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PERSEVERANCE REWARDED

A New Name on the Ross Shield

NEARLY twelve years ago I wrote of a fairly new eight bell band in Devon, which made its name when it achieved second place in the South Devon eight bell competition in 1955. The local band it was on that day who, to everyone's surprise, put up the best top-ringing of the day and took second place to Kingsbridge over the heads of such (at that time) noted teams as Upton and Dartmouth.

Since that time the Kingsteignton ringers have been pegging away, doing some excellent ringing and winning a good many certificates. Yet one trophy eluded them—the Ross Shield, the all-Devon eight bell—and when they came to practise at Newton St. Cyres for it there was no doubt that they were after it in earnest.

The only band which the listening ringers tipped as likely to beat them was North Tawton, who did some very fine ringing indeed in practice, in spite of having lost their captain, Jim Bennett, recently. North Tawton take their ringing very seriously; they tape every practice peal, and there was no doubt that in their practice they were improving all the time.

Many tourists know Newton St. Cyres, the pretty cob-and-thatch village between Exeter and Crediton; until a few years ago there was more cob and thatch, the county council did a road widening scheme (very well, to be fair) one side, and the pub and two cottages went up in smoke the other, but it's still very pretty and the church, with its handy little ring of eight, is a delight. The local ringers had been busy trying to get the bells into perfect order, their wives and mothers had stocked up with mountains of food; the organist had learnt the Devon Association's hymn, and, although April 22nd dawned less fine than the preceding few days, at least it was not raining streams and not too cold for people to stand about and listen.

The singing was, as usual, almost frightening in its vigour; the judges retired to the Vicarage; the draw was made, and up into the tower went Witheridge to start the ball rolling. They didn't do terribly well; this was another band which lost its captain recently, and in spite of some stiffening from outside they didn't really get the pitch of the bells. Chagford, who followed them, are a very popular band for, in spite of all their shortcomings, they'll always have a go and if their approach isn't so dedicated to winning as that of North Tawton they're certainly dedicated to ringing and they enjoy themselves enormously. They didn't ring a good peal—in fact they came last—but they brightened the place up no end.

Tavistock's peal was marred by their besetting sin—a late treble, especially noticeable in the rounds at the end of their rise. So far we hadn't had a really good pitch in the rise, but Chittlehampton sent the bells up in very good style only to spoil it when they got there with some rather choppy stuff in the early part of the top ringing. We went to tea with nothing on the books better than Witheridge's 72 faults, but the draw had kept the favourites till last, North Tawton and Kingsteignton being drawn 8th and 10th.

Down in the Parish Hall the ladies watched in awe as pasties, cut rounds and cream, egg, ham and cheese rolls and cake melted away before their eyes; they also had a tussle with the equipment, for our Parish Hall is badly laid out for catering, and providing tea for 120 is hard work all the way with no short cuts. We came out from tea to hear the bells whirling along to 31 rounds a minute; the ringing was far from perfect, but it was pleasant to listen to because of the fine rhythm and drive in it. This was Withycombe

Raleigh, a Guild band who normally ring "scientific" and who had not been able to practise together on the bells. They decided that with a team of comparative novices a really brisk pace left less margin for error than ringing the bells stiff; this meant that some of the changing was a bit shaky, but Bill Harvey on the tenor kept them thrusting along to such good purpose that their 86½ faults gave them seventh place—and much credit.

No band led by Herbert Pidler can be left out of the reckoning, and High Bickington, after a poor rise, gave us some nice top ringing. By contrast with Withycombe it sounded quite stiff, though in fact it was only one round a minute slower. It was "cleaner" ringing, but perhaps a trifle wooden, so that one noticed the "dots" more when they came.

The last four teams, Highweek, North Tawton, Pilton and Kingsteignton, were pretty sure to contain the leaders, and so it turned out. Highweek, like Witheridge, had some stiffening—Tom Wright from Down St Mary on the 5th and Alfie Rice on the tenor—but they had not been able to practise here, and Tom, who was trying to keep them straight, was unfortunate in his choice of bell, for the bells as a whole are probably harder to hear from the 5th than from any other. This may explain why Tom didn't like our sound control measures, while other ringers mostly said that the bells were much easier to hear than before.

All ears were pricked when North Tawton gave their warning "ting" on the treble, but they got two bells under in the rise, which was quite an expensive one. Still, the top ringing settled down to a very high standard, and until the very end the lower was a delight. Pilton did what nobody else could do, and put the tenor up too fast: for anyone used to Pilton tenor this is easy to understand but it spoils a rise which was pitched very well. Their top ringing was just a trifle stiff; the trouble with this very clean-cut, rather overpulled ringing is that if you do have a "dot" it stands out like a thistle in the middle of the centre court at Wimbledon and the judges can't help marking it, whereas with the more suant kind of ringing a little quicker and with the bells in less of an iron hand, there's more pleasure to the ear and more forgiveness perhaps in the judges' pencils.

Kingsteignton went up last, and from the start they sent their chances soaring, for they gave us one of the few really good rises of the day, before settling down to just that suant, easy tapping top ringing which delighted us in October, 1955. Their changing is still exceedingly clean, and before they started the lower we knew that nothing but a shipwreck coming down could keep the shield from them now. So far from a shipwreck, they had a beautiful lower, and when the judges and the scrutineer emerged from the Vicarage the only real question was what was the marking.

In these all-Devon "big league" competitions the D.A. has instituted a system which prevents a judge from being tempted to mark heavier or lighter to conform with the others. On this occasion, Harry Brewer, Jack Harris, Chris Ridge and Arthur Tapper handed their figures after each peal to Courtenay Thorne, the scrutineer, and until the end only he knew how one judge's marking had compared with another. In the church, where Mrs. Scott stood ready to hand out the shield and certificates, Mr. Thorne read out the marks of each peal, while Edgar Cole, the secretary, called out the name of the band concerned. "First, peal number ten," called Courtenay: "Kingsteignton," called Edgar, and the beam of triumph on the Kingsteignton captain's face as he walked up the aisle made it seem that twelve years' trying was worth it after all.

The results: Kingsteignton, 42½; North Tawton, 50½; Pilton, 54; High Bickington, 64½; Witheridge, 72; Highweek, 80½; Withycombe Raleigh, 86½; Chittlehampton, 94½; Tavistock, 111; Chagford, 139½.

J.G.M.S.

ACCIDENTS IN THE BELFRY

By WILFRID G. WILSON

THE banner headlines in a popular national daily which reported what you, sir, on page 299, have rightly described as "an appalling ringing tragedy" at Uphill on April 23rd, prompted "The Ringing World" Committee to ask for an article on the subject of accidents. The wholehearted sympathy of all members of the Exercise is most certainly with the relatives and friends of Mr. John Hall in this tragic occurrence.

No words in our journal can now, alas, help in this case, but it may assist ringing and ringers if we can first recover a sense of proportion over these tragic events and second if we can put all ringers, beginners or experts, on their guard for the future.

My dictionary describes an accident as (i) an event proceeding from an unknown cause or (ii) the unforeseen effort of a known cause or (iii) something unexpected. It is plain to see that the many events which in our daily lives we call accidents fall into one of these categories. Let us first get ringing accidents into perspective.

We are told there are some 40,000 ringers in this country, most of whom must ring once or twice every Sunday; many of them must ring on at least one evening each week; and many also spend their Saturdays ringing at meetings, outings or peals. Often in strange towers when it could be said they "don't know the ropes." So it must be that bells are being rung for very many thousands of hours every week and for millions of hours every year. And yet serious accidents in the tower are so relatively few that we are appalled when one happens.

By contrast, we get so used to hearing of motor accidents or, even more numerous, accidents in the home, that unless we are personally involved, we only notice those of exceptional magnitude. So, reader, if you are a teacher of ringing, or a beginner about to start, or related to either, my first plea must be that you should not be put off by the thought of the danger involved. You are likely to be far safer in the belfry than outside it.

All this is not to say that we can act in the belfry as if accidents will never happen there. We must be on guard all the time to see that we do not get careless ourselves, or less watchful over our pupils. Most accidents in the ringing chamber are, I suppose, caused by bad handling of the rope, which results either in a stay being broken and a bell turning over, or the rope is allowed to become so slack that it catches on some part of the body or the clothing of the ringer or a bystander.

Hence the first two rules of bell handling, which cannot be repeated too often, must be (a) keep the rope tight and (b) get the arms up. You will achieve (a) if you always draw the hands right down when you pull the rope and never raise your arms until the rope in your hands takes them up. And for (b) you must always catch the rope high on the sally at handstroke and always have a short rope at backstroke. Then your body weight will come into play as the bell reaches the balance and you will never break the stay.

If you are an instructor you must emphasise these points over and over again to your pupil so that he does not have a chance to develop bad habits. And you must watch him all the time. It is tempting often to have two beginners learning at the same time, but unless you have another capable ringer to help, you must confine your whole attention to one beginner at a time. To risk having to leave one to help the other is asking for trouble and will not inspire confidence in either.

Other points about which I am called fussy include: I dislike necklaces which dangle in front of my lady ringers, often including a heavy ornament and I always suggest that if they won't remove them they should at least twist them round so that they hang down the back, out of the way of the rope. Scarves and sashes and men's ties hanging loose can also involve some slight risk of catching in the rope.

In the normal belfry, where people sitting out are fairly close to the ringers and their moving ropes, I always insist that the sitters out keep both feet on the ground. A swinging foot could be caught in a rope and while the result might only be undignified, it could be far worse.

The next place of possible danger is in the bell chamber and we have unfortunately read of some accidents occurring there in the last few years. The "don'ts" in relation to this seem so obvious that they hardly need quoting, except for emphasis: Don't go among the bells when they are up. If you must, at least first lower the ones you have to be very near to. And don't go up there at all, with bells up, unless someone downstairs is on watch to see that no ropes are touched. Whether the bells are up or down, don't go among them on your own, without telling someone that you are going to do so and how long you expect to be. You could be taken ill; you could fall into a bell pit and hurt your leg or back, and be there for days before help came. Don't put muffles or silencers on with the bells up unless this is the only possible way.

If electric light is not available among the bells, use an electric torch—not a candle. A church tower acts like a chimney if a fire is once started.

If you must take visitors or beginners up to see the bells, make sure that you do not take more at a time than you can watch comfortably. They will be curious to see everything and may well be unaware of the dangers of carelessness. If you suspect that they don't like ladders, or heights, then accept this and don't over-persuade them to go climbing.

Many readers will think of other "do's" and "don'ts" from their own experience, but to all beginners I would say—do not be dissuaded from learning to ring and from all the pleasure, as well as service to the Church, which can be yours, by fear of accidents. We can none of us live in a glass case—it would not be living. If you are careful, if you heed your instructor, and always treat the bell you are handling with the respect due to any moving machinery, you will speedily make a good ringer.

COMING-OF-AGE OF MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

IN the stately Church of St. Paul, Burton-on-Trent, noted throughout the Exercise during the latter part of the last century for its pioneer band of Surprise ringers, who included the Rev. J. H. Fish (Vicar), Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffen and the Wakeley brothers, the Midland Counties Guild held its 21st annual general meeting on May 13th.

Ringing preceded the short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. B. Wooley), and tea, a much-needed meal, was prepared by ladies of the church.

The president (Mr. B. Worthington) was in the chair for the business meeting and said it gave him great pleasure to be present at the 21st birthday meeting of the Guild. Congratulating the Guild on a successful year, both from a financial and peal ringing point of view, he expressed the hope that a few more members would show keener interest in the peal ringing side of their art.

Apologies were received from Mr. G. H. Lane (Ringing Master) and Mr. D. P. Jones. One honorary and three ringing members were elected. Members stood as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. B. Beadsmore of Ashby.

