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THE PROFESSOR DISCUSSES . . .

THE TASK OF A RINGING MASTER

THE Professor and I were discussing, as we were wont, many ringing subjects, and eventually the conversation channeled into the problems that beset a Ringing Master at a District meeting.

"As I see it," said the Professor, "the Ringing Master's main difficulty is to reconcile the two extremes that are likely to be present at the meeting, i.e., the complete beginner and the experienced expert. If both these go away satisfied, without listeners inside or outside the tower having had to suffer unduly, then I think the Ringing Master will have justified his existence."

"Do you think that such an accomplishment is within the bounds of human possibility?"

"It all depends on what ringers expect from a District meeting, the trouble being that quite often they all expect different things, from the novice who can barely handle a bell who wants his rounds and call changes to the expert who clamours for Spliced Surprise."

"Shouldn't it be possible to meet everybody's demands?"

"In theory, yes; in practice it is not always possible. Let us take a specific example which is fairly common. Along comes a charming young lady wearing a mini-skirt and a disarming smile, who asks the Ringing Master if she can have some Plain Bob Major. Alternatively, the head ringer or someone else from her own tower, who wants her to gain experience on bells other than her own, asks on her behalf. So that he won't buy a pig in a poke the Ringing Master asks a few discreet questions in order to determine the capabilities of the applicant, and accordingly receives a variety of replies, e.g.:

(a) She has rung the treble to a course of Bob Minor.

(b) She has rung the treble to a course of Bob Major.

(c) She has rung a course of Bob Major on the 2nd with Jim Thompson standing at her elbow and shouting in her ear.

(d) She has rung three leads on the 4th bell and has memorised the figures for half of the fourth lead.

(e) She is not bad 'inside' on Grandsire Triples, and can ring the 2nd for as long as you like, bobs an' all, providing you keep her in the hunt.

And so on and so on. Now, as Ringing Master, what should I do?"

"Simple," I replied innocently. "At the first convenient opportunity you ask for Bob Major, see that your charming young lady receives the bell she wants, ask her sponsor or some proficient ringer to stand behind her to guide her (or offer to do so yourself), select the most experienced of the participating ringers and ask him to call a short touch, and," I concluded triumphantly, "sit down and relax!"

"Spoken like a man!" said the Professor dryly. "That's theory! In practice things don't work out like that. The first thing that happens when Plain Bob Major is announced is that all aspiring Plain Bobbers grab the nearest rope, either of their own volition or urged on by their sponsors. You, recognising that the touch is not likely to get beyond the first half-lead, are left with several courses of action:

1. You ask all those grabbers whom you know are sub-standard to stand down, and replace them with labourers who are worthy of their hire. This device is not popular with those who have to stand down so you placate them by promising that you will have them in 'one at a time' in order that they have a fair chance. Realising that in order to do this you will have to spend the rest of the meeting ringing Plain Bob you fall back on to!

2. You decide to have the learners in two (or three) at a time and reorganise the team accordingly. Just after the touch has started and you are congratulating yourself on reducing the time spent on Plain Bob by half (or a third), you realise that in the general reshuffle your charming young lady with the disarming smile has been excluded and is now standing disconsolately in a corner.

"You could, of course, have retained your original plan and had all the learners in together, whereupon several things could have happened —."

"Yes, yes," I said hastily, knowing full well what could have happened. "One of the difficulties is, I think, being able to tell what a person is capable of ringing. These youngsters sprout so quickly and where meetings are held quarterly it may be three, six or even twelve months before the Ringing Master sees certain faces again, by which time not only has he forgotten what they could do but is in some cases unaware of their progress."

"Some ringers," I said, diverting the conversation, "maintain that a ringing meeting should not be a practice meeting and that only first class ringing and striking should be tolerated. What do you think to that?"

"Of course, good striking should be the ultimate aim of all ringers whether beginners or not, but to insist on ringing up to contest standards to the exclusion of everything else is, at a ringing meeting, neither feasible nor possible: indeed I am not sure that it is desirable because it would mean that certain ringers would never have a pull! It is a good thing to have at intervals throughout the meeting a first class band that can produce some good striking as this not only raises the level of the average standard but also serves to set an example, worthy of emulation, to the younger end. Contrary to some opinions, there are very few so-called experts who are not prepared to 'muck in' with the less advanced ringers. The old idea of the ringer who had his touch of Spliced Surprise and then disappeared is now almost extinct. There may be an occasional one or two here and there, but most of them are as willing to join in rounds or call changes if their help is wanted as they are to demonstrate their superlative abilities in other directions."

We further discussed various aspects of the problem until the early hours, but lack of space again prevents me placing all the Professor's views and opinions before the Exercise.

Finally the Professor asked me: "You yourself have been Ringing Master for quite a long time; what do you think of the job?"

"I quite enjoy it."

I didn't quite catch his comment as he was closing the door on me, but it sounded suspiciously like: "Fools rush in!"

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LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Ambrose 1, F. Poulson 2, David J. Reeve 3, Miss E. Cansdale 4, T. Chinery 5, G. W. Bloomfield 6, Dennis J. Reeve (first in method) 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert.

OUR PICTURE

BATHEASTON TRIUMPHANT

With a Ring of Eight

THE earliest record of the church at Batheaston is a charter of 1136, whereby possession of it was confirmed to the Bishop of Bath by Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury.

At the time of the Norman Conquest two estates at Batheaston were in the hands of the Church and the King respectively, and it is probable that the foundation dates from Saxon times.

Of an early church nothing remains. The oldest part of the present building is the 94ft. western tower of four stages, a fine if not outstanding example of the splendid towers of Somerset. It dates probably from the first half of the 15th century.

The building of the north and south aisles, and the rebuilding of the chancel in the 19th century provided a seemly edifice, encasing, as it were, the old nave, of which only the sepulchral slabs in the floor reveal the antiquity.

TROUBLE WITH THE FOURTH

The churchwardens' accounts, which date from 1667, provide an enthralling record of endless bits of bell maintenance and repair—new wheels were frequently required!—and small payments to the ringers on Gunpowder Day, May 29th, and occasions of national rejoicing. From these accounts it can be deduced that there were five bells until 1824, when a new treble was added. "Mr. Rudhall's bill" for casting this bell and recasting the (then) fourth and tenor came to £103.

There had been trouble before with that fourth bell, for at a vestry in 1726 "it was unanimously agreed on by all yt were presen yt ye fourth Bell wch is crackd shd be new cast or mended wth all convenient speed," and £18 was paid for "New Casting the Fourth Bell and all other Expense concerning the same." Before the end of the century it was cracked again, and reported each year at the visitation, with nothing done until the restoration of 1824. Of this, an amusing account by an old parishioner survives in the parish magazine for 1899.

"My father, he wor a ringer for 60 years. Them bells was rung fust time for his weddin. Why, there used to be only fower bells and a cracken one, and my father, he used to rottle this 'un during the service becos he wanted to make the parish get a new 'un. And so they did. . . This bell was then the fifth, now the seventh.

The second and third bells of the old six, dated 1634, were cast by John Lott, of Warminster. The fourth, a grand old veteran, is one of a small group of early London bells, cast by William Revel about 1350.

The bells were hung high in the tower, with resultant sway, and bad "go." Since a very nearly disastrous fire a few years ago charred the oak frame, movement was even worse. Ringing was tough, striking difficult, teaching a challenge and a heartbreak, but the bells rang twice every Sunday the standard method, Bob Doubles (known locally as "Batheaston Doubles"!). However, deterioration was painfully evident and prospects were bleak.

At the church meeting in March, 1966, Julian Newman, the Ringing Master, reported the very unsatisfactory state of the bells and urged a major restoration. The Vicar, Prebendary R. A. Evans, replied that he would be delighted to see the bells put into good order, but that any scheme would have to find entirely new money, as the church had nothing to spare after paying its current expenses and giving the customary amount outside the parish.

INTEREST-FREE LOAN

Soon came the offer of an interest-free loan of £3,000, to be repaid over seven years, and a gift of two trebles, the offer to remain open only for three months. The P.C.C. decided to take up the challenge, and it was agreed that only if two-thirds of the cost were given or promised before the closing date could the offer be accepted.

Then followed a period of enthusiastic, indeed, dedicated activity. It was hoped that enough seven-year covenants, on which income tax could be reclaimed, could be obtained to form the backbone of the fund. Batheaston is not a rich village, but it was possible to choose about 60 parishioners—church members and others likely to be sympathetic—who could reasonably be expected to give a covenant. The appeal set out the need, the offer and the urgency, and asked for any contributions, but especially for covenants. The cry "If only we could obtain 60 covenants of £5!" proved very effective and may have been decisive.

The appeal was quickly followed up by a visit—senior ringers and a few church members did the work—and the springs of generosity were well and truly released, for the result exceeded the most daring hope. Came the last day, and 35 covenants were promised, most of them for £5; there were two gifts of £100 each, one of £50, sundry smaller sums, and an offer to pay for the two trebles by a covenanted gift, thereby adding a very substantial sum to the fund. There was no doubt of the answer—Batheaston bells could be restored and augmented in confidence that the sum of at least £4,500 (including the cost of the trebles) could be raised without laying a devastating burden of debt on the parish.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

So far, so good, so very good. A somewhat simpler appeal was then delivered to every house in the parish, about a thousand in all, and visits made as before—no mean task. The response was: a few curses on bells and everything to do with them, a good many sixpences and other small coin, some generous gifts and more precious covenants. "Once for all" giving at this stage added £215, plus promises of annual contributions amounting to £33.

