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BACKGROUND TO R.W. DEBATE

THE resignations of Dennis Beresford and George Pipe from "The Ringing World" Committee, accompanied by long speeches indicating that they found the atmosphere of the committee intolerable for harmonious working together, gave rise to widespread regret at the Central Council meeting and the feeling that there was something hidden which should be made public.

There is no denying the fact that the committee got off to a bad, one might even say a calamitous, start. Elected on May 31st at Bath, with a widespread feeling of expectation after George Pipe had announced his 20 points for improving the paper (which were undisclosed), it was not until October 8th that the committee held its first meeting at Derby. A month before the date George Pipe admitted to the Editor that his part was completed but he could not get the financial sections. Letters were arriving from a restive public making accusations of indolence. A meeting took place between the Editor and Mr. Beresford on September 19th, when the Editor unreservedly answered his questions and gave his comments on a mock make-up received that day from Mr. Pipe.

On the Thursday before the Saturday meeting the report arrived. It was studied by the Editor, but it must be admitted that not every member of the committee had digested it. There were accusations made by one member against Mr. Pipe and Mr. Beresford that the Bath debate had been specially engineered to create a new committee and in doing so Mr. Hairs lost his seat. George Pipe walked out of the meeting and did not return that day.

A sober committee made progress. It heard Mr. Beresford expound the Pipe plan, it made progress in planning the outline of the Mancroft issue of December 9th, it settled on the lettering of a new title from specimens prepared by George Pipe and accepted Denis Bayles' offer to write some light features and prepare a crossword. Most of the committee felt it would be disastrous at this stage if George Pipe were to leave. Individual appeals were made to him and to his credit he set about collecting suitable pictures for the front page, including that of the Christmas scene at Mancroft.

It must be remembered that apart from the six elected members, "The Ringing World" Committee has two ex-officio members—Mr. Vernon Bottomley and Mr. Douglas Hughes. Mr. Bottomley sent a personal letter to each member asking them to pull together for the good of the paper and when the second meeting took place on January 28th there was a better atmosphere. A policy was decided to produce a certain number of cover issues in relation to the printers' estimates. George Pipe went through his mock make-up and the Editor explained what he had incorporated and what was either impracticable or not advisable.

For example, the Editor adhered to a principle previously adopted that peals should open the second half of the paper to be followed by quarter peals, if possible, and notices. The majority of the committee agreed with this view, but Mr. Pipe thought better treatment would be narrower columns. He wanted a half page advertisement on second page of cover—so far not procurable—and notices on page 3 of cover—not possible because covers are printed earlier than the main paper and the notice columns are the last to close. But the Editor is appreciative of Mr. Pipe's efforts to introduce new contributors.

The birth pangs of the census, the idea of Mr. Beresford, were acute. There were four different drafts and in the end the Editor had to decide taking this and that from four different versions and pleasing no one. It was Mr. Pipe's idea that the census paper should be accompanied by a wonderful issue visualising the future—handbells, call changes, beginners' article, compositions, technical feature and, of course, news and peals and quarter peals. Frankly, it could not be done through two reasons: it would involve a sacrifice of news which, coming at a busy time of the year with many Guild annuals, was unwise, and secondly it was more than one pair of hands could tackle. At first the printers said they could not introduce the census inset and the cover in the same issue. It was left to the Editor to persuade them and secondly he wanted readers to judge what had been accomplished since Christmas with a series of very good issues and not a feature one in which news had been sacrificed.

In a sense the Editor is the nigger in the woodpile of Messrs. Pipe and Beresford, and there was a complaint to the Council about the Editor's prerogative. The Editor's view, and it has been backed up by some of the committee, is that the £10,000 capital accumulated during the 20 odd years of his Editorship should not be dissipated. This does not mean that no capital should be employed in its expansion policy. "The Ringing World" Committee has to plan what can be accomplished by a full time Editor and a half time editorial assistant, mainly employed on postal subscribers and wrappers. These tinted cover issues cost £40 a week extra and if the paper used on the first cover was employed it would be an additional £14. If for every one of these 20 page issues we could get 25 new annual subscribers we should be nearly meeting the cost. We want all those who have on their forms promised to find a new subscriber to get cracking—these new subscribers must be forthcoming. This will be the main channel of our new revenue. We also want somebody to accept responsibility for getting advertisements.

While the cause of resignations was incompatibility to work with the committee, both admitted that they could not continue at the pace they were going for "The Ringing World" as they were facing increasing demands on the time of their official positions and were both Masters of important ringing Guilds. For their services and enthusiasm the Editor is truly grateful and their promise of continued help is acknowledged with gratitude.

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The Central Council

Messrs. Pipe and Beresford leave "R.W." Committee

Unable to Work with Other Members

Reconsideration Appeals by Council Rejected

Messrs. G. W. Pipe and D. Beresford, the authors of the 13-page document for a brighter and better "Ringing World" and the originators of the census form have resigned from the committee because they were unable to work with other members. Their decision was the main feature of the Council meeting.

They complained of the spirit of bitterness and resentment that pervaded at all meetings; the committee's report was classified by them as a second edition of the fairy tales of Hans Andersen; the Editor exercised his prerogative in not publishing an issue as they wanted it.

The convener refused to enter into an acrimonious debate. His report was adopted but with an amendment that at the next meeting a statement be made of the measures taken and plans made to widen the appeal of the journal.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

THE Council will recall that at the last meeting a lengthy debate took place concerning the paper, its contents, and appeal, and the fact of the moderate but progressive increases in circulation.

Attention of the Council is drawn to the following average weekly circulation figures:—

1965	5,590 copies
1966	5,646 copies

In some quarters the view is held that given a "new look" more readers could possibly be attracted.

Additional members were added to the committee which met on one occasion before the end of 1966. At that meeting many angles were discussed.

Meetings are continuing, new features have been introduced, but it will be appreciated that careful consideration and planning is necessary before the introduction of major changes. Costs continue to rise and future policy must to a considerable extent be determined in the light of income.

At a recent meeting of the committee the result of the census was considered but Council will appreciate that the information derived from the census now requires careful and detailed examination.

Your committee continue to pursue their examination of all aspects of "The Ringing World" always bearing in mind the needs of the Exercise and this Council.

The committee also again wish to place on record their sincere thanks to the Editor, Mr. I. W. White, for all his work for the paper. The committee also wish to thank Mr. White's assistant at Guildford and Mr. J. E. Jester for continuing to deal so competently with the accounting work.

R. S. Anderson (convener).

NOT UNANIMOUS

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in moving the adoption of the report, said he would like to say that while it was signed by him, it was a unanimous report of the meeting.

Mr. G. W. Pipe: The committee did not agree unanimously to signing that report.

Mr. D. Beresford: The situation regarding this report is that at the last meeting of the committee the report was presented at which there was a very strong protest from George Pipe. Unfortunately the committee decided to accept the report and George Pipe and myself abstained from voting. The reason is there is nothing in it from which to dissent; indeed, there is nothing in it.

"I would like to say that the argument about 'The Ringing World' goes back at least to Northampton, where there was a strong move to get a brighter and better paper and this culminated at Bath, when 'The Ringing World' Committee was given a clear mandate of what to do.

13-PAGE REPORT

"George Pipe and I have had a lot of discussion with ringers all over the country in trying to put forward constructive views. We put forward our views in a letter to com-

mittee members four weeks after the meeting at Bath for discussion before plans were laid. The holidays prevented that meeting and it was decided to have a preliminary meeting in October. To that, George Pipe and I produced a 13-page paper which was a detailed study concerning form, finances, organisation of committee with responsibilities for certain sections, and new ideas, technical news, call changes. It covered a new set-up of scope and format—not rigid, but as varied as possible so that there is something weekly or fortnightly which we think people would expect to find. There have been two meetings at which it was discussed.

"I would like to mention that the reception by the Editor was a stimulating review, very well presented and detailed; by members of the committee as 'this rubbish and containing nothing new.'

VICIOUS ATTACK

"This spirit of bitterness and resentment has pervaded all the meetings. I don't want to wash dirty linen in public but George Pipe and I have had an unpleasant experience. There was a vicious attack on the integrity of both of us as a result of the Bath debate. This was a gross abuse of privilege in attacking and being allowed by other members present to attack members of a committee elected by this Council."

Mr. Beresford also complained of the censorship of letters and particularly of a letter George Pipe wrote, which was refused publication. "What George Pipe and I have done is to follow the mandate given by the Council. The Council elected the whole committee, not just George Pipe and myself, but there have been no new ideas from the other members whatever.

"Then we move on to the census, which was a tremendous encouragement to us. We had some very encouraging remarks. We wanted to publish a typical issue as George Pipe had planned. It was the Editor's prerogative to say 'No'. In our view, the issue detracted somewhat from its value, but nevertheless it was a very worthwhile result.

800 CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS

"From the census we have some very valuable views. As to statistical details, we had 1,400 replies, which represents 25 per cent. of the circulation. This is good from any standard and from a technical paper it would be good at 10 per cent. There were 800 different constructive ideas and views. All these are being sifted and the recommendations prepared. I am very grateful for all the help that has been given; these will provide stimulating ideas for a long time.

"George Pipe and I are not so naive as to think we have all the answers or the perfect solution or time. These things cannot be done overnight. But with imagination, drive and the will to co-operate these things can be done, but these ingredients must all be present. However, this is not the situation this year, and George and I do not feel able to accept this situation for a further two years. I hope what we have done will bear fruit. I would advise the Council very strongly against any rash action in regard to

the committee. Our only interest is in the future of 'The Ringing World' and it is essential that nothing should detract from this."

Mr. G. W. Pipe said he would like to support Mr. Beresford 150 per cent. I would like members to recall that at Bath I was sincerely grateful to the Editor and the committee for what they had done in the past. As Dennis Beresford had said, the Council had expressed a wish that "The Ringing World" needed a fresh look and that there was a lot of dissatisfaction.

NEEDED A FACE-LIFT

One of the mistakes he made at Bath was that he did not make clear to the Council what his 20 ideas were. He only mentioned them very briefly, as this was the most important aspect of the Council. It was the only paper of its kind and the only means of communication, and it needed a face-lift and a cover. Even "The Times" needed a face-lift and when it had one it increased its circulation by 70,000. But he was told that it not only needed a face-lift but 24-page issues—and they could fill them.

Mr. Pipe said he wanted to thank those people who had contributed by writing articles. They recommended an increase in advertisements and a half-page for call change ringers, with a special appeal to those in the West Country. He also wanted a column for hand-bell ringers and he had a letter from America offering an article monthly and guaranteeing a circulation of 100 copies extra. He also suggested a technical page.

"THIS LOT OF RUBBISH"

This report was described by a member of the committee as "this daub, this lot of rubbish." That took 100 hours of our time and not the design of the cover. Then there was a letter from Ronald H. Dove, accusing us of fooling the Exercise. "I am inclined to agree with him; the Exercise was fooled, but not by me. Our aim was to have a better looking paper. You members of the Council have not seen what we can do. We wanted a really special issue, but it was not produced."

As to the convener's report, "this was a second edition of the fairy tales by Hans Andersen." He enjoyed doing the work and working with Mr. Beresford. He wanted to do everything in his power to improve and help "The Ringing World," but not as a member of the committee.

Mr. J. Hartless (Winchester and Portsmouth): Can we know what other members of the committee think about this apparently misleading document?

Mr. W. G. Wilson said the report of the committee was for 1966; most of what they heard was for 1967.

Mrs. Staniforth thought the report should cover 12 months. The census mentioned in the report was not done until 1967. Some things have been vetted which should have been printed.

Mr. R. Diserens: May I propose that we adopt the report but ask the two dissentients to present a minority report to be presented at the next meeting? He felt that their work should go on record.

The President: Mr. Beresford and Mr. Pipe had had an opportunity to present a minority report and that is just what they have done.

Mr. Philip Gray (Australian and New Zealand Association) said he thought the feeling at Bath was to ask the committee to have a jolly good look at "The Ringing World" and see what could be done to improve it. At one stage in the debate it was proposed that they should have a separate committee to do just that. That was not approved because it was rightly felt that it should be done by one body—the committee. "We come to Nottingham and we are where we started; we still have not had a report from those who form the committee as to what can be done."

"R.W." DEBATE—continued.

COMMITTEE ASKED TO REPORT

Mr. Gray continued that he would like to suggest that the Council consider an amendment:

"Whilst accepting the report presented, this Council request 'The Ringing World' Committee specifically to include in its report to the 1968 Council meeting a statement on the measures it had taken and the plans it has made for widening the appeal of 'The Ringing World' to all sections of the ringing community."

The Rev J. G. M. Scott seconded Mr. Gray's amendment. He said it was quite clear in electing the committee, which they did, they were asking for some ideas to be put forward for improving "The Ringing World." This seemed to be regarded as criticism and offended some members of the committee, who took the presence of the two new members as an insult to themselves. If this was so it was a terrible pity. He hoped that their ideas would be put on paper.

SMOTHER SOMETHING

Mr. Bernard Ashford (Worcestershire and Districts Association): It seems that there is some attempt to smother something. In the old days what we have heard today would be sufficient to set the room on fire.

Mr. John Seager (Yorkshire Association): Messrs. Beresford and Pipe have gone to a lot of trouble to put forward ideas. I propose that they prepare a minority report.

Mr. W. J. Wilson: People who have resigned cannot be asked to present a minority report when they are no longer members of the committee.

Mr. A. V. David (Winchester and Portsmouth) asked if the Council accepted the resignations. "Do get together, chaps; you were elected for three years. I ask the old brigade to listen to the younger. I ask you for the sake of 'The Ringing World' to withdraw your resignations so that next year we shall have not two reports but one report from a committee that has got down to it."

Mr. N. Chaddock (Sheffield and District Society) then came to the platform and recited the ringers' prayer.

Mr. J. R. Anderson said he told the Standing Committee the previous evening that he would not indulge in an acrimonious debate. The committee was elected at the wish of the Council for three years and the two members were accepted. He would like to say in self-defence it took from the Bath meeting until late October to fix the committee meeting.

The first committee meeting was not entirely harmonious, nevertheless there was work done despite the absence of one member. The second meeting was in January and the main topic was the census. The census, as they had been told, had been successful as regard replies—25 per cent.

At the last meeting of the committee the report was adopted and it dealt with affairs until December 31st, as was the custom of the Council. A brief résumé of the census was given to the committee by Mr. Beresford and as to what they were going to say they would have to wait until they got the final result.

MUST CONSOLIDATE

One cannot alter the face of any publication overnight. They had worked for some years to make it progressive but they must consolidate as they went. They would see from the report that there had been an increase of 56 copies during 1966, but at least they were regular subscribers. Most of the progressive work had been done in 1957.

"I have been accused previously of submitting long reports and making it a meeting of shareholders. I tried to avoid that this time."

Mr. Gray's amendment was then read out to the committee and Canon Felstead asked if they could expect the withdrawals of the two resignations before they voted.

Mr. G. W. Pipe: All I will do is to repeat the last half of the comment I made just now. I am prepared to work just as hard in the interests of "The Ringing World" and the Exercise. I will continue to collate articles and information and pass them on to the Editor, but I am not prepared in any way to reconsider my resignation.

Mr. Beresford: I will only repeat the last sentence of my resignation. I do not see any change in the attitude of the committee and I wish to tender my resignation.

The Council then voted on Mr. Gray's amendment, which was carried, only 12 voting against.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: Surely we have accepted the report by passing the amendment.

The report with Mr. Gray's amendment was then put to the meeting and carried by 85 votes to 25.

Mr. W. Butler asked how many letters were withheld from publication and for what reason.

The Editor replied that in a normal week three or four letters were not published. During the time before the committee met he received instructions from the convener that letters on the subject should not be published.

NEWS BEFORE FEATURES

It must be remembered that in whatever was planned the Editor's decision was final and what appeared was governed by circumstances during the week. News was the vital thing and it had to have priority over features. For example, there might be a page of deaths or an extra page of peals and the consequence would be that one of the features Mr. Pipe wanted would have to be held over. Where possible, suggestions made by Mr. Pipe and Mr. Beresford had been fitted in. "The Ringing World" today was very different from what it was at Bath. The circulation was rising and some weeks exceeded 5,800.

Mr. P. A. Corby (Kent County Association) stated that he was one of Mr. White's supporters, but his remarks were not entirely a full representation of the events of last year. Letters were published on arguments going on to improve the paper. Replies should also be published. He wrote a letter not provocative, asking that letters against should also be published. The Editor told him that the letter had been sent to the convener. He could only conclude that letters were sent and not published.

Mr. J. Seager: Next year we ought to know what was done so that we can get both sides before us.

The President: It has been suggested to me that you raise this under "any other business."

Mr. N. Harding (Norwich Diocesan Association): We are surely dealing with a serious matter and we are not dealing with it in a proper way. We have not heard in detail from other members of the committee. This Council has a right to know why Beresford and Pipe are not agreeing.

Mr. J. M. Jelley (Leicester Diocesan Guild) asked that the papers of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe be published in "The Ringing World" so that all could study them.

Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association): Last year we agreed to have six members on "The Ringing World" Committee. We have now two vacancies.

Mr. J. S. Mason: Having disposed of the report I move that we pass to 8 (c). (The next committee report.)

Mr. E. Hodson (Yorkshire Association) asked if it was the responsibility of the Council or the committee to fill vacancies.

Mr. R. S. Anderson: If the Council has any confidence with the remainder of the committee we are prepared to continue and do our best if the Council will give us permission to co-opt. (Cries of "No, no.")

Mr. Anderson: If the Council has no confidence we had better resign en bloc.

Mr. J. Barrett (Salisbury Guild) asked who accepted the resignations.

The president replied that if a member resigned they could not compel him to remain. Perhaps it would not be in the best interest to fill vacancies just because they became vacant.

There was a return to "Ringing World" affairs under "any other business" to consider Mr. John Seager's proposal that Messrs. Beresford and Pipe prepare a minority report.

Mr. Diserens said they would then have two reports side by side with "The Ringing World" report for the next meeting.

FRIGHTFUL CHAOS

Mr. Philip Gray: I am dead against it. The committee have to advise us how it is to be run. It is not for us. If we have two reports we shall be in a frightful chaos.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: There is nothing to prevent anyone putting forward views provided they could get them printed in "The Ringing World."

Mr. C. K. Lewis supported Mr. Gray's view. Messrs. Pipe and Beresford could circulate views as private members at their own expense.

Mr. J. M. Jelley said they could not be expected to vote intelligently on something they knew little about. It should be published in "The Ringing World."