The statement of accounts presented by the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) showed a small debit balance on the year's working. Grants to Horninglow and Kingsbury for restoration left a credit balance in the Bell Repair Fund.

The secretary reported a membership of 17 honorary and 128 ringing members. Forty-six peals had been rung during the year, but only one member rang a first peal; an increased number rang a first in new methods. Five Royal and five Major methods were rung for the first time. Leading peal ringers were J. W. Cotton and A. E. Rowley (non-resident) and leading conductor was D. P. Jones (27). Personal milestones were 200th peal for D. P. Jones, 100th peal for the Guild.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Rev. W. G. V. Griffiths; chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. H. Lane; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; assistant secretary, Mr. J. K. Smith; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce. Committee, Messrs. J. K. Smith, W. J. Leach, G. L. Roobottom and D. P. Jones.

The president appealed to all members to support the Three Counties Festival to be held at Derby on September 16th, 1967.

Thanks were expressed to the president for making the long journey from Newcastle on Tyne to be present, to the Vicar, the ladies who prepared tea, and local members for splendid arrangements.

"MIXED" STUFFING

Dear Sir,—The landlady of the Crooked Billet at Ham Green, on the Bicester/Aylesbury road, was t'other day preparing a chicken for lunch.

During the preparation she took a packet of mixed stuffing (manufactured in Oxford), and when preparing the contents of this packet for use, an Oxford Diocesan Guild badge was found as part of the "mixed stuffing."

Answers to the following are required to solve the mystery:—

- Who is the owner?
- Was the badge used to reduce the contents of the stuffing to manageable proportions?
- Was the badge used as part of a machine for chopping the ingredients?
- Is this a publicity stunt?

(1) Badges are to be worn, to be seen and not to be disposed of furtively as stuffing.
(2) The medical profession is, I believe, overworked.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL H. KINCH.

Bicester, Oxon.

No Berlin Wall Across Surrey

Meeting for the first time at Guildford Cathedral for its annual general meeting on May 6th, the Surrey Association grappled once again with the thorny subject of its relationship with the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

An attempt was made by Mr. W. H. Jackson to clarify the position by submitting a motion to set up a committee to decide on the relationship between the Association and other bodies.

An amendment by Mr. W. Parrott, the general secretary, and Mr. Murray that the motion should lie on the table was defeated, and Mr. Jackson proceeded with his argument that the Surrey Association should consist of member towers and that there could only be one boundary with the Guildford Guild, namely the eastern boundary of its diocese. This meant that the title of the Association would have to be changed, since it covered only a part of the present county.

Mr. C. Mew said the whole idea of putting up a Berlin Wall across Surrey was monstrous. Ringers were not interested in boundaries.

It was obvious a compromise had to be reached, and Mr. C. W. Munday, secretary of the Guildford Guild, submitted the following amendment:—

"That a sub-committee be set up by the General Committee to investigate the relationship between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and other neighbouring bodies, and to report on the matter. Pending the outcome, it shall not be the policy of the Association to hold meetings in the Guildford Diocese at other than at towers with active members."

Mr. A. Bagworth seconded and the amendment was carried.

Mr. A. P. Cannon proposed that members of the Surrey Association who resided in the Guildford Diocese should be allowed to elect whether they be resident or non-resident life members and pay subscriptions accordingly. This matter was referred to the sub-committee for consideration.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED

Mrs. Kathleen Chilcott presented her final report as treasurer, which showed a drop in the balance of £31. Her proposal to increase the annual subscription to 5s. was not regarded as adequate, and an amendment by Mr. H. E. Pitsof for a 6s. subscription was carried to operate from 1968. A non-resident life membership subscription at the same figure was also carried. The District levy is also to be raised by two-thirds.

Points from the hon. secretary's report were: Membership now 384; 31 peals rung in 1966 and 19 first-pealers—no mean achievement when compared with its membership. Addington again topped the year's list of 196 quarter peals with a total of 43 and Charlwood were a close second with 40. With the amalgamation of the post of hon. secretary with hon. treasurer grateful thanks were expressed to Miss Kathleen Chilcott for her work as hon. treasurer for a number of years.

Mr. Jackson, the librarian, reported that the library had been moved from Redhill to Kingston, and borrowings now far exceeded those for the previous five years. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway had presented a bound copy of "The Ringing World" for 1966, and the Rev. A. Clayton loaned 18 books on ringing.

Officers for 1967-68 elected were: Master Mr. F. E. Darby in succession to Mr. A. P. Cannon, who thanked members for his enjoyable period of office; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Parrott; assistant secretary, Mr. C. H. Cook; auditor, Mr. M. V. Chilcott; liaison

officer to the Guildford Guild, Mr. W. H. Jackson. Seven new members were elected and the election of three non-resident life members ratified.

The hon. secretary thanked Mr. Stevens for his kind offer of Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's book "Change Ringing," to be given each year to the most promising young ringer in the Association. The first award would be made at the next annual general meeting, at Merstham.

There was ringing on the Cathedral bells under the supervision of Mr. A. P. Cannon during the afternoon, which was followed by tea in the Refectory attended by about 100 members. Evensong by the Cathedral choir made a deep impression on the visitors. The canticles were sung to modern Latin-American chants and the anthem was Benjamin Britten's "Jubilate Deo." In welcoming the Surrey Association the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) mentioned how marvellous it was to have so many ways of making music to the glory of God—instancing in particular the bells and the singing of the choir. He thanked the Guildford Diocesan Guild for ringing at the Cathedral Sunday by Sunday, and also others for their service throughout the diocese. The meeting was attended by the Master and secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who were welcomed by Mr. Cannon, who presided in the early stages of the meeting.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

Despite almost torrential rain, over 60 members and friends were present when the District's fifth annual ringing competition was held at Clowne on May 6th. Seven towers entered teams and the test piece was 240 changes in methods. These ranged from Surprise Minor to call changes.

A short business meeting followed tea and commenced with a silence being observed in memory of Mr J. Price, former District chairman and a founder member of the Association. Stratford-upon-Avon was chosen as the venue for this year's annual outing on August 5th and two new members, Mr. D. Bunting (Clay Cross) and Miss A. Lawrence (Old Whittington) were elected.

The competition resulted as follows: 1 Old Whittington (Cambridge) 240 points; 2 Bolsover (Plain Bob) 230; 3 North Wingfield (Mixed Doubles) 219; 4 Wingerworth (Grandsire) 209; 5 Staveley (Plain Bob) 205; 6 Old Brampton (Hunt Hunt) 197; 7 Dronfield (call changes) 190. Whilst complimenting Old Whittington on some first-class ringing, the judge, Mr. H. T. Rooke (Warsop) said congratulations should also be extended to the younger and less experienced bands who had entered a team and so made the contest very worthwhile. Old Whittington, Bolsover and possibly North Wingfield will represent the District at the Association final at Horsley on June 10th. The District shield was presented to Mr. Lawrence, captain of the winning team.

Next meeting: June 17th, Ashover (provisional).

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY ANNUAL TOUR

Last year, Ann and Mike Pilgrim offered to arrange the 1967 tour in South Wales, and they were as good as their word, the outcome being the most successful tour the Society has had for some time. We met at Chepstow on April 5th, and after slaking the dust from our throats we proceeded to ring touches of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal at the parish church. Then on to Usk (8, 14½ cwt.), with its very fine belfry, and Llanybi, where we were very clever and guessed correctly which bells had no stays!

Our moving in to the accommodation (at Cardiff Training College) was accompanied by the usual festivities including the misappropriation of the deputy Ringing Master's luggage; but after it was recovered we went off for a good reunion and the first of many Chinese meals.

The next day we set out in force, armed with a minibus and several cars. In the morning we rang at Radyr, Llantrisant and Pontypridd, three eights of 10-12 cwt., and in the afternoon at Cefn Coed (6), Merthyr Tydfil (8), where the hostellers close at 4 p.m., and Aberdare (8). At this last tower we were joined by a well-known denizen of the Rhondda Valley, who kindly guided us over the wastes to his home tower, Pentre, at 27 cwt. the heaviest bells in Wales. As well as usual formalities, the evening ended with several rousing choruses of "Cwm Rhondda", which probably caused every Welshman within earshot to blanch.

Friday started well with Cambridge Royal at Llandaff Cathedral, whence we proceeded to Caerphilly (8) and Newport All Saints. At Blaenavon in the afternoon we aspired to some more spliced and wound up the day with the extremely impressive bells of Abergavenny (10, 25½ cwt.) and those of Ebbw Vale, where it is almost possible to become hypnotised by the rev. counter which they have fitted to the tenor. The climax of the day, however, came with the "Winnie-the-Pooh" readings to which we were reduced by midnight.

On Saturday we started at Cardiff St. John (10) and travelled westwards to Penarth, Sully, Cowbridge, Coity, St. Bride's Major (who, like Newport, were kind enough to let us ring with no prior notice) and Newton Nottage, a lovely little eight. Saturday, with two sixes, was a great day for the Cornish; but although they humoured him by ringing some call-changes they drew the line at keeping their fellest-strokes (hand-strokes to you) home!

On Sunday morning we went to Newport, where we were very impressed with the recently-rehung 12 in the Cathedral. A ride around Cardiff Docks was followed by ringing for Evensong at Llandaff. En route one of our number was unlucky enough to catch a box of eggs thrown from some upper window, right on the bonnet of his vintage Austin (at the last report it was making a steady recovery).

After Llandaff we dispersed (a little sadly and making frantic arrangements for future trips), to save money from our meagre student grants to enable us to have a similar tour in 1968. The tour was a great success and thanks are due to the organisers, the incumbents and hands of all the churches we visited; Geoff Pullin, who drove the minibus so steadily through all our songs without scratching it; and finally the Welsh for putting up with us, our ringing and our intolerable singing.

F. D. K.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dunning 1, M. Humphrey 2, Mrs. M. Town 3, E. Metcalfe 4, A. Bashforth 5, D. Town (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

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Letters to the Editor

ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY

Dear Sir,—The bells of St Alkmund's have now been dismantled and have been placed into store. An account in "The Derby Evening Telegraph" of the final services gave a rather misleading account of the bells, in which it said they were to be stored until the new St Alkmund's Church was built. This was contradictory to my letter, and I tried to contact the Vicar and although he was not available his wife said that this was completely untrue—the new church would not have a tower suitable for a ring of bells, and even if that was so, its close proximity to a hospital would greatly restrict ringing. However, what I did learn was that negotiations were in progress to sell the ring to a church in the U.S.A.

I immediately sent another letter to "The Derby Evening Telegraph" denying the report on the bells being stored for use in the new church and expressed regret that the ring should be sold to the U.S.A. The editor has since replied that he is officially informed that it is not true that "negotiations are in progress to sell the ring to a church in the U.S.A." and that the Bishop and his advisers are still considering the future of the bells.

A report is out today on the future of Derby churches, in which sweeping changes are proposed. Among the churches becoming redundant are St. Werburgh's, whose ring of eight bells was sold as scrap about ten years ago, and St. Andrew's, which possesses a fine ring of ten.

Of St. Andrew's, the report says the church is very large for the community it now serves and would need a considerable sum to carry out a restoration. "We recommend that there should be consultation with British Rail as to how best the church may maintain its association and serve the growing railway industry in Derby. We recommend that the church should be demolished when the proposed major parish is formed."

It is proposed that the neighbouring Church of the Holy Trinity should merge with St. Andrew's, to be known as "Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's." The Holy Trinity Church has a brick tower, but is opposite to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. It is doubtful whether this tower would take a ring of bells such as that at St. Andrew's.