There are now 48 covenants (including that for the new trebles) of total value £329, an additional £232 of income tax to be repaid—£561 annually for seven years. Donations brought £620 in all; in addition, the Bath and Wells Association made a generous gift of £50. Nearly 3 000 Christmas cards showing the church tower (cover) were sold at a profit of £32 (and reached exiled Batheastonians the world over). Kind supporters in the village held a whist drive, which made £10. Finally, the ringers exploited the mystery of the weight of Batheaston tenor in a guessing competition—another £12.

To summarise: if all, or most of the covenanters survive for seven years the goal is in sight. We know we have been lucky, very lucky, and have received great generosity from many people. This account is given in some detail to draw attention to a plan of campaign the seeking of covenants especially, which may interest others facing a major restoration.

"HARROWING OF HELL"

Five bells went to the foundry for retuning in November, the brave old fourth, now hung above the others as clock bell and for chiming, keeping a lone vigil in the tower. On January 30th, 35 parishioners and ringing friends journeyed to Loughborough to see the casting of the trebles and the new sixth. The experience will remain a vivid memory of excitement and delight: the diabolical grin worn by the Vicar as he poked and stirred at the sixth is photographically preserved for posterity, and irreverently known as the Harrowing of Hell.

The eight bells are hung in a cast iron frame, ten feet below the old level—space just and only just sufficed to pack them in. On June 4th the voice of the old fourth called Batheaston to church for the dedication, and rededication, by the Bishop of Bath and Wells after the Family Communion. There was a large congregation, and a gratifying assemblage (at 9 o'clock!) of ringers, among whom was John Gilbert, secretary of the Association. The Bishop said the dedicatory prayers and charged the churchwardens with the care of the bells at the tower arch, and his subsequent visit to the ringing chamber was much appreciated by the ringers.

After the traditional rounds, a course of Bob Triples was rung by local ringers, and if it was not impeccable, well, most of the band are inexperienced, and the few opportunities for practice were with clappers tied. There was ringing then for all-comers until Matins, and throughout the afternoon, some of it very good, with general agreement that the tone of the ring is excellent and the "go" of the bells incomparably better. Among the many who rang were Jesse Hallett, the only survivor of the band which rang the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Doubles in 1907, who, in spite of severe arthritis, climbed 36 rather steep steps for the first time in many years in order to ring, and enjoyed himself enormously; and Horace Taylor, whose service as Master, with his father's, together covered 53 years to 1950.

It was indeed a great day for Batheaston ringers. As the hour for Evensong approached and the visitors gradually drifted away, eight of them remained, cheerfully ringing—better than in the morning, as the bells became more familiar—just Bob Triples, but full of ambition and hope for the future.

INSCRIPTION ON BELLS

Treble.—I speak for truth. Sursum Corda. John Taylor Loughborough. 1967. Weight: 4 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in F.

Second.—I speak for charity. Cantate Domino. John Taylor, Loughborough 1967. Weight: 5 cwt 10 lb in E.

Third.—John Rudhall fecit 1824. Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Fourth.—Anno Domini 1634 A.T. I.G. W. I.L. (Anthony Townsend, John Gay, Churchwardens, John Lott.) Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Fifth.—Anno Domini 1634. A.T. I.G. W. I.L. Weight: 8 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Sixth.—To God be the glory. John Taylor, Loughborough, 1967. Weight: 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in A.

Seventh.—John Rudhall fecit 1824 George Melsom Ambe Emerson. Churchwardens. Weight: 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

Tenor.—John Rudhall fecit 1824. George Melsom Ambe Emerson. Churchwardens. Weight: 13 cwt 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

The mediæval bell (old fourth).—Virginis Egregie Vocor Campana Marie.

5,056 AQUITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. E. CRITCHLEY

23456	B	W	M	H
42635		—	—	3
63425		—		—
32654	X			
36524		—		2
62345	X			
34625		—		—
23645		—		
62534		—	—	3
24536			—	2
32546		—		3
43526		—		
52436		—		—
35426		—		
23456		—		3

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S HELPING HAND SCHEME

A BUSY and profitable half day was spent at Burnham and Stoke Poges on June 10th, where ringing at both towers catered for everyone, from those in the very elementary stages of learning to those in the advanced tages. Before and after the tower bell ringing the Association's set of handbells was put to good use. The handbells had a particular significance because they were just back from renovation in first-class style by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry; thus these very musical handbells, which were basically of high quality, are now in really excellent condition.

The invitation to the beautiful locations of Burnham and Stoke Poges originated from Mr A. D. Barker, who reminded us that it was nearly half a century since the Association had been there for an official meeting.

HELP TO WEAK TOWERS DISCUSSED

Although the business meeting was kept as short and brisk as possible, considerable objective discussion took place and the Standing Committee were left with a very clear impression of the way in which its activities should be directed in the months to come. From three separate and distinct sources came the urge for vigorous action to be taken to help those towers where the local company could benefit from additional competent support.

The Master (Mr H. W. Rogers) suggested that this could well be done if two main requirements were fulfilled:

(1). That the officers should be informed where and when help was required and that in fact it would be welcomed

(2). That individunal ringers would volunteer and form a nucleus of, say, a dozen strong, from which parties of three or more could be assigned to particular towers or groups of towers.

Naturally most of the officers and leading members were already doing this work, at least in their own towers, and as some recompense for the additional work the Master offered to arrange the occasional evening peal at suitable towers from this nucleus. Requests for and offers of help should be sent to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, or by contact with any of the other Association officers.

Additionally, Association officers promised to provide instruction to ringers who visited them at: Chelsea or Isleworth on Friday evenings; Ealing, Christ Church, on Tuesday evenings; and Kensington, St. Mary Abbot's, on Thursday evenings.

"RINGING WORLD" LETTER

An anonymous letter had appeared in the current issue of "The Ringing World" principally on this subject, and the Master spoke appreciatively of the spirit which engendered this, but regretted the untrue twists which it contained, and chose to ignore these aspects of it. He naturally hoped that the writer and those associated with him would assist in the foregoing projected exercise. Why, however, should a writer hide his identity in among the eight and a half million people who can legitimately sign themselves "Londoner"?

Among the routine business which took place were the elections of Ronald Suckling, Miss Diane Mullins, Mrs. M. J. Foskett, Mrs. Sybil Aldridge and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

TONBRIDGE RINGERS' WEDDING

TONBRIDGE Parish Church was decorated with flowers and the choir and bellringers were in their respective places on June 17th for the wedding of Mr. Raymond A. Large and Miss Margaret A. Ladd. The bride who wore a long dress of white kafka and lace (jonquils design) with bracelet-length bell-shaped sleeves and long train of lace falling from a high waist line, was given away by her father, Mr. Ernest J. Ladd. Her three-tier veil was held in place by a crown of pearls, and she carried a spray of orange roses and stephanotis.

The very inspiring service was conducted by Canon T. F. C Bewes, who during his short address to the couple thanked Ray for his work in the tower and in the church. While the register was being signed the choir sang "Rejoice in the Lord alway." The bells were rung before and after the service.

Chief bridesmaid was Miss Sally Cosstick (a very close friend of the bride) arrayed in a full-length dress of orange kafka and carrying mixed white flowers; also in attendance was the three-year-old goddaughter of the bride, Elizabeth Bissenden, in a lemon kafka dress with a Gainsborough basket of mixed white flowers. The best man was Mr. Anthony Rogers.

Over 60 guests were at the reception, which was held at the Rose and Crown, Tonbridge, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the bride and her father and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

The honeymoon is being spent in Sweden, the bride travelling in a turquoise dress, coat and hat trimmed with cream.

The bridegroom is secretary of the Tonbridge Parish Church bellringers, and the bride is secretary of the East Grinstead and District Guild, and they received gifts from both.

In honour of the occasion a peal was rung at Edenbridge, but attempts at Tunbridge Wells and at Withyham were not successful.

The bride and bridesmaids' dresses were all made by the bride. Their future address will be: 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent.

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SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on June 18th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, P. N. Felton (first on twelve) 4, L. C. Way 5, C. T. Richards 6, J. R. Pratt (first on twelve) 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, M. J. Uphill 12. For Nave Evensong.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S 10th ANNUAL OUTING

ALL aboard for Abergavenny on May 20th at 5 a.m.—an unearthly hour, yes, but a bright, promising-looking morning to compensate the party for its valiant early rising. We were a well-assorted coachload—ringers, relatives and friends from Witney, Standlake, Eynsham, Wolvercote and various Oxford City towers. There was even a renegade from the O.U.S who'd got in somehow!

