise. Ribbles buses X27 from Whalley at 1313, 1513; Clitheroe at 1327, 1527; 294 from Colne at 1405. Own arrangements for tea, please—cafes nearby.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1575

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Gilmorton, June 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, Rugby, Warwickshire, by Wednesday, May 31st, please. Good support from District requested.—Ron Hughes. 1500

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Meeting, Gedney Hill, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (5) available 6-9 p.m. 1603

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Harefield, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Ruislip (8) 7-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1530

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Alton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. K. Swinson, The Bungalow, Gallows Green, Alton, Staffs, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 1588

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Blofield, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing at Ranworth (6) from 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. R. S. C. Baily, Blofield Rectory, Norwich, NOR 84Z, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 1511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, June 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Beard, 17, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, by Monday, May 29th, latest. 1605

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting, Cottesbrooke, Saturday, June 3rd. Please bring own tea.—J. E. Goddard. 1605

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, West Lavington (6), June 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. T. Burt, Blount's Court, Poterne, Wilts.—G. B. Davis, Hon. Sec. 1564

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30-9. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, Selby, before 1st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1586

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and **DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Killmarsh, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killmarsh, Sheffield.—A. King, M. Phipps, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, June 3rd. Milford bells (8) 4-5. Tea (4s.) 5.15 in Bay Tree Restaurant. Lymington bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea essential to L. F. Cobb, 1, Avonvale Cottages, Kingston. Ringwood, by June 1st. Please note new address. 1601

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting at Bentworth, June 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Numbers for tea, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by May 29th. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 1545

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bushley (6), June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. Also Longdon (6) from 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, May 31st. 15779

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Evening practice meeting at Gargrave (8) on June 3rd at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent Major. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Michael's, Creech, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street Taunton. 1571

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1593

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—District heat of ringing competition on June 10th. Competition at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald. 1598

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Great Hale, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by first post Monday previous.—G. R. P. 1603

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Offton (6), Saturday, June 10th. 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Village Hall, also meeting. Ringing in the evening. This is your meeting—support it. All who wish for tea please notify Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, not later than Wednesday, June 7th. 1582

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Eckington on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Bredon's Norton available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Perks, Eckington, Pershore. 1549

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Annual District meeting at All Saints', Dewsbury, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Main business at the meeting will be the election of officers. Names for tea (5 p.m.), please, to Mrs. J. E. Bottomley, 45, Westercroft Lane, Northwram, Halifax, by Wednesday, June 7th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1587

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Dursley Deanery. Service at Wotton-under-Edge on Sunday, June 18th. Ringing from 5 p.m. till 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. 1578

MR. FRANK BARRACLOUGH

Mr. Frank Barraclough, the Ringing Master of Manchester Cathedral, passed away on Sunday, May 14th.

MR. A. E. MOORE

The Suffolk Guild has lost one of its oldest members by the death on May 16th of Mr. Arthur Edward Moore, a member of St. James' Cathedral band, Bury St. Edmunds.

Conductors You Have Met !



All ringers are familiar with the idiosyncracies of conductors. In our novel competition readers are asked to fit each caption to its appropriate cartoon.

- A Now should that have been a single?
 B Very first as conductor.
 C Clip me once more and I'll . . .
 D Ba-a-arb.
 E Roll 'em up.
 F This is all.
 G Improve this striking.
 H Bup.
 I Two more leads to go.
 J Get down!
 K That's come up twice.
 L Where am I?

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,296 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, I. Wiltshire (first in two Surprises) 2, Amanda Powell (cond.) 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. Also on May 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, R. Rayfield 6.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On May 7th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): P. Holmes 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, K. Vernon (first quarter) 3, B. Hough 4, C. W. Reed (cond.) 5, C. Pritchett 6, B. E. White (cover) 7. A welcome to Ian Michael Hough, son of the ringer of fourth.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss S. Williams (first quarter) 1, G. J. Clark 2, A. Gazey 3, S. Hottam (first "inside") 4, D. E. L. Pobjoy 5, C. Hodges 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 5. For the christening of Sarah Rosanne Barrett.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Poole 1, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, Mrs. P. Poole 4, Capt. D. Wood (first "inside") 5, D. Poole (cond.) 6, Capt. J. J. Ellams 7, A. Bridges 8.