Between the two world wars and, I believe, prior to the 1914-18 war St. Andrew's had a very famous band, and even in recent years they were getting a reasonable band together but to have it broken up by a recent incumbent. Maybe he broke the parish up, too. I rang my first quarter there for Solemn Evensong for the Patronal Festival in 1957; it was quite a good parish then. The Holy Trinity Church being C.P.A., has an entirely different tradition.

It is hoped that when the time comes for St. Andrew's Church to be demolished a home will be found for the bells.

What is happening in Derby may well happen in other large towns and the future of other churches with rings of bells may well be in jeopardy. It may perhaps be a case in which the Central Council may wish to take an interest.—Yours faithfully,

B. P. MORRIS,

Hon. Secretary,
Derby Diocesan Association.

Ashbourne.

THE LESSON FROM UPHILL

Dear Sir,—I was dismayed to read of the tragedy which has cast its shadow over the ringing fraternity in the Weston-super-Mare area. I spent two years in this area, and during this period I and many others from R.A.F. Locking enjoyed the excellent hospitality so freely given by members of the Uphill band. It was during this period that Mr. Hall learned to ring at this tower, and I can remember on occasions assisting with his handling practice before the Sunday afternoon ringing. However, at no time then were any of the many learners instructed to ring on the tenor and I am prompted to think that here perhaps is a lesson for us all.

That tragedy has struck once is frightening, but that it occurred to an experienced ringer should clearly indicate that none of us is immune from the unexpected and inexplicable accident. No doubt there are many theories concerning this occasion, a slight inattention, a failure to correct a handling mistake, but my point is that if this can happen to a capable instructor how much greater is the chance of a repetition with the many inept and unsuitable instructors who each week, in ignorance provide their pupils with every opportunity for assassination.

I would suggest that 50 per cent. of our instruction in the Exercise is performed in far more dangerous circumstances than those exercised by Mr. Hall, and frequently the recipients are quite young scholars. Mr. Hall was fortunately instructing a learner 34 years old (an age which many of us regard as unsuitable for mastering such new physical techniques), but had this been the more usual 13-year-old, how much greater would have been the tragedy! If we accept then that 50 per cent. of our instruction is performed with young children in an atmosphere of negligible safety, is this not the occasion to look to our standards, and perhaps even to our insurance?

The performances that are enveloped by the term "teaching" are frequently such as to give members of the teaching profession bad dreams for a year, but unfortunately the teaching profession contains some of the worst "staybenders" in the Exercise, while our leading ringers and conductors frequently show abysmal ignorance of learning processes in manipulation and theory. Perhaps the directive issued to Mr. Chaddock by the Central Council concerning an instruction manual may clarify the issue but the only hope of ensuring a standard of competence in instruction was lost when the College of Campanology ceased to issue certificates after its dissolution. Is it not time for the Central Council to initiate replacements? As a final thought, if a parent required confirmation of the safety standards in another belfry in your vicinity, would you feel able to provide a testimonial for your neighbouring ringers? This type of accident will occur again. Let us hope it will be with less tragic results.—Yours sincerely,

Eling, Hants.

D. C. JACKSON.

STEDMAN TRIPLES TOUCHES

Dear Sir,—Three touches of Stedman Triples by E. C. S. appeared in "The Ringing World" of May 12th (page 336).

May I suggest that these touches consist of 171, 105 and 105 changes respectively, and not as printed.—Yours sincerely,

Carbis Bay.

HARRY MILES.

A 20 YEARS AGO INTRODUCTION

Dear Sir,—In his interesting survey of compositions rung during 1966 Mr. Alan Ainsworth mentioned a 5,021 of Glasgow Surprise which comes round at the treble's first blow at lead. The inference seemed to be that this was the first of its kind in any method although I may have read more into Mr. Ainsworth's comment than he intended. However, just to keep the record straight and without in any way belittling Mr. R. W. Pipe's achievement, perhaps I may mention that the first composer to exploit this particular possibility of certain methods was Mr. Maurice Hodgson about 20 years ago. A 5,021 of Spliced Bristol and Peterborough Surprise by Mr. Hodgson ending from 34625 with (almost) six leads of Peterborough, with bob at the 4th and 5th leads, was rung at Willesden in December, 1948.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

ST. UNY DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—A variation of Stedman Doubles was rung at Lelant on April 3rd, when a Grandsire single was made in quick sixes, 60 changes apart, instead of the more usual, modern form of lying still in 4-5, and was given the name of St. Uny Doubles.

If Harry Miles had anything to do with it, surely he must have been aware of the original publication of the method. In Stedman's "Campanologia," 1677, page 130, it says: "The extream to be made according to the general rule, viz., the first extream may be made by any two bells that are in course to make a change within the compass of the first sixty changes of the peal, and the second extream must be made according to this rule. Whatsoever two bells are dodging behind at the first extream, when the same two bells come to dodge there again, is a certain warning for the second extream to be made."

He thus states that the "lying still" of two bells occurred in the front work, either in a quick or slow six, leaving the dodging pair unaffected. In the 120 shown as an example, the "extream" is made on the last change of the plain course, thus giving a "Grandsire single," as we now call it, i.e. as in "St. Uny."

He also called the link between divisions the "parting change" and was aware that the method could start at any row, even on the "odd" rows, to give "backward dodging" in 4-5, or, as he termed it, "cutting compass." Further, on page 90, defining the call "extream," two bells must lie still instead of changing, leaving a "single" change only (remember, this is Doubles). He emphasised that the "single" was not the important part, but was only the remaining part, of the "extream." Apparently it was coming to be called a "single" even in his day.

Finally, I wonder when the modern single came into use for Stedman Doubles?—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

CLAPPER SILENCERS

Dear Sir,—Thank you for publishing my short article on "Clapper Silencers." I hope it will be of some benefit to the ringing population. I think it would be worth pointing out that the "silencers" should be fitted when the bells are down, as a considerable amount of force is needed to push the silencers over the clapper flight if they are to be a good fit, and this could be very dangerous if the bell was up.—Yours sincerely,

Ilford, Essex.

D. ELLISDON.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

And So to Ireland—By Jacqueline King

AS so many things do, this all started as a joke! In a pub we were—in Abergavenny after a peal. "Let's ring in Ireland" said Jim. "Right," said Reuben. More chat followed (waste of breath, I thought!) Any way, Spenser Kear got to hear of this. "Fine idea for an Usk ringers' outing," said he. And so it snowballed—Mrs Reuben Clench and Mrs David Hughes were both in favour—poor Reuben was pressed into opening a special deposit account with the National Provincial Bank in Usk. Weekly contributions were received, plans made and remade. (More wasted breath, thought I!)

Then Peter Kay, organiser initially, flew off to America and David King was pressed into making arrangements. Then dates were fixed, towers fixed and flights booked. Jim said he would only go if he could dip the oil and David Hughes check the tyres! More contributions flowed into the account—Reuben was talking in terms of drinks with the interest! Plans still being made over the telephone and over the beer! (More wasted breath? I was not so sure—it looked as if we really would be going!)

Mr. Dukes got operational—letters flowed between the Cedar Tiles and Drogheda, itineraries were typed, the plane tickets arrived, cars were hired—on Friday, April 28th, we would be off!

Finally Bristol Airport saw this unusual departure of Gwent bellringers for Ireland. David Hughes and Jim both found that they were braver than they thought, and their chests expanded visibly!

13 A LUCKY NUMBER

And so to Dublin! To a warm and hearty welcome from the local ringers and from every local person one chanced to meet. Although our number was 13 this proved indeed lucky—the weather was perfect, food perfect, fellowship perfect. I would say bells perfect—but we tried our best at Blessington and our efforts were unmentionable!!!

The gentlemen (needless to say, really) spent Friday afternoon going around that famous brewery and after their mile walk most certainly enjoyed their free samples! Then they joined the ladies to view the "undecomposed" remains in the crypt of St. Michael's Church. Lionel could certainly have done some business there—however, all shook hands with the famous Crusader.

A pleasant evening followed at headquarters the Four Courts Hotel, all the party now together and David Hughes enthusing over the "Liffey" water!

Mr. and Mrs. Dukes arrived early at headquarters on Saturday morning and we were soon all aboard the cars. Mr. and Mrs. Dukes, Lionel and Mrs. Jones and Jim Fitzgerald in the lead, followed by car number two with David and Jacqueline King, Spenser Kear, Frank Hobbs and Don Clarke. Bringing up the rear that "Knight of the Road" himself, David Hughes, and Mrs. David, Reuben Clench, Mrs. Reuben and Julie.

A grand journey to Blessington—heavenly colours—blue sky, green, so green everywhere, golden gorse and violet Wicklow Hills away in front. All so beautiful, words failed us and we just gazed at the beauty, until one lady of the party said: "I can't see many of those cows that the Irish bacon with the shamrock comes from." At this car number two nearly burst with laughter and we all thought Spencer would choke!

Well, we did try on those six bells at Blessington, but oh dear! Don Clarke said "Treble's going" and it certainly went—straight down! Mrs. Hughes saw the way things were and quietly crept downstairs. However, the Vicar, Canon R. W. Lowe, stayed with us and gave us warm words of encouragement. Afterwards the Canon and Mrs. Lowe so kindly revived us with coffee and biscuits. Then some tunes on the Dukes' handbells and sincere goodbyes to the kind folk at Blessington Rectory.

Another ride through glorious country—roads empty—just a man with a donkey, a tramp or two, a postman, some children and friendly waves from all!

BREATHTAKINGLY LOVELY

Then to the Wicklow Gap—so breathtakingly lovely! The most beautiful valley I have ever seen—crystal clear water over smooth stones, soft violet mountains, and again the golden gorse! and peace, "perfect peace"—no other cars, people, lorries or ice cream vans! How our cameras clicked and the cine film rolled. We all felt we could stay there for ever in that warm sunshine.

But Fred Dukes ushered us on, this time to Glendalough and the famous round towers, virtually one of the first seats of learning. Wha, hours we would have spent there listening to legends and absorbing the peace and beauty. But on again through the Vale of Avoca to the Meeting of the Waters, Tom Moore's Tree and thence to Arklow. After lunch a warm welcome from the tower captain and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major on the lovely eight. Then a gathering up of the ladies from the shops and an unforgettable ride along the coast road to Bray. The beaches looked so inviting—how we longed to relax on them—but Fred kept up a fast speed and we were soon ringing in Bray. Here we could use only seven bells as the tenor clapper had broken. Still, Triples and Cambridge Minor were much enjoyed.

Yet another gathering up of ladies from the shops and back to the hotel for dinner. Afterwards a peaceful sit-down in the lounge—"Liffey" water for David Hughes, enthusiastic discussion of the beauties of this "Emerald Isle" and finally sincere votes of thanks to Fred and Mrs. Dukes, who had indeed "made the day."

And so to Sunday—away we went to join the friendly band at St. Patrick's Cathedral for service ringing. We were delighted to meet Mr. Reed and all the others, too numerous to mention but all such delightful people. Although most of our party are not used to 12-bell ringing everyone tried hard and gave of their best. Then down again and off to the Augustinian Church known as "Johns Lane." Oh, the tales we had been told of that staircase! Anyway, taking my own courage in my hands (and David Hughes doing the same) up we went. The congregation were reciting the Nicene Creed so I joined in and kept my eyes fixed firmly upward! At last—the top—David Hughes quite elated—general verdict, not so bad, really. Mrs. Clench went up and down without a tremor—she certainly deserves a medal.

Anyway, call changes here with the local band and touches on the eight bells, then a rush for lunch followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters at St. Patrick's. Down the stairs again and off to Christ Church, here to meet Mr. Billy Lynch, a great favourite with the ladies. Call changes fol-

lowed on the ten bells and then Triples on the light eight, brought to a sudden end when a rope broke.