The weather became progressively less promising as the coach neared the Welsh border. On arrival at Abergavenny we stepped out into a comfortless combination of brilliant sun, patchy cloud and biting wind. What a spacious ringing chamber, and what glorious bells! Rounds went round merrily enough; Stedman Caters woudn't go at all; Grandsire proved far more amenable; and we finished up with a rousing touch of Bob Major.

Back to the coach and on to St. Mary's, Brecon. Here we were at the outset a little disturbed by a loud and intermittent thumping from somewhere overhead; the cause, fortunately, was nothing more formidable than an independent-spirited window, and we settled down with easy minds to our rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

The next item on the programme was lunch—a delectable meal of roast Welsh lamb at the Bishop's Meadows Restaurant; then on to St. Peter's, Carmarthen. From the coach-park the tower was plain enough to see, but how on earth was one supposed to get at it? By devious routes we eventually gained our objective and were able to enjoy a brief and eventful ring on the pleasant bright-toned eight—the very new ropes posing some interesting handling problems.

At Llanstephan we found a quiet, fast-going eight which seemed to exhibit a marked partiality for Stedman; the blue and gold sallies came in for plenty of admiration. Our last stop for the day was at St. Mary's, Tenby, where a rather weary party, alas, did not do justice to the bells. Rest and refreshment were by now our major requirements; abundant facilities for both were offered by our hotel, beautifully situated by Saundersfoot Bay.

The next morning, after a leisurely Sunday breakfast, we set off for service ringing—first at St. Florence, where we found the handy little six much to our taste, and were delighted to ring with the Vicar and two enthusiastic young members of his band, and then at Tenby, where, ringing with a band which has a formidable reputation for striking, we redeemed ourselves in, notably, some very nice Bob Major. There followed a bracing three-quarters of an hour during which we inspected Tenby in a howling gale. In true British fashion most of us strolled doggedly on the promenade, some even going so far as to venture on to the sand and fraternise with the gulls We returned, frozen and invigorated, to the hotel for an excellent lunch, after which—in a torrential downpour—we set off on the long journey to Llandaff, where we were to ring at the Cathedral. On these easy-going bells we brought our Stedman Caters round in reasonably good style When our official time was up some of us stayed on to ring with the local band for Evensong.

Homeward bound, we stopped at Chepstow to dine; then across the Severn Bridge in the half-light, and on to Tetbury for drinks; and then, amazingly soon, the coach was back in Oxfordshire and farewells were being said.

Sincere thanks are offered to the incumbents, to the ringers who met us, to the hotel staff, to our driver, who got us round and out of so many tight corners with such expertise, and last, but certainly not least, to Norman, the moving spirit. E. M. B.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN

Hethersett was the venue for the meeting of the Northern Branch on June 17th, the eight bells being rung before and after the service to a variety of methods, including rounds to London Major. A demonstration of lowering and raising in peal was given under the able leadership of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. M Cubitt.

The service was conducted by the Rev L. R Kingsbury, who emphasised that we as ringers must always bear in mind that the primary use of church bells is to the glory of God.

At the business meeting the chairman, Mr. G. Sayer spoke of the sudden death of Mr. W. Clover, who, he said, had been a member of the Association since 1910. The president, Mr. F. N. Golden, also paid tribute to Mr. Clover, saying that he had endeared himself to all who knew him. Mr. H. Tooke spoke of his wonderful ringing partnership with Mr. Clover, having rung together in 306 peals. In the month of January, 1938, they had taken part in peals of Kent Treble Bob Major from Minor to Maximus. The president also referred to the death of a former Hethersett ringer Mr. T. C. Crowe. Members stood in silence to their memory.

The Rev. E. G. Squires, Miss R. Sprunt and Miss J. Young, of Drayton, were elected ringing members, the Rev. and Mrs. L. R Kingsbury, Mrs. V. Alborough (Hethersett) honorary members, Miss M. Clarke Miss J Worthington, Miss E Slade (Intwood) probationers. The belfry election of Mr. A Salisbury was ratified.

The chairman thanked the Rev. L. R Kingsbury for conducting the service, Mrs. V Alborough for playing the organ, Mr. R. Lofty and his sister for arrangements made and serving tea, also the ringers' appreciation and thanks to the anonymous donor of an enjoyable tea. C. B

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Marlborough Branch held its June meeting at Aldbourne on June 17th. Due to various causes, the attendance from towers within the Branch was very poor, only one Chisledon, being represented besides the home tower. A compensation was the number of visitors present, who came from Wootton Bassett, Rodbourne Cheney, Trowbridge, Micheldean, Farnham and Chobham.

The Vicar (the Rev P. Chapman) conducted the Guild service and tea was prepared and served on the Vicarage lawn by Mrs. Jones, assisted by Mrs. F. Read and Mrs. G. Newman.

At the business meeting, with Mr. G. Newman in the chair, arrangements were discussed for the Branch outing in September to the Bridgwater area. Subject to permission, the next three monthly meetings will be at Chisledon Overton and Burbage with Milton Lilbourne. The vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman and ringing resumed under the direction of Mr. F. Read, Ringing Master

ST. ALBANS WITHOUT A SECRETARY

Thanks for his services and wishes for good luck in his new job were voiced to Mr Keith Walpole at the St. Albans District meeting at Radlett on June 17th. In consequence of his new employment Mr. Walpole has resigned the office of secretary. Names for an acting secretary are asked for at the next meeting.

Three of the Radlett band were proposed as members — David Major (ringing member), Michael Donnall and Lynn Woodward (probationers).

The presidential office was discussed and the secretary announced that he had prepared a list of dates for forthcoming District activities. Tower details were asked for in connection with the Central Council meeting in 1969.

There were votes of thanks to the ladies for the enjoyable tea, and to the Vicar

Next District meeting: July 15th at St. Michael's and the Abbey, followed in the evening by a barbecue. T. L. W.

ANALYSIS OF QUARTER PEALS RUNG IN 1966

By ALAN A. J. BUSWELL

THE following analysis is taken from the quarter peal columns and contains the total number of quarter of each stage in county order, with a summary of the methods rung. These were rung in 1,603 different towers, of which 771 had only one quarter rung. In the Double and Minor stages I have had to generalise as it would be impossible to give the details of quarters rung in more than one method. They were mostly Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob and Another Minor. I have included Stedman Doubles in Other Methods as only 18 were rung.

Lympne (Kent) rang the most quarters with 43. With the exception of four, they were all Doubles up to 10 methods Addington (Surrey) were second with 42 Minor methods, of which only eight were Plain Bob. Of individual performances, the Marple band (Cheshire) rang 9-spliced Surprise Minor. Handbells are not included; a total of 29 was published.

COUNTY LIST OF QUARTER PEALS IN 1966

	Minimus	Doubles	Minor	Triples	Major	Caters	Royal	Cinques	Maximus	TOTAL
Bedfordshire		14	22	9	8		2			55
Berkshire		23	18	47	10	2			2	102
Bristol		23	15	13	7	1			1	60
Buckinghamshire ..		22	10	16	5	1				54
Cambridgeshire ..	1	13	20	8	1					43
Cheshire		19	17	5	11		1			53
Cornwall		28	5	27	10	2				72
Cumberland		2	3	1	1					7
Derbyshire		16	26	4	7					53
Devonshire		33	13	22	2	5	1	1		77
Dorset	1	52	14	11	8					86
Durham		5	6	3	5					19
Essex		39	54	34	33	13	7	4	1	185
Gloucestershire ..	1	35	16	20	1	3	1	2		79
Hampshire	1	83	39	38	12	10				183
Herefordshire ..		19	3	3		1	1			27
Hertfordshire		44	45	37	21	3	2			152
Huntingdonshire ..	4	9	33	1	3					50
Ireland		2	2	2		1				7
Isle of Wight		2	3	1						6
Kent	1	131	76	64	20	11				303
Lancashire		14	25	10	12	1	2	1	1	66
Leicestershire		11	16	11	5	3	2			48
Lincolnshire		9	12	11	9	2	1			44
London		19	23	41	19	26	5	3	2	138
Middlesex		15	14	31	9	4	1			74
Norfolk		10	23	15	12	1	5			66
Northamptonshire ..		25	26	7	12	2	2			74
Northumberland ..		2	3	1		1				7
Nottinghamshire ..	2	39	27	13	4	1	2			88
Overseas	1	10	11	7	6					35
Oxfordshire		31	25	17	6	1		2		82
Rutland	3	3	4							10
Scotland					2					2
Shropshire		9	8	6	3					26
Somerset	3	153	45	45	25	3	1			275
Staffordshire	4	17	22	15	9	4	4			75
Suffolk		30	50	4	15	1	2			102
Surrey		57	85	50	19	15	7	3	1	238
Sussex	1	60	17	36	17	2				133
Wales		52	14	22	5	2	2			97
Warwickshire	4	39	34	22	9	12				120
Westmorland		1	1							2
Wiltshire	1	34	11	19	4	6	1			76
Worcestershire		18	8	14	7	2				49
Yorkshire	1	36	54	7	41	1	3			143
TOTAL	29	1,308	999	770	415	143	55	16	8	3,743

DETAILS OF METHODS

Minimus	29
Grandsire Doubles ..	442
Plain Bob Doubles ..	317
Other Methods ..	61
2 Doubles	183
3 to 6 Doubles ..	235
7 to 11 Doubles ..	56
Over 11 Doubles ..	14
Plain Bob Minor ..	607
Surprise Minor ..	121
Kent Minor	53
Other Methods ..	53
2 Minor Methods ..	129
Over 2 Methods ..	36

Grandsire Triples ..	521
Plain Bob Triples ..	73
Stedman Triples ..	154
Other Methods ..	22
Plain Bob Major ..	223
Surprise Major ..	135
Other Methods ..	57
Grandsire Caters ..	105
Stedman Caters ..	34
Other Methods ..	3
TOTAL	3,743

Plain Bob Royal ..	38
Surprise Royal	10
Other Methods ..	8
Grandsire Cinques ..	6
Stedman Cinques ..	5
Other Methods ..	5
Plain Bob Maximu ..	2
Surprise Maximus ..	4
Other Methods ..	2

EDITORIAL NOTE.—Not all quarter peals submitted have been published, through pressure on our space or late presentation, but the number omitted is very small.