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott: This information was handed to "The Ringing World" Committee, therefore in the possession of the committee. All we are asking is to put it in our own possession.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock (North Wales): Have we no Standing Orders about the filling of vacancies? If not, the Standing Committee should consider some procedure.

Mr. F. Sharpe: There is a vast difference in filling vacancies by death and by resignation.

Dr. Woodcock: There should be some procedure either by permission to co-opt or some other way.

A FINAL APPEAL

Mr. F. E. Perrens: I still feel the simplest and most acceptable way is for the two members to reconsider their decision.

Mr. A. D. Barker (London County Association) supported Mr. Perrens.

Mr. G. R. Pipe: Both Dennis Beresford and I appreciate the point about working outside the committee. We did not ask to be elected but it was the Council's wish. We tried very hard to work inside. We had three meetings and an intense bitterness prevailed. Here is the 13-page document. We are in the process of analysing the results of the census, and we shall make it available. We have thought about it; it is not a rash decision, but we cannot work within the committee.

The President: I think we ought to offer our warmest possible thanks to the committee and also our warmest possible thanks to Mr. Pipe and Mr. Beresford for what they have done.

The motion of Mr. Seager's was then defeated.

Footnote.—The Editor feels that there was a misapprehension over his answer to the question on letters not published. While in a normal week there might be three or four, very many letters were held over on two subjects—the contemplated report and the cover design. Some weeks we could have filled our reading space with letters to the exclusion of ordinary news. Letters must be kept brief. There are still another four pages of the Nottingham meeting to come so other news and letters will have to be abbreviated.

We learn that the learners' practice at Buxton on May 20th was very successful, with an attendance of about 40—about double the usual number at Southern Division, Sussex Association, practice meetings.

False Information Strongly Condemned

THERE was a sympathetic Council when Mr. W. G. Wilson submitted the first motion:

"That this Council deprecates most strongly the deliberate submission of false information for publication in 'The Ringing World,' and asks all Associations and individual ringers to do all they can to stop this practice before serious harm is caused to the Exercise and its journal."

Mr. Wilson started on a personal note recalling that it was 30 years ago that he made his first speech to the Council; he was very nervous indeed. He imagined that everybody in the room would agree with the terms of this motion and believed it was the Council's duty to give a lead in things which should be done and should be very firm in things which should not be done.

The whole of the Exercise was based on truth—in their records and performances and what they put in about them. It was up to them there and their leaders in their Associations to see that a code of truth was maintained. This irresponsible attitude which had grown up would undermine much they stood for.

Giving incidents, Mr. Wilson mentioned the peal at Great Milton, when the names of three well-known ringers and five Rolling Stones were submitted. Some of those names had lately appeared in police court proceedings.

Last autumn there was the Eleanor Spriggs affair and the name of a member of his Association (London County) was linked with it. The story was actually in print when a chance telephone call to the Editor about half an hour before going to press enabled the report and other things to be cut out. They considered libel action but decided for the good of the Exercise not to proceed. The two people concerned offered to put an apology in "The Ringing World." Unfortunately "The Ringing World" Committee decided against giving them extra publicity, and regarded it as a childish prank, and that if they did not give publicity hoaxes would cease.

"I will not give you any names," continued Mr. Wilson. "I was criticised when I sent this motion in because 'The Ringing World' Committee had decided not to print the apology. This action cannot be regarded as a childish prank as the persons concerned were not children, but were receiving higher education at our expense."

Within a few weeks there was a peal rung in Norfolk composed by a non-existent person. Inquiries by the Peals Analysis convener showed that it was a true peal but the composer's name was not. The same man's name appeared in the visitors book of the Society concerned with this motion.

Since then there had been further hoaxes. There was one at Much Hadham and there was a handbell peal in which the names of characters from a publication called "Private Eye" appeared. The Editor got a letter suggesting he ought to have recognised the names. When he was young he had neither the time nor the money for "Private Eye," and now certainly no inclination. Another letter received stated: "What appals me is that our paper should have been linked with such a blatant, anti-Christian and lewd publication."

Other hoaxes had been picked up by the Editor. They were also using the names of well-known ringers. A man could get into serious trouble when it was alleged that he was somewhere else.

"This has to be stopped; but can it? You can stop it, and my second, Mr. Rogers, will deal with that. We could stop it at 'The Ringing World' end by insisting that every item is vetted by a responsible officer of each Association. It might cost us £800 a year or £1,000 a year but it could be done. I don't think you want 'The Ringing World' Committee to do this as it involves delays in publication, but if it continues it must be done as a last resort.

"It may be that these hoaxes have come as a part of a sniping campaign against 'The

Ringing World.' If it continues it will affect the Peals Analysis Committee and the Records Committee. In 'The Ringing World' this week we are told, sir, of your latest public address in which you have taken the opportunity, as we have come to expect, of stressing the Church side of our art. In my writings I have tried to do the same. But how can you or I or anyone else do this when these disgraceful occurrences continue?"

Mr. H. W. Rogers (London County Association) said they must face facts and not hide behind these people. "Some of us ring peals and believe what we read in 'The Ringing World' to be true and complete peals. I need brains, though twisted, to do these things. The sensible way is for Association officers, to see that the culprits are expelled from membership of their Associations and the facts stated in 'The Ringing World.' This must be completely and unreservedly condemned. Some of these are known to Association officers and when it comes to taking action against them do not be influenced by old school ties or the colours of a university in the action you should take. I hope we shall get a completely unanimous vote in our condemnation of this disgusting action."

Asked if the peal with a false composer was included in the analysis, Mr. Walter Ayre said he wrote to the person who was supposed to have conducted the peal but got no reply. Mr. White had been in touch with Mr. Nolan Golden, who said it was a true peal and it would therefore be included in the analysis.

Mr. W. Cook, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, said he was vaguely aware of this but it seemed to be more widespread than he realised. How many peals were there? Did they come from a small group or were they widespread?

Mr. Nolan Golden (Norwich Association) said he inquired about the Saxlingham peal and its composition which was sent to him. It was known to everyone. He also inquired of the local ringers and they said it was truly rung. Only the conductor was not a resident ringing member of the Norwich Association.

Mr. H. L. Roper supported the motion and asked if the names of the people were known. If so, they should be published in "The Ringing World."

Mr. W. Parrott (Surrey Association) said if all peals submitted to "The Ringing World" were sent through the Association secretary they would be spotted before they got into "The Ringing World."

Mr. A. D. Barker thought the Council should give a lead.

Mr. D. A. Bayles: If I had been the perpetrator of a hoax I would have obtained great satisfaction from this debate. I propose we move on to the next business.

A voice: It is a coward's way of proceeding. Mr. F. T. Blagrove objected to dragging in names and also those of a Society, although he was in favour of the motion.

Mr. R. A. Anderson: I suggest on a point of order it should be put to the meeting.

Mr. P. A. Corby: Tell us why it is out of order.

Mr. Bottomley: It should not be moved by someone who has just made a speech.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed moved, and Mr. G. W. Pipe seconded, that the Council move to the next business.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: Does it mean that it falls to the ground?

The President: No, it means that we shall vote on the motion.

When the motion was eventually put to the meeting it was carried, there being only one vote against.

Record Sales of C.C. Publications

HON LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ONCE again I am able to report a record concerning the sale of publications—the number sold this year reaching a record total of 6,700, of which more than half were "Beginners' Handbooks."

During the year we have had a reprint of "Preservation of Bells" and "Beginners' Handbook" and the new collection of "Popular Major Compositions"—the sales of which are promising—became available in September. The Exercise owes a deep debt of gratitude to the member of the Peals Collection Committee for compiling this most useful collection of compositions.

May I appeal to members of the Council to help us by persuading ringers, when ordering publications, to write their names and addresses in block capitals.

The thanks of the Council are due to those concerned for the following presentations: Photostat copy of E. H. Lewis's work on Towers and Forces, D. Hughes; Church Bells of Cardiganshire, F. Sharpe; Change Ringing, W. G. Wilson; Australia—Maurice Berry, St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, Melbourne; Method Structure in Change Ringing Part II, A. E. C. York-Bramble; Copies of Irish Bell News, F. E. Dukes.

Thanks to the co-operation of Mr. W. Pitcher we now have a centre for the sale of our publications in Australia. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Pitcher and trust that his help will be a real benefit to our fellow ringers down under.

No doubt all members of the Council will realise that Mr. R. F. B. Speed has now relinquished the sales section of the Library, but I wonder how many realise how indebted the Exercise is to him and his wife for the tremendous amount of work and time they must have devoted during the past nine years in disposing of over 36,000 of the Council's

publications involving a turnover of over £2,400. We must say the heartiest possible "THANK YOU" for the work they have done so efficiently during these years, during which time the yearly sales have increased by well over 400 per cent and the income therefrom by nearly 400 per cent. I am most grateful to Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward for taking over this section of the Library, a job which entails almost daily attention.

Frank W. Perrens, Hon. Librarian.

SALE DURING 1966

	Copies sold	Value at cost £ s. d.
Preservation of Bells	173	41 16 6
Beginners' Handbook	3,436	341 3 7
Popular Major Methods	126	115 1 10
False Course Heads	57	12 2 3
Minor Methods	364	100 5 10
Stedman Compositions	109	41 14 9
Doubles Methods	170	50 9 0
Ringing for Service	149	50 10 11
On Conducting	182	35 18 5
C.C. Handbook	111	31 15 3
Method Sheets—D.N.C.B.M.	30	8 11 0
Ditto—Triples	73	5 9 0
Collection of Peals—Sec. III	37	1 6 6
Card—Care of Bells	92	18 9
Model Rules	45	5 6 3
Electrical Switchgear Card	12	3 2 9
Four-way Minor Table	114	13 17 0
Recruiting Leaflet	478	3 2 7
Handbell Ringing	223	43 7 4
Grandsire Caters	119	24 2 5
Surprise Methods	296	71 8 4
Ditto—Composition (Wratten)		107 5 0
		£1,108 15 3

Mr. F. W. Perrens moved the adoption and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded and the report was adopted.

Peal Reports and Voluntary Contributions

Drastic action with the object of producing a regular income for "The Ringing World" was the object of a motion proposed by Mr. W. Butler, which read:

"That all peal reports will continue to be published in 'The Ringing World' but only those accompanied by a peal fee of 2d per word will be published in the present style."

Mr. Butler said he felt rather diffident about this motion because we had had several motions that charges be made for peal reports and these had been rejected by the Council.

"I have heard it said by a great many peal ringers that as they buy 'The Ringing World' they are entitled to have their names published. I, personally, do not agree with this. An argument is that records kept would not be complete if peals were charged for as some people would not send them up. Another point is that peals are news, but when peals are published in a local paper they are set very differently. Those that appear in 'The Ringing World' are set in the form of an advertisement and I think people should pay for it.

"Who is going to suffer by such an arrangement? The Editor, he would have to register the peals. Secondly, those who compiled the peals analysis and would have extra work to do. Thirdly, the people who ring peals and like to see them in print.

"Who will benefit? First and foremost everyone would benefit. With rising costs, the cost of producing 'The Ringing World' will rise in the coming year. That cost must be obtained somewhere and any increase in the selling price is offset by the decrease in the number of subscribers."

Mr. Butler said he had been told that the scheme was impracticable. He had examined a large number of peals and the average price was very much the same, 8s. for six bells, 9s. for eight bells, 10s. for ten bells and for 12 bells, plus money for footnotes. The average cost today to print a peal in the present form was from 10s. to 16s.

Seconding, Mr. N. Diserens, also of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, reminded the Council that "The Ringing World" was their paper and it was up to them to decide how it was to be run and financed. The accounts showed a profit of about £800, and of that £600 came from donations. He would like to see the paper run on a more businesslike footing. Possibly in the next two or three years the price of production would have increased and it would mean that either the price would be put up or peals printed in smaller type, like quarter peals. "I do not think we should wait until 'The Ringing World' is in the red. I feel that the time to act is now."

Mr. P. Walker (Oxford Diocesan Guild) said his immediate reaction was that the proposal would not work. To set all peal reports in two different types and to expect the Editor to check each peal before he could print it was quite ridiculous. He would like to propose an amendment:

(1) That all peals should be published in the form of a paragraph but kept under the headings of Associations.

(2) That the sum of 2s. 6d. should be sent with each peal report.

In the Oxford Guild peals were published in paragraph form. At first he did not think very much of it. It is now accepted and there were no complaints. From a financial point of view the normal amount would be £9 a week or £450 a year.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott seconded the amendment and said the Guild of Devonshire

Ringers discussed this at its meeting on the previous Saturday. He put forward a similar motion last year to a very tired Council after the reception. He knew then, when he got on his hind legs, that he had no chance, but they would go on trying.

Mr. G. Dodds (Herts County Association) wondered if Mr. Ayre would find his work on the analysis more difficult if the peals were in paragraph form. Certainly in his Association, where they were printed in paragraph form, they found it difficult. He would personally prefer the peals to be printed as at present.

Mr. Brian Threlfall (Cambridge University) said the point he wished to make covered the original motion and also the amendment. He felt that in asking the Council to make a decision they were tying the hands of "The Ringing World" Committee. He did not think they should elect such a committee and tell them what to do. He thought it was time they had a fair system of charging for peals and quarter peals.

Mr. W. Moreton (Yorkshire Association): The recent census which has been carried out may give some indication.

Mr. D. Beresford (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: From the recent census over 70 per cent would not like to see peals in quarter peal form.

Mr. D. R. Carlisle (Derbyshire Association) said his Association had a peal booking fee and very nearly 100 per cent. of peals were paid for. He thought "The Ringing World" Committee could handle this if they made a recommendation for a peal fee without any mandatory requirements. It would be a good compromise.

Mr. C. E. Pipe (Suffolk Guild) said if "The Ringing World" needed further financial assistance to print peals, at the end of the year each Association should send a donation of, say, 6d. per ringer of each peal. He thought that each ringer standing in a peal should pay 2s. Of this, 1s. would go to the church and 1s. to the Association, and at the end of the year the Association should send 6d. to "The Ringing World."

Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association) said some years ago the "Irish Bell News," of which he was editor, published peals in the present form. For economy reasons they reduced the peals to paragraph form. Now they put them in smaller type and they occupied about a quarter of the space. He mentioned this because the Irish ringers wanted to see more news than peals.

Mr. Trevor Roderick (Llandaff and Monmouth Association) suggested that the resolution was too loosely worded. Would there be a maximum amount?

Mr. H. L. Roper moved an amendment that consideration be left to "The Ringing World" Committee and if necessary a report be submitted to the next meeting.

This was carried by only about eight votes. Mr. S. Ivins (Oxford University Society) asked if it would be possible to have some vote in favour of a charge or not.

Mr. R. S. Anderson asked if Mr. Roper would accept the comment in "The Ringing World" report to save time next year.

Mr. Roper: I think it might be included in the report.

Miss M. R. Cross (Universities Association) asked on a point of order if the amendment should not be put to the meeting.

Mr. Eric Critchley (Yorkshire Association) supported Mr. Ivins, stating it would be a valuable lead to "The Ringing World" Committee.

About half voted for and half against.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S CARILLON GIFT

There was unanimous support for a resolution asking both the British and Australian Governments to include bells hung for ringing in the English manner in the £250,000 gift from the British Government of a tower and bells for Canberra to mark its 50 years as capital of Australia.

Introducing the subject, the president said the president of the Australian and New Zealand Association had written to them asking for support to their plea that bells be hung for ringing in the carillon. Letters had passed between him and the Minister for the Commonwealth, the Deputy High Commissioner for Australia and their architectural advisers.

Mr. F. Sharpe said the matter was discussed by the Standing Committee the previous evening and a draft resolution had been suggested in these terms. He thought everyone would agree that it would be highly desirable if they could influence a change both at Westminster and Canberra. The resolution reads:

"The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, representing all the ringers of the Commonwealth and the English-speaking world, unanimously support the plea that eight or more of the bells of the Canberra carillon are hung for ringing in full circle in the English manner."

Mr. Philip Gray (Australian and New Zealand Association) seconded the resolution and said Canberra was a very delightful city. The carillon was to be placed on an island in Lake Birley Griffith. There were no bells hung for ringing in Canberra, the nearest were at Yass, 35 miles away.

Mrs. Staniforth (Leicester Diocesan Guild) said the Minister for the Commonwealth, Mr. Herbert Bowden, lived within the Leicester Diocese and she suggested a personal approach.

Mr. T. J. Lock, leader of Great Adventure II, said an enthusiasm already prevailed in Canberra for ringing bells. There was a church in Canberra where the ringers chime changes of London, Superlative and Stedman. He was sure if the facilities were provided there were enough people in Canberra, under the leadership of Col. Watch, who would soon be ringing the eight bells.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

It was left to the Council to determine the date of the next Council meeting, at Worcester. Mr. D. Beacham secretary of the Worcestershire & Districts Association, said immediately the Council accepted their invitation to come to Worcester they set about making preliminary arrangements. He moved that the date be the Tuesday after Whit Sunday (June 4th).

Mr. W. B. Cartwright seconded. Mr. P. A. Corby: If we accept this perhaps the next meeting could be on a Saturday.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott considered that it would be a very dangerous thing to change to a Saturday, as it would preclude a large number ringing in their own tower on the Sunday.

The date was agreed to.

1967 MEETING

The secretary said that last year there was an invitation from the Hertford County Association to visit them in 1971. They would now like to bring forward their invitation to 1969.

Mr. Walter Ayre: It gives me the greatest pleasure to invite the Council to Hertfordshire in 1969.

Mr. R. G. Bell seconded. There were no other invitations and the Council accordingly agreed to accept the invitation.

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Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee

I. Week-end and Day Courses:

During the year several inquiries for advice about course organisation have been dealt with and in the following courses this committee has had a good deal of responsibility:

1. Course/Conference for Instructors and Tower Captains, at Selby in March, when Mr. W. F. Moreton was one of the joint organisers. About 70 ringers attended.
2. The fourth annual week-end course at Hereford, organised by Mr. Moreton and the Hereford Guild. Attendance was approximately 35.
3. The seventh annual week-end course at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, organised by Mr. N. Chaddock. About 35 attended.
4. The first week-end course in Lincolnshire (Brant Broughton College and Youth Centre), organised by Mr. H. Radley and Mr. N. Chaddock and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. 37 attended.

Courses 1, 2 and 3 above are definitely to be repeated this year and details will appear in "The Ringing World."

In all the above courses emphasis has been on "learning and teaching" aspects since we are convinced that the greatest present need is a larger number of competent tutors.