By this time we all felt that we were walking on our knees but we made a final effort to ring at St. George's—here again many of the local ringers joined us and all enjoyed the various touches.

Time, as usual, was "flying" and it was time for us to think of "flying" with it. Mr. Reed and Mr. McGregor so very kindly ferried us and our bags to the bus terminal. After several "flaps" to gather up all 13 persons we were safely aboard the bus for Dublin Airport and a welcome cup of tea. Travel sickness pills were handed round but Jim Fitzgerald discovered they were "Sea Legs" and uproar followed!

Then on to the plane, extreme comfort and a perfect flight. Spencer managed to obtain the flight report, autographed by the captain. This, I understand, is to be framed and hung in Usk tower.

And so back to Bristol Airport. To complete the laughs, two cases went astray to Street in Somerset, but were to be returned in due course.

Thirteen so very happy bellringers returned, tired but full of praise for the beauty of Ireland, for the friendliness of the people and of our brother bellringers and, as Reuben kept saying, "You know, we really must do this again!" J.K.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Dating from the 13th century, the church at St. Mary Cray was the venue for the Lewisham District's quarterly meeting on April 22nd, when several of the 60 members present were interested to see that a ringing floor had been erected some 15 months previous, which makes for easier handling of the pleasant-toned six, recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1913.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Kemp, whose wife acted as organist; the lesson was read by the local captain, Patrick Braund.

A buffet tea was provided in the Church Hall, and thanks were expressed by Arthur Richards to the local company for its generosity. The Vicar took the chair for the business meeting, at which fourteen resident and six non-resident life members were elected. A lively discussion was provoked by a proposal by Paul Smith that there should be some qualification for membership—the present rules do not give any requirement save that the bells shall be rung to the satisfaction of the incumbent and churchwardens; despite members being reminded that they belonged to an Association of "change ringers," as distinct from "church bell ringers," a recommendation to alter the rules was defeated.

After the general ringing a 720 of Cambridge Minor was rung at the request of the Vicar, finishing just as the wedding of Graham Upcraft, a former organist at this church, and Miss Macdonald was about to commence at University Chapel, Toronto, Canada. Those taking part were P. G. Braund 1, Miss S. P. Nicholson 2, D. P. Smith (cond.) 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, I. H. Oram 5, T. Lewis 6.

Next meeting: July 22nd, St. John's, Deptford (alternative Woolwich).

MINSTER, Sheppey, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wingrave (first quarter) 1, Marianne Leworthy 2, Jane Bryant 3, Jennifer Wood 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton (first quarter) 6. As a compliment to Mr. W. Smith, on his last Sunday as vergor, after 14 years.

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Salisbury Guild's Annual Festival

The Guild Festival and annual general meeting was held at Melksham on May 13th. On this beautiful, warm, sunny day the white shirts of the men were very prominent. Twenty-six towers in the Devizes Branch were available during the morning and evening.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Melksham, the Rev. W. A. M. Langdon. The lesson was read by the Rev. Roger Keeley and the address given by the Master the Rev. R. N. Longridge. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by H. G. Keeley 1-2, C. W. Powell 3-4, G. S. Morris 5-6, Mrs. C. W. Powell 7-8. The collection for the Edwards Memorial Fund amounted to £9 6s. 9d.

A meat and salad tea was served in St. Michael's Hall by wives and friends of ringers in the district, the number sitting down being 150. Councillor and Mrs. K. Elms with the Vicar of Melksham graced the top table.

CHAIRMAN'S COMPLIMENT

Mr. W. C. West, president of the Guild, presided at the meeting, which the Master opened with prayer. Councillor Elms, chairman of Melksham U.D.C., welcomed the Guild to Melksham, saying it was a go-ahead town of which he was justly proud. He hoped they would spare time to have a look around. He enjoyed the service in church and the company at tea and complimented the handbell band on their performance. He knew that ladies were coming to the front in most things, and he noted that the lady in the band carried the heavy bells!

Mr. West suitably replied for the Guild, after which the guests of honour took their departure.

Apologies for absence were received from: Revs. C. Brinkworth and Chaffey-Moore; Messrs. E. Spearey, D. Powney, H. Roles, R. Duke and St. Peter's ringers, Dorchester.

Silent tribute was paid to the following who have passed to the higher life: S. Cockell (Melksham), T. Mallard (Warminster), K. Burden (Semley), J. Brown (Wilton), G. White-moore (Lyme Regis), F. Norris (Burton Bradstock), R. Dennett (Loders), C. F. Wills (Sturminster Newton), F. Hart (Shillingstone). The president spoke a few words about S. Cockell, who was vice-president at Melksham for many years.

LATE PUBLICATION OF PEALS

The secretary-treasurer's report was taken as read, seeing that the annual reports had been in members' hands some 14 days. Extracts from a letter from the auditors was read concerning late payments of annual subscriptions and peal booking fees. Also the publishing of peals five and six months after being rung.

The Master thanked Councillor Elms for his welcome and the town for its hospitality. He mentioned the tragedy at Weston-super-Mare and implored all to take safety precautions, not forgetting emergency lighting saying 'that even the candle would do very well provided that it was remembered to light it! He urged members to make use of all possible time at practices and meetings and

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central District held its annual meeting at All Saints' Church, Harrow Weald, on April 29th.

Miss V. Ware was elected vice-president in succession to Mrs. E. Savory; Mrs. J. Hooton continues as secretary. District committee: Mrs. R. Fardon. Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mrs. C. E. Lankester, Mrs. E. Savory; central committee: Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mrs. C. E. Lankester. Six new members were elected, viz.: Mrs. A. Spreadbury and Misses P. Brereton, L. Ellison, M. Sears, M. Smith and T. L. Willis.

A ladies' touch of Grandsire and a course of Stedman preceded the service, conducted by the Rev. D. Bond. Local ringers provided an excellent tea for a company of 37.

Next meeting, July 29th; A.D.M., March 30th, 1968.

regretted that Branch secretaries had complained about the poor attendance at meetings. He asked all to play their part and to say belfry prayers before ringing.

The election of officers took place and resulted as follows: Master, Rev. R. N. Longridge; vice-president, G. H. Harding; secretary-treasurer, F. Slatford; assistant secretary-treasurer, N. Knee; peals secretary, C. F. Andrews; hon. auditors, C. F. Andrews and J. S. Weeks; committee members, G. S. Morris, W. C. Shute, E. C. Shepherd and Rev. Roger Keeley.

With the new office of peals secretary came the small alterations to Rules 2 and 5.

A grant of £15 15s. was made towards the restoration of Beaminster's bells and new frame.

It was agreed after some discussion to pay necessary expenses for Central Council representatives. The insurance of six belfry inspectors was also agreed to, and that the parish requiring the assistance of a belfry inspector should pay his expenses for travelling, etc.

The Master closed the meeting with prayer
J. T. B.

SPALDING FESTIVAL

A week of thanksgiving for the flower and bulb industry was held at Spalding, utilising music, tableaux and flowers. This began on April 29th with a united service, at which the preacher was the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. The eight bells at Spalding Parish Church called members of all denominations to this inaugural service, which was very well attended. Ringing preceded both thanksgiving services on the Sunday and each of the evening concerts held throughout the week.

Visitors from far and wide made their way to the ringing chamber on the final Sunday, May 7th, and most of them were able to take part in a short touch of one kind or another. The main purpose of their visit and the highlight of the week as far as ringers were concerned was the final concert at 3 p.m. A handbell recital of music given by the Launton Handbell Ringers, conducted by Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., was a fitting climax to a memorable week. It included traditional English, foreign and mediæval carols, classical music by Handel, Brahms and Tchaikovsky, music composed specially for bells and well-known hymn tunes.

Mr. Sharpe gave a brief description of the unique collection of 76 bells, which date from 1690 to the present day, and the music, which was scored in bell notation using the mediæval mode. After the concert, ringing in the tower continued until the 6.30 p.m. service.

Local ringers who took part throughout the whole of the Thanksgiving Week had an opportunity to ring on 12 occasions in nine consecutive days. Congratulations to those with a 100 per cent. attendance record.

Memorial Board at Lavenham

On May 13th 50 ringers from a wide area assembled at Lavenham tower when the Rector, the Rev. R. Bird, dedicated a memorial board to the memory of Stedman H. Symonds, who learned to ring in this tower at the age of 11 years and continued to do so till a few days prior to his death at the age of 77 years, holding the position of Ringing Master for 26 years.

Following the dedication, a plain course of Stedman Triples was rung by M. T. Symonds, L. Pryke, W. Jarvis, C. Poulson and A. Haynes, of the local company, F. A. Poulson (the sole survivor of the Lavenham band that rang before World War I), L. D. Mills (District Guild chairman) and L. G. Brett (a Past Master of the Suffolk Guild).

In his address the Rector paid tribute to Stedman's ringing career. After the closing prayer the local ringers rang a short touch of Plain Bob, then the bells were placed at the disposal of the visiting ringers.
M. T. S.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD A. GOFTON

North Country ringing circles sustained a severe loss in the death on April 19th of Richard A. Gofton, of Whitley Bay. He underwent an operation last year and seemed to be recovering well but was taken ill again suddenly and died in hospital at the age of 63.

Dick was a member of the famous Gofton family. His father and uncles formed a company which attained a high standard of performance in Surprise Minor in the early part of this century, when Whitley Bay had only a six-bell tower. A few years after the augmentation of the bells to eight Dick and his younger brother Bill joined the band and great strides were made, Surprise ringing for divine service being regular. They rang the first peal of Premier Surprise and the first ever of Spliced Surprise Major, Cambridge and Superalive in 1924.

Dick Gofton showed remarkable ability at a very early age and joined with members of his family in peals of London Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques on handbells. Although he rang his first peal at the age of 15 he did not become a prolific peal ringer, for his total recorded for the Durham and Newcastle Association is only 101. He had little inclination to conduct peals, for of those 101 he conducted only two. One of those was a noteworthy performance as it was London Surprise Major by the local band at Whitley Bay just after the war and he had done a great deal in the training of the ladies who augmented the family circle at that time. The small totals are no measure of his ability for he was a skilled ringer who could always be relied on to place his bell accurately and ring without suspicion of a mistake throughout.

He had been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for almost 50 years and was elected president from 1953 to 1956. His term of office included the visit of the Central Council to Newcastle in 1954. The Association sent a floral tribute and was represented at the funeral by the Ringing Master, Mr. K. Arthur, and the secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles. They were joined by Mr. W. J. Davidson to ring changes on handbells in measured time as the cortege left the church for the crematorium.

The funeral service held at St. Peter's, Monkseaton, on April 21st. The church was built by his father's firm and has been closely connected with the Gofton family. It was filled to capacity by a large congregation, which included friends, business associates, Freemasons (he was a Past Master of his Lodge) and bellringers, besides his widow and the family mourners. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Bateson, assisted by the Revs. W. Hatchley and P. Lister.

Dick Gofton was a friendly man, who held a warm feeling for his colleagues. He conducted himself in a quiet, slightly reserved and dignified way and he was held in the highest esteem by all with whom he came in contact. On May 10th an attempt was made to ring a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay. This unfortunately came to grief with only seven courses to go after some very good ringing.
D. A. B.

Reading University Society

Thirteen members were present at the annual general meeting of the Society on May 11th, when the following officers were elected: Ringing Master Mr. M. G. Ingram; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. R. E. Stillwell; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Webb; treasurer, Mr. G. J. N. Colborne.

It was decided not to hold a dinner this coming years because of last year's failure.
M. G. I.