LETTERS

Birmingham Cathedral's Bells

DANGER WITH SCAFFOLDING

Dear Sir,—It is unfortunate that an attack should be made upon the ringers of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, without the facts being ascertained.

Your correspondent no doubt noticed the scaffolding around the tower of the Cathedral and had she asked would have been told that the architect had forbidden the bells to be rung while the upper part of the scaffolding around the cupola was still in position. A trial was made three months ago when the scaffolding was first erected, and it was found that the upper section moved to a dangerous extent when the bells were rung. Accordingly, they will not be rung again until this section of scaffolding is removed.

The band at St. Philip's has a very good Sunday service record under the leadership of Mr. G. Fearn, and had it been possible to ring the bells, doubtless your correspondent would have heard the full 12 being rung by Birmingham ringers.—Yours sincerely,

Kingswinford, Staffs. JOHN C. EISEL.

A REGULAR BAND

Dear Sir,—May I reply to the remarks made by Joan M. Coley about Birmingham Cathedral and ringers ("R.W." page 436). There has been no ringing at the Cathedral for the last eight or ten weeks. The dome and cupola have been swathed in scaffolding and we were asked not to ring while repairs were being done to the cupola and cross.

Incidentally, many of our ringers are on the phone. Had the lady cared to ring one of us she could have found out why the bells were silent on Trinity Sunday. There is certainly nothing wrong with **our** priorities. We may be keen peal ringers, but we are also very regular service ringers. Many of us ring at both the Cathedral and St. Martin's on Sundays, when Cinques and Maximus can be heard in the city.—Yours faithfully,

MURIEL REAY.

Northfield, Birmingham.

AN APOLOGY TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, please extend to the members of the St. Martin's (Birmingham) Guild of Bell Ringers my sincere apologies for a very unfortunate mistake made by me in accusing them of failing to ring for the ordination service on Trinity Sunday. I admit that I was too hasty and that I should have made sure of my facts, and I ask them to accept my apologies for any distress caused to the members of the band. I sincerely hope that the bells will soon be usable again.—Yours faithfully,

JOAN M. COLEY.

Rowley Regis.

ST. PHILIP'S, BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—Many of your readers will have noticed the absence of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, from your peal columns in recent weeks. Some of them may know the reason, but for the many that do not the fact is that the bells have not been rung at since mid-April.

Essential maintenance work upon the Cathedral roof was extended to that of the tower, and scaffolding was erected. There is considerable movement of the upper stages of the tower when the bells are rung, and the engineer in charge, after a demonstration, asked that the bells be not rung while the scaffolding was around the upper stages of the tower, for safety's sake.

This scaffolding is very obvious, and could hardly have escaped the notice of your correspondent. I am accordingly surprised that she wrote her letter without first attempting to find out all the facts, which would not have been very difficult.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

REPLY TO SEMI-LEARNERS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letter from five "semi-learners" in the issue of June 23rd. I know none of them, but I do appreciate that they have come upon a very trying stage in their progress.

I neither know nor want to know the people who are the cause of the grievance. Surely these are not names we see regularly in "The Ringing World"?

But to our five friends I offer some advice which I sincerely hope will be of use:—

Firstly, do not be put off—such ringers as these are, happily, in the minority.

Secondly, travel around more. If the tower you go to rings **only** S. Major don't go there if you are not happy on even S. Minor! If there are five of you it should not be difficult to get transport to enable you to find what I would call a good practice tower.

Finally, keep up your homework! All ringing should be by rhythm and hence if your Plain Bob striking is good, providing you know the theory of Surprise, etc., you will be able to strike that too!—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES F. POCOCK.

West Kirby, Wirral.

TRIBUTE TO EXPERIENCED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to hear that Shirley, John, Anthony, Paul and Delphine (page 436) have only come across experienced ringers who grumble and will not help learners and "semi-learners." All the experienced ringers I myself have met have been only too keen to help in any way that they can. Admittedly, some have shouted as if they were angry, but they very rarely are; it is just their way of helping a struggling beginner through an incomprehensible maze of ropes and numbers. If a learner is given nothing but praise, however bad the ringing, he or she will think "Oh, I'm marvellous. I don't need to improve my ringing. The occasional cross word in the right place helps enormously, though I do agree that too many cross words can be very discouraging.—Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN RICHARDSON.

Haresfield, Glos.

NOTES (OR TONES) IN A BELL

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Canon Gilbert Thurlow and Mr. Robert Hardy for their letters ("R.W." May 26th, page 358 and June 23rd, page 437), which followed Canon Thurlow's article and my letter.

Recently, on the best authority, I was told that there is really no limit to the number of notes—tones—in a bell. Over forty were found in one bell and then the test was abandoned!—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixstowe.

MORE MARCH HARE MADNESS

Dear Sir,—As you may already be aware, I have a little bell fixed to the top of my hat. Yesterday, in one hour and twenty minutes, I managed to nod my head 5,040 times, and I was wondering if you could let me have a peal-card for this. For your records, the peal was composed and conducted by myself and, owing to membership difficulties, was rung non-association.—Yours faithfully,

"Toyland." NODDY.

TOLLER WHELME

Dear Sir,—Apropos the bells of Toller Whelme, Dorset, Canon Raven, "Church Bells of Dorset," 1904, from "Proceedings—Dorset Natural History and Antiquarian Field Club," page 61, gives: "No. 20: Toller Whelme, St. John. **Four(!)** very small bells placed in the church c. 1870."—Yours sincerely,

Harborne, Birmingham. W. E. BOX.

Variety in Doubles

Dear Sir,—In 1964 the publication of the "Doubles Collection" was regarded in this area (and in most parts of the country) as the solution to problems limiting the progress of struggling bands. Too few of our tower captains realise that variety is the only carrot that encourages a band, and that indifferently-struck "Jack-a-Napes Doubles" or "Blunderbus Doubles" are more likely to maintain or increase the attendance of intelligent young people than is a weekly dose of immaculate "Grandsire Doubles."

Of particular interest to the young band in the Fawley area was the section of unnamed methods on page 530 in "The Ringing World," issue No. 2,784. It was determined to provide this "Bob Doubles" band with a specific target named "Fawley Doubles," and for obvious reasons an "All Saints" variation was practised. The encouraging result is that every member of the band is now able to participate in a touch of the method. However, it was with dismay that we found in the 1966 revised collection on page 183, issue No. 2,865, that the name "Sturdy Hill" had been suggested for this method. Perusal of the peal columns of "The Ringing World" published since then (a lengthy task) has yielded no mention of the name "Sturdy Hill," and subsequently a communication to Geoffrey K. Dodd has elicited the reply that there is no objection to our initial name of "Fawley Doubles." Hence a modest quarter peal was accomplished on June 5th, containing two "first quarter peals."

I hope that the Exercise will bear with our little foibles. I can assure everyone that many young ringers in a distant country tower have been encouraged by the above. No doubt there will be a sprinkling of dissenters who will write to suggest that it would have been more progressive to have "bashed" our way through "Cambridge and London." I will anticipate this by saying that a Sunday Doubles band might, given encouragement, "ring" a quarter of Surprise in the future.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK C. JACKSON.

Totton, Hants.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

The Truth About Gospel Oak

Dear Sir,—I must refute your correspondent Harold Lawrence's sensational exposé (June 23rd), for I am who I say I am, and it was my letter you published concerning the recent peal at Gospel Oak.

I find this Mr. Lawrence's dramatic, defamatory accusation intolerable, and I request an immediate public apology from your correspondent, whoever he may be, and from the publishers of "The Ringing World." As far as I am aware, no attempt was made to contact me prior to the publication of Mr. Lawrence's letter, despite the fact that I am a postal subscriber to your journal, am listed on the St. Pancras N.W.5 electoral roll and am shown as a member of St. Mary's, Hendon, band in the 1965–6 Middlesex Association annual reports.

I have never written to "The Ringing World" hiding behind a pseudonym; and if anyone dares to use my name for a scurrilous purpose I will take such action as is necessary to ensure that there is no similar repetition. Neither has any letter or article submitted by me to "The Ringing World" or any other publication contained deliberately erroneous or misleading information.