II. Washington Film:

This film has been out on hire ten times since the last Council meeting. Requests for it tend to be concentrated in the winter season of Association dinners. The charge for hire has been increased from 25s. to 27s. 6d. to cover recent increases in postal charges. It is still in excellent condition for both sound and vision.

Now that it is almost paid for it is suggested that its use by Association officials on propaganda visits to Theological Colleges be allowed on payment of postage dues only, subject otherwise to the usual conditions of hire. Anyone interested should write to the convener.

III. Proposed Tutors' Handbook:

Shortly after the last Central Council meeting the convener invited those interested to submit suggestions regarding material thought suitable for inclusion in a "Tutors' Handbook," either direct to him or through "The Ringing World" columns. As the response was relatively small this request was later repeated. The aim was to obtain as many different views as possible on methods of initial instruction. Most contributions made available were limited to the teaching of bell control.

Since the proposed handbook, though relatively small, would involve a good deal of preparation, Mr. W. F. Moreton has undertaken to write the first part which will be devoted to learning and teaching bell control, and Mr. N. Chaddock to write a chapter on raising and lowering, and the second part which will be devoted to learning and teaching elementary change ringing. At a later date a third part on elementary method ringing could be added.

Work is proceeding on the above and it is hoped to have something ready to show the Council when it meets in Nottingham in May.

IV. Theological Colleges:

Our main aim in regard to Theological Colleges continues to be to ensure that a lecture on the various aspects of church bells and ringing is given in as many colleges as possible, annually, or every few years.

In order to maintain liaison between this committee, Theological Colleges, and people concerned with lectures (actual and potential), a good deal of correspondence is involved. By taking over this responsibility Mrs. Jill Staniforth has, during the past year, relieved the convener of a heavy responsibility. This field of activity often seems unrewarding but, in the long run, it is very worthwhile and fruitful.

Contact has been made with 28 Theological Colleges during the year. A new development in this work during 1966 is that five training

houses for women have been approached by Mrs. Staniforth and their reactions are indicated below.

The following replied in friendly terms although it has not been possible to arrange talks so far:

The Church Army Training College, Black-Leath,
Dalton House Bristol;
Gilmore House, Clapham;
St. Michael's House, Oxford.

No response has yet been received from the Josephine Butler Memorial House, Liverpool.

In men's Theological Colleges the programmes mostly seem to be rather full and principals or wardens more often felt unable to accommodate a talk during this academic year. A summary is given below of the situations at the time of this report, so far as is known.

St. Aidan's, Birkenhead.—There is now an enthusiastic ringer in residence with whom the principal has been in touch.

Westcott House, Cambridge.—Two active resident student ringers.

Cuddesdon Oxford.—Has a flourishing team of ringers who are well looked after by the Diocesan Guild.

Durnham St. John's.—Enthusiastic ringers already active in the college.

Edinburgh—Coats Hall.—Regular talks given by Miss Branson and happy relationships with the ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Lichfield.—Periodic training arranged through the Cathedral ringers.

Lincoln—Lecture due by Mr. J. Freeman in November, 1967.

Llandoff.—Bi-annual lecture due in 1968 by Mr. J. Pryor

Oak Hill, Southgate.—Possibility for lecture in the future.

Ripon Hall, Oxford.—Active student ringers. Rochester.—Contact with Cathedral ringers continues.

Salisbury.—Lecture due in 1967 by Rev. R. Keeley.

St. Boniface College, Warminster.—Student ringers active.

Worcester.—Mr. D. Beecham may give a talk next year.

St. Augustine's College, Canterbury.—Possibility of a talk this summer.

In the case of the following colleges it is not possible to report any further progress: Queen's College, Birmingham; Tyndall Hall, Bristol; Ridley Hall, Cambridge; Bishop's College, Cheshunt; Chichester; Clifton, Bristol; Durham St. Chad's; Kelham; St. David's College, Lampeter; London College of Divinity; Mirfield; St. Stephen's House, Oxford; Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Wells.

If any members of the Council are able to offer help with regard to one or more of the above-mentioned colleges, or at any college not mentioned in this report, will they please write to Mrs. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

V. Miscellaneous Items:

The convener's "postbag" has been a heavy one this year with a wide range of inquiries. They include: Advice for talks in connection with recruiting drives—3; Advice for lecture in a Theological College—1; Ringing films, filmstrips and visual aids (including one from Australia and one from South Africa)—4; Teaching bell control—40; Sound control (dealt with by Mr. F. Sharpe)—2; Teaching new band—2; Syllabus for evening institute course—1; How to introduce tune ringing on handbells into school—1; Inquiry re Scout Badge—1; Inquiry re Duke of Edinburgh's Award—1.

In connection with the above, a good deal of prepared duplicated material has been distributed. Useful contact has also been maintained with Washington Cathedral.

Mr. F. Sharpe has given eleven lectures to Societies and Church Organisations, in addition to making a major contribution on the Hereford, Grantley Hall and Brant Broughton courses.

College of Campanology:

"The Ringing World" of November 11th, "Report on the winding-up of the College" stated that points from its teaching experience and results would be available to this committee on application to the principal up to December 31st, 1966.

The principal (Mr. A. York-Bramble) was asked by the convener to include such details in the portfolio of papers which the college intended handing on to the Central Council archives. This would ensure their availability at any time in the future.

(Signed)

Norman Chaddock (convener),
17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Rotherham, Yorkshire.
Jill Staniforth,
Marie R. Cross,
Frederick Sharpe.
Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Moving the report, Mr. Chaddock referred to the "Tutors' Handbook," which was in two parts. Mr. Moreton was writing on bell control and he was dealing with elementary change ringing. They hoped to publish it before the end of the year.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded.

Mr. A. V. Davis said the committee had not their own film. Visual aid was very useful when speaking to groups of people. They had at present one Canadian and a Washington film. It should be possible to produce a short film for 35 minutes' duration.

Mr. Philip Gray: My company has just made a film which lasted 25 minutes. It cost £24,000.

Mr. G. Dodds asked if the committee was doing anything about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Guide and Scout badges.

Mrs. Rogers said quite often it was possible to borrow a projector from the local education authority without cost.

Mr. Chaddock replied that a few years ago the committee investigated the film position and it would cost thousands for a professional film. It might be possible to make an 8 mm. film in an amateur way. They had had inquiries about the Duke of Edinburgh's award and Scout and Guide badges. He asked if anybody felt like making a record of good striking on six, eight, ten and twelve bells to let him know.

Mr. W. G. Wilson mentioned that he had been asked to write a book on Scout and Guide badges.

The report was adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The hon. secretary said he would ask next year for approval of an amendment to Rule 17 that notice of a motion must be given four weeks before the meeting instead of five as at present.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE

The hon. secretary reported:—

	Present	Absent
45 Associations fully represented	115	—
12 Partly represented	28	18
5 Not represented	—	5
Life members	6	1
Honorary members	18	4
Grand total	167	28

This, said Mr. Bottomley, constituted a record of 167 out of a possible strength of 195. Last year the attendance was 159.

Comprehensive Survey of Ringing Overseas

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HAVE you noticed nowadays that you cannot open your "Ringing World" without seeing two or three items of overseas news? Time and time again it is the departure from Britain of talented young people going to a sunnier and fuller life, and for us it is exciting to see the burgeoning of their enthusiasm as news comes in of first performances in far-off towers. They are our ambassadors bearing the high standards of those who taught them in the "Old Country" and the practical encouragement of their youth to the limits of the world of ringing. Long may they prosper.

AFRICA. REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town Cathedral (10, 25 cwt.). This site is now in the hands of developers and the Cathedral extension has priority, consequently the tower, designed as a detached campanile, has been deferred for at least ten years.

Woodstock (8, 11 cwt.) is going through a difficult period. Learners have fallen away and regular Sunday ringing has ceased.

Durban (10, 18 cwt.—Wednesday) has a regular band ringing call changes and Grand sire. Two articles appeared about them in the Press, but the useful publicity in "S.A. Panorama," a glossy Government information magazine, was unfortunately marred by a contrived picture of two lads dangling from a rope.

At St. Paul's, (8, 14 cwt.) the energetic Cyril Chambers holds two practice nights to cope with the spate of learners. At the moment their enthusiasm outstrips their skill. Both of these towers join forces to ring for weddings and have received much encouragement from passing visitors.

Grahamstown (8, 25 cwt.) has one of the oldest rings in Africa. Practice here is on Sunday afternoons during term time by pupils of the Theological College.

RHODESIA

Que Que (4, 5 cwt.). A quarter peal of Minimus in April was a fine achievement in this remote tower.

Salisbury (10, 24 cwt.). The Wednesday practices are enjoyed by a small but strong band and one peal and one quarter were scored. Half a dozen visitors have passed this way and the bells rang out for all but two Sundays during 1966—a very commendable record. The local Press published an unusual worm's eye view of the band. Taken through a wide-angle lens at floor level, it gives a comprehensive view of all the ringers in action.

AUSTRALIA

When related to the achievements of the past five years the total of ten peals for A.N.Z.A.B. is a fairly average figure. Turning to the field of quarter peals we can observe the beneficial effect of the English Adventurers, for the total of 85 was a 30 per cent. gain over the 1964 figures. Performances of special note—all firsts in Australia—were quarter peals of Brentford, Superlative, Quantock, Quedgeley, Kentish and Francis Genius, and from Sydney the first peal on the new ten at St. Andrew's. Of particular interest was the quarter, first by a ladies' band, at Burwood, handbell peals of Ashbourne and Double Norwich, and the extra territorial peal rung by A.N.Z.A.B. members attending the 1966 Council meeting in Somerset.

With a total membership of 150, the strength of A.N.Z.A.B. was apparent at the annual festival held this year in Sydney. The striking competition for the Joyner Cup was won by N.S.W. and an original and outstandingly successful social evening was held on board a ferry boat cruising round Sydney Harbour. At this meeting Bill Pitcher was elected president of the Association to mark his services to ringing, which include four years as editor of that informative and lively quarterly "Ringing Towers," well worth five bob a year. In "The Ringing World" attractive articles have appeared from Margaret Good-

yer and Walter Knight recording their impressions of swinging, ringing England.

Adelaide has chalked up first quarters by a local band at the Town Hall (8, 13 cwt.) and at St. Peter's (8, 41 cwt.), the second heaviest eight in the world.

Ballarat—St. Peter's (8, 12 cwt.—Tuesday) Has had a thoroughgoing rehang, including a recast seventh a new frame and correct sound control. All the work was carried out by the ringers under Graeme Waldron; a truly magnificent achievement. Ringers at City Hall (8, 22 cwt.), alternate Wednesdays, have scored a quarter peal.

Bendigo (8, 14 cwt.—Wednesday) are active with quarter peals by the local band.

Burwood (8, 11 cwt.—Thursday) was the scene of a memorable first quarter by a ladies' band in Australia—Bob Triples, conducted by Enid Roberts.

Darling Point (8, 8 cwt.—Thursday practice).

Hobart—The Cathedral (8, 14 cwt.) band practise on Monday, and at Holy Trinity (8, 9 cwt.) on Thursday.

Maryborough (8, 21 cwt.) has an active call change band.

Melbourne—St. Paul's (12, 31 cwt.) practise on Wednesday.

Parramatta (6, 10 cwt.—Wednesday). This band is making a determined attempt to become an eight-bell tower, and during 1965 they rang for 144 weddings to swell their augmentation fund.

Perth (8, 22 cwt.—Wednesday). Although a remote tower, St. George's has a flourishing band of 20 ringers, of whom half are pommies. An appeal has been launched to make this into a ten-bell tower.

Randwick (8, 20 cwt.—Tuesday). These Naylor Vickers steel bells have had ten peals rung on them since 1864. Ringing is enlivened by the clapper flight of the third catching the rope of the second.

Sydney—St. Andrew's Cathedral, formerly a 10 cwt. six, now rejoices in a new Loughborough ten (29½ cwt. in C sharp). The first peal, Grandsire Caters, was duly scored by eight Sydneysiders with the captains of Melbourne and Adelaide Cathedrals. Practice is on Monday, with tied bell instructions on Saturday mornings. St. Benedict's (6, 6 cwt.—Wednesday by arrangement). St. Mary's R.C. (8, 25 cwt.—Monday). Christ Church (6, 13 cwt.). While the tower of this historic landmark undoubtedly requires strengthening, some responsibility for the silence of the bells seems to lie with a non-ringing architect.

Turrumurra (6, 9 cwt.—Friday) is active with quarter peals.

Walkerville (6, 12 cwt.—Wednesday).

West Maitland (6, 14 cwt.—Monday) also has a ring of steel bells.

NEW ZEALAND

The 21 members of A.N.Z.A.B. in New Zealand hope that Christchurch will be the venue for the 1968 meeting of the Association.

Auckland (8, 18 cwt.). The tower here has been cracked for many years, in fact the bells were last rung up about 65 years ago. Nowadays they are clocked for service.

Cambridge (6, 15 cwt.). These Vickers Armstrong bells of 1883 are almost the last steel bells to have been cast. Hung in two tiers in the small wooden tower, all but one swinging the same way, it is not surprising that the spire is unsafe. Stays and sliders and part of a wheel are missing and struts prevent the tenors from rising, even the drum chiming machine set for three leads of Grandsire is derelict.

Christchurch (10, 32 cwt.—Tuesday). This active band of 20 enjoy service ringing up to Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal. A successful quarter of Stedman Triples contained no less than seven firsts, but a peal of Bob Major was unfortunately lost halfway. We note with regret the passing of George Claydon, a past Master of the Society, with over 40 years' service to ringing in New Zealand.

Hamilton (8, 20 cwt.). Ringing is maintained with six-bell methods in this handsome belfry.

Napier. In spite of representations by A.N.Z.A.B., the Cathedral has installed a chime, since they considered swinging bells were too risky in such a bad earthquake area.

Nelson. Here the Cathedral made use of a small bequest and installed a chime.

Papanui (5, 6 cwt. in a wooden tower). These Warner bells of 1880 are an insurance replacement for those lost at sea off the Cape of Good Hope. Ringing is being maintained by the local band, and a peal attempt unhappily came to grief.

CANADA

The strong fraternal feelings common to ringers everywhere were experienced by Peter Mackie in Canada, and his article in "The Ringing World" outlines the hazards of low temperature ringing when lubricants solidify and any job "up top" is a major effort. 1967 is Centennial Year and we look forward to plenty of ringing to mark the celebrations. Calgary's peal and Victoria's quarter show they are limbering up.

Calgary (8, 8 cwt.) is active with many Canadian learners and the bells are in good condition. Congratulations on a successful peal—the first for 20 years.

Mission City (10, 21 cwt.). The band of 20 strong is drawn from the Benedictine monks of the Abbey Grandsire and Stedman Caters are in the repertoire.

Quebec City. Holy Trinity (8, 16 cwt.) Here, in the first Anglican Cathedral to be built outside the British Isles, is the oldest rings of bells in Canada. St. Matthew's (8, 8 cwt.) is quiescent. In this great French-speaking city English style ringing is faced with great difficulties.

Vancouver (8, 16 cwt.—Tuesday). Whilst the bells are in good condition, the fabric as a whole is undergoing a complete survey. Standard methods are rung for service by a dozen members of the band, who entertain hopes for a centennial quarter. They were broadcast ringing in the New Year, and also twice visited Mission City. It is interesting to note that all but two of the band at this Roman Catholic Cathedral are Anglicans.

Victoria (8, 29 cwt.—Tuesday). The Master of 19 ringers here is predominantly of English origin. Led by the redoubtable Mr. Izard, these bells have been rung regularly since their installation 30 years ago. Nowadays standard methods are practised and very recently the first quarter of Stedman Triples in the Dominion was scored.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

George Pipe's account of the Washington dedication was entitled "Ten Men Went to Sow" and in the short time that has passed we can see how that seedling has grown into a vigorous sapling. Peals and quarter peals are beginning to come forth and the first steps have been taken towards the formation of a North American Association, with their own magazine.

Groton (10, 18 cwt.). This school tower is a must for any visiting band. During the year Russell Young took his band to visit Kent School and will be bringing some of them to Britain during the summer of 1967.

Kent (10, 24 cwt.). This school is a bright example of American enthusiasm, for they practise daily during term time and their instructor has the official rating of "faculty adviser." The 18 members of the band are looking forward to visiting Washington to participate in the third anniversary of the dedication of the great Cathedral.

Washington (10, 32 cwt. — four afternoon practices weekly). From the beginning, in 1963, when 14 stays were broken in two weeks, the Guild of the national cathedral has expanded three-fold to embrace one-fifth of the entire upper school plus some adults. The first peal for the Guild has been proudly recorded as well as first quarters of Stedman,

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Towers and Belfries Committee Consulted by 108 Churches

DURING the year 1966 advice on bell and tower restoration, and kindred matters, was given in a total of one hundred and eight churches. This is ten less than in 1965, which was an all-time record. If, however, the 62 churches in Herefordshire visited by the convener during the year were added to the total the result would be much higher. In the latter verbal advice on repairs and maintenance was given and without doubt if these visits had not been made some additional requests for inspections and written reports would have been made to our committee.

Also the year 1966 has been exceptional in the amount of correspondence with architects, Diocesan Advisory Committees, and Parochial Church Councils, following reports and advice given in previous years, and on many occasions the convener has been hard pressed in dealing with these; so that in all 1966 has been a year of great activity.

OVERSEAS—Continued.

Oxford and Kent, also two lost peals, one of them uniquely, in competition with the 54-bell carillon on the floor below. All in all a year of solid achievement. We note with regret that the projected tour of North America by a British band has had to be postponed on account of the restricted travel allowance.

INDIA

Poona (8, 25 cwt.). At the instigation of this committee the Bishop of Bombay is having a survey made of the installation in this detached tower. For this purpose a questionnaire was prepared. At present only one bell of this 1893 Taylor octave is chimed daily.

ITALY

Rivoli Veronese. A correspondent reports an active band practising whole-pull ringing on this 12 cwt. five, cast in Verona about 1900

The committee would be glad to receive items of news and corrections for the record. Prospective travellers are invited to make use of the information in our collection.

We cannot close this report without bringing before the Council the expressions of fraternal greeting by ringers the world over to the church bell ringers of Great Britain.

My sincere thanks go out to all faithful correspondents, without whose help this report would not have been possible.

A. Victor Sheppard (Convener),
3, Palace Place,
Brighton 1, Sussex.

Mr. V. Sheppard moved the report and said that the tower of Christ Church, Sydney, had now been strengthened, and St. Paul's was receiving attention.