Herts County Association

The Northern District had a successful two-tower meeting on May 6th, first at Cottered (5) and then at Ardeley (6). Here a highlight of the evening was seeing Tony Price ring 1-2 to London and put the secretary right as well.

Welsh Girl Chorister-Ringers at Flint



St. Mary's Church, Flint (a light eight with a tenor of 7 cwt.) has a band of chorister-ringers ranging in age from 10 to 17 years. On February 26th the bells were rung for the first time by an all-girl team. At the moment, writes the captain (R. T. Williams) ringing is limited to call changes but hopes are entertained that with the help of more experienced ringers progress can be made in method ringing.

The girls in the picture are Rosalind Ley, Janet Ley, Barbara Wynne, Maria Lambert, Irene Hewitt, Irene Lynhurst, Michelle Jones and Pat Durham. [Photo: Lynton Photography, Flint.]

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Whitechapel Bell Foundry Outing

Saturday morning, April 29th, at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was not the start of another day's work but the rendezvous for the staff and friends, destined for their annual outing.

Once clear of London, it was full steam ahead for Melbourn, where a good standard of ringing set the trend which was to continue throughout the day. The rest of the morning was spent at Trumpington where, after ringing on the light eight, everyone gathered for an excellent lunch.

The afternoon in Cambridge provided an opportunity for exploring the town before ringing at St. Mary the Great and on the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church which produced some good ringing. The last tower of the day was ~~Winton~~ ^{Milton}, with some well struck call changes. A welcome stop was made for snacks and refreshment at Great Chesterford.

The general improvement in the variety and standard of the ringing since last year's outing reflected the value of the regular practices held throughout the year.

Norwich Diocesan Association

A splendid tea was provided free of charge by Mr and Mrs. J. B. Gardner, when the Eastern Branch held their April meeting at Catfield (the first there for 15 years). Appreciation was shown by a collection for the Church Window Fund, which realised £4 11s. The suggestion that the Branch should hold a joint dinner with the North East District of the Suffolk Guild was enthusiastically received.

Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. J. Cable, of Thurlton (an honorary member), and Mr. T. G. Bussey, Ringing Master at Haddiscoe for many years, a tribute being paid to them by Mr. G. Walpole.

The chairman, Miss D. Lidbetter, proposed a vote of thanks, which included the Rector (Canon H. Wake), who conducted the service.

Forthcoming meetings: Blofield, June 3rd; Great Yarmouth, July 15th (joint with N.E. District, Suffolk Guild).

BELFRY GOSSIP

In the quarter peal at Great Missenden (page 335) the ringer of the 2nd was Sara Woolley and the ringer of the third was Louise Evans.

Mr and Mrs. Howard Oglesby went to Slough on May 17th with two of their young Hitcham ringers who were being confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham, and took part in a quarter of Plain Bob Royal rung prior to the service.

Some good ringing was enjoyed on the six bells at Northaw, where the Eastern District of the Herts County Association held its May meeting. Mr. George Austin presided at the business meeting, when the main topic was the District outing into Suffolk.

After a complete rest from all activity lasting over three months, Mr. Donald Clift has recently learned that he has avoided the necessity of a major operation, and on Saturday, May 20th, was able to celebrate this good news by taking part in a peal at St. Laurence's, Reading. In ringing this he has now joined that small circle of ringers who have rung peals in each county in England and Wales.

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Bath ringers owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. John Euston, who arranged an excellent day in London for them on April 22nd. Ringing started on the old-fashioned octave at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, followed by St. Olave's, Hart Street, where Timothy Pett met the party. At St. Margaret's, Westminster, an added pleasure was ringing for the wedding of the organist, and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, Mr. Grainger was in attendance to tell how he rehung the bells himself. St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Clement Danes' were also visited and enjoyed.

After some years as an associate member, the Vicar of Henstridge (the Rev. J. H. Swinger) is now a full member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. His election took place at the Cary Branch quarterly meeting held at Babcary on April 22nd. There were some other elections—three from Henstridge and one from Barton St. David. The Rector, Rev. J. H. Hopkins Williams, who conducted the service, welcomed the company. South Devon was chosen as the venue for the autumn Branch meeting.

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JOHN MASEFIELD AND LEDBURY'S BELLS

When Ledbury ringers rang a half-muffled quarter peal on the back six of their beautiful 22 cwt. eight on Whit Sunday as a tribute to the late John Masefield, they were ringing on bells which were not only greatly admired by the Poet Laureate, but which were also rehung some 16 years ago largely through his generosity.

Born in Ledbury in 1878, he spent his childhood there, acquiring a deep and sincere love for the town, its people and its church. Of the church, he said: "More than I can describe, I loved its voice, the magical great musical voice of its bells . . . that rang such glorious peals on occasions, such as Christmas—such strange muffled peals for the Holy Innocents, and such wonderful and dangerous volleys known as 'firing' for certain weddings." Later, he wrote three long poems, "The Widow in the Bye Street," "The Everlasting Mercy" and "The Daffodil Fields," which were set in and around Ledbury, and which contained a number of accurate allusions to some well-known local characters. Through his simple but descriptive style we can see the true personality of the town and its inhabitants.

In 1951, when the sum of £1,700 was being collected for the rehanging of the then anticlockwise octave, Masefield wrote two books, "The Ledbury Scene" and "St. Katharine of Ledbury," and the proceeds from their sale were devoted to the fund. "The Spanish proverb speaks of the three good things in life," he writes in the former; "good air, good water and good bells . . . Ledbury was rich in all three, but excelled in her bells." These bells he mentions a number of times in his local poems. In Ledbury we feel honoured by such praise and thankful for all that John Masefield has done for us; we hope that we shall be able to continue to ring on the bells which in the past drew such admiration from him, and that their sound will ever move men's hearts as it did his.

"So they shone and sang till twelve,

When all the bells ring out of themselves;
Rang a peal for Christmas morn,

Glory, men, for Christ is born."

["The Everlasting Mercy."] S. B. B.

AN ESSEX WORTHY'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Ernest W. Furbank celebrated his 80th birthday on May 8th, and in connection with this two peals were rung. He took part in one of these at Bentley Common on May 13th. He has now rung 409 peals in 100 different towers, the details being: 151 Surprise Major (including 24 of London and 96 other Major methods), 48 Triples (including 30 of Stedman), 29 Caters (including 27 of Stedman) 40 Royal (including a 12,740 changes), 2 Maximus, 5 Cinques, 29 Minor and 9 Doubles.

His first peal was at South Weald, Essex, on July 23rd 1921. Between the wars he was very active with well-known ringers, ringing under the conductorship of G. R. Pye (50), W. Pye (26), T. W. Taffender (18). Most of his ringing has been done around his home in Essex, ringing 65 peals at Brentwood, 46 at Prittlewell and 43 at Romford.

A real titbit of his life in recent times was the honour of receiving the Maundy Money from the Queen in Chelmsford Cathedral. It is to be hoped that he will maintain his usual good health for many years to come and give us the benefit of his kindly character in the belfry.

BELFRY GOSSIP

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH SECRETARY MARRIED



Mr. Lewis Frank Cobb, secretary of the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and his bride, Miss Elizabeth Gwendoline Kitney, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kitney, of Devizes. Their wedding on May 13th was at St. Thomas', Lymington, where the bride is a member of the band.

The bride, given away by her father, wore her mother's bridal dress of ivory satin brocade with train, a crystal and diamante tiara with three-tier, full-length veil, and carried a Bible and single tiger lily. Mr. John W. Blackwood, former Wareham ringer, was best man.

Mr. A. V. Davis, on behalf of the Christchurch Branch, presented the happy couple with a clock, and with a flower stand from the St. Thomas', Lymington, band.

Ringing took place prior to the wedding, and bride, bridegroom and best man rang immediately after the ceremony before the Ringwood ringers rang a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples to mark the occasion.

The reception for 120 guests was held at the Wellington Room Community Centre.

BRISTOL'S CUPID

Dear Sir,—“Research Student” has done some admirable work and must have conclusively proved the existence of Cupid in the University of Bristol Society to any doubters.

However, the present incumbent, Mr. J. T. Parsons, seems unable to shoot straight in spite of his new bow and arrows and his new wings, ceremonially presented to him at the dinner in January by the retiring holder. In short, he has been a signal failure in spite of some obvious targets.

I, a successful ex-Cupid and an observer of the current scene, implore him to “get shooting” if romance is not to depart from St. Michael's; if other people are too difficult shots for him, let him begin with an easy one—himself (it's about time?).—Yours, etc.

A FORMER CUPID.

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“TUITION TEASERS”—No. 2

Q. In respect of the ringer's stance (Teaser No. 1) you advised as to the relative placing of the feet; but did not say how to stand in relation to the rope itself. (Anon.)

A. Three points to be noted: (a) Direction of facing; (b) Nearness to rope; (c) General posture.

Facing: The point here is to direct your angle of view, particularly in change ringing, so as to take in the whole “circle” of ropes, if possible, by movement sideways of the eyes only. Turning the head, and more so of the body and feet, cuts off more or less the “away” part of the field of vision, impairing ropesight. Technically your line of sight lies normally along the bisector of the angle formed by your own rope-fall and that of the ringer on either side of you. In all but very irregular rope “circles” this angle includes a sight of all the other ropes. With correct facing you are looking diametrically across the ringing room at eye level, and “through” your own rope, swinging the eyes sideways and “easing” the head as required.

Nearness: With rope hanging free of the floor (end tied up), stand with front of the body at one palm-width (about 3 to 3½ inches) away from the rope. In actual ringing, the hands must then travel up and down the line of the rope-fall (bending wrists, elbows and shoulder joints) quite close to the body; the degree of control being proportionate to this nearness.

Posture: Stand upright but relaxed. Do not bend forward on pull-strokes as this causes out-throw of the rope and lessens control. Occasional extra “pull” can be exerted by bending the knees a little—sometimes called “dropping by the knees.” Use full arm extension at top and bottom of stroke, especially on heavier or badly-going bells.

These points are basic for the acquisition of skilled handling and control.

THE HAMPSHIRE HOGS WITH THE Doves

For the past two years Ronald Dove and his son Barrie have been entertained in North Hampshire towers; their invitation to a return visit to Leeds on May 6th was most gladly accepted and Albert Green's familiar grey van made the journey. A 1 a.m. phone call brought Barrie out of bed to be told of their arrival!

While the majority of the Hampshire party were ringing at towers outside of Leeds, two of them stood in a good peal of Plain Bob Royal dedicated to the memory of John Hall, of Weston-super-Mare. Barrie made a good job of the 42 cwt. tenor at Leeds Parish Church, turning it in in 3 hours and 31 minutes. (“A. P. C., watch out,” writes G. D.)

On that Saturday some 11 towers in and around Leeds were sampled before camping outside the Police Station at Chapel Allerton. On Sunday morning there was ringing at St. Mary's, Hunslet and Holbeck R.C. Church, before travelling 90-odd miles to Burton-on-Trent to ring on the steel bells at Horninglow (6), followed by the heavy five at Mancetter (20 cwt.) Later came Monk's Kirby (24 cwt.) and service ringing at Claybrooke, and, finally Cropredy, near Banbury, and Mollington. Before saying farewell, thanks were expressed to the Sunday tower organiser, Chris Dalton, and also to Ronald Dove.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Casiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

David J. Gay Treble	Edward R. Venn 5
Peter Bridle 2	James R. Taylor 6
*Diana M. Chapman 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* Most methods to a peal. Rung for the first time outside of Lancashire.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
Marjorie Legg Treble	Walter S. Rice 4
George Prescott 2	*Roy W. Rice 5
*Harold Hooper 3	†Joseph Radford Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal.