Sir, my previous letter, stating what I consider was an irresponsible and ill-advised peal at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, was not a hoax, neither was it a fabrication of falsehoods.

I was invited to join a working party organised by George Hart and Ruth Foreman (who was tower captain at St. Martin's when ringing was discouraged three years ago) to check the bells and fittings prior to the bells being rung at the request of the new Vicar for his induction service. A lot of hard, grimy work was performed by George, Ruth, Dianne Gazeley and myself getting the bells into good ringing order. The ex-Hendon/Finchley ropes were adjusted, all bearings lubricated and loose bolts tightened, besides much cleaning-up. And being mindful of the local residents' opposition which had previously caused the bells to fall silent, we experimented with a number of temporary sound-reducing measures. Our final choice was gaiters of an old motor car inner-tube attached to the clappers with draw-strings and filled with various amounts of corrugated cardboard. We estimated that these would last for the half-hour of ringing prior to the induction service, and for a limited amount of Sunday service ringing afterwards by a team possibly recruited from other towers in the district. This is certainly not a case of the bells being "permanently muffled," as Mr. Hutchinson would have your readers believe in his somewhat pharisaical letter.

To my knowledge there are three active change ringers living within close proximity to St. Martin's; two are in the valiant little band that endeavours to maintain Evensong service ringing on the ten at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, and the eight at St. Anne's, Highgate. I joined Ruth Foreman's band at St. Mary's, Hendon, at a time when it was a predominantly ladies' band, and it was unreasonable to expect young girls to raise and lower the rather heavy-going 16 cwt. tenor for Sunday service ringing. Also, to be quite frank, I had come from Turramurra to England to improve my method ringing, and Hendon offered the greatest need to be fulfilled concomitant with opportunities to ring more advanced methods. So it is unlikely that an "instant" team can be poured into St. Martin's, but other North London towers will undoubtedly provide encouragement to the formation and augmentation of a team there.

Mr. Hutchinson states he "called attention to two broken stays, indications of the neglect and misuse the bells have suffered recently." We checked the fittings after the induction service and found them to be in sound condition. I understand that the only time the bells were raised between then and the ringing of the peal was when the tower was opened for the U.L.S.C.R. annual meeting, so I can only assume that the damage was done then. Moreover, Mr. Hutchinson's ignorance of the situation is illustrated in that it was the stay of the treble and the slider of the second that were fractured. These were removed at the Vicar's request by George Hart: I took them to the Whitechapel Foundry this week, collected them this morning and fitted them this afternoon. I shall be pleased to receive the nett material cost of the new stay and slider, £2 3s. 6d., from the U.L.S.C.R. or those persons responsible.

Sir, I am sorry to have had cause to write a letter such as this, and at such length, but I feel that this subject, having been plunged into a misleading smokescreen of correspondence, should be clarified as soon as possible, and my name redeemed.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER KNIGHT.

Note.—The Editor, in expressing his deep regret, apologises to Mr. Knight for any reflection on his character by the letter signed by Harold Lawrence, which he accepted in good faith. He trusts that the writer will have the courage to apologise publicly.

THE START OF THE BAND

Dear Sir,—As my name has been mentioned in two recent letters concerning the peal at Gospel Oak, I am writing to summarise facts known to me.

Firstly, for Mr. Hutchinson's information, I am Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Hendon.

A few years ago the then incumbent of St. Martin's, the Rev. St. Aubrey, approached the secretary of the Middlesex Association for an instructor for a new band at this tower. Mr. Lock asked me if I would take it on, in addition to Hendon, and I agreed to try. Dr. Neal Smith had done some work on the bells just prior to this, and with some help from the Hendon ringers and others a band was started.

The bells are a pleasant six, but very noisy outside. Many protests were made by local residents, with justification, and practice was restricted to one hour a week, from 7-8, with service ringing on Sunday mornings. Unfortunately most of the learners did not stick, although they were enthusiastic enough at one time to raise most of the sum of nearly £100 required to cover necessary repairs, etc., to the bells. To this sum, the Middlesex Association also made a grant.

Ringing at St. Martin's ceased about three years ago, but in April a new incumbent, coming from the Harrow area, was inducted. George Hart is steeple keeper at Harrow Weald and a District chairman of the Middlesex Association. Prior to the induction of the new Vicar, he and Walter Knight, together with myself and Dianne Gazeley from Hendon, spent two long evenings in St. Martin's belfry, greasing bearings, smoothing sliders and generally "going over" the bells and ropes (these ropes originally coming from the Hendon and Finchley belfries). Walter experimented with sound control, and finally utilised an inner tyre for this purpose. The bells were rung for the induction, to the Vicar's delight, the inner tyre being a great success. When we left the belfry there were no broken stays, but one or two ropes had stretched during the ringing. During this last week, Walter has had repaired the broken stay and slider, reported by the U.L.S.C.R., at his own expense.

I should like to point out that the foregoing are statements of fact, and are made in the hope of avoiding further acrimonious correspondence.—Yours faithfully,

RUTH M. FOREMAN.

Hendon.

GET BACK TO RINGING

Dear Sir,—Much has been said and written over the past few weeks about the problem of hoaxes, and I am reluctant to labour what must now be a well-worn topic. However, I hope you will allow me to make a few commonsense remarks.

In the first place, whilst one has to admit the utter childishness of these incidents, their great worry and inconvenience to the Editor, the fact remains that the great majority of ringers take absolutely no notice of these hoaxes; they were mildly amusing at first, but the novelty has worn off a bit now. The most sensible course of action is to ignore hoaxes; forget the whole thing, and allow it to die a natural death. As was pointed out recently, causing a song and dance about the occurrence of these incidents only encourages the hoaxers even more; it gives them the notice and attention they want.

I deplore the mass hysteria over the matter shown both at the Central Council meeting and in the "R.W." recently. In particular, there has been a tendency to associate individuals, or groups of individuals with the outbreak; the evidence is very much to the contrary. One such case was a letter by Walter Knight (a well-known ringer in this area, who has done much restoration work at Gospel Oak and other towers) claimed by a recent "R.W." correspondent to be a hoax, and attributed to a certain party, as far as I could see, without a shred of evidence. This kind of hysteria only worsens matters, encouraging the hoaxers, and raising all kinds of nasty, often ill-founded suspicions in people's minds as to those responsible.

So, please, let's forget all about hoaxes, and concern ourselves with the more important business of ringing.—Yours faithfully,

TED SHORT.

London, N.W.5.

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TOURS AND OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S ROUGHAM

THE ringers of St. Mary's, Rougham, chose for their outing this year the county of Somerset (so renowned for its magnificent towers with bells to match) with Yeovil for their base. Friday at 9 a.m. saw a coach-load of 38 leaving Rougham, including ringers from Thetford, Elveden, Barrow and Bramford, and non-ringing friends.

The first stop was to visit the grave of Sir Winston Churchill at Bladon, afterwards ringing at the adjoining town of Woodstock at the gates of Blenheim Palace. On Saturday, May 27th, an early start was made to the tour, and a Yeovil ringer, Mr. Farthing, kindly accompanied us all day as guide and made the journey more interesting with information on local history and personalities.

Our first tower was at Somerton, a town with a history going back to Saxon times and having a fine Warner ring of six. After passing Weary-all Hill, with its legendary association with Joseph of Arimathea and the Glastonbury Thorn, we reached St. Benedict's, Glastonbury (another six with a 13 cwt. tenor, which we noticed were very quiet both inside and outside the tower). The chancel here is noteworthy, having been recently renovated.

West Pennard was the next stop—a charming village with a fine Tudor manor house adjoining the Church of St. Nicholas. The 500-year-old tower is a very fine one and there is a good carved screen, also a fine example of the Royal Arms in freshly painted heraldic colours. The bells are a heavy six with a tenor of 24 cwt.

Onward to Shepton Mallet, a town with a traffic problem at holiday time, where after a satisfying lunch at the Red Lion Hotel, we felt ready to tackle anything. The market cross here is one of the finest in England. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul is magnificent with a beautifully-carved oak roof and good fan vaulting inside the base of the tower. The Vicar, who is himself a ringer, informed us with pardonable pride that the tower, dating from 1318, is the prototype for all the best towers in Somerset and the bells are a fine-sounding eight (tenor 25 cwt.).

Our next stop was at the very interesting Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury at Pylle—an old British word meaning a tidal creek. This is the Guild church of the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen, and practically everything, including the electric light fittings and the cross and candlesticks, was made in the village or vicinity. The bells were restored and augmented in 1953 to commemorate the Coronation of our present Queen.

We arrived at Ditcheat in heavy rain but ringing the well-known eight in a well-kept ringing chamber was a pleasant experience. A very welcome tea was taken in the skittle alley of the adjoining Green Tree Inn. This church is remarkable for the amazing record of the Leir family, members of which were successively Rectors of the parish from 1699 to 1891. The grand reading desk was made from their pew as a memorial.

The next tower, at North Cadbury, was one of the highlights of the tour. An avenue of beech trees leads to the 15th century church and the gabled Elizabethan house. The six bells (tenor 19¼ cwt.) cannot be hurried, and a steady beat brings out their majestic tone in all its beauty.