Mr. G. W. Pipe seconded and commended the tremendous work Mr. Sheppard had put in. The peal of Stedman Triples by the local band at Washington was a fine performance and he suggested the Council congratulate the band.

Mr. E. A. Barnett said it would be a fitting gesture for the Council to send its congratulations, and this was agreed to.

Mr. F. C. Price (Oxford Diocesan Guild) said another ten boys were coming from Groton this year to this country. This was their fourth visit and he would like to thank Mr. Pipe for the arrangements he had made for their visit to Suffolk.

The report was adopted.

As in former years this report is compiled from statistics sent to the convener by individual members; and, of the 108 requests for advice, 19 were dealt with by correspondence. Members of our committee visited 89 churches, only two less than in the peak year of 1965.

The churches where advice was sought may be analysed geographically, thus: Bedfordshire 3, Berkshire 8, Buckinghamshire 6, Cambridgeshire 6, Cornwall 3, Carmarthenshire 1, Cheshire 4, Devonshire 10, Dorset 1, Essex 8, Glamorgan 1, Gloucestershire 1, Herefordshire 3, Hertfordshire 1, Huntingdonshire 1, Kent 3, London 1, Middlesex 1, Northamptonshire 3, New Zealand 1, Northumberland 1, Nottinghamshire 4, Oxfordshire 10, Pembrokeshire 1, Surrey 6, Sussex 2, Somerset 13, Staffordshire 1, Shropshire 1, Wiltshire 2, Warwickshire 1. Total 108.

It is impossible to comment in detail on individual towers and bells in a report of this nature, when one considers that a full report on bells, gear, tower and acoustics normally covers from six to eight closely-typed pages. An analysis of the reports submitted by individual members of our committee has been summarised and reveals the following:

MORE ADVICE ON RECASTING

Twelve parishes sought advice on augmentation of existing rings, a decrease of one on the previous year, but still well above the average. The number of towers seeking advice on the recasting of bells increased this year to sixteen. Fifty-four churches sought advice on rehanging or were advised by members of our committee to completely rehang their bells; and the number seeking advice on repairs and/or maintenance decreased to 44. Forty parishes sought advice on sound control, and these were considerably more interesting and varied than in former years, and covered a much wider area of the country. Inquiries regarding tower oscillation, and requests for advice where extensive damage had been done to masonry, amounted to 21, only half last year's total.

No outstanding problems occurred during the year, and a noticeable feature of the reports was that there was a decrease in the number of requests for advice on the total number of sections into which the summary of work has been sub-divided. The requests from the parishes this year have been mainly for some specific section, or sections.

NEW BOOK HELD UP

The committee has not met during the year to consider in further detail the proposed new book on bell towers, bell hanging and maintenance of bells and gear. Some of the blame for this must be credited to the convener, but he has been hard-pressed with routine inspections and correspondence, and has further had his available time restricted by reason of his wife's serious illness. It was resolved at the last meeting that each member of the committee should prepare a draft of a section of the proposed work and submit it to our vice-president who would then write the introduction to the work.

During the year Mr. F. E. Collins has given several lectures on bell hanging and maintenance, and the convener has given over twenty lectures to diocesan organisations and committees, architectural institutes and societies, kindred professional organisations, Parochial Church Councils and adult educa-

tion colleges, and it is a matter for satisfaction to note that the interest of these organisations, in all matters connected with our art, continues to increase.

We do not wish to conclude without reference to the sudden death of Mr. John Worth, although this took place in 1967, and is strictly outside the scope of this report. Mr. Worth's valuable contribution to our art is well known and we welcomed him as a member of our committee in succession to Mr. J. W. Clark a few years ago. He was a most useful member whose advice was greatly valued in the north-western area of the country. The day before his death the convener wrote to him asking for his contribution to this report, and he must have received the letter on the day he died, and compiled his contribution straightaway, for his daughter found it on top of the papers on his desk. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of his family and his many ringing friends.

Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., F.I.O.B. (convener),
Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

B. Auston A.R.I.B.A.; F. E. Collins, M.I.Inst.E.; J. Freeman, M.I.Mun.E.; A. J. Frost, A.R.I.B.A.; T. M. Roderick; H. J. Sanger; Rev. J. G. M. Scott, M.A.; B. D. Threlfall, M.A., A.M.I.C.E.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. F. Sharpe said a tremendous amount of work had been done by the committee and if any member had a question he had ten volumes of files in the boot of his car. He would like to express his thanks to members of the committee who had helped him during his wife's illness—Mr. Fred Collins, Mr. Alan Frost and Mr. Brian Threlfall.

BELLS IN NEW CHURCHES

Mr. Martin (Chester Guild) said his Guild was concerned about new churches. Had anything been done to provide suitable campaniles?

The Rev. J. Scott said the matter was dealt with by the committee a few years ago. The problem seemed to arise before we or even the Diocesan Advisory Committee had been consulted. It started when the clergy discussed the question with the architect. If ringers knew of a case they should tell the P.C.C. that it could be done fairly cheaply.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd paid a tribute to the work of the committee. Three times he had approached them and he was very impressed with their detail and thoroughness. It was meticulously done.

Miss M. R. Cross thought knowledge about bells and ringing could be spread through diocesan magazines.

Mr. Sharpe: I have read excellent articles in "The Norwich Churchman."

The general secretary said reprints of the article "Bells, True or False" had been sent to diocesan advisory committees and they had been very cordially received. This was through a strong request from Col. Jerram, a member of a diocesan advisory committee.

Mr. Brian Threlfall called attention to the untimely death of Mr. John Worth and moved that Mr. Henry O. Baker be elected to fill his place.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded and this was agreed to.

The report was then adopted.

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Broadcasting and Television Committee

BELLS appear to have been broadcast or televised to a lesser degree during 1966 than in previous years, that is, if the accounts which are sent to us are any indication; and we are dependent very largely on what is sent to us by the ringers themselves for inclusion in this report. Most of the ringing which has been heard over the air has come from the West Region and from Ireland.

In the **West Region** the bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, were broadcast on May 13th in the World Service prior to the University Arts Festival. On June 26th Modbury, Devon, bells were heard on the Home Service, as were Shedfield Parish Church, Southampton, on August 14th. Tewkesbury Abbey bells were heard briefly prior to the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve.

B.B.C. Bristol featured the Bristol Ringing Festival in the Light Programme on October 31st. This programme included the bells of Westbury-on-Trym, Horfield and St. Mary Redcliffe, and Philip Gray was interviewed by Mark Puckle of the B.B.C. West Region staff in an extremely lucid and well-informed manner. There was a brief reference in the "Points West" programme to the Festival with shots of a few towers.

This programme also gave good coverage on November 16th to a somewhat unique occasion, it being the 90th anniversary of the murder of P.C. Nathaniel Cox at East Coker, Somerset. The occasion was marked by a gathering of members of the National Police Guild. A short service in the church was followed by the laying of a wreath on the grave of P.C. Cox, and later, in the tower, a peal of Grandsire Triples. Shots of the ringers in action and ringing prior to the peal with other items of proceedings were seen and heard on television.

An extremely co-operative B.B.C. engineer produced a first-class recording of the bells of Wells Cathedral for the Christmas Bells programme, and the Cathedral ringers did well to give such a good performance.

From Ireland we learn that the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, were heard from Radio Eireann following the carol service on Christmas Eve. The same medium broadcast the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on New Year's Day; St. Peter's, Ballymodan, and St. George's, Dublin, before divine services; and also a topical talk relating to the Canada Centenary, 1967, and made a special mention of the part bells will play in the celebrations.

Mr. W. Patterson appeared on Ulster Television in a bellringing feature. The B.B.C. broadcast the bells of Holywood Parish Church before a divine service, and St. Donard's, Belfast, in the Christmas Bells programme. The bells of Carrickfergus were one of the two from the Christmas Bells broadcast selected for the 7.50 a.m. broadcast on Sundays. They were heard on the air on a recent Sunday morning.

In a sponsored programme on Radio Eireann, Miss Ida Graham devoted "Woman's Viewpoint" entirely to the part ladies take in the belfry.

The **North Region** reports that on Easter Sunday the morning service on B.B.C. TV came from Boston, Lincolnshire, and was introduced by good rounds on the back eight. Two TV services from other regions were noted where bells were included, viz.: Cirencester (B.B.C., March) and North Mymms (ITV, September). Tyne-Tees Television recorded the enthronement of the new Bishop of Durham and the bells were heard, but unfortunately only part of the ringing down.

On the occasion of the peal attempt at York Minster in July, the president of the York Minster Society, Mr. Harold Walker, was heard in "Voice of the North." He was introduced with the sound of the bells.

In the Christmas broadcast it was hoped to continue the policy followed in recent years of selecting a tower from one of the main societies of the region which had not been represented previously.

Once again the checking of recorded results proved to be of value. Mr. Wilfrid Moreton was invited to assist and advise on this matter and the result was certainly a good recording of the immaculate cartwheeling, whatever one's personal likes and dislikes may be about this type of ringing. It is hoped that in the 1967 programme a tower from the Derby Diocese will complete the representation of all Societies of the region in these broadcasts.

The **Midland Region** has little to report. There have been several instances of services being televised from churches whose bells would have enhanced the broadcast had the ringers been asked to co-operate. We stressed the point in our report of last year that directly it is known that a church has been selected for radio or television its ringers should approach their incumbent with a view to getting the bells included in the programme. It is very unusual for the broadcasting authorities to refuse such a request provided it presents no technical difficulties.

On March 19th a service from Solihull Church was televised and no mention of the bells was made in the original programme. However, the Rector, who is interested in his bells and ringers, requested the B.B.C. to use the bells as a prelude to the service, with very satisfactory result, which clearly illustrates what can be done.

East Anglia is another region where there appears to have been very little broadcasting activity amongst bells. At Holt, in Norfolk, the dedication of the bells on February 6th by the Bishop of Lynn was televised for transmission at a later date. The president of the Central Council preached and took part in the ringing. Anglia Television Limited transmitted in February a news film showing bells being removed from Rougham Church, Suffolk, for conveyance to Loughborough. The oldest bell in the ring dated back to the early 15th century.

Bells were featured twice in the B.B.C.'s "Look East" programme—on May 9th a film of members of the Suffolk Guild at their annual competition, and on December 8th

a film of girls from March High School practising at St. Mary's Church, Whittlesey, near Peterborough.

In the **London Region** only three items of broadcasting have come to our notice—the "Songs of Praise" service from Saffron Walden Church was introduced to the sound of the bells. Westminster Abbey bells were seen and heard over the air on the closing day of the 900th year.

An interesting film was made in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Kingston on Thames, for the children's programme "Blue Peter." It was intended to arouse interest in bell-ringing among children, and to show them that it is something which they can learn to do safely and with interest. The presenter, John Noakes, was shown being taught to ring, and the local ringers, led by Bill Jackson, also appeared in the film.

Scottish Region reports that the ringers are on friendly terms with the staff in the religious section of the B.B.C. Scottish Region and have been able to meet all their requests for ringing.

This committee was invited again to select the towers for the "Christmas Bells" programme and the convener was pleased to accept the producer's invitation to be present at the editing of the tapes.

(Signed) H. N. Pitstow (Convener),
Saffron, High Street,
Banstead, Surrey.

D. A. Bayles,
J. T. Dunwoody,
G. E. Fearn,
H. J. Sanger,
A. G. Thurlow,
R. S. Wilson.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow, in proposing the adoption, said three broadcasts by Mr. Sharpe had been missed, also two in the Midlands and one in the Welsh. He proposed that Mrs. King be added to the committee to act for Wales.

Mr. D. A. Bayles seconded with the addition of the name of Mrs. King.

The report was adopted.

Biographies Committee's Activities

THE first year of the triennial period naturally directs the Committee's attention and work to new members. In this category there were 33, and whilst most of these have complied with our request by filling in the appropriate biography sheet, we are still awaiting others but in the hope, of course, that the remainder of the sheets will be handed in at this meeting. Photographs seem still to be at a premium, although without a picture we surely all agree that the biographical record would appear to be quite incomplete.

The Committee's new system of distributing the blank forms to new members has met with some success and we intend to continue this method for a while, although additional expense is incurred.

A further aspect of the Committee's work is to keep up to date with members' activities. "The Ringing World" is, of course, the chief source of information and during the past 12 months there seems to have been a concentrated influx of achievements, movements and records which it is our pleasure and duty to note.

The following members and past-members have died during the period under review:—

G. L. Hewitt, Shropshire Association, 1946-1956. Died March 18th, 1966. (Attended five meetings.)

D. H. Bennett, Swansea and Brecon Guild, 1939-1950. Died May 1st, 1966. (Five meetings.)

E. G. Fenn, Ancient Society of College Youths, 1939-1956. Died July 14th, 1966. (Three meetings.)

T. R. Dennis, Ely Diocesan Association, 1913-1932. Died August 2nd, 1966. (Nine meetings.)

A. J. Pitman, Swansea and Brecon Guild, 1927-1932, honorary member 1953 onwards. Died August 16th, 1966 (Ten meetings.)

P. Page, Romney Marsh and District Guild, 1933-1939. Died August 25th, 1966. (Five meetings.)

G. Pullinger, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, 1933, 1959. Died October 23rd, 1966. (22 meetings.)

F. W. Lack, Ely Diocesan Association, 1951-1959. Died November 29th, 1966. (Eight meetings.)

In addition, the names of P. Crook (Lancashire Association) and S. H. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), although included in last year's report, are repeated here to accord with the honorary secretary's statement made in Council.

The work of Albert J. Pitman, especially in the field of composition, will be of everlasting value to the Exercise, while the immense influence of his active ringing career can only be estimated.

George Pullinger, although a one-armed ringer, was a very loyal and consistent supporter of local tower, Guild and Council activities, and his ability, character and personality were outstanding.

T. J. Lock (Convener),
North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.
W. Parrott,
W. H. Viggers,
J. Willis.

Mr. T. J. Lock proposed the adoption and asked new members to hand in their papers giving particulars as soon as possible.

Mr. W. Viggers, who seconded, called attention to members keeping records of peals they had rung.

(More in our next issue)

OUR PICTURE—St. Peter's, Nottingham

FOR nearly 800 years St. Peter's Church has been a place of prayer and praise. It now stands completely surrounded by commerce and traffic, but still a haven of peace and quiet. The building has no outstanding architectural features but its beauty largely consists in the way in which a variety of styles from many periods blend into one. It suffered much devastation in the Civil War (1642-43). The Church of St. Nicholas, which lies close to the Castle, was completely destroyed and a gallery was built in St. Peter's to accommodate its congregation, but this was removed in 1877. The church contains many examples of modern craftsmanship, notably the font cover, two magnificent chandeliers, the new pulpit and two stained glass windows in the north aisle, the first two of a series of four.

In 1961 Messrs Marks and Spencer began negotiations so that work begun in 1964, whereby part of the west side was dedicated to the Corporation, enabled the pavement to be widened and the main entrance moved to the north side, giving easier access. To ensure stability of the church foundations 436 piles were driven in on the west and south sides—a tedious and hazardous task. Ultimately, by 1969, Marks and Spencer's extension is expected to be a single storey block, the roof being level with the churchyard. It will lie behind the hoarding seen on the photograph. The churchyard is being replanted with trees and shrubs. The whole project will have re-emphasised the intrinsic merits of St. Peter's as a characteristically city church.

A WASHERWOMAN'S BELL

The earliest reference to the bells appears to be in 1440, when there were at least two, and the Gild Book of St. George in the church contains many references to the ringing of the "great bells" between the years 1479 and 1545. Margery Doubleday, who died in 1544, left the rent of a small close on the south side of Broadmarsh, the value of which was then 20s. a year, to the sexton of St. Peter's Church on condition of his ringing a bell, which she bought for the purpose, every morning (except Sundays) at 4 o'clock to arouse the washerwomen of the town to their labours with a greeting and prayer with which to begin their arduous day. Perhaps Dame Margery Doubleday was once a washerwoman!

There would then probably have been a ring of five, for an indenture record states "Fyve bells, on one accord and a saunce bell and a clocke." In 1625 some alterations were made to the tower and the bells, which had been rung from the ground floor, were henceforth rung from a ringing loft. In 1635 two of the bells were recast, probably by the first George Oldfield, one of the long line of Nottingham founders. In 1666 George Oldfield recast the treble and six years later two bells were given by the Society of Northern Youths, the predecessors of the Society of Sherwood Youths.

RECAST AT WHITECHAPEL

In 1771 the bells were consigned to the melting pot and recast by Messrs. Pack and Chapman of London, the weight of the ring being increased by 21 cwt. to 88 cwt. The inscriptions on the old bells were fortunately preserved by the historian Deering:—

Treble: In perpetvam memoriam societatis irvenvm Borealivm. 1672.

Second: As treble.

Third: God Save the King.

Fourth: God Save His Church.

Fifth: God Save His Church. T. Hvnt. I. Wilson, wardens. 1635.

Sixth: Iesvs be ovr Speda.

Seventh: Ave Maria of you charitie for to pray for the sole of magere dubbyleay. (In black letters.)

Tenor: Robert Sherwin, John Cawton, William Freeman, Richard Wellah, aldermen.

The new bells were first rung in 1771. In 1858 the third was recast by George Mears of London. More work was necessary in 1897 and this restoration, which was part of the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, was carried out by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, as was the recasting of the seventh in 1902.

In 1919, H. R. Cobbin, a ringer and notable athlete, gave two trebles. Three of the old eight were retuned and the treble and third were hung in an iron frame on top of the old wooden frame. During the war the bells were removed from the tower as a precautionary measure and were afterwards rehung, all on ball bearings.

In 1965 urgent repairs provided the opportunity to augment the ring to 12, and the old wooden frame, now in a poor state, was removed and replaced by a two-tier steel frame. The old ten were overhauled and the fifth, seventh and ninth (of the 12) were hung in the top tier. The clock, which since 1840 had occupied all the west wall of the ringing chamber, was removed and replaced by an electrically-motivated mechanism by Messrs. Smith of Derby, thus providing the room for the new rope circle. Messrs. Taylor, who had carried out the restoration and augmentation, must be congratulated on a fine job and their effective use of so limited a space.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble: Surrexit Christe hodie humano pro solamine. Angus Inglis, Rector. Charles E. Cox, Sidney Stockdale, wardens. 1965. Dia. 23½ ins.

Second: Est Deo gratia. Angus Inglis, Rector. Charles E. Cox, Sidney Stockdale, wardens. 1965. Dia. 24½ ins.