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

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in eight methods/variations: One extent each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, four Clifford's Pleasure, five each April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten Plain Bob, eleven and two of Morris's 240's of Grandsire.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble	Keith E. Beale 3
Frederick C. Arscott 2	Robert Parker 4

Raymond F. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

First peal on the bells.

TINTINHULL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods/variations: Three extents each of April Day and Clifford's Pleasure, five of Plain Bob and Grandsire, 26 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

*Linda M. Dade Treble	Marian J. Beale 3
†Adrian F. Arscott 2	Robert Parker 4

Keith E. Beale Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.

* First peal, first attempt † First on five bells. First on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

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

R. John Burrell Treble	Frank R. Morton 4
John E. Brough 2	John R. Scott 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards 3	Gordon K. Green Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ian C. Maycock Treble	John W. T. Taylor 5
Frank W. Perrens 2	Ernest J. Gower 6
Edward Holdsworth 3	James L. Garner-Hayward 7
*Clare F. Dolphin 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Edward Holdsworth.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor, who has now "circled the tower."

Rung as a farewell to the conductor, leaving shortly for Burgess Hill, Sussex.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

WOLBOROUGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., May 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William J. Harvey Treble	Frederick Wreford 5
Martin F. Lock 2	Andrew J. White 6
Clive G. Bryant 3	Frank D. Mack 7
*George E. Mudge 4	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal of Major.

Rung in memoriam Thomas G. Myers, late vice-president of the Guild.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Wed., May 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 NEW DURHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Composition No. 2, Wratten's Collection.	Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.
Fred Hodgson Treble	Kenneth Lawson 5
Janet Warwick 2	Philip Toccock 6
Janet Cooke 3	Roland Park 7
Thomas M. Cox 4	Thomas Cooke Tenor

Conducted by Fred Hodgson.

Believed to be the first tower bell peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen the Martyr.

On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Richard J. Bowden Treble	Philip M. J. Gray 6
*David Rennolds 2	Peter Bridle 7
Richard W. Sweet 3	Albert M. Tyler 8
Diana M. Chapman 4	James R. Taylor 9
Michael J. Hobbs 5	*Graham C. King Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

* First peal on ten bells.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary

On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores and 16 twelve-scores (Morris's, Pitman's and Price's).

*Judith Harris (14 yrs.) .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.
†Keith W. Scudamore (11 yrs.) 2	Frank Reed 4
Herbert L. Cooke 3	William F. Scudamore 5
	Ernest H. Jefferies Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.

* First peal. † First away from treble.

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

John C. Sheppard Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
Alan Tubb 2	Henry Taysom 4
Hugh N. Evans 3	John H. Taylor 5
	Edgar T. Skipsey Tenor

Conducted by Edgar T. Skipsey.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., May 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*Leslie S. Hodges Treble	†Robert D. Hodges 4
*Patrick Hickey 2	Rev. Michael Hart 5
*Roy K. Williams 3	James Ward Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Michael Hart.

* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., May 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.	
*Stephen Laud Treble	Geoffrey W. Seaman 6
†Thomas H. Norris 2	Richard G. Bell 7
†John Southey 3	†Leonard J. North 8
Walter G. Paul 4	Bernard E. Matthews 9
Raymond G. Smith 5	Kenneth R. Dunstan Tenor

Composed by C. W. Debenham. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Seaman.

* First peal. † First of Royal

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev J. G. Downward.

M.A., on his appointment as chaplain to H.M. the Queen

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Robert E. Hardy Treble	Keith J. Walpole 5
Eric Edmondson 2	*Michael D. Frost 6
*Katherine S. Hardy 3	Gerald Penney 7
*Roger D. R. Brown 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Olive D. Tester 2	Colin A. Tester 6
Tony Lewis 3	D. Paul Smith 7
John Pladdys 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

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

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Bernard G. H. Powell .. Treble	Herbert E. Audsley .. 5
Philip A. Corby 2	Frederick J. Cullum .. 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	John W. Smith 7
Percy J. Spice 4	Harry Parkes Tenor

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

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three different extents of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*Phillip Jackson .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.
David W. Grimwood .. 2	Peter M. Wilkinson .. 4
John Clark 3	Peter D. J. Beal .. 5
	Brian E. Jemmett .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter D. J. Beal.

* First peal. First as conductor on tower bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

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

Composed by Harold J. Poole. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Mon., April 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

Septimus Neave .. Treble	†Harold Judd 4
*Jack Bray 2	C. Aubrey Harrison .. 5
Ronald Chafer 3	*†Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* 100th peal together. † First of London Minor.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., April 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 33 methods/variations, being two extents of Stedman, All Saints, Rushall one each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Andrew, Shareshill, Winchendon, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, five of Newborough and three of Grandshire.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Peter A. Slight 4
Roland W. Morant 3	Denis A. Frith 5
	Thomas A. Relf Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

25th peal on the bells. Most Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Mon., April 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 27 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's, London and Netherseale, (2) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne, (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich.

Maurice Bennett .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 2	Denis R. Woods 4
Edwin T. Chapman .. 3	Alan G. Payne 5
	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., May 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 27 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Netherseale, (2) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne, (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich.

*Frank Taylor .. Treble	Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.
Edwin T. Chapman .. 2	Denis R. Woods 4
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3	Alan G. Payne 5
	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

* 250th peal.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., May 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, "A," Coxwell Place, "B," All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, Cassington, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Peter, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Andrew, Shareshill, St. Thomas, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton, St. Luke, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's, Little Aston, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Newborough and Grandshire.

Denis A. Frith .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.
Vaughan P. Evans .. 2	Peter A. Slight 4
Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. 3	Roland W. Morant .. 5
	*Alec Crawford Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal. First in 42 Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. The conductor has now "circled the tower."

"A" is Stedman Slow Course with an Odd Bob single as the call. "B" is Coxwell Place with an Odd Bob single as the call.

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

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*R. F. Rodgers .. Treble	†A. D. Walker 4
†Yvonne Brook 2	†Geoffrey Spencer .. 5
*Bryan Ward 3	*S. R. Richardson .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Spencer.

* First peal. † First "inside." * First of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Average age of ringers 16½ years.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 4
John F. Underwood .. 2	William R. Parker .. 5
Timothy A. Wylie .. 3	Melvyn A. Rose Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Glenys Hunt .. Treble	Thomas Yeomans 6
Edmund J. Morris .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 7
*David L. Phillips .. 3	*Colin V. Coombs .. 8
William H. Harford .. 4	M. Jack Pryor 9
*Paul Redding 5	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.

* First peal on ten bells. † First on an "inside" bell.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

William T. Petty .. Treble	David Barrington .. 5
Thomas Yeomans .. 2	Edmund J. Morris .. 6
J. Arthur Hoare .. 3	M. Jack Pryor 7
Paul Redding 4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*Alwyn R. Lewis .. Treble	M. Jack Pryor 5
Thomas Yeomans .. 2	Edmund J. Morris .. 6
D. R. Lynn Jones .. 3	Gwyn I. Lewis 7
David L. Phillips .. 4	William T. Petty Tenor

Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.

* First peal on eight bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Tues., May 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.
Andrew Salisbury Treble .. Martin Cubitt 4
Angela M. Wright 2 .. Geoffrey H. Pullin 5
Thomas E. Spight 3 .. Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung in memory of William Clover, of Wymondham, a vice-president of the Association, who had been a member from October 20th, 1910, to May 6th, 1967.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STEVENTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Childwall and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.
Sue M. Heyworth Treble .. A. Keith P. Poole 4
Jonathan R. Rowson 2 .. Melvyn J. Hiller 5
James R. White 3 .. Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

First in nine Minor methods by all the band.

Rung in memory of the Rev. Gordon Bowker, late Vicar of Steventon.

PEASEMORE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.
Harold W. Dunsden Treble .. *Elizabeth M. Barber 4
John A. H. Betts 2 .. Frank E. Godden 5
Roy H. Jones 3 .. David L. Wilcox Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* First peal of Plain Bob on tower bells.

Rung with the bells open in memoriam Mrs. M. I. Henderson, M.A., late vice-principal of Somerville College, Oxford, and tutor of the ring of No. 4.

ELLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 six-scores. Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.
Christine T. Wilkins Treble .. Brian J. Edwards 4
Christopher J. Royal 2 .. Ronald J. Snack 5
Louise A. M. Evans 3 .. Arthur J. Wendon Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

Rung in memoriam Patrick John Hall.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET DRAYTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E
Graham C. Paul Treble .. Alan A. Paul 5
William J. Chester 2 .. Charles E. Truman 6
James Linnell 3 .. Frederick Price 7
Barry E. Saunders 4 .. William H. Tyler Tenor
Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.
Eric J. Hitchins Treble .. Richard J. Bowden 6
Gillian M. Hunt 2 .. David J. Llewellyn 7
Michael J. Hobbs 3 .. Charles P. Quartley 8
Edgar T. Skipsey 4 .. John H. Gilbert 9
Edgar C. Shepherd 5 .. Tudor P. Edwards Tenor
Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.
Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. Treble .. David E. Rothera 5
Mary E. Elmes 2 .. John W. Blackwood 6
George E. Bonham 3 .. Robert E. J. Dennis 7
Graham W. Elmes 4 .. Philip Mehew Tenor
Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
Rung to open the Cookham Festival by invitation of the Vicar and Festival Committee.

(Also for the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths)

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

On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

George E. Bonham .. Treble .. John W. Blackwood 5
Mary E. Elmes 2 .. David E. Rothera 6
Graham W. Elmes 3 .. Jeffrey L. Cloughton 7
Robert E. J. Dennis 4 .. Philip Mehew Tenor
Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung in honour of the wedding next day of Lewis Cobb and Elizabeth Kitney at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Lymington, Hants. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, viz.: Two extents Grandsire, four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Seighford, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Andrew L. B. King .. Treble .. Ruth Blackshaw 3
Robert D. Marsh 2 .. H. Geoffrey Wells 4
Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BROCKENHURST, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., May 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. in B flat.
David H. Stone Treble .. Heather A. Walters 4
Susan E. Davis 2 .. † Alan J. Luxford 5
* Roger W. Price 3 .. Robert A. Partridge .. Tenor
Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
* First peal "inside." † First of Plain Bob Minor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BRADLEY, Bilston, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.
J. Dennis Holden Treble .. Eric E. Speake 5
F. Hector Bennett 2 .. * Derek K. Knowles 6
Roderick J. Lees 3 .. Arthur Pritchard 7
Michael Elson 4 .. Harry Griffiths Tenor
Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal in the method.

FORTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., May 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford, one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.
E. Marion Key Treble .. Philip C. Rogers 4
Howard Howell 2 .. Roger H. Hawksworth 5
Dr. R. W. Adams 3 .. Barnabas G. Key Tenor
Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.
* Angela Bagnall Treble .. Richard B. Dorrington 4
Lucy Smith 2 .. Eric E. Speake 5
Cyril T. Collins 3 .. John H. Allen Tenor
Conducted by John H. Allen.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of York Surprise Minor for all the band, on the bells and for the Society.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Anthony M. Roberts .. Treble	Michael J. Howes 4
*Martin M. Whittell 2	Stephen F. High 5
Norman P. J. Cossey 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* Most methods for a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NEWDIGATE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: Five Plain Bob and two Oxford Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. William King Treble	Eric Brazier 4
Carol Gosling 2	Peter Ralme 5
Nelson Elliott 3	Ian Wickens Tenor

Conducted by Ian Wickens.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London and Cunecastre, (2) Chester, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Allendale, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Bourne, (7) Norwich.

*John Norris Treble	David D. Smith 4
Derek Slater 2	John A. Howard 5
Edgar R. Rapley 3	George Francis Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

* 25th peal. First peal in ten Surprise Minor methods for all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Matthias.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 59 lb. in F sharp.