Our last call was at South Cadbury, where Cadbury "Castle" commands a view over half the county and has legendary associations with King Arthur. The next day being Sunday we rang for and attended morning service at Hardington Mandeville, where the late Rector of Rougham, the Rev. Paul Greaves, lies in the churchyard.

A start was made for home after lunch and a tired but happy party arrived at Rougham at 9 p.m. The organisation was admirably carried out by the indefatigable secretary, Leslie Wright, to whom suitable acknowledgment was made. C. W. H.

STOKE POGES

A learner on his first outing is entrusted with the task of writing the report of Stoke Poges ringers' outing on May 13th.

He tells of the scramble so that his wife and children reach the coach on time, and the homage at the grave of Sir Winston Churchill at Bladon. Ringing on the tower bells was not permitted, but an impressive course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside.

The long, steep ladder access to the ringing chamber at Tackley was a surprise. On leaving, someone found a tearful child at the top of the ladder, too frightened to move—"it had to be one of mine," adds our correspondent. Standard methods were rung at Deddington before proceeding to Great Tew for a picnic lunch and ringing. "My performance marred the Bob Major. This is a tower I must visit again," he adds.

The long, spiral stairs climb was worth it at Burford, where an immaculate touch of Stedman was rung by the elder brethren, but the Double Norwich was not so good. Tea followed here and Mr. A. D. Barker, the Ringing Master for the day, thanked the churchwarden, Mr. Hartley, for his assistance in bringing about the outing..

Evening ringing was at Witney and Eynsham. Next door to the latter church there is a pub. "Through those doors I am no longer a learner. Four members entertained us to tunes on handbells, followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire. What a lovely end to a perfect day!"

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS

It is now 17 years since Jack Scott first arranged an outing for the St. Giles', Totternhoe, ringers He has done this without once revisiting a tower.

On May 20th the towers visited were in the Mendip Hills, calling at St. John's, Devizes (a very nice eight of 19¼ cwt. in a light and interesting church), on the way.

Our first Somerset tower was St. Gregory's in the pretty village of Beckington. After lunch at Frome, on to Mells (a 26 cwt. eight hung in a fine West Country tower). The back six were raised in peal and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Grandsire Triples followed.

The 15th century Perpendicular tower at St. Giles', Leigh-on-Mendip, has a ring of six (tenor 12¼ cwt.), and a good course of London was rung here. A short ride over the Mendips brought us to Wells and tea at the White Hart Hotel.

A visit to the Cathedral (a superb example of English 13th century Gothic) and the Bishop's Palace was a much appreciated part of the schedule. Reluctantly we left Wells to ring on the musical six at St. Nicholas', Radstock, ending with a course of Norwich Surprise.

Many thanks to Jack Scott for making all arrangements and we hope the next 17 outings will be as enjoyable. J. S.

The peal of 5,056 Plain Bob Major rung at St. Mary's, Swansea, on June 10th, was rung for the centenary of the Church of St. James, Swansea.

ST. LUKE'S (CHELSEA) TOUR

THIS year's tour was held in Norfolk and Suffolk, with headquarters in Beccles. We were lucky to have as our organiser Helen Maltman, who, having a good knowledge of the area, was able to provide us with a most varied and interesting selection of towers.

Monday, April 3rd, was our first full day of the tour, with ringing at Thetford, Elvedon, Mildenhall and Ixworth, where a "ladies' touch" of Bob Minor was rung. Tuesday was a poor day weatherwise, but we managed to forget this whilst ringing at Quidenham, Diss (home tower of Mr. Bert Harrison, who joined us for most of the week), and South Lopham. A few members also managed to ring at North Lopham.

Porridge for breakfast on Wednesday worked wonders for "Jafus" and he joined the rest of the company in ringing at Pulham St. Mary (where we were also joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gogle), Lowestoft, Pakefield and Gorleston. Plain and Little Bob Spliced was conquered that day and in the evening the majority of the party went to join the Great Yarmouth ringers at their practice and were delighted to see George Fletcher looking so fit and well.

SHIVERING AT EVERY BLOW

Cotton was our first (and most unusual) tower on Thursday. This is a ground-floor ring with one side of the tower open to the point of the arch. Add to this a cold, rainy day, and the result was a group of over-dressed ringers shivering at every blow and ranging in appearance from a Sandeman Port advertisement to "milking time down on the farm." Framsden, Debenham, Eye and Stradbroke were on the programme.

Our first towers on Friday were Redenhall and Fressingfield, where we were joined at lunch by the delightful old Vicar. In the afternoon we rang at Wilby and Worlingworth, where the Vicar joined us in call changes. A ring at Beccles itself was specially arranged for us on Friday evening, and hearty thanks are due here to Mr. Goate, who allowed us to change the time of ringing and who put up with us on two Sundays for service ringing. The most enjoyable ringing here was Jack Phillips' "Breakfast Touch No. 2" of Stedman Caters, composed over a bowl of cornflakes.

And so to Saturday, our final day, with ringing first at Saxlingham Nethergate, where our friends of old, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stimson, Glynis and Janet, joined us. St. John de Sepulchre's, Norwich, gave us our only chance to ring in the city and despite the quietness of the bells, good striking was heard. A magnificent lunch had been prepared for us by Mr. and Mrs. Maltman (Helen's parents) and our gratitude was expressed wholeheartedly to them.

A well thought-out route enabled us to get clear of the city quickly, and from here on the party split into two groups—one attempted a quarter peal at Diss, which unfortunately did not succeed, and the remainder went to Hethersett. Here, with the much appreciated help of the local ringers, our learners were put through their paces.

Saturday night was quiet, as several people were getting ready for an early start home on Sunday—Kate Branson to Edinburgh via Derby, and Jean Weddell to Cardiff. After ringing at Beccles for Matins, the remainder of the party set off for London, arriving in plenty of time to ring at Chelsea for Evensong.

Methods rung during the day included Plain Bob—Minor, Major and Royal; Spliced Plain and Little Bob; Grandsire Doubles Triples and Caters; Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters; Double Court Minor; Kent—Minor, Major and Royal; Oxford—Minor, Major and Royal; Cambridge—Minor and Major; Yorkshire Major; and Double Norwich Major.

Finally, our thanks must go to the incumbents, local ringers, and not least to our hotel manager and his wife and staff at Beccles, who survived looking after us for the week.

M. R. W.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,280 Doubles (seven methods): M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. J. HOPE

A vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. J. Hope, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, died on June 6th, aged 90.

Mr. Hope learned to ring at Fairford in his early teens and saw the local band ringing Double Norwich during his term as captain. He collected the money needed to recast and rehang Fairford bells in 1927 and more recently collected the money needed to rehang Siddington bells while he was living there. He had rung and conducted a number of peals.

On June 9th a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled to his memory by G. W. Burge 1 H. L. Cooke 2, Mrs. J. Tucker 3, E. H Jefferies 4, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 5, F. J Lewis, jun. 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, R. G. Pearson 8.

MR. G. W. REED

The death has taken place in St. Michael's Hospital, Hayle, Cornwall, of George Whitfield Reed at the age of 59. George Reed was born and brought up at Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil and learned to ring on the six bells there, his father being captain at the tower. Later he left for Surrey and was a member of the All Saints', Benhilton, band; he afterwards lived in London.

About eight years ago he moved to Carbis Bay to take over as maintenance manager at the Carrack Gladden Hotel, where he rang as often as duties permitted, but more recently he had been regular at both service and practice ringing. He had taken special delight to help with the training of several young ringers.

The funeral took place at St. Anta and All Saints', Carbis Bay, on June 17th, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Roberts. The chief mourners were the widow and two daughters. Others present were Mesdames A S Roberts and T. Sullivan. Miss M L. Lidgey, Mr H. Miles and Kevin Lucock and Mr. F. B. Ditcher.

The previous evening, at the usual practice, when the body was resting in the church, touches were rung half-muffled by the local band assisted by Mr. E. H Langley, and as the funeral cortege left the church the bells were again rung by Jill Temby, Kay Temby, Ruth Scott, Karen Lucock, Susan Copping, John Copping, Kevin Lucock, Mrs. T. Sullivan, Miss M. L Lidgey and H. Miles. As the coffin was lowered into the grave and the Vicar recited the committal, the background of the half-muffled bells George Reed had grown to love so much gave their last farewell from the hands of several young people he had helped with the early stages of method ringing. May he rest in peace. A. S. R

MR. HAROLD A. ROLES

The ringers of St. Thomas's Church, Salisbury, regret to announce the death on June 15th of Mr. Harold A. Roles, captain of St. Thomas's ringers for many years.

Although he had been ill on and off for the last two years he always attended ringing when health permitted. Besides being tower captain he was chairman of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and was at one time a Ringing Master. In other fields he did much work for the Eventide organisation in Salisbury and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

The funeral took place on June 19th at St. Thomas's Church, Salisbury, where the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge) read the lesson. The bells were rung before and after the service and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in the evening by members and friends of the local band. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their loss.