BRASTED, KENT.—1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. Castle 1, C. Saville 2, R. Waterhouse 3, J. Igglesdon 4, R. Sherlock 5, F. Budgen (cond.) 6. For the induction of Rev. B. Talbot.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on April 20th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. H. Taylor 1, R. C. Taylor 2, E. T. Skinsy 3, A. Tubb 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, M. G. Bartlett 6, R. J. Bowden 7, G. W. Land (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 4, 6 and 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moore (first quarter) 1, B. F. Hacker 2, S. V. Rymer 3, E. J. Dixon 4, S. F. Grant (cond.) 5, E. A. Spearey (first of Triples) 6, W. A. Hacker 7, C. Haines 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. R. Moore, curate since 1963, and to his wife and daughter Ruth (ringer of the treble).

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Marilyn Heath (13) 1, R. Haines (cond.) 2, Helen Hobbins 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, A. Sturgess 5, J. E. Brown 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline Allen 1, R. D. Hayne 2, G. Robbins 3, Pamela Wright 4, R. D. Hart 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to give thanks for the recovery of Rev. Tony Gardner, senior curate. Also a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. McDonald 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, G. W. Cecil 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor, before taking up his appointment at Norwich Training College.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Walllett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong, to welcome the assistant curate, Rev. H. MacGregor Pearson.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Jennifer Beck 1, Carol Blagden 2, Kathleen Parr 3, H. Blagden 4, A. Knights 5, Olive Rogers 6, R. Collis 7, M. Harrison 8, H. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Arcout 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, L. H. Arcout 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. Parker (cond.) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: J. Naysmith 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, B. M. Barker 3, D. J. Goodman 4, P. W. Harper 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. Also on May 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Spratt 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, B. M. Barker 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. J. Goodman 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Harper (first quarter) 1, R. Poston 2, Monica Greenway (first "inside") 3, Ann Butcher 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, G. B. Brewer 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 16th, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: S. Penfold 1, J. M. Lakin 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On April 29th, a quarter peal: Pauline Poore (first away tenor) 1, D. Kerly 2, N. Bush 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, E. Reeves 6. Ring half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. A. Read, who died April 24th, aged 94. She gave the treble bell in memory of her husband.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On April 30th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, J. Stannard 3, W. Cousins 4, R. Stannard 5, C. Cousins 6, D. Rowlands 7, P. Everett 8, J. Underwood 9, J. Banks 10. An 80th birthday compliment to A. W. Rolfe.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. E. Marks 1, R. J. Fox 2, G. Rendell 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, T. J. Setter 6, F. Sandy (cond.) 7, A. W. Dyer 8.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Cousins 1, 1. Wiltshire 2, Wendy Wallace 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6, R. Rayfield 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Marion Perry (first quarter) 1, Katherine Hardy (first of Royal) 2, Julia Fellows 3, M. D. Frost 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Ridgeway (first of Royal) 6, G. Dodds 7, A. E. Ewer 8, R. E. Hardy 9, G. Penney (cond.) 10. Also on April 30th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Katherine Hardy 1, Julia Fellows 2, G. Dodds 3, Pat Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, R. E. Hardy 6, W. Little 7, A. E. Ewer 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, M. D. Frost 10. First of Stedman Caters 1 and 8.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Ascension Day, 1,269 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Mason (first quarter) 1, Susan Harrison (first Grandsire "inside") 2, Christine Baldock 3, J. M. Swift 4, A. Baldock (25th of Grandsire as cond.) 5, W. Binsted 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods), 7, 6, 8 covering: Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, D. Hatherly 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. L. Venham 6, T. White 7, F. Sheffield 8.

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