Third: To the greater glory of God. St. Peter's Church, Nottingham. H. R. Cobbin gave me. 1919. Thanking God. Dia. 25 ins.

Fourth: As third. Dia 26½ ins.

Fifth: I was given by the Society of Northern Youths in 1672 and recast by the Sherwood Youths.

In 1771. Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 31 ins.

Sixth: I was given by the Society of Northern Youths in 1672 and recast by the Sherwood Youths in 1771.

Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 31½ ins.

Seventh: G. Mears, founder, London, 1858. Dia. 34 ins. Previously inscribed:

Our voices shall with joyful sound

Make hills and valleys echo rond.

Pack and Chapman fecit.

Eighth: We celebrate th'auspicious morn of which the Son of God was born. 1771.

Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 35½ ins.

Ninth: To honour both of God and King Our voices shall in concert ring.

Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 39 ins.

Tenth: The bride and groom we greet in holy wedlock Joind our sounds are emblems of hearts in love combing.

Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 40½ ins.

Eleventh: I was given by Margery Doubleday about the year 1544 and recast with the other bells in 1771.

Pack and Chapman fecit. Recast in 1902, the year of the Coronation of King Edward VII, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Dia. 44½ ins.

Tenor: The fleeting hours I tell. I summon all to pray. I tell the funerall knell. I hail the festal day.

Saml. Martin, Rector, Jno. Alleyne and Frans. Jones ch:wardens. 1771. Pack and Chapman of London fecit. Dia. 49½ ins.

First references to the actual ringing of the bells appear to be in 1479. The first recorded peal on the bells and the only one to be rung on the old eight before recasting in 1771 was on October 3rd, 1768, which was Grandire Triples by the Sherwood Youths. This was conducted by William Doubleday Crofts, one of the notable ringers of this time. (See "Ringing World," December 5th, 1924.) In 1774 he conducted a long length of 7,040 Oxford Treble Bob Major which is still the

longest length on the bells. Records compiled by Mr. F. A. Salter, until recently Ringing Master at St. Peter's, show that the peal total is now 179. After over 40 years' service to St. Peter's it is unfortunate that ill-health has prevented Mr. Salter enjoying to the full Nottingham's ring of 12.

[The above article has been compiled from information kindly supplied by the Rector (the Rev Canon A. Inglis) and Mr. G. A. Dawson, of Gedling.] D.S.

LETTERS

SOUND CONTROL

Dear Sir,—Recently the bells of All Saints' Church, Coddington, were completely restored, a new frame was erected and a new treble added to make a ring of six. Then on the advice of an architect the louvres were boarded up, the idea of this being to keep out the rain, etc. However, not only did this keep out the weather but also kept in the sound and it was not long before we had complaints that the residents of the village could not hear the bells ringing. What a refreshing change from constantly reading and hearing of complaints that church bells make too much noise! So it was then decided to put some slides in the boards. This was done, and now, by means of a rope over a pulley and down through the floor to the ringing chamber, we can have the slides up or down as required. It has proved most successful and prompts me to ask how many towers have sound control and in what form?—Yours sincerely,

J. R. KINTON.

Coddington, Notts.

ST. GABRIEL'S, WARWICK SQUARE

Dear Sir,—With regard to your comments in "Belfry Gossip," concerning our peal attempt at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, I hope you will allow me to make one or two of my own.

In the first place, full permission was given for the attempt. Secondly, the bells were muffled. Finally, I doubt very much whether ours was the first peal attempt to be interrupted in this way by members of the public, nor the first in which such interruptions were ignored.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

London, S.W.

IT HAPPENED 35 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—May I first of all correct an unfortunate typographical error in my recent letter to you. My point was, of course, that the Frindsbury peal was rung without repetition.

My real purpose in this letter is, however, to draw the attention of your readers to a peal rung over 35 years ago. In the Kent County Association report for 1930 I recently found the composition of the first peal of spliced rung for the Association, at Crayford on May 3rd, 1929, and believed it might be of some topical interest. The footnote to the composition, one of 5,120 "Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major" (sic) reads as follows:—

"Ring Superlative for first 48 changes, when a Bob is made (tenor makes 4ths from treble behind): ring Cambridge from this point to 16 changes after the course-end 7453628, when another Bob is made (tenor again makes 4ths from treble behind); ring Superlative to the end from here. 2,560 changes of each method in two distinct blocks is thus spliced."

What was good enough for the distinguished ringers of that time is good enough for me.—Yours faithfully

R. W. HAYES.

Chiddingstone Hoath, Kent.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—Following the letter from Mr. D. E. Parsons in your issue of May 12th, page 322, I must withdraw the peal of Stedman Cinques rung for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at Chelmsford Cathedral on February 20th, 1965.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS BERESFORD.

Bexleyheath, Kent.

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WANTAGE RINGER ORDAINED

Mr. David John Stoter, a member of the Wantage, Berkshire, band, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev. Harry Carpenter, at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Trinity Sunday.

David attended the Church of England Boys' School and King Alfred's Grammar School, Wantage, where he was head boy in 1960-62; he was captain at cricket and hockey. At both games he played for Berkshire Schools. Later, at King's College, London, he was captain at hockey and vice-captain at cricket.

Since leaving London he has been at St. Boniface's College, Warminster. While at Warminster he did quite a lot of ringing under the guidance of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; this included a quarter peal of Cambridge on the bells at Queen Camel, Somerset, and an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge. He is now assistant curate at St. Giles' Reading, where he is hoping to get regular ringing.

The Wantage ringers went for a quarter peal on the day of his ordination but unfortunately this failed. However, on the following Sunday a quarter peal was rung. David's younger brother, Ian, is also a ringer at Wantage and Great Carleton, near Blackpool, where he is training for the teaching profession.

CRAWFORD CUP SURPRISE AT MANSFIELD

There was a surprise in the elementary round of the Crawford Cup for the Mansfield District, in which three teams competed. A shift in the last few changes of Warsop A team's immaculately struck Cambridge Minor failed to bring rounds with the resulting disqualification. Likewise, a shift in the last extent of Greasley's Grandsire Doubles brought a similar result. This left Warsop B team as the winners with a well-struck 360 of Grandsire Doubles duly completed.

At the business meeting Mr. David Marshall, of the Derbyshire Association, was thanked for judging the contest at rather short notice, and local ringers were also thanked for excellent tea arrangements.

Steven Brough, of Greasley, was elected a Guild member, and G. Faulkes, of Heanor, a non-resident life member.

Next meetings: June 24th, Bolsover (evening practice); July 22nd, Cuckney.

SIXTY YEARS AFTER

Sixty years ago, on May 20th, 1907, eight College Youths had a "ringing" day at Sherborne, ringing altogether over seven hours for the first peal of Stedman on the bells owing to the 2nd persistently slipping wheel. Nearly 60 years later, on May 13th, eight College Youths went to Sherborne to commemorate the achievement, but failed after 3 hours and 20 minutes.

However, the writer was not too disappointed as it was not the actual date, but on the next Saturday, May 20th, a good peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Reading, and the ringer of the 3rd remembered those stalwarts of 60 years ago; and the treble man, Henry Hodgetts, is still with us.

The band on the first occasion was: Henry Hodgetts 1, W. Gifford 2, S. Macey 3, G. N. Price 4, Challis F. Winney (cond.) 5, A. B. Pack 6, James George 7, H. T. Hibbert 8.

A UNIQUE PERFORMANCE IN KENT

The original boundaries of the county of Kent contains some 213 rings of five bells and upwards, of which some 200 are pealable. Over the years, eight members of the Kent County Association have gradually been ringing peals in as many towers as possible. By early 1966 Arthur Richards had reached 99 different towers, and the idea of attempting a peal with eight ringers who had reached at least 100 different towers was suggested.

An attempt was duly fixed for June, 1966, at Goudhurst, but was unfortunately lost after two hours' excellent ringing through a miscall. A second attempt took place on June 3rd, when a good peal of Yorkshire was scored at Selling. The band would like to associate with this peal the name of Andrew Macve, who has also rung peals in over 100 Kent towers and has been residing in Derbyshire for over 18 months.

All arrangements have been made, most efficiently, by Ian Oram, who has been responsible for many of the band ringing in the different towers during the last ten years.

The county record is held by Ralph Bird with 187, a fine effort, and is closely followed by Ian Oram with 182. Tom Cullingworth and A. Patrick Cannon have also had the pleasure (not always!) of having rung over 120 different Kentish tenors.

It would be interesting to know if any other Association could produce a band to equal this record in any other county. Good luck, if they try. A. P. C.

THE UPHILL TRAGEDY

The memorial peal rung at Clevedon for Mr. John P. Hall and published last week was by a group of ringers who, under the able organisation of Mr. Edgar Skipsey, had been making remarkable progress in ringing peals and quarter peals in a number of Surprise methods. John was a member of this group, and the method chosen for the peal was the next on the list of those planned to be rung. The ringers would like to associate the name of Brenda H. Boyce with the peal, as she was unavoidably prevented from taking part.

LISS, HANTS

Liss bellringers and friends enjoyed a tour of Sussex for their annual outing on the spring Bank Holiday. Ringing, though not very advanced, was of a good standard and was a very useful experience to the newer members of the band.

Towers visited were Lodsworth and Findon (both rings of six augmented from four in recent years), Arundel, Slaugham (an excellent eight), Ruspur (a difficult eight which can be encouraged to go well when rung at the right pace) and Shipley (a good six).

The organiser thanks all incumbents and tower captains. D. M. H.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

On May 16th at the annual general meeting of the U.B.S.C.A., the following officers were elected for the session 1967-68: Master, Mr. Michael G. R. Zobel; secretary, Miss Gillian M. Brearley; treasurer, Miss Mandy McCallion; tower secretary, Mr. Michael A. Gilbey.

All correspondence to: Students' Union, Queen's Road, Bristol 8.

TUITION TEASERS—No. 3

Q. Recently there have been comments in these columns—not entirely in agreement—on rope-handling, "right or left." Is there a preferred way to be adopted?

A. Yes—that which may be described as "natural." It has been so proved, in over ten years of organised instructional testing. It is based on the personal physical condition known as "right or left handed." Of the ringer, the hands and arms are preferably to be regarded not as "left" and "right" (which terms are, of course, fixed for every individual person), but as "upper" and "lower," which terms are alternately applicable, conditionally, from person to person. In the actual ringing, one hand—the lower in fact (sometimes referred to as "static")—remains fixed at the rope's end, while the other—the upper or "mobile" hand—is continually shifting its position from rope's end to sally and back again, grasping the rope just above the lower hand each time. The question is—which is to be the upper hand and which the lower band in any given learner's case?

It is natural that the more "handy" of the two arms and hands should incline to take up the action that is the more mobile (the shifting grip) and thus become the "upper," while the less "handy" takes up the less mobile (or static) grip, and thus becomes the "lower." So that in the ordinary way a right-handed person (learner) has his right arm and hand as "upper," with his left hand and arm as "lower," and a left-handed learner will normally take up the reverse holding, i.e. left hand upper, and right hand lower, grip.

Theoretically, the two hands should grip the rope at a point (at both sally and rope's end) to avoid a divergent "pull," but as this is impracticable they grip the rope, one above the other, in contact—the little finger of the upper hand resting lightly along the first finger of the lower hand, whichever way the hands be designated and placed.

The placing of a particular foot slightly in advance does not depend upon a specific rope-holding i.e. left or right. Recently suggested analogies in these columns of tug-of-war holdings and cricket bat grips are, unfortunately, demonstrably false. If either of the two combinations of foot-placing and rope-handling is not entirely comfortable, then the foot displacement is too great.

DARBY DRAW

A plot is being hatched to get Frank Darby the new Master of the Surrey Association, into white flannels on July 22nd. Close by Beddington Church, where he rings, Frank will be invited to lead a mixed non-cricketing team of Association officers versus The Rest. May honour and his middle stump prevail!

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Officers elected for the following year by Manchester University Guild are: Ringing Master, E. A. Harrison; treasurer, A. S. Burbidge; steeplekeeper, D. Ley; secretary, C. L. D. Munday. Correspondence should be addressed to: The Secretary, Guild of Change Ringers, Pigeon-hole C, University Union, Oxford Road, Manchester.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 9 lb.

Alan A. Paul Treble	Charles E. Truman 6
Patrick I. Chapman 2	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Martin C. Faulkes 3	Robert E. J. Dennis 8
Antony R. Kench 4	Barrie Hendry 9
Andrew N. Stubbs 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Marie (R.C.).
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superiative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25 cwt.

George W. Pipe Treble	Christopher M. P. Johnson 6
W. Eric Critchley 2	Frank C. Price 7
John Armstrong 3	Brian D Threlfall 7
Giles E. Galley 4	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Mervyn R. Arscott Treble	Leslie H. Arscott 4
Arthur H. Reed 2	Robert Parker 5
Marian J. Beale 3	Keith E. Beale Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss L. A. Baker.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*John H. Thompson .. Treble	*Ian P. Cox 4
*Julian E. Newman .. 2	*Peter J. Devrell 5
*Robin L. Coles 3	Alan F. Lee Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge "inside." First of Cambridge Minor as conductor.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., May 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt 1 lb. in E flat.

Vivienne Rigby Treble	*Paul Treble 5
Gillian M. Hunt 2	Gwilym Salmon 6
*David Rennolds 3	James R. Taylor 7
*Richard W. Sweet 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ATCHAM, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Eata.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Leon A. Perry Treble	*Geoffrey A. Edwards 4
A. Doreen Edwards 2	*John R. Scott 5
†John E. Brough 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of six Minor methods † 150th peal.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

John Ryder Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst 4
Reginald W. Worrall 2	Harold Worrall 5
John Moore 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOPE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PORTSMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr 22 lb.

F. John Nelson Treble	Neil D. Lomas 5
Sidney Hough 2	Alex Richardson 6
Dennis Latham 3	John Robinson 7
Timothy Wylie 4	Denis Mothershead Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

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

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Joyce Grainger Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner 5
G. Richard King 2	Timothy Wylie 6
Christopher Movley 3	Denis Mothershead 7
Derrick A. Davenport 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard (1887-8). Conducted by John Robinson.

ATTENBOROUGH, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues., May 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp

*Trevor Kirkham Treble	Neil Handley 5
David K. Walklate 2	Reginald J. Stretton 6
Kevin A. Betesta 3	Reginald Wallis 7
William Allsopp 4	David Oliver Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Triples.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., April 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising London, Wells, York, Cambridge, Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Colin Shaw Treble	John Moore 4
Joyce Chadwick 2	Ivan Barlow 5
Jack Chadwick 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., May 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Arthur Sheppard Treble	John Moore 4
Joyce Chadwick 2	Ivan Barlow 5
Jack Chadwick 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SANDON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Stephen A. Waters Treble	Christopher K. Cooper 4
Anne Edwards 2	Peter M. Wilkinson 5
Rosemarie A. Frith 3	Ian R. Panton Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal.

HEMPSTEAD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods viz.: (1) London, (2) Netherseale, (3) Bourne, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHTED, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 8 lb. in F.

*John F. Oakshott Treble	Tony Skilton 5
Felicity Hamilton 2	Dennis J. F. Oakshott 6
Jill P. Oakshott 3	John C. Davidge 7
Charles W. Munday 4	Peter J. Munday Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Peter J. Munday
* First peal at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.
*Leslie S. Hodges Treble Peter D. Sell 4
Gillian Sims 2 *Roy K. Williams 5
†Robert D. Hodges 3 Rev Michael Hart Tenor
Conducted by Roy K. Williams.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside." First peal attempt as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents with no 65's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in C.
*Marion B. Perry Treble John R. Southey 4
Michael D. Frost 2 Katherine S. Hardy 5
John E. Ewer 3 Robert E. Hardy Tenor
Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

* First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a welcome to Martin, a second son for Kathleen and Roger Baldwin. Also a birthday compliment to Patricia Ewer.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

D. Paul Smith Treble Richard G. Crosland 5
Stanley Jenner 2 †Michael H. O'Callaghan 6
*John Pladdys 3 Ian H. Oram 7
Ann Jenner 4 Tony Lewis Tenor
Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Tony Lewis.

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

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

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

Harold Evans Treble John Pladdys 5
Christopher T. Osenton 2 Richard Hayes 6
D. Paul Smith 3 Bernard F. L. Groves 7
Peter S. Muchlinski 4 Martin L. Howe Tenor
Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third. The conductor has now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. John, Deptford.

On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Paul S. Royds-Jones Treble John Pladdys 5
Maureen J. Carruthers 2 Fred J. Cullum 6
Richard A. J. Bower 3 John W. Smith 7
Arthur G. Mason 4 D. Paul Smith Tenor
Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

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

On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Arthur S. Richards (101) Treble Tom Cullingworth (161) 5
Bernard F. L. Groves (104) 2 Crawford T. Hillis (105) 6
Ian H. Oram (182) 3 Ralph Bird (187) 7
John R. Cooper (152) 4 A. Patrick Cannon (147) Tenor
Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Ralph Bird.

Arranged to enable the above ringers to ring a peal together, all having rung peals in 100 or more different towers in Kent. The numbers in brackets denote the number of individual towers.

BOXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.

On Tues., May 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Patrick K. King Treble Bernard F. L. Groves 4
Peter S. Muchlinski 2 Peter F. T. Smith 5
†Simon A. Wigg 3 Martin L. Howe Tenor
Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal. † First in seven methods.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary, Woolwich.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Alan J. Taylor Treble Richard J. Bower 4
†Maureen J. Carruthers 2 Robert J. Coles 5
Audrey R. Alexander 3 John Pladdys Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* First peal on a working bell. † First of Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,624 Yorkshire, 2,432 Cambridge, with 92 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr.

*David Makin-Taylor .. Treble Albert Greenhalgh 5
Roy Jolley 2 Bernard Moss 6
John Illingworth 3 Geoffrey Fothergill 7
R. Keith Lister 4 John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal First of Spliced Surprise for all the band except ringers of 7 and 8. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.
Rung to mark the centenary of the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOSE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents of Shipway's Place Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandshire. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A.

Roland H. Cook Treble Robert Preston 3
Harold T. Bonshor 2 Charles E. Cooper 4
Owen Homewood Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Maris C. Stephenson .. Treble Michael W. Crowder 5
Jack Bray 2 †Michael Whiting 6
†Roger Hipplesey 3 †Alan H. Bridges 7
Ronald Chafer 4 †Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

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

On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Ronald Chafer Treble Jack Bray 5
*Robert Hawtree 2 Geoffrey W. Randall 6
Richard D. Gibson 3 Alan H. Bridges 7
*Roger Hipplesey 4 Michael W. Crowder Tenor

Composed by W. Barton

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal in the method.

MESSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Jack Bray Treble Michael Whiting 4
William Bains 2 Septimus Neave 5
Ronald Chafer 3 Michael W. Crowder Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

David L. Phillips Treble *Jack Alsop 5
Thomas Yeomans 2 M. Jack Pryor 6
J. Arthur Hoare 3 David J. Llewellyn 7
Gwyn I. Lewis 4 Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CADOXTON, Ncath.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.
David J. Lewis Treble Alwyn R. Lewis 4
Harry Boyce 2 Gwyn I. Lewis 5
William J. Thomas 3 Benjamin Williams Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Ringers of treble fourth and fifth are of three generations.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17½ cwt.
Frank T. Blagrove Treble J. Keith Ward 6
Frederick R. Scott 2 Christopher H. Rogers 7
David E. Rothera 3 William Birmingham 8
William S. Deason 4 Wilfrid G. Wilson 9
Jonathan S. N. Porter 5 Frank C. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

First peal of Single Oxford Bob Royal.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17½ cwt.
Frank T. Blagrove Treble Malcolm Loveday 5
Monica Blagrove 2 Robert Wiggins 6
Margaret Wenban 3 J. Keith Ward 7
Albert C. Wenban 4 Sidney Blyth Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung for Whitsuntide and the 70th anniversary of the Middlesex County Association.

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

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's College and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.
Elsie Savory Treble Albert C. Wenban 4
Monica Blagrove 2 Robert Wiggins 5
Frank T. Blagrove 3 William S. Deason Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Adams, churchwarden at this church for 40 years.

First peal on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., May 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
Richard J. Clifton Treble Ron Hughes 5
John K. Smith 2 Arthur E. Rowley 6
Joseph W. Cotton 3 G. Ronald Edwards 7
Richard M. Wilson 4 Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by G. Ronald Edwards. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Fri., May 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.
*Richard J. Clifton Treble †Ron Hughes 5
William J. V. Conduct 2 Arthur E. Rowley 6
Sheila Parsons 3 Joseph W. Cotton 7
Norman W. Attaway 4 Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worstley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* 375th peal. † First of Surprise "inside."

Rung for the 12th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day, to the incumbency of Measham.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.
William J. V. Conduct .. Treble Arthur E. Rowley 5
Frederick K. Wiggins 2 Frank Beech 6
Norman W. Attaway 3 Joseph W. Cotton 7
*Ron Hughes 4 Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
David J. Midgley Treble Gerald Parsons 5
Norman Sherratt 2 Harold Dowler 6
T. Felicity Webber 3 Raymond J. Ballard 7
Hilary F. Pardoe 4 Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula.

On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 STOKE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.
T. Felicity Webber Treble Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2 Raymond J. Ballard 6
David J. Midgley 3 Dennis Latham 7
J. Geoffrey Burton 4 Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Dennis Latham.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to this church this day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of

St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.
Desmond P. Mortlock .. Treble David Heighton 5
Patrick J. Bird 2 *Martin Cubitt 6
*Angela M. Wright 3 *Thomas R. Simmons 7
Trevor N. J. Bailey 4 Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by David Heighton.

* First peal in the method.

BUXTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Norwich Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
Henry Tooke Treble Thomas E. Spight 4
Wilfred G. Saunders 2 Frank C. J. Arnold 5
Desmond P. Mortlock 3 H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

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

On Fri., May 26, 1967 in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
David Cubitt Treble George P. Adams 4
Geoffrey H. Pullin 2 Martin Cubitt 5
Shelagh R. Collins 3 Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

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

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Norwich Surprise, and one each of Ipswich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
Henry Tooke Treble Thomas E. Spight 4
Wilfred G. Saunders 2 Frank C. J. Arnold 5
*Desmond P. Mortlock 3 H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

* 25th peal for the Norwich Association.

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GREAT ELLINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin, St. Simon and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.
 Charles H. Blake Treble Henry Tooke 3
 Frank C. J. Arnold 2 Thomas E. Spight 4
 H. William Barrett Tenor
 Conducted by H. William Barrett.

BESTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Stedman, six six-scores each of Winchenden Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury and four six-scores of St. Simon. Tenor 8 cwt.
 Leslie F. Bailey Treble Thomas E. Spight 3
 Henry Tooke 2 Frank C. J. Arnold 4
 H. William Barrett Tenor
 Conducted by H. William Barrett.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., May 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.
 *Henry Tooke Treble *Frank C. J. Arnold 3
 *Thomas E. Spight 2 †Charles H. Blake 4
 H. William Barrett Tenor
 Conducted by H. William Barrett.

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † First of Plain Bob Doubles and first away from the treble.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Marion Dorothy, daughter of C. H. Blake.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING.—At the Municipal Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.
 Albert M. Tyler Treble Frank W. Perrens 7
 Patricia E. Hibbert 2 Emlyn F. Hancock 8
 William Hibbert 3 Ernest J. Gower 9
 John W. T. Hibbert 4 John H. Napper 10
 *Clare F. Dolphin 5 Tudor P. Edwards 11
 Donald G. Clift 6 Roger M. Heyworth Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
 * First peal on 12 bells and in the method.

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

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.
 Ernest W. Eldridge .. Treble Marcus P. Barton 5
 James R. A. Muller 2 Robert J. Picton 6
 Keith D. Waples 3 Rev. Roderick V. Wallis .. 7
 Thomas H. Tocock 4 Brian M. Barker Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian M. Barker.
 Rung to the glory of God for the ordination as priest of the Rev. R. V. Wallis on May 21st, 1967.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th obs.)
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.
 *Ian A. Ross Treble Peter Pearce 5
 John A. H. Betts 2 Peter J. Heritage 6
 Christopher C. Clarke .. 3 Edward R. Venn 7
 †Leonard R. Porter 4 Roy H. Jones Tenor
 Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
 * First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples.

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

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
 Robert B. Blond Treble *Angela M. Ayres 5
 Mary Wells 2 *Harry E. Wells 6
 Harold W. Dunsden 3 William L. Gilks 7
 Frank E. Godden 4 Reginald F. Crook Tenor
 Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
 * First peal of Kent.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.
 Frank C. Price Treble Joan A. Rance 5
 Susanne Sargeant 2 Arthur J. N. Rance 6
 Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3 Stanley G. Scott 7
 Maurice Ingram 4 Frederick R. Scott Tenor
 Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
 Rung in memoriam and as a tribute to the life and work of S. George Coles, of Taunton, Somerset, interred this day at the Parish Church of St. John, Staplegrave.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
 *Annette J. List Treble Edward D. Patching 4
 Hilary Osbourne 2 James F. List 5
 Susan M. Holden 3 Peter G. Holden Tenor
 Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
 * First peal at first attempt.
 Rung to welcome Sir Francis Chichester as he returned to Plymouth.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford St. Clement's. Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
 Christopher J. Groome .. Treble John G. Mitchell 4
 Barry R. Care 2 Stephen B. Bell 5
 J. Charles Hudson 3 J. Martin Thorley Tenor
 Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.
 Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble James Crowther 7
 John E. Anderson 2 *J. Alan Ainsworth 8
 James W. Belshaw 3 Eric N. Harrison 9
 Michael Maughan 4 David J. Purnell 10
 John C. Eisel 5 John A. Anderson 11
 Kenneth Lawson 6 George E. Fearn Tenor
 Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 * 250th peal for the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 82 lb. in F sharp.
 Raymond Aldington .. Treble James Crowther 5
 David J. Purnell 2 James W. Belshaw 6
 Ann E. Fellows 3 Michael Maughan 7
 John C. Eisel 4 *Eric N. Harrison Tenor
 Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
 * 400th peal.

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

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.
 George E. Fearn Treble John E. Anderson 5
 Enid Lawson 2 *Maurice F. Edwards 6
 *Iris Anderson 3 J. Alan Ainsworth 7
 Ann Lawson 4 Kenneth Lawson Tenor
 Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
 * First peal in the method.

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

On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat
 Margaret Lawson Treble Ann E. Fellows 5
 Maurice C. Hughes 2 *Richard C. Stevens 6
 Ann Lawson 3 †J. Alan Ainsworth 7
 Enid Lawson 4 †Kenneth Lawson Tenor
 Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
 * First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Heather A. Walters .. Treble	† Derek S. Beaufoy .. 5
Gillian M. Hunt .. 2	Robert C. Kippin .. 6
Richard W. Sweet .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
* Stephen W. Barton .. 4	Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Rutland. † 50th peal.

DORCHESTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5284 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet .. Treble	Clifford A. Barron .. 5
Gillian M. Hunt .. 2	D. John Hunt .. 6
Stephen W. Barton .. 3	David P. Hilling .. 7
Derek S. Beaufoy .. 4	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's tower of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D

The "Churchill Peal."	Arthur G. Mason .. 7
Peter A. Sharp .. Treble	Edward W. Colley .. 8
Jacqueline S. King .. 2	David J. King .. 9
Jack L. Millhouse .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. 10
Harold Gibson .. 4	R. Roger Savory .. 11
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 5	H. William Barrett .. Tenor
Michael J. Uphill .. 6	

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt.

E. gar C. Shepherd .. Treble	George E. Feirn .. 6
Paul Raithby .. 2	Harry Poyner .. 7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 3	Norman V. Harding .. 8
Philip Walker .. 4	Colin W. Reed .. 9
F. Hector Bennett .. 5	Ernest F. Wilcox .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

George A. Dawson .. Treble	Michael J. Uphill .. 5
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 2	Simon Humphrey .. 6
Jack L. Millhouse .. 3	Peter A. Sharp .. 7
Edward W. Colley .. 4	John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.

On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.	
William L. Exton .. Treble	R. Brian Mills .. 4
Thomas G. Goodwin .. 2	Thomas O. Greasley .. 5
John C. Shonfeld .. 3	George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung to mark the opening of the Cranmer Group Festival of the Church and the Arts Week, and to welcome the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to Nottingham. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in two methods, viz.: One of Kent T.B. and six of Plain.	
Ruth Blackshaw .. Treble	David Oliver .. 4
Robert D. Marsh .. 2	Frederick E. Jones .. 5
Maurice W. Harrison .. 3	George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Rung as a compliment to Brian and Christine Mills on the birth of a son.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.
Frank I. Hairs .. Treble	John A. Howard .. 5
* Caroline V. Harris .. 2	Herbert E. Audsley .. 6
* R. Jean Osbon .. 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
Ernest J. Ladd .. 4	Robert Harris .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

* First peal in the method.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Tues., May 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: One extent each of Double Court, Oxford T.B. Double Oxford C.B., Cambridge, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain

Tenor 164 cwt. in F

Audrey R. Alexander .. Treble	Christopher Starbuck .. 4
* Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Timothy G. Pett .. 5
John Pladdys .. 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* First of Minor in more than one method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. W. Cawley, father of the former secretary of the Society.THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., May 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 HUNSLET IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	Walter Hunt .. 5
Mrs. A. D. Smith .. 2	David L. Wilcox .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. 3	Reginald F. Crook .. 7
Philip G. Taylor .. 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.
Denby P. Murduck .. Treble	J. Ashmore Dodd .. 5
Katherine Maundrell .. 2	* Howard E. J. Smith .. 6
Colin J. Butler .. 3	David J. Forder .. 7
Phillip Murduck .. 4	Bradley Murduck .. Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of Triples and first in the method.

LAVERSTOKE-CUM-FREEFOLK, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

* Lynette M. Holbrook .. Treble	David L. Wilcox .. 4
Katherine Maundrell .. 2	Michael S. Holbrook .. 5
R. Christine Hassell .. 3	* Howard E. J. Smith .. Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
DODDERHILL, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 60 lb. in E.

Enid Lawson .. Treble	Clive M. Smith .. 5
Ann Lawson .. 2	Peter D. Warren .. 6
Kenneth Lawson .. 3	John C. Eisel .. 7
James Insley .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	John E. Anderson .. 5
* Ann Lawson .. 2	Kenneth Lawson .. 6
* Enid Lawson .. 3	Eric N. Harrison .. 7
Ann E. Fellows .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal in the method.

HALESOWEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	James Insley .. 5
M. Irene Ellmore .. 2	James Crowther .. 6
John C. Eisel .. 3	Michael Maughan .. 7
James W. Belshaw .. 4	David J. Purnell .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in F sharp.

Ann E. Fellows .. Treble	John E. Anderson .. 5
Iris Anderson .. 2	James Crowther .. 6
John A. Anderson .. 3	Michael Maughan .. 7
George E. Fearn .. 4	Eric N. Harrison .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., June 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Enid Lawson Treble	Kenneth Lawson 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Ann Lawson 3	John C. Eisel 7
†Richard C. Stevens 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

SHEFFIELD, Yorks.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
Edward Jenkins 2	John H. Fielden 8
Maryl R. Fielden 3	Derek Butterworth 9
Richard S. Starkie 4	Richard E. Price 10
*John S. Mason 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry 11
Basil Jones 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* 50th different 12-bell tower for a peal. Tenor 40 cwt. in B.

CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

Sam Scattergood .. Treble	Michael R. Meadows 6
M. Susan Jackson 2	Gerald Penney 7
Richard J. W. Tibbetts .. 3	J. Henry Fielden 8
John S. Seager 4	Neil Donovan 9
David Nichols 5	Harry Parkes Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble	David Smith 5
M. Susan Jackson 2	John Potts 6
H. David Holland 3	J. Henry Fielden 7
Ronald R. Warford 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

Rung, after meeting short for Royal, for the 21st birthday of the tenor ringer's sister, and to mark the retirement of Arthur H. Taylor.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.

On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz.: (1) Wragby Delight, (2) College Exercise and College T.B., (3) Duke of Norfolk., Norbury T.B., (4) Capel and Sandal T.B., (5) Kingston and Oxford T.B., (6) London Scholars and Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Charles S. Naylor .. Treble	Patricia Lockwood 4
Ian North 2	Irvin Slack 5
Alan Newbould 3	Alan Clifton Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.	
Miss V. C. A. Rodrigues Treble	*R. J. Wilsher 5
S. F. Royal 2	*R. E. Burbury 6
Miss S. Thexton 3	P. A. Brand 7
*S. K. Thompson 4	C. W. Ottaway Tenor

Conducted by S. F. Royal.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to R. E. Burbury.

HANDBELL PEALS**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.

On Mon., April 24, 1967, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

*Susanne Sargeant .. 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4

*Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5-6

* First handbell peal in more than one method.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.

On Fri., May 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A sharp.

*Susanne Sargeant .. 1-2 | Frank C. Price 5-6

*Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3-4 | *Stanley G. Scott 7-8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

* First handbell peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Susanne Sargeant.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At 29, Dimbles Hill.

On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 7 in D.

Lucy Smith 1-2 | Clive M. Smith 5-6

Eric E. Speake 3-4 | John H. Allen 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John H. Allen.

First peal on eight "in hand" for all except the ringer of 5-6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Leeds Central High School Society)

WAKEFIELD, Yorks.—At Lyndhurst, 5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood.

On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

The four callings. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*Lisle Joseph 1-2 | †Robin Brown (cond.) .. 3-4

*Michael C. Perrins 5-6

Conducted by Robin Brown.

* First peal. † First "in hand." First peal for the Society.

QUARTER PEALS**BANWELL, SOMERSET.**—On May 17th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (four methods): M. Hebden 1, R. W. Rice 2, G. Hebden 3, M. Legg 4, W. S. Rice 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, C. J. Hornett 8. First of four Spliced Triples by all the band.**BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Cherrill L. Everard 1, M. D. Barsby 2, R. I. Kendrick 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, R. Wilmore 5, P. J. Chambers 6.**BASILDON, ESSEX.**—On May 13th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus ("in hand"): G. I. Lucas 1-2, K. I. Lucas (aged 8) 3-4. A 12th birthday compliment to Teresa Earl. Also on May 21st, 1,272 Reverse Bob Minimus ("in hand"): A 9th birthday compliment to Janice Manterfield.**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on May 17th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: P. J. Devrell 1, Miss G. M. Beckett 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, D. A. Burt 5, D. J. Orledge 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 1, 2 and 4.**BETHERSDEN, KENT.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Patricia A. Winch 1, Dawn V. A. Petts 2, H. J. Payne 3, J. B. Keeler 4, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 5, M. Tong 6.**BRISTOL.**—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: A. Hancock 1, N. Hancock 2, W. J. Murrell 3, W. Adams (first of Triples) 4, M. Abraham 5, D. Helliwell 6, E. P. Hancock (cond.) 7, S. Gillett 8.**BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**—On May 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Miles 1, Mrs. D. Bowles 2, F. C. Arnold 3, W. Tyrell 4, F. Pearson 5, C. F. Philippo (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 4.**BURES, SUFFOLK.**—On May 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. G. Wheatcroft 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Candale 3, D. J. Reeve 4, D. W. Brooks 5, M. J. Warren (first on eight) 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.**BURTON, HANTS.**—On May 20th, 1,279 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. K. Pocock (first quarter) 1, K. Sansom 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hughes (150th quarter) 4, B. Walton (50th as cond.) 5, R. Tipper 6. A wedding compliment: to Monica Durrant and Roy Stokes.**BURMARSH, KENT.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): 1 Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, W. Beeching 6.**CHEVERELL MAGNA, WILTS.**—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Johnson (first quarter) 1, R. Joy Watkin 2, P. C. Hassan 3, R. Aldington 4, M. King 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6.**DEEPING ST. NICHOLES, Lincs.**—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett (12) 1, Katharine M. Thorley (11) 2, R. N. Scholes 3, J. Woolley 4, F. Taylor 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6.**DEWSBURY, YORKS.**—On May 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich. Mrs. V. Bottomley 1, D. Archer 2, Ruth Richardson 3, V. Bottomley (cond.) 4, J. Henderson 5, J. Wishman 6, G. Richardson (first in method) 7, E. Betts 8.**DISS, NORFOLK.**—On May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. King (first quarter on eight) 1, A. G. Harrison 2, J. Mowle 3, C. Catchpole 4, P. Sutton 5, A. Cook 6, O. P. Claxton 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Association (May 1st), also to Canon E. L. Corbell, rector of Diss (May 7th).**FAREHAM, HANTS.**—On May 6th, 1,259 Grandisire Cavers: J. G. Draper 1, Stella M. Knight 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, R. A. Partridge 4, Rosemary J. Kemp 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, K. C. Knight 7, B. J. Davis 8, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 9, H. A. Nobes 10.**GADDESBY, LEICS.**—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. G. M. Hall 1, Ann R. Munslow 2, A. Clarke 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. Strimson 5, G. M. Hall 6. A farewell tribute to the Vicar, Rev. Ian Phelps, who is leaving to be the diocesan youth chaplain.**GREAT CHART, KENT.**—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Patricia A. Winch 1, Dawn V. A. Petts 2, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 3, H. J. Payne 4, J. B. Keeler 5, W. Eggs 6.**HILLINGDON, MIDDXX.**—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss R. Myllys 1, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 2, R. A. Fardon 3, Miss P. A. Copas 4, M. W. Seymour 5, R. K. Russ 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Diana Reeves 1, Phillip Davis (first of Triples) 2, J. Carter 3, Anne Bennett 4, Paul Davis 5, M. Sayers 6, R. Reeve (cond.) 7, J. Wyatt 8. Rung for the baptism of Francis Tristan Vvell.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 28th, 1,320 Minor (two methods): E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda S. Powell 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, Carol E. Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6, For Matins, and to welcome Alison Mary, daughter of Margaret and Eric Godfrey, born May 15th. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Bennett (first quarter) 1, 1. Wiltshire 2, R. Rayfield 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6, For Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Harris 1, Jennifer Sharpe 2, Joan Reynier 3, Angela Smart 4, J. P. Ladd (first as cond.) 5, P. G. Smart 6. Also on May 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Sharpe 1, J. P. Ladd 2, D. P. Elsmore 3, M. W. Brown 4, P. J. Ostley 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2 and 3. Both rung for Evensong.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, W. Simmonds 2, Miss V. Stephens 3, R. Blackett 4, P. A. Lock 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. Burton 8. Rung for the safe return to Plymouth of Sir Francis Chichester. First in the method for all except ringer of 4.

BARBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 21st, 1,256 Minimus (four methods): Delphine E. L. Holman 1, R. W. Sherriff 2, J. K. Foot 3, C. Maycock (cond.) 4. Rung for the ordination of Harold John Weston earlier this day at Peterborough Cathedral.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (17 methods): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, D. R. McLean (cond.) 3, Amette E. Bradbury 4, A. Turner 5, S. Brooks 6. Most methods by all the band to a quarter.

BASSALEG, MON.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Williams (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. M. Bennett 2, P. Bennett 3, A. Bainham 4, J. Prytherch 5, D. Phillips (cond.) 6.

BICESTER, OXON.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Hibbert 1, Mrs. P. Aolin 2, C. J. Garlick 3, A. H. Webb 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On May 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Wellings 1, P. Davies 2, Miss B. Pickering (first of Surprise) 3, Miss E. Timmins 4, R. Dorrington 5, E. Speake (cond.) 6.

BLAENAVON, MON.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Hall 1, P. Williams 2, Mrs. M. Bennett 3, P. Chambers 4, A. Bainham 5, J. Prytherch 6, P. Bennett 7, D. Phillips (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. T. R. Pantou.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, on May 16th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: J. L. Cloughton 1—2, W. J. Perrins 3—4, A. V. Davis (cond.) 5—6, R. N. Marlow 7—8. First quarter Triples "in hand" 1—2 and 3—4. First quarter "in hand" 7—8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, on May 21st, 1,296 Grandairs Caters: Peta Ollen (first of Caters) 1, Stella G. Rice (first of Caters "inside") 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, D. Nibba 4, Marion Kemp (first of Caters) 5, A. V. Sheppard 6, Janette R. Kipling 7, R. H. Newton 8, D. P. Snowell 9, B. Read (first of Caters) 10. In thanks for the safe return to health of Father Walker, and also to celebrate the birth of his grandson.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Bateman 1, B. Martin 2, J. Collard 3, Mrs. G. Hunt 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds 6, J. F. Pedler 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Whit Sunday. By St. Ambrose's Sunday service band.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bainbridge (first quarter) 1, M. P. Inskip 2, Linda M. Groves 3, Jane Foster 4, S. Waters 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: T. Elkerton (first quarter Triples) 1, R. W. Yates (first quarter Triples "inside") 2, G. W. Holland 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers 5, F. Vickers 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, H. Jenkins 8. Rung in honour of Buckingham's first Lady Mayor, Councillor Mrs. D. J. Elkerton, mother of the treble ringer.

CALDICOTT, MON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Lesley Sowerby 1, Adrienne Wheeler 2, Jill Sowerby 3, Barbara Porter 4, I. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, Rev. R. Hallett 6, Beryl Seeley 7, L. Evans 8. First quarter 3, 7, 8. Rung for Confirmation by the Archbishop of Wales, and dedication of new roof.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandairs Doubles: R. Collins 1, J. Priest 2, Anne Pickering 3, Patricia Hill 4, P. Privett (cond.) 5, R. Collins 6.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: Patricia Godfrey 1, Christine Breu 2, N. V. Hill 3, G. R. Williams 4, D. J. Godfrey (first as cond.) 5, H. G. Walters 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. First "inside" 3 and 5. First by Sunday service band.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Cora Eldridge 1, Janice Penning 2, E. Eldridge 3, T. Tocock 4, J. Dieppe 5, J. Muller 6, M. Barton (cond.) 7, H. Tocock 8. For Patronal Festival.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Miss J. Battin 1, Rev. R. Fry 2, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, C. J. A. Brown 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. W. Jewell 8. For Confirmation, at which three local ringers were confirmed.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: R. H. Candy 1, Margaret J. Grantham 2, A. J. Leeves 3, B. N. Butler 4, M. A. Legg 5, G. N. Benjamin 6, R. Weeks (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. A. Hemsley 8. First of Triples 5 and 6. First of Triples with local Sunday service ringers on all the working bells. For Confirmation by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: V. J. White (first quarter) 1, F. Absolam 2, J. R. Mitty 3, B. R. White (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, H. White 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitty, and also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DARLSTON, STAFFS.—On May 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Westwood 1, E. Hough 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, Miss R. White 4, N. White 5, P. R. Johnson 6, J. P. Burton (25th quarter) 7, C. Bainham (cond.) 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Major on the bells for 20 years.

DEANE, HANTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: Lynette Holbrook 1, A. N. Hoar 2, R. C. Wilson 3, H. E. J. Smith 4, D. Reed (cond.) 5, M. Holbrook 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles: R. Parry 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, P. Mounsey 3, Doreen Metcalfe 4, J. Coates 5, B. Birkett 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung for the Flower Festival. Also on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: K. Hilton 1, P. Mounsey 2, P. Rogers 3, S. G. Pick 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, R. Parry 6. Rung half-muffled by the King Edward VI Grammar School Society after the funeral of Alderman W. Peatfield, Old Boy and Governor of the school.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's, on May 27th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: S. Mortimore (first of Triples) 1, P. J. Munday (first in method as cond.) 2, Miss S. Parrott 3, Miss J. Oakshott 4, Miss A. Gibson 5, J. Helder 6, M. Morris 7, K. Burgess 8. A wedding compliment to Linda Ovenden and Robert Setti.

FILTON, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Vincent 1, A. N. Blount 2, G. Gooding 3, A. Howard (cond.) 4, D. C. Haslam 5, P. Vincent 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Ascension tide.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): P. J. Cranfield (first on working bell) 1, Josephine Harris 2, Anne Trinder 3, Hilary Muirhead 4, A. R. Agg 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6, W. F. Todd 7, M. Marsden (first quarter) 8.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: L. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, J. Robinson 3, J. R. Ridley 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Davies (first Bob Minor) 1, C. J. Jones 2, M. Thompson 3, A. C. P. Pugh 4, G. Green (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6. Rung in honour of the May Queen.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandairs Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. Parker 5, R. J. Hunt 6.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On April 9th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss J. Darby 1, Miss C. I. Neville 2, Miss G. E. Perry 3, Miss E. M. Ottaway 4, F. W. Tomlin 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. E. Perry 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway 2, Miss J. Darby 3, Miss C. I. Neville 4, C. A. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, F. W. Tomlin cover.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,500 Spliced Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, B. Butcher 2, K. Butler 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Lamb 6.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.—At St. John's Church, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Woodward (first quarter) 1, Brenda Cooke 2, D. Parsons 3, P. Thomas (first "inside") 4, M. Edwards 5, P. J. Brice (cond.) 6. First "length" ever rung by University of Newcastle Society.

ORMESBY, Middlesbrough, YORKS.—On May 14th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Cambridge S.): Enid Lawson 1, Ann Lawson 2, T. Cox 3, Mrs. M. Lawson 4, P. Wishart 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 21st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. K. S. Hardy 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Miss J. A. Fellows 4, G. Dodds 5, M. D. Frost 6, G. Penney 7, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 8.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandairs Triples: Canon G. Thurlow 1, Clair Hudson 2, R. Heazel 3, H. Appleton 4, A. Hudson 5, B. Mann 6, W. Theobald (cond.) 7, A. Palmer 8. The conductor wishes the name of R. W. Leavett to be associated with this quarter peal, which followed the dedication service this day.

WALSOKEN, CAMBS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Crane 1, N. C. Richards 2, A. W. Smart 3, T. R. Bush (cond.) 4, G. Knight 5, T. V. Lakey 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Ascension Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. E. Gerhady (first quarter) 1, Leah D. Floyd 2, A. J. Wenden 3, Christine T. Wilkins 4, L. J. Floyd (cond.) 5, S. Mallett 6.



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QUARTER PEALS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—1,278 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, J. Underwood 2, A. Bailam 3, J. Stannard 4, P. Everitt 5, H. Clarke 6, D. Rowlands 7, W. Goodship 8, R. Stannard 9, J. Banks 10. Rung half-muffled for A. E. Moore, who was conductor of the company for many years.

CHARING, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Page 1, Mrs. P. T. Robbins 2, Diana M. Bradford 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, J. Anderson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, 1,344 Glasgow Surprise Major: R. W. Sweet 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, Diane M. Chapman 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, E. T. Lee 6, A. E. Cox 7, P. Bridle (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Griffiths 1, T. Prichard 2, Sr. Cornock 3, T. Wits (cond.) 4, R. Cornock 5, G. Pratt 6. Rung after the ship's bell from H.M.S. Cranham was presented to Cranham.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Beck 1, Eunice D. Overend 2, G. W. Massey 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, N. G. N. Knee 5, R. J. Baker 6, D. G. Massey (cond.) 7, R. E. Beck 8. A welcome to the Vicar, Rev. Patrick Mitchell, who was inducted on April 14th.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On May 25th, 1,500 Doubles (two methods): Mrs. L. Wise (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss S. Anthony 2, Miss R. Bellaby 3, F. E. Jones 4, G. C. Dawson (cond.) 5, R. Adey 6. Rung before the Confirmation service, and as a welcome to the Bishop of Sherwood.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. Morris 1, Miss S. D. Bagenal (first quarter) 2, Mrs. J. M. Norris 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, E. J. Thoday 5, P. E. Wells (cond.) 6, A. J. Davey 7, G. W. Henson 8. A belated welcome to Martin Edward, son of the conductor.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edna Cooper 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, S. Waters 3, Claire Hudson 4, Jane Foster 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, A. S. Hudson 7, C. K. Cooper 8. A compliment to the Rev. A. D. C. Evans, assistant curate, on his ordination to the priesthood.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. E. Whiting (first quarter) 1, M. J. Drury 2, T. Spurling 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. J. Fordham 5, J. E. Fisk 6. **GRESFORD, DENBESHIRE.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tilston 1, Mrs. N. M. Randles 2, G. H. Randles (cond.) 3, D. A. Randles 4, T. S. Randles 5.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Sewell (first of Triples) 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, R. Gee (first "inside") 3, S. G. Ponting 4, T. Skilton (25th quarter) 5, M. J. Kirk 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8. For ordination service.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Aldington 1, Mrs. A. Broadhurst (first of Stedman) 2, Mrs. M. P. Barron 3, P. M. Evans 4, C. A. Barron (cond.) 5, E. Spence 6, J. N. Lindon 7, S. W. Barton 8.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, A. Reeves 5, D. Hughes 6, B. Walton 7, D. Hatherly 8. For Confirmation service and Parish Communion.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. M. Dean (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Gratton (first "inside") 2, R. J. Dean (cond.) 3, R. Parker 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Welch 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On May 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. Harrop 1, Shelagh R. Collins 2, W. W. Cousins 3, O. P. Claxton 4, R. Newson 5, L. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung for Mayoral inauguration.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cella McArthur (first quarter) 1, Heather McArthur 2, Susan Bostock 3, U. Wildney (cond.) 4, A. Semken 5, M. Downs 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Latimer (first Minor) 1, S. S. Barratt (first Minor "inside") 2, T. N. Kedze 3, G. M. Cox 4, J. Lightfoot 5, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Taylor 1, Miss S. Walker 2, T. Newman 3, Mrs. H. Taylor 4, J. Spence 5, H. Read 6, E. Taylor (cond.) 7, T. Stephens 8. A farewell to the ringers of 2.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—On May 28th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Patricia Lockwood 1, A. Newbould 2, Margaret White 3, A. Holliday 4, M. Johnson 5, A. Clifton 6, E. Robinson 7, I. North (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on May 7th, 1,260 Minor (London S. and Plain Bob): R. A. J. Bower 1, C. P. Starbuck 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, J. Pladdys 4, R. W. Powell 5, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 6. Also on May 21st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (12 methods): J. Pladdys 1, Audrey R. Alexander 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, T. G. Pett 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, R. R. Churchill 6.

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. C. Hassan 1, Christina Folkes 2, S. Frances Chapman 3, T. Brighton 4, D. J. Jones 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Townsend 1, R. W. Yates 2, G. Orchard 3, H. Siopp 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5, W. H. Yates 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holland.

MANCETER WARWICKS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Mulvey 1, N. White 2, E. Hough 3, J. P. Burton 4, C. R. Balham (cond.) 5.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Reynolds 3, Mrs. A. M. Tonge 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, A. Cairns 6, A. G. Keen 7, G. Pyc 8, A. Ward (cond.) 9, D. Manby (first quarter) 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Frank Barraclough, Ringing Master at this tower, who was called to higher service on May 14th.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lee 1, J. Creber 2, Miss K. Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Mrs. I. J. Burrough 5, P. W. Ham 6, T. B. Comer (cond.) 7, G. Puddy 8. In memoriam John Hall, and farewell to J. Creber, posted overseas.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Riley 1, Mrs. A. V. Davis 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, W. E. Cheater 6, A. C. Conway 7, R. T. Prime 8. A compliment to Lewis Cobb and Elizabeth, who were married this day at Lymington.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Griffiths 1, P. Downer 2, W. Price 3, J. R. Williams (cond.) 4, J. H. Jones 5, P. Shallock 6. For Evensong, to the Glory of God.

MOREBATH, DEVON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): G. Sparkes 1, W. Nurcombe 2, F. Casely 3, H. Purchase 4, E. Quick (cond.) 5, A. Gale 6.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Aston (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, Ruth Gay 3, M. Androlia 4, J. Perry (first "inside") 5, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 6. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Burston (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, M. Burston 3, M. Androlia 4, J. Perry 5, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, O. F. Dunstan (cond.) 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Carveth 4, Mary Matthews 5, A. F. Burley 6, A. Locke 7, C. J. Dunstan 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. J. Davidson, Rung as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Biscoe.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Baldry (first quarter) 1, V. Bedford (cond.) 2, R. Cassidy 3, A. Knights 4, J. Majoram 5, H. Archer 6. For Confirmation service.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Diane Hickman 1, Joy Butler 2, K. S. B. Croft 3, B. V. Butler 4, J. Croft 5, C. J. Butler 6, A. Jackson 7, M. J. Butler (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 4. For Confirmation service. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. S. Croft (first on tower bells) 1, Diane I. Hickman 2, J. S. Croft 3, Joy F. Butler 4, K. S. B. Croft (cond.) 5, C. J. Butler 6, M. J. Butler 7, B. V. Butler 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On May 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. H. Thompson 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Shirley A. Cox 3, I. P. Cox 4, R. L. Coles 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung by the Sunday service band for the ordination as priest of the Rev. Dudley Goodfield, curate.

WALSOKEN NORFOLK.—1,272 Minor (Kent and Oxford Spliced): Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, R. W. Smith 2, B. Branson 3, G. Davis 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, I. Bush 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: Elizabeth Duncan 1, Jane Chapman (first of Cinques) 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, Caroline Cole 4, June Whitaker 5, D. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, A. J. Slade 8, I. L. Donr 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, R. Durrant 11, R. J. Chapman 12.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. E. Fullbrook (first in three methods) 1, Anne Carpenter 2, H. White 3, A. R. Wood 4, J. R. White 5, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 6. Rung as a tribute to David J. Slater, ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday at Oxford Cathedral.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Lesley Ivey (12, first quarter) 1, K. G. Waller 2, Maureen White 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: J. Wardle 1, M. Cosgrove 2, C. Moxon 3, J. Igglesden 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods), 7, 6, 8 covering: Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, C. F. Hawkins (first quarter) 6, F. W. Sherfield 7, S. Venham 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and Lorraine Stone.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Darke 1, Miss D. E. Austin 2, W. K. Hamilton 3, Miss A. Steed (first quarter) 4, K. J. Triplow (cond.) 5, M. Ostler 6. For Evensong in Ascensiontide. Also on May 21st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss A. Steed 1, Miss D. E. Austin 2, W. K. Hamilton 3, K. J. Triplow 4, M. Ostler 5, D. L. Cawley (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Miss R. Hamilton and Roger Wallcut. First of T.B. 1 and 2.

WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On May 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Colley 1, T. A. Carrott (first quarter) 2, Miss J. M. Quickfall 3, D. V. Carrott 4, C. V. Waite 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6.

WITTHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Osbon 1, F. L. Hairs 2, R. D. Divall 3, Mrs. R. J. Osbon 4, R. Osbon 5, C. A. Osbon 6, R. N. Harris (cond.) 7, E. H. Parkyns 8. First in method 1, 4, 5 and 6, Rung by the Sunday service band.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,328 Plain and Little Bob Minor: B. Vaughan 1, P. Thompson 2, S. Humphrey 3, Vivien Cross 4, D. Culham 5, A. Semken (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Strong, inducted the previous evening.

YATE, GLOS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. H. Shellard 1, W. E. Taylor 2, Miss P. M. Garrigan (first "inside") 3, W. D. Chiles (first quarter) 4, A. I. R. Williams (cond.) 5, B. D. Fletcher (first quarter) 6. Rung as an engagement compliment to Pat Garrigan and David Chiles.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. Porter 2, S. G. Smith 3, D. Hawkins 4, P. J. England 5, R. Rice 6, W. Rice 7, L. Lawrence 8. First "inside" 2 and 4. A 28th birthday compliment to Mr. Alec Price.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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OBITUARY

MR. F. BARRACLOUGH

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Frank Barraclough, Ringing Master at Manchester Cathedral.