THE LADIES GUILD

Devon District

Mrs. H. Boobier (vice-president) presided at the annual general meeting of the Devon District held at South Brent, which followed the Guild form of service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev Mr Vesey) and tea at a local hotel. Mrs. P. Pavey and Mrs. G E. Retter are to serve on the Central Committee, and the other officers were re-elected. Miss C. Maxwell Jones, of Hartley, was elected a member. Diptford bells (another easy-going six) were rung in the evening under the supervision of Mrs G E. Retter (Ringing Master).

Future meetings: Newton St. Cyres in August, Stoke Damerel in November (subject to permission).

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Malmesbury on June 10th, when there was a good representation of members and friends. It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs. J. S. King, vice-president for South Wales District, who was invited to chair the meeting which followed the service and tea Miss Elizabeth Davis (Bath) and Mrs. Gloria Wilshire (Warmley, Bristol) were elected members Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist, Mr. Harold Blacker and Mrs. Billings and her helpers who had prepared tea.

Next practice meeting: Trowbridge, Wednesday, July 19th, at 7 30 p.m. Please see "Ringing World" for confirmation of all dates of future meetings B. J.

JOINT MEETING AT KILLAMARSH

Despite the somewhat smaller than usual attendance, the joint meeting between the Sheffield and District Society and the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesan Association held at Killamarsh on June 3rd proved to be quite enjoyable with some quite good ringing on the ground-floor six.

After tea, excellently prepared by the local company, the Chesterfield District held a very short meeting, during which Richard Dexter and Steven Clarke (Wingerworth) and Patricia Mason (Staveley) were elected members. Advance notice was also given of the forthcoming District outing to Stratford-on-Avon on August 5th.

M. P. P.

TOTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A modest but none the less encouraging achievement on May 22nd was the completion of a quarter peal at Brockenhurst, Hants, by a band composed entirely of members and ex-members of Totton Grammar School. During the past few years several members of Totton Grammar School have been taught to handle at local towers and many are now able to participate in the weekly quarter peal attempts and in the monthly advanced method practices organised by Mr. J Hartless, mainly at Lyndhurst.

The result of the former is to introduce many local ringers to multi-Doubles and Spliced Plain Minor ringing, and the letter has underlined the importance of Plain Bob methods saving several ringers initially from the depredations of Grandsire. A by-product of the latter was the introduction of the Lyndhurst captain, Mr P East, to change ringing in 1966, and a Fawley band were recently able to ring in his first quarter peal and congratulate him on his striking. The arrival of Mr. I. Trueman and his election as Romsey captain has coincided with an upsurge of enthusiasm amongst the younger members of his tower who have participated in these activities The future progress of this tower seems assured.

In terms of statistics, over 52 quarter peals have been attempted by bands in these towers since 1966, including two sets of "four-in-a-day" In those successfully brought round 12 have rung their first quarter peal, there are 114 "first in the method," and 20 of "first as conductor." To maintain standards, especially with younger bands, the aim of constant recruitment and instruction has been implemented by the tower captains concerned. Against the successes must be weighed the overwhelming wastage rate. Amongst others, 22 out of 25 Totton Grammar School ringers have been lost from Eling, and seven out of 15 from Fawley, but the achievements and interest of those who remain more than outweight the transitory pangs at the thought of the hours of instruction wasted.

Much credit for the progress of the Grammar School ringers belongs to Mr L. D. Smith, the tower captain at Fawley, whose cheerful and wholehearted encouragement has the tangible result of an average attendance of 25 at his weekly practice night Members of Totton Grammar School are now regular Sunday service attenders here. D. C. J.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Next annual meeting of the Lancashire Association will be at Accrington on April 27th

The economic price of producing the report of the Sussex County Association was not 15s. a rope, as stated in our report of the A.G.M., but 15s per copy.

Mr. J. Wills, vice-president of the Kent County Association, is in St. Saviour's Hospital, Seabrook, Hythe, Kent. I am sure he would be pleased to hear from his ringing friends, who wish him a speedy recovery.

The band who rang the peal at Coleman's Hatch on June 24th is indebted to Martin Howe, who stood in at very short notice to replace a Kent member whose arrangements got in a haze.

There is a young man called Jack—
And there's but one thing of him I require,
That when I peal a bell,
My name he will spell
With "E, A" not "E, D" in the centyre!

Three generations of the Thorley family rang in a quarter peal of Doubles at Twywell, Northants, on June 27th. Three methods were rung—Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and the band was: Katharine M. Thorley 1, James Thorley 2, J. Martin Thorley (cond.) 3, Stephen B. Bell 4, Frank E. Coales 5. Although he rang his first peal 40 years ago, it was the first quarter of Doubles for grandfather on the second.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Long Wittenham was Clive W. Temperton and not as printed.

There was an error in the caption of the Central Council meeting (page 431). In place of Mr. J M. Jelley should read Mr. James R. Taylor (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association).

We learn that Mr. "Bill" Pitcher, Adelaide, owing to pressure on his time, has given up the editorship of "Ringing Towers." All familiar with this journal will regret his resignation; he has done a wonderful job. "Ringing Towers" will now be produced from Sydney.

An appeal launched by the ringers of Great Glen, Leicester, to buy new bells and repair existing ones has been closed down after objections by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Turner, who said the church had "more urgent needs." The ringers were hoping to raise £1,500, and nearly £500 had already been donated. This, states a newspaper report, is being returned.

Mr. George Foster, late captain at Southwell Minster, who is now living in retirement with his daughter in London, is in Ward F.1, Brook Hospital, Shooters Hill Road, London, S.E.18, having suffered a slight stroke. He is making a fair recovery. The best wishes of all ringers in the Southwell Diocesan Guild are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

COLCHESTER'S MAYOR

In connection with our brief announcement of Alderman E. P. (Ted) Duffield being elected Mayor of Colchester for the ensuing year and, on the same day, elected an alderman of the borough a correspondent sends us the following interesting details of his association with the Exercise:—

A former Master of both the College Youths and the Essex Association, he was until recently a very capable performer on the heavy end, although he is equally at home on any bell. His peals must number several hundred, many of them rung with the famous Pye brothers of Essex and include the record peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929. A large proportion was rung on the higher numbers and he has rung a peal on nearly every 12-bell ring in the country.

A native of Norfolk, where his father and brothers were well-known ringers, he moved to Colchester in 1926 and joined the band at St. Peter's, being leader for many years. In spite of his "three score years and ten," Ted still enjoys ringing when time and his many other activities permit, and still rings a bell to a peal faultlessly.

Another field in which he has reached national prominence is that of croquet playing. Recently he was elected vice-president of the Croquet Association after holding office as chairman and member of the association council On the local scene he has been largely responsible for the development of the Colchester Croquet Club, now one of the strongest in the country.

A member of the borough council for many years, he is particularly interested in education and has been chairman of the education committee in recent years. As a token of esteem and in honour of his election as first citizen of Colchester, seven of his ringing friends joined with "Ted" in ringing a quarter peal of his favourite Major method, Superlative, at St. Peter's on June 18th.

THE AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL

While the official report of the annual festival of the Australian and New Zealand Association held at Ballarat and Bendigo is not yet to hand, we learn that it was a great success and was attended by a company of 60 ringers. Proceedings started on the Saturday with the annual meeting and dinner at Ballarat and on the Sunday and Monday activities were transferred to Bendigo.

At Evensong at St. Paul's, Bendigo, the board, commemorating the peal rung by the Great Adventure II party, was dedicated. This was followed by a progressive dinner, starting from the home of Mr. Bill Robertson, captain of the Bendigo ringers and president of the Victoria Branch of the Association In 20 cars the 60 then descended on the home of John and Monica Collins, who had the assistance of another Guildford Guild ringer, Pam Warren, of Merrow After an hour the cavalcade headed for Travis Wilson's home for sweets and coffee and a social evening.

Monday was the boys' turn with a barbecue at Lake Eppaloch. A tent was provided for the wet canteen, four big gas barbecues cooked the chops and snags (sausages) merrily. Four tables were laden with goodies and another stove provided boiling water for tea and the soup kitchen. This was the first festival held outside a State capital and the "provincials" received warm congratulations upon putting on such a good show.

THREE MONTHS IN THE STATES

Mr. Geoffrey R. Marchant writes that his three months' stay in the States was made all the more enjoyable by very warm welcomes at Washington Cathedral and at Groton School. Rick Dirksen arranged a quarter peal attempt of Grandsire Triples on his first visit but unfortunately this was lost after about 20 minutes' ringing (on the "silenced" bells). Had the attempt been successful it would have been the first of Grandsire Triples for most of the band. Luckily they were able to score a success a few weeks later.

Determined not to miss the chance of ringing on these bell "open," Mr. Marchant flew up from Atlanta on Sunday, April 30th, and this time there were no less than three "foreigners" present—Geoff Davis (Birmingham, now on a three-year university course at Boston), Mr. F. G. Rawson (Windsor, on an extended holiday at Windsor, Connecticut) and himself. Geoff Davis turned the tenor in for a course of Bob Major, the first time the tenor has been turned in "open," we were informed.

At Groton on May 7th Mr. Marchant was welcomed by Mr. Russell Young and rang Stedman Triples on the back eight and call changes on the ten.