Thomas W. Lewis Treble	John R. Insley 5
Ann E. Fellows 2	*James W. Belshaw 6
Muriel Reay 3	James Insley 7
R. George Morris 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal in the method "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*David Phillipson Treble	Alan H. Bridges 7
Jack L. Millhouse 2	*Richard D. Gibson 8
*Christopher J. Sharp 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 9
Geoffrey W. Randal 4	Richard S. Starkey 10
Peter A. Sharp 5	Alan E. Hartley 11
Alan W. A. Leggett 6	Michael Maughan .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First 12-bell peal, † 50th peal.

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

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Anne P. Leigh Treble	John S. Seager 5
W. Eric Critchley 2	Kenneth B. Sissons 6
Gibson Jackson 3	Ernest Padgett 7
Richard Tibbetts 4	Neil Donovan Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

DRIGHlington, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Wed., May 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt

Alan Sheppard Treble	Ronald R. Warford 5
M. Susan Jackson 2	Kenneth B. Sissons 6
John Potts 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
James S. Webb 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE B.R.S.A. GUILD.

(The Railwaymen's Guild)

READING, Berkshire.—At the George Hotel.

On Fri., April 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 12 in F.

W. Bertram Kynaston .. 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	Fred Hodgson 7-8
Edmund J. Morris 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First handbell peal for the Guild.

Rung on the eve of the annual general meeting.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.

On Tues., May 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson 1-2	Alan McFall 5-6
Gerald Moorhouse 3-4	Robert B. Smith 7-8

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.

On Fri., April 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in F.

Carter's Variation 1-2	David Walklate 5-6
Alfred Mould 3-4	Kevin Betesta 7-8

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

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Thomas.

On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and six of Plain Bob.	
Peter L. Bill 1-2	Michael J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4
John C. Eisel 5-6	

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELtenham, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Thurs., May 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 SPICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 27 methods, comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,440 Double Bob, 456 Little Bob, 144 each of Gainborough L.B. and Wellington Little Court, 120 each of Cambray and Crayford L.C., 96 each of Lansdowne L.B., Reverse Bob, Hackington, Canterbury, Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial, 48 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, and 32 each of Tolleshunt d'Arcy, Ogden, Childwall, Wavertree, Smith, Goldhanger, Blackley, Lesser Wapping, Scholfield, Nelson, Fishwick and Hudson College, with 329 changes of method.

Frances M. Fairbank 1-2	Hugh N. Evans 5-6
Valerie Willard 3-4	Cyril A. Wratten 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

The greatest number of Major methods rung to a true handbell peal.

Tenor size 12 in F.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Christine Robb and Keith Spring, married at Heston, Middlesex, on April 21st, 1967.

CHELtenham, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Tues., May 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 1,568 Plain Bob, 1,296 Double Bob, 496 Reverse, 464 Little, 224 each of Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial, 144 Gainborough Little Bob, 120 Wellington Little Court, 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, 88 each of Cambray and Crayford L.C., and 48 each of Ashbourne and Spalding College, with 309 changes of method.

Frances M. Fairbank 1-2	Hugh N. Evans 5-6
Valerie Willard 3-4	Cyril A. Wratten 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Fri., May 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5080 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 600 Bristol, with 122 changes of method.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
Gerald Penney 3-4	*Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 7-8

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Spiced on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

ABERGAVERN, Mon.—At the Farmers Arms, Lion Street.

On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in G.

Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 5-6
Richard J. Parker 3-4	James R. White 7-8

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by James R. White.

First peal "in hand" as conductor.

HALF PEAL

SKILLINGTON, LINGS.—On April 28th, 2,520 Doubles (21 methods/variants): D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, V. P. Evans 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, P. A. Slught 4, R. W. Morant 5.

DATE TOUCH

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Ascension Day, 1967 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, G. Prescott 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, R. Jones 6.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sutherland 1, N. Hoath 2, Mary Faircloth (cond.) 3, G. Fielding 4, J. Wallace 5, J. D. Faircloth 6. Rung to mark the birth of a second daughter, Helen Jane, to Rosemary and Jeffrey Wallace. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor on October 2nd.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. N. Smeaton 1, J. O. Goulter 2, G. C. Prior (first "inside") 3, Graham Rich (first in Australia) 4, R. S. Jolly (first of Grandsire) 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, D. J. Bley 7, B. R. Cox 8. Rung before morning service to celebrate the birth of Mary Anna Cox on May 11th, 1967.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Brook 1, P. Morris 2, Ann E. Sharpe 3, Wendy Morris 4, Diana Gough (cond.) 5, D. Hibbett 6. To celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Fitton, grandparents of the ringers of 2 and 4.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Knewstubb 1, Jane Fransella 2, Valerie Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6, M. Hollis cover.

BESTON, NOTTS.—On May 14th, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: Margaret Coombs (first of Treble Bob) 1, Ann Harris 2, J. G. Hallett 3, Caroline Stewart 4, D. R. McLean 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First in the method for all. Rung by N.U.S.C.R.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's, on May 14th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: C. M. P. Johnston (cond.) 1, I. J. Quinney (first of Stedman) 2, J. S. Rank 3, R. Shipp 4, J. H. R. Freeborn 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, K. J. Hesketh 7, H. C. Foster 8, H. F. Brown 9, C. R. F. Muncy 10.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dodds (first quarter) 1, J. Chaplin 2, Lynett Brenham (first "inside") 3, C. Avery 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, W. Warren (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Lyn Brenham.

COULSDON, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: G. Flook 1, D. Little (cond.) 2, D. Atkins 3, A. Brook 4, A. Smith 5. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. First in the method for all.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. W. Hargreaves 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Betty J. Daysh 3, R. Green 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, P. Page 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. W. Colley 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3 and 4. To mark the 40th anniversary of the Diocese of Portsmouth, which was served from the Diocese of Winchester on May 6th, 1927.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At Holy Trinity, on May 4th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Busby 1, Irene Park 2, G. A. Barker 3, I. A. Engleton (first of Treble Bob) 4, P. M. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day service.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. F. Butlin 1, M. W. Savers 2, Brenda Ivings (first quarter) 3, P. R. Davies 4, C. C. Clarke 5, W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings 8. For National Folk Dance Week.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Sanger 1, R. G. Beck 2, J. Dunford 3, S. Lucas 4, A. P. Beck 5, E. J. Chivers 6, D. Mackay (cond.) 7, A. White 8. First in the method 3 and 4. Rung to welcome twin daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanger, and granddaughters of the treble ringer.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. P. Haskins 1, Belinda M. Gilbert 2, Josephine M. Haskins 3, M. Susan Jackson 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, A. Cole 6, R. H. Dove 7, R. Chandler 8. Rung by Leeds Parish Church ringers for Evening Mass on the 69th Dedication Festival.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Millidge 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, K. J. Rider 3, L. C. Way 4, R. L. Jones 5, M. J. Uphill 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the completion of the tower restoration, and after eleven months' silence of the bells.

QUARTER PEALS

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pillinger 1, Miss S. Perry (first attempt) 2, Miss G. Richardson (cond.) 3, Miss P. Buckland 4, P. Screen 5, G. Whalley 6.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. P. Brain 1, Margaret Eggelstone 2, L. J. Parry 3, R. L. K. Whitell 4, C. W. Pipe 5, R. C. Groom 6, C. S. Bloomfield 7, H. W. Eggelstone (cond.) 8. Rung on the 65th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as birthday compliments to the ringer 7th and Miss Alice Lester.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: S. Oates 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Bailey 6. A welcome to William Timothy, son of Genebeth and Chris'opher Webb, born May 4th.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Rowley 1, R. Benistone (cond.) 2, H. O. Over 3, H. Hollis 4, R. Hughes 5, W. Goadby 6, F. Chambers 7, B. Hoden 8. For the induction of the Rev. B. W. Kerby, M.A., to this benefice.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Josephine Smith (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Quickfall (first "inside") 2, Sue Webber 3, J. A. Tandy 4, P. W. Gay (cond.) 5, P. C. Kimber 6. By the University of Keele Society. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Josephine Smith 1, Sue Gay 2, Felicity Webber 3, P. W. Gay (cond.) 4, J. A. Tandy 5, M. J. Robinson 6. Rung half-muffled by the Society in memory of Hugh Leech, senior lecturer in History at the University.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Cox 1, A. K. Griffiths 2, D. P. Crawley (first "inside") 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, E. Anthea M. Spensholt (first of Minor as cond.) 5, H. C. Bennett 6.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,282 Pudsey S. Royal: B. Stone 1, Alison M. Mann 2, J. R. Pratt 3, M. Bangham 4, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 5, S. Humphrey 6, J. F. M. Maybrey 7, J. R. Pratchett 8, K. Newman 9, W. H. Jackson 10.

LEDDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. W. Collins 1, Rosemary Collins 2, P. G. Hickey 3, R. K. Williams 4, S. B. Bell (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Masefield, late poet laureate and a native of Ledbury.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On May 7th, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, 1,312 Plain Bob Major ("in hand"): M. G. Dodson (first of Major "in hand") 1—2, J. L. Riley 3—4, P. Crosthwaite (cond.) 5—6, G. Cooper (first "in hand") 7—8.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On May 14th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Marion Jones 1, Marion L. Lidgely 2, A. P. Smith (cond.) 3, J. R. Goodenough 4, F. M. Bowers 5, H. Miles 6. First in the method for all the band.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Daffers 1, Miss F. Cannon 2, Miss C. Reed (first of Stedman) 3, P. Royds-Jones 4, K. Small 5, D. Gebbett 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, J. Machell 8.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,272 Spliced Surprise Minor (six methods): Rev. J. H. Greene 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, Juliet Fynes 4, R. D. Smith 5, D. O. Haslam 6. First of Spliced Surprise Minor 1, 4, 5 and 6, and on the bells. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Rear-Admiral A. R. Hamick.

LONDON.—At St. George-in-the-East, on April 30th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Taylor 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, R. L. Jones 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, C. J. N. Dalton 8. For Evensong, and the 3rd anniversary of the consecration of the church.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Young 1, W. Clamp 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, A. Stimson 6, J. Day 7, R. Cook 8, O. Homewood 9, R. Mantion (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (five methods): P. Smith 1, W. Price 2, J. C. Jones 3, J. R. Williams 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Downer 6. Rung to the Glory of God and for Evensong.

MOULTON, LINGS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): P. Smith 1, V. P. Evans 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. R. Holmes 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, A. Crawford 6. Greatest number of methods 1 and 4.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. R. Hunt 1, Miss K. Winterbourne 2, Miss A. Lawrenson 3, W. J. Marlow 4, P. Holmes 5, J. A. Constant 6, M. S. Holbrook 7, F. E. Turner 8, W. Hunt (cond.) 9, M. Goodwin 10. First on 10 for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints', on May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Webb 1, A. Bainham 2, D. Clarke 3, P. Chambers 4, C. Bainham 5, R. Smith 6, L. Bainham (cond.) 7, R. Owen 8. First quarter Triples 1, 2 and 4.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On May 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. M. Holbrook 1, Mrs. E. C. Sanders 2, P. G. Holmes 3, Miss C. M. Kemp 4, Miss R. C. Hassell 5, Canon F. A. Sanders 6, H. E. J. Smith 7, M. S. Holbrook (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 4.