Frank was born at Penistone, Yorkshire, in 1908 and was educated at St. John's School and later at Penistone Grammar School. He left school at the age of 16 to commence work at the Penistone Steel Works, where he remained until 1930, when the works closed down. Being out of work, Frank came over the Pennines into Lancashire and found employment as a crane driver at the Irlam Steel Works (now the Lancashire Steel Corporation) and settled down to live in Eccles, where he was married four years later.

Following in his grandfather's footsteps, he learned to ring at St. John-the-Baptist's, Penistone, in 1924, where he became a member of the Sunday service band. He also rang his first peal there, Plain Bob Minor, on March 12th, 1927. When Frank came to live in Lancashire he joined the band at St. Mark's, Worsley, and rang there for services until he had an accident at work in 1940, when he had to have his right arm amputated.

After a long illness Frank returned to work at the Irlam Steel Works, being re-employed as a wages clerk, and was later encouraged to take up ringing again by the late John Potter, of Walkden. He then joined the band at Manchester Cathedral, where he rang regularly until he became ill in October of last year. In 1948 he was honoured by the Manchester Branch when he was elected Branch chairman, and in 1963 he was elected Ringing Master at Manchester Cathedral in succession to the late Derek Ogden.

Apart from his interests in ringing, Frank was a member of the Freemasons, and in March of this year he was elected Worshipful Master of the Bridgewater Lodge.

The funeral service was at Eccles Crematorium on Wednesday, May 17th, conducted by Canon F. S. Wright and Canon H. Hodkin (sub-Dean of Manchester). Many friends from the Lancashire Steel Corporation, the Bridgewater Lodge and the Manchester Branch gathered at the Crematorium to pay their final respects to their friend and companion.

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled on Whit Sunday. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the following Thursday evening by members of the Cathedral band and some of Frank's closest ringing friends. The method was his favourite—Grandsire Caters. A. W.

MR. S. GEORGE COLES

It was with regret that at the Central Council meeting in Nottingham the members heard of the passing of Mr. George Coles, of Taunton, Somerset, who died suddenly that morning.

A prominent member of the Wilton (Taunton) band for about 50 years, he took part in many then famous performances and conducted peals of Surprise Minor and Major. Details of his peals, etc., will be available later; in the meantime we join with many in various parts of the country who have sent condolences to his widow and family.

MR. J. H. EDWARDS

The St. Mary's, Salehurst, Robertsbridge, ringers regret to announce the death of Mr. J. H. Edwards at the East Sussex Hospital on Monday, May 22nd. Harry Edwards was 83 years old and had been a ringer at Salehurst for 65 years; he was also a member of the Sussex Association.

On October 20th, 1919, Harry rang the third bell in the first peal, Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes) to be rung at Salehurst by an all-Salehurst band; it was his first peal on eight bells.

Harry will be sadly missed by his many friends in the Salehurst belfry and the Sussex Association. G. W. F. C.



May we hope this picture will serve a good purpose? We see the Rev. Stanley Moore extending a welcome to Bob Fisher (aged 97), of East Meon, when he joined the many noted veterans at their reunion at Bishopsgate on June 20th, 1965. Bob passed away on the following Tuesday and at his funeral service the Vicar emphasised Bob's long service to the Church—83 years as chorister and 73 years as bellringer! This may be a record.

This year the service and reunion will be held at Bishopsgate, London, on June 24th. All veterans are welcome; there will be no need to wait for an invitation. Just send your name to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16.

MR. J. WEAVING

Ringers around the Newbury area of Berkshire will be saddened to learn of the death on May 18th, at the age of 77 years, of James Weaving. He had for many years been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Hampstead Norris, until he and his wife went to live at Welwyn Garden City.

For the past few years James Weaving had been a member of the band at St. Peter's Church, Tewin, where he was able to give his assistance to the band in their many activities. The bells of Tewin Church were rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral.

James was a regular member of the Church of Christ the King, Welwyn Garden City (only one bell), where his body remained throughout Tuesday night. A Requiem Mass was said early the following morning. The funeral took place later that day, May 24th, at which local ringers were represented.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife and family in their loss. D. S. H.

MR. FREDERICK PAGE

Dear Sir,—I was sorry to read of the death of Mr. Frederick Page. Although I knew him personally only during his years in Sussex, his name was a very familiar one through his membership of the fine handbell band at Stockport, who rang many peals during the late '20's and in the '30's under the conductorship of Allen F. Bailey, whom many will remember as one of the famous Leiston family.

I suggest that A. W. B., in his tribute to Mr. Page, has been slightly misled by looking through his peal book. The Pye brothers to whom he refers were not the incomparable William and George R. Pye, both ringers of nearly 2,000 peals, but two policemen of exactly the same names from the Manchester area. This double duplication was even more remarkable than those of the John Freemans. J. H. Fieldens and Margaret Woolleys of today. I—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Four Corbys and four Pipes rang a touch of London Surprise Major at Melton Mowbray.

Letters received, making allegations, that are not accompanied by the name and address of the sender are consigned to the waste-paper basket.

The post of Cupid with the U.B.S.C.R. will be held in abeyance, since the present Cupid leaves at the end of his third year without there being an eligible male to take over!

During the past month Jeffrey Ladd (aged 14), of St. Peter's, Ash, Surrey, has rung his first peal, "inside" to Bob Minor, conducted his first quarter peal, also of Bob Minor, and rung "inside" his first quarter of Surprise.

The organisers of the peal at Shiplake, Oxon, on May 29th, are very appreciative of the help given them by Mr. Alf Street, and hope that the local band's outing, which took place on the same day, was a great success. It is also worthy of note that this was Bill Gilks' first peal for 11 years.

We regret to learn that Mr. Alan R. Pink has been ordered to bed, through heart trouble, by his doctor.

The quarter of Glasgow Surprise Major at Chewton Mendip on May 25th was rung within minutes of the great soccer win at Lisbon. The performance was purely coincidental.

Donald G. Clift, who had a period in hospital earlier this year, was able to take part in a peal at St. Laurence's, Reading, on May 20th, and in doing so has now rung a peal in every county in England and Wales.

British Railways are responsible for the fast peal at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on May 27th (2 hours and 41 minutes on a ton eight). The train, scheduled to arrive at 1.45, arrived at 2.15 from Birmingham. By the time its passengers reached St. Peter's, 3 hours and 5 minutes were left to ring the peal and lower the bells. The tenor was rung in true Birmingham fashion and the bells were down with a quarter of an hour to spare.

NOTICES

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DEATH

RYDER.—On Friday, June 2nd, 1967, T. Colin Ryder, of 19, Belvoir Gardens, Great Gonerly Grantham, for many years sidesman, parish church councillor and captain of ringers at Rotherham Parish Church. 1747

PERSONAL

"If any man among you seem to be religious and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."—James ii, 26.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PRIME.—The address of Pat and Dick is now 8, Patrington Close, Cowley, Uxbridge, Middlesex. Friends, old and new, always welcome. 1746

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION.

HOLIDAY FLAT in Cornwall, sleep 4-6. Vacancy one week from June 24th, one week July 8th, and after September 23rd. All electric. Panoramic views across Widemouth Bay. Stratton (8) 3 miles.—Boyle, Longdown, Widemouth, Bude. Tel. Widemouth Bay 353 1744

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MISCELLANEOUS

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX, bells will not be available until further notice. It is hoped to make alternative arrangements for evening ringing on Saturday, June 17th, following the meeting at Wivelsfield. 1729

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE

District Ringing Festival
August 26th—28th, 1967.

Preliminary Notice of Proposed Programme

Saturday (26th).—Ringing Tour (private cars). Tea, Priory Church Hall. Christchurch Priory bells (12) in the evening.
Sunday (27th).—Ringers' Sunday at The Priory. Bells available for service ringing and in the afternoon 2.30-4.30. Preacher at Evensong, Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow.

Bank Holiday Monday (28th).—Coach Tour into Dorset if sufficient support. Fare (including lunch) 25s. Early notice is invited from probable passengers so that firm arrangements can be made. Please notify Arthur V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bourne-mouth. 1738

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 2.45 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea shop near church.—M. T. Symonds. 1672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 1st, 10 a.m. ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m. service in the Cathedral; 12 noon business meeting; 12.45 for 1.15 lunch at Christ Church. Tickets for lunch 9s. Applications for tickets accompanied by remittances and s.a.c. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Monday, June 26th.

"CASTLE WEEK" IN CHEPSTOW

Chepstow Castle — 900th Anniversary Celebrations and "Festival of Flowers" in Parish Church June 14th to 17th. Stalls and events in Castle each evening "Son et Lumiere" 10 p.m. each night. Bells (10) 6 p.m.—7 p.m. June 13th-17th. All visiting ringers most welcome. No weekly Wednesday practice. 1707

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS

Restoration Centenary Festival
June 30th—July 2nd.

Bells available Sat., July 1st, 2-6 p.m. Festival of floral art in church gardens open. Teas available. All welcome. 1526

THE LADIES' GUILD

Annual General Meeting, Sat., July 1st, at Lincoln.

Committee meeting 11 a.m. in Consistory Court. Service 12 noon in Cathedral. Buffet lunch available in Chapter House. Meeting 2 p.m. in Consistory Court. Dinner 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., Moor Lodge, Branton. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 10.45-11.45 a.m. and 2-5.15 p.m.; St. Giles' (8) 2-4 p.m.; St. Peter at Gows' (6) and St. Botolph's (6) 3-4 p.m.; Waddington (6) 3-4.30 p.m.; Harmston (8) 3.30-5 p.m.; Waddingborough (8) 4-5.30 p.m.; Branton (6) 5 p.m.

Names, with cash, please, and s.a.c. for tickets for buffet lunch (4s.) and/or dinner (£1-5-0) to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, by June 22nd. 1670

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringing Festival. June 24th, 1967.

Towers available as follows:
Horncastle 10 a.m.—11 a.m.; Old Bolingbroke 10.30 a.m.—11.30 a.m.; Sibsey 11 a.m.—12 noon; Old Leake 11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; Leverton 12 noon—1 p.m.; Freiston 12.30 p.m.—1.30 p.m.; Algar-kirk 2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.; Sutterton 3 p.m.—4 p.m.; Wigtoft 3.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.; Swineshead 6 onwards; Coningsby 7-8; Tattershall 8-9.

Cricketer match, Swineshead, 2.30. Tea in Swineshead Church Hall for those who notify me by June 19th.—Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs. 1668

ST. MARY'S, SWANAGE, DORSET

Ringers' Service

Evensong 6.30 p.m., Sunday, June 25th. Ringing from 5.30. Refreshments and ringing after service. Preacher, Rev. R. N. Longridge. Visitors welcome. 1737

ST. MARY'S, MARLBOROUGH.—Practice night now Tuesday, 7.30-8.30. Visitors welcome. 1735

VETERANS' REUNION.—London, June 24th. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Ringing from 2 to 4.15. Names for tea to J. Euston. 28, Fairmile Avenue, S.W.16. 1721

MEETINGS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening practice meeting at the Bell Foundry Tower Loughborough, on Friday, June 16th, at 7 p.m. All welcome.—R. M. W. 1699

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK & DIARY, 1968

Most ringers will have been aware of our difficulties in producing the 1967 Diary, and to correct matters our binders are asking for the printed sheets much earlier than previously.

To enable us to do this we must invite the co-operation of all Association secretaries asking them to send lists of officers and dates of A.G.M.'s, dinners, etc., by July 7th, latest. Most Associations hold their A.G.M.'s before Whitsun, so the information should be available. If no amendments are notified we will assume that the 1967 lists remain unchanged

No reminders can be sent this year
W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Replies, please, to 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 1755

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Evening practice meeting at Bedford, Friday, June 16th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1708

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Evening meeting, Stoneleigh, June 17th. Bells from 6 p.m. 1724

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Holywell, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London Surprise and Single Oxford. Names for tea must be sent to the District Secretary, 23, Moyne Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1703

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Randwick (4 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Handbell ringing 6 p.m.—V. Deane, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly meeting and Striking Competition at Merrow on June 17th. Service at 3 p.m., followed by competition, then tea and meeting. Ringing in evening at West Clandon. Names for tea to Miss H. Giddins, 43, Great Goodwin Drive, Merrow, Guildford.—M. M. 1733

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Radlett, June 17th, 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also evening ringing from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Clouston, Lavenham, 1, Canons Close, Radlett.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1671

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Finchley, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing till 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1663

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, June 17th, at Wilby (8), 6.30-9 p.m.—H.W.H.L., Dis. Sec. 1665

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at Wivelsfield (6) 3 p.m. followed by service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Ringing will then continue at Burgess Hill from 6.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Telephone 3442). 1653

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Rock (8), near Bewdley, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1678

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, June 20th, 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 20th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 27th, St. Mary-le-Bow; July 4th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; July 11th, Southwark Cathedral. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, Sec. 1730

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Wakefield Cathedral (12), Tuesday, June 20th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Plain hunt on 9, 10, 11 and 12, P.B. Royal and Grandsire Cinques. Ringing Master, Mr Wilfrid F. Moreton. All welcome.—M. King, Dis. Sec. 1082

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, Colerne, Wednesday, June 21st. Bells (8) 7 to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Heath. 1719

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting to be held at Hathern (8), Friday evening, June 23rd, 7 p.m. Will be also combined meeting with the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. 1649

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Irton (6), June 24th, 7-9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Branch Sec. 1742

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Rostherne, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Miss E. Jackson, 1, The Square, Rostherne, before Tuesday, June 20th. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 1756

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Misson, Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 1748

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Brancepeth on Saturday, June 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 1715

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1745

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tytherington, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea essential to R. Williams, Brook Farm, Tytherington, Glos, by Wednesday, June 21st.—R. H. D. 1750

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lower Slaughter (6) and Upper Slaughter (5), June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Service Upper Slaughter 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. (Tel. Stow 350) by June 23rd. 1754

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District Striking Competition at Aldershot, Saturday, June 24th. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, 45, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. (Farnborough 41792.) Normal ringing after tea. 1734

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. and Prize Contest, Penistone, June 24th. Test piece 600 Minor. Names for tea to T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. 1741

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—A combined practice will be held at Westbury on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 1718

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch).—Joint meeting to be held on Saturday, June 24th, at Rostherne (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Jackson, 1, The Square, Rostherne, Altrincham. — C. Andrew, Dis. Sec. 1751

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting at Whalley on Saturday, June 24th. (Please note change of date.) Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and after tea. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1760

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting in Leeds on June 24th. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 3-5 p.m., and Christ Church, Armley, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. Plenty of cafes in town centre. 1722

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting, 1967

The A.G.M. will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 1st. Arrangements are as follows:

General meeting in Cathedral House 2.30 p.m.
Service in the Cathedral (including dedication of the Fred Rogers—George Pullinger Memorial by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth) 4.30 p.m.
Tea in Cathedral House 5.15 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent by Wednesday, June 28th, to Miss Lloyd, Provost's Secretary, Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Portsmouth. Tel. 23300.

Ringling Arrangements:

Curdridge (8) and Droxford (4) 10.30-11.30; Shedfield (8), Soberton (8) and Hambleton (6) 11-12; Titchfield (6) and Catherington (6) 11.30-12.30; Havant (8) 12-1; Portsca (8) 12.30-2; Portsmouth Cathedral (10) 12.30-2.30 and after tea.

D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1727

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, 1967

Service at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in St. Chad's Hall.

Ringling Arrangements:

Wellington (8), Market Drayton (8) . . . 11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Hodnet (8), Atcham (6) 12.15 p.m.—1.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Shrewsbury (10) 2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (12) 3.00 p.m.—4.30 p.m.
7.00 p.m.—8.30 p.m.

Names for tea to F. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts, Shrewsbury, by Saturday, July 1st. No name, no tea. 1717

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sharnford, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential to Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 1725

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at West Wycombe, Saturday, June 24th. Ringing on the eight bells from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 1728

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Weldon on 24th instant. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to R. Webster 17, Church Street, Weldon, Corby, Northants, by 20th. 1711

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Rutland Branch) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton Mowbray Branch).—Joint meeting at Whissendine (6), Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea. 1716

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Greens Norton, June 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss Betty Mansfield, 3, Duncote, near Towcester, by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates. 1726

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1623.—The 344th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 11.30 a.m. Come for 12-bell ringing. Make own arrangements for lunch. Tea (4s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Thursday, 22nd.—L. E. Pitstow. 4, Highfield. Phone 2074. 1739

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Loders, Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 1712

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, East Knoyle, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to N. Skelton, 29, Ayleswade Road, Salisbury, by Tuesday, 20th. 1720

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Evening practice, Bolsover (Derbys, 8), Saturday, June 24th. Bells 6-9 p.m. Methods for special practice: St. Clement's College Bob Major and Yorkshire Surprise.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 1723

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3.30-4.15; St. Chad's (4) 3.30-4.15. All available together with St. Mary's (8) during the evening after the meeting. No ringing during service, please, which is in the Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating

limited so numbers for tea as soon as possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at the very latest by June 21st. Tel. Lichfield 4539. Please support business meeting.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1706

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Charlwood (6), Saturday June 24th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Gosling, Lyndhurst, Rectory Lane, by June 21st.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1688

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, East Hoathly, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham. Tel. 3515.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1757

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, East Woodhay (6), Saturday, June 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. J. Webb, Church Cottage, North End, near Newbury, by not later than Thursday, June 22nd. Ringing after meeting, Highclere (8). 1752

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Corporate Communion at Wraxall, Sunday, June 25th. Bells available 7 a.m. Communion service 8 a.m., followed by breakfast.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 1667

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Southam (8), July 1st. Bells 3.15-4.45 and 6-8 p.m. Plenty of tea for all at Southam Church Fete (400 yards from Church on main Leamington Road).—R. W. S. 1705

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Ashford-in-the-Water Saturday, July 1st. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bells available: Bakewell (8) 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m.; Ashford-in-the-Water (new 6) 3.15 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 27th.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbys. 1664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Final of the Striking Competition will be held at Roydon on Saturday, July 1st, commencing at 2.30 prompt. M.C., Mr. K. Wood. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, by Thursday, June 29th, please. 1664

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Bureh-le-Marsh on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Monday, June 26th.—Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs. 1669

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