PENN, STAFFS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gaskell (first quarter) 1, D. G. Smith 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, Gillian Griffiths 4, Pamela Garbett 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gaskell 1, Gillian Griffiths 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, J. A. Roden 4, C. F. W. Eyre 5, E. G. Bowyer 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, W. C. Pinches 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Hinsal, wife of the present vergor.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Yorke-Bramble 1, Mrs. E. Jones 2, Helen Hobbins 3, T. R. Taylor 4, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 5, Jennifer E. Smith 6, K. P. Gilliver 7, F. Edwards 8. For the annual service of Lloyds Bank Ltd.

PRESTWICH, LANCs.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: I. Coombs 1, Jane Reynolds (first as cond.) 2, F. Reynolds 3, P. Reeves 4, E. Reeves 5, F. Maude 6, G. Sanders 7, G. Pye 8. For Confirmation.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On May 14th, 1,314 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Gerda Baresel 1, Julie Armstrong 2, Alison Mann 3, A. R. Millidge 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, B. J. Bull 6, M. J. Uphill 7, N. Waite 8. A welcome to Rosemary, a daughter for Heather and Norman Steere.

RATBY, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: S. Hargreaves 1, Mrs. Jean Blackman 2, G. Hurd 3, L. Green 4, Rev. P. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, G. Root 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On May 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Lescon 1, Verona Naylor 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. J. Cann 5, B. D. A. Woolley 6, E. J. Cole 7, T. J. Warner (cond.) 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to Geoffrey, son of the conductor, and Carol (Lewis) who were married at Dorrage Church the previous day.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At Bitterne Park, on May 7th, 1,380 Doubles (17 methods): Beryl Cross 1, Heather Hinton 2, C. J. Butler 3, Deborah Mages 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, Pamela Coombs 6. Greatest number of methods by all.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 30th, 1,296 Oxford Bob Minor: P. Rumley 2, W. Brown 3, H. Wittering 4, G. Johnson 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Hunson (cover).

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford and Plain Bob): W. Hammond 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, J. Fox (cond.) 4, H. Follen 5, C. Cousins 6. To honour the 80th birthday of the president of the Wisbech Branch, Mr. F. Elmer, and to mark his 38th year as a lay reader.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: Elizabeth Duncan 1, D. E. Cobb 2, Susan Thomas (first "inside") 3, D. Hawkins 4, June Whitchee 5, Caroline Cole 6, R. C. Chapman (cond.) 7, I. Dear 8, A. J. Slade 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, M. C. Austin 11, R. Durrant 12. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Holman 1, D. Hewitt 2, C. A. Hughes 3, D. Wright 4, A. F. Faulkner 5, D. Ellisdon 6, C. G. Wright 7, K. Warner (cond.) 8.

WHAPLODE, LINGS.—On May 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Newson 1, Shelagh R. Collins (cond.) 2, W. W. Cousins 3, N. V. Harding 4, C. Cousins 5, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6. For the Flower Festival service.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. J. Hodgetts 1, R. Beniston 2, A. E. Rowley 3, R. D. Hughes 4, F. Chambers 5, N. W. Attaway 6, G. H. Peers, jun. (first in the method) 7, G. H. Lane (cond.) 8.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints', on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Repton 1, D. Beacham 2, J. J. Stanier 3, R. Taibly 4, E. Mould 5, L. J. Haines 6, R. Shepherd 7, D. G. Franklin 8. Rung to celebrate the christening this day of Helen Susan Shepherd (daughter of the ringer of 7th).

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Lindley (8) 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
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The Summer Festival will be held in the Guildford District on June 3rd.

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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.

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STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD.—The next practice will be on Monday, June 26th, 7.45-9.15.—W. Savill, Hon. Sec. 1644

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MEETINGS

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

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—On Saturday, June 3rd, at Newton St. Cyres, a practice meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 1630

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. Taversal 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

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

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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. 1536

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Tarn Bank, Underbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland.

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

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at West Grinstead, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Stool-ball challenge match 3.45 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided, bring your own cups). Service 6 p.m. Bells 6.30 p.m. All are welcome.—Jean Osborn, Hon. Div. Sec. 1569

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 London (6) from 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 1579

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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, N.W.9 (near Blackbird Cross), on Monday, June 5th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. (No meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.) 1570

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Practice at Manchester Town Hall (12), Wednesday, June 7th. Bells from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also practice at St. Michael's, Flixton (8), Tuesday, June 20th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please make a note in your diary now.—C. Andrew, Branch Sec. 1626

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Eynsham, Thursday, June 8th, 7 to 9 p.m.

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

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting at Campton (5) on June 10th, 3 to 4.45, followed by tea at Meppershall. Business and ringing in the church at 6. Warm welcome to all. 1613

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Rise, June 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Gray-Nicholson. Hinds House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlough, Hull. 1546

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Final of Horsley Cup at Horsley, June 10th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Open ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham. 1615

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Nutfield (6) Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service and meeting. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by Thursday, June 8th. 1636

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, Mr. M. L. Howe, 83, College Road, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 1643

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Malmesbury, Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Billings, 8, Athelston Road, Malmesbury, Wilts, by June 7th.—B. Johnson. 1646

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea (5s. 6d. approx.) at the Bay Horse (opposite church) at 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Teas for those only who send names to me by Wednesday, 7th.—G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden. 1645

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Cartmel on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Blackburn, Tarn Foot, Cartmel, by June 7th, please.—T. F. Metcalfe. 1633

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, also Branch Striking Competition Saturday, June 10th. Cups of tea provided, please bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 1632

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Sibley, Saturday, June 10th. Ringing: Seagrave (3) 2.15 p.m.—3.15 p.m.; Cossington (5) 2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.; Sibley (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Pochin Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hunting, The Vicarage, Mount Sorrel Lane, Sibley, Leics, by Wednesday, June 7th. No name, no tea. 1616

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

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at Llangynydd (6) on Saturday, June 10th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhoose 494), as soon as possible. N.B.—No business, except for election of new members, unless members give one week's notice. 1631

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks, Saturday, June 10th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Evening ringing and business St. Giles', Stoke Poges, Bucks after tea. Names for tea essential to Mr. Gordon W. Limmer, Grovefield Lodge, Taplow Common Road, Burnham, Bucks. Burnham 1825.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual general meeting, Winslow (8), Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.45. Choral Evensong 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks, by Thursday, June 8th. 1623

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting at Streatley on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing: Streatley 3-4 p.m.; Goring 7-9 p.m. Service at Streatley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Morrel Room at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Taylor, Bonskeid, Gatehampton Road, Goring, by Wednesday, June 7th, at the latest. 1625

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, June 10th. Names for tea to Mrs. S. F. Webb, South View, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 1618

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—A.G.M. at Carmarthen on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. L. Williams, Derlwyn College, Alltwallis, Carmarthen.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 1610

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Buckhorn Weston, June 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Ringing also at Kingston Magna. Visitors welcome. Names to M. M. Godley, Mill Lane, Yetminster, Sherborne (Phone Yetminster 332), by June 6th. 1639

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Extraordinary general meeting, Madeley (8), Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., 6.30-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations for officers will be taken at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Molinoli, 130, Bridge Terrace, Madeley, Salop, by Monday, June 5th. 1620

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Hickling, on June 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Harwood, The Vicarage, Hickling, Melton Mowbray, Leics, by Wednesday previous. 1576

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts.—Meeting at Rampton, June 10th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by previous Wednesday. Laneham (4) also available. Go to Rampton first to find details of entry to tower, etc. 1642

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Oulton (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, Oulton, near Ipswich, not later than Wednesday, June 7th. 1582

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Minor practice at Horsell on Saturday, June 10th, 6.30-8.30 p.m. 1611

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 on Saturday, June 10th. Main business at meeting will be the election of officers. Ringing at Earlsheaton 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Tea at Dewsbury Parish Room 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for those who notify Mrs. V. Bottomley, 45, Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, by Wednesday, June 7th. Ringing at Dewsbury after tea until 9 p.m. 1587

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The A.G.M. will be at Bedale (8) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. G. Dalton, c/o Bucktrout and Firth, Bedale, Yorks, by Thursday, the 8th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1647

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Kilmersdon on Sunday, June 11th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15. Names for breakfast to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 2, Cabbells Mead, Kilmersdon, near Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1622

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brabourne, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. B. L. Marks, Burch Farm, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent, by Thursday, June 15th.—A. P. S. B. 1638

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Striking Competition, Saturday, June 17th, at Silk Willoughby (6). Opening service 2.30 p.m. prompt. Competition (Branch members only) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Tea and presentation of trophy 5 p.m. Open ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Collin, Church Lane, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs, by June 13th certain. 1562

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Saturday, June 17th: Newton-le-Willows (8) 10-10.45; St. Helens (10) 11-11.45; Liverpool Cathedral (12) 12-2; St. Mary's, Birkenhead (6) 2.30-3.15; Oxted (8) 3.15-4.15; Woodchurch (6) 4.15-5; Port Sunlight (8) 5-6; Bebington (8) 6-7; Bromborough (8) 7-8. 1648

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Hethersett, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Methods for practice: Double Norwich and Superlative. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 1609

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Canford, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by cricket match at Canford School. Names for tea to Miss J. Fawcett, 125, Merley Ways, Wimborne, by June 14th. 1597

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 17th. Bells available: St. Mary's (8) 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; Llanfaes (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Chapter House. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by June 10th. 1634

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Half-annual meeting. Blockley (afternoon) and Chipping Campden (evening). July 1st. 1641

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Evnon 1, D. R. Manton 2, D. W. Manton (cond.) 3, G. Holman 4, R. R. Churchill 5. To mark the coming of age of G. Holman.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. G. East (first quarter) 1, R. Allinson 2, M. Willis (first four methods) 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.—On May 13th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): I. P. Cox 1, P. Devrell 2, R. L. Coles 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, J. E. Newman 5, J. H. Thompson 6.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Mrs. J. Poulter 1, Miss M. Simmonds 2, T. Bird (cond.) 3, C. Hardy 4, F. Roper 5, R. Thredgold 6.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End).—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Lamb 1, D. Whent 2, D. Cobb 3, K. B. Good (cond.) 4, P. Schaffe 5, M. Bushell 6.

BRASTED, KENT.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Reddick (first quarter) 1, J. R. Palmer 2, J. M. Corby 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. P. Sherlock 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reeve 1, P. Goodwin (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Ivings 3, D. Reeve 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Dixon 1, T. Timms 2, G. J. Collett 3, R. Jarvis 4, J. Benfield 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 7, I. Harris 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, K. Butler 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Bucher 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Gale (first quarter) 1, I. H. Trueman 2, W. R. Gilks (cond.) 3, K. Jacobs 4, D. R. Fallick 5, J. Page 6.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, W. Harper 3, Howard Meek 4, G. Higgins 5, Harold Meek 6. First "inside" 3 and 5. For morning service by tower members.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cockrill 1, Wendy S. Austin 2, Patricia Winch 3, G. Kenward 4, J. E. Clark 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, B. E. Jemmett 8. First Triples 1 and 3.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 coverings): Mary Linsell (first quarter Minor) 1, H. W. Watts 2, D. R. Hutley (first Minor "inside") 3, P. C. Warboys (cond.) 4, K. Westwood 5, T. A. Camp 6, D. J. Cheeseman 7. A compliment to the treble ringer, on her engagement and 21st birthday, also birthday of the ringer of 3.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Bishop 1, C. F. Mutton (first of Triples as cond.) 2, H. Heard 3, D. M. C. Hill 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey 6, C. Bishop 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. A birthday compliment to J. Hicks, captain of Marhamchurch tower.

WILTON Taunton, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. J. Beale 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, Miss L. M. Emmett 4, R. F. Arscott 5, F. Avery 6, K. E. Beale (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8.

WONSTON, HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,360 Spliced Plain Minor (nine methods): T. Matcham 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, W. R. Gilks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. First by all the band.

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