An invitation to lunch with the school was gratefully accepted, and then back to Boston for a visit to Advent Church and a quick look at the bells. Unfortunately the offer of money for restoring these bells was never accepted but, in the gloom, the fittings did not appear to be in an extremely bad state. The bells are chimed by ropes attached to the clappers but sound to be a very tuneful ring —has anyone any further details?

U.B.S.C.R. SUMMER REUNION

Fewer non-residents attended the U.B.S.C.R.'s summer reunion in Bristol than for some years. Nevertheless the week-end proved very successful. Peal attempts were introduced for the first time and three peals were scored. The rest of the time was packed with activity. A most enjoyable outing in Monmouthshire in ideal weather was followed by the usual skittles evening, the residents again being thrashed by over 30 pins. At the Corporate Communion on Sunday the Lord Mayor of Bristol found time to celebrate and also joined the visitors at breakfast. It is rumoured that the residents celebrated the disappearance of the Society grandfathers with a riotous farewell party to round off the week-end.

KINGSTON'S GREAT LEAP FORWARD

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, has now fulfilled the hope expressed recently in this column that eight-bell ringing would soon be the norm for Sunday service ringing (after years of six-bell efforts only). Grandsire Triples are now rung regularly on Sundays, and even the imminent departure of two members will not affect this unduly. The reason is Kingston's deliberately aggressive approach to recruitment and training, which has in less than two years doubled membership to over 30 and increased the number of eight-bell ringers from five to eleven.

A new captain, Bernard Stone, will soon take over, with the declared objective of building up to regular ten-bell Sunday ringing in the not too distant future. We wish you well, Bernard!

JUNE 18th, 1967, AT EAST ILSLEY

June 18th is a very historical date, being the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, and this year it was also a big day for the Hibbert family of East Ilsley, being the 90th birthday of Mrs. Florence Sanderson, youngest sister of the late Tom and "Buffer" Hibbert, quite well-known ringers in their day. Mrs. Sanderson is the aunt of Cyril and Marjorie Hibbert, Edward Sneller and Dick Wells, and her erring nephew William, and great-aunt of "Tich" and John Hibbert.

On June 18th a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at her native church by Patricia Hibbert 1, Cyril J. Hibbert 2, Marjorie Hibbert 3, Edward Sneller 4, Eileen Wilson 5, James Wilson 6, John Hibbert (cond.) 7, and Richard Wells 8, six of the band being relatives.

It was a very happy day for Mrs. Sanderson, as she received plenty of good wishes and callers, who drank quaffs of homemade wine and toasted a wonderful young lady of 90. William Hibbert was unfortunately unable to get to Ilsley but would like to be associated with the happy occasion.

A.G.M. AT ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE

The first annual general meeting of the newly-formed St. Luke's College Society, Exeter, took place on June 5th Twelve members attended to elect next year's committee as follows: President, Rev. T G. Grigg (College chaplain); Ringing Master, John N. Longridge; treasurer, Roger Butterworth; secretary, Clive George; tower secretary, Bruce P. Jarvie.

The Master reported that good progress was being made by the learners in bell handling and that he hoped to have a Society band ringing rounds by the end of the term.

Practice meetings: St. Mark's Church, Exeter, on Wednesdays between 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. G. H. B.

MARCH RINGERS LEARN ABOUT BELL FOUNDING

March ringers held a most enjoyable outing to Loughborough and Charnwood Forest on June 3rd. A principal feature was the visit to Messrs. John Taylor's bell foundry, and all departments in the fascinating world of bell founding were inspected. After ringing the campanile bells the ringers had lunch and travelled through very picturesque countryside revealing craggy landscapes and forested hillsides and babbling brooks. They rang at Rothley, Woodhouse Eaves, Barrow-upon-Soar and Wymeswold. At Barrow the local ringers and their wives had prepared a most delicious tea. Thank you, Barrow! And also thanks to Messrs. Taylor's, particularly Mr. Fidler, and ringers and incumbents at the respective churches.

LAVENHAM'S ANNIVERSARY

Thirty ringers representing towers from Norfolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Oxford, Lincolnshire and Suffolk attended to keep up the Lavenham annual ringing anniversary, which dates back to 1811, when two treble bells were added to complete the octave in this tower. These anniversaries have only been broken by the two world wars.

Methods rung were Plain, Double Norwich, Kent, Little Bob, Yorkshire Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. M. T. S.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STREET, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

*George W. Massey	Treble	Norman G. N. Knee	5
*David G. Massey	2	†Raymond E. J. Baker	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7
David A. Burt	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal and first in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

NUNBURNHOLME, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*Elizabeth A. Ewan	Treble	Ronald Ducker	4
*Marie Stephenson	2	Robert Hawtree	5
Peter Church	3	Richard D. Gibson	Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the treble and tenor ringers.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLESMERE, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

William F. Gibbons	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
George A. Packer	2	Leon A. Perry	6
Frederick S. Sutton	3	John R. Scott	7
Geoffrey A. Edwards	4	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., June 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise. 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.
First of seven Surprise Minor by all.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BAMBURGH, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Aidan.
On Sat., June 24, 1967,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Christine H. Telfer	Treble	James Crowther	5
Ann Lawson	2	Kenneth Lawson	6
Enid Lawson	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Rodney A. Yeates	4	†Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal of Surprise Major.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*Patricia Armitage	Treble	Christopher Holmes	4
†Jean M. Berriman	2	Stephen C. Wells	5
†Colin C. Monson	3	M. Alec Beaumont	Tenor

Conducted by M. Alec Beaumont.
* First peal on tower bells. † First "inside."

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., June 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Colin C. Monson	Treble	Stephen C. Wells	5
Jean M. Berriman	2	Peter H. Gardener	6
J. Antony Ellis	3	David J. Marshall	7
Christopher Holmes	4	Malcolm E. Johnson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

DARLINGTON, Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Fri., June 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

Colin C. Monson	Treble	M. Alec Beaumont	4
*Christopher Holmes	2	Malcolm E. Johnson	5
Charlotte A. Bennett	3	Stephen C. Wells	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen C Wells.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Thurs., June 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Michael M. Hawes	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Sidney J. Woodcock	6
John S Rank	3	John G Gipson	7
David E. Rothera	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by E. A Barnett. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
First peal in the method by all.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Vivien A. P Cross	Treble	Michael J. Howes	5
*Philip Thompson	2	Neil V. Avis	6
Robert J. Southgate	3	Brian J. Vaughan	7
Stephen D. Humphrey	4	David E. Culham	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Neil V. Avis.
* First peal of Major "inside." First of Major as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PURTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 24,, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being alternate extents of Plain Bob (4) and Double Oxford (3).
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb in C sharp.

Edward C. Turner	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4
Catharine A. Salter	2	A. Keith P Poole	5
J. Richard Poole	3	David R. Baxter	Tenor

Conducted by A. Keith P Poole.
First peal as conductor.
Rung for the wedding of Mr and Mrs. Wheeler, married in Purton Church on this day.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr 22 lb. in F.

Jeffrey M Britchford	Treble	Andrew N Stubbs	5
*Michael J. Church	2	David E. Rothera	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	†Tom Page	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Frederick R Scott	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of spliced † First of 8-spliced.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

LIMERICK.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 lb.

*William W. Cox	Treble	G. Henry Ellis	5
*Thomas T Marsden	2	*Cyril W Galbraith	6
†T. Anthony Curtin	3	John T. Dunwoody	7
†Philip M Talbot	4	*Bryan A Brislane	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody
* First peal of Trioles † First peal, first attempt.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of the Dean of Limerick (the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, M.A.) and Mrs. Talbot.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 16, 1967 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, 1,184 Bristol, 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Frederick J Cullum	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*John Pladdys	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of 4-spliced.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
*John Pladdys	2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
*Tony Lewis	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Ann Jenner	4	*D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method. 150th peal as conductor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G

*Judith M Corby	Treble	Harold Evans	4
Janet E Blake	2	John A. Howard	5
James B. Cooke	3	*Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* 25th peal together.

LYMPNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Tues., June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 240 Grandsire,, 3 extents Old Doubles, 3 Clifford's Pleasure, 3 Kennington, 3 April Day, 8 Reverse Canterbury, 6 Southrepps, 8 Plain Bob, 6 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt

*Judith Brooks	Treble	Robert P Brotherston	4
Rachael J. Sinden	2	Graham Neilson	5
Elizabeth A. Todd	3	Brian Butcher	Tenor

Conducted by Graham Neilson.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., May 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb

Philip Wilson	Treble	Jeffrey Simcox	5
John Ascroft	2	Roger Barnes	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	Dennis H McCormick	7
Margaret Crossthwaite	4	David Rigby	Tenor

Conudcted by Dennis H McCormick.
Rung for the christening of Janet Susan McCormick and for the ordination of the curate, the Rev. D. Crook.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., June 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

J. Colin Ashworth	Treble	*David V. Hodgson	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Edward Jenkins	6
*Christopher Watson	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
John H. Fielden	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal in the method

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb in D.

Susan Harber	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	6
Susan Rothera	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
David J Llewellyn	3	Philip J. Rothera	8
John G. Gipson	4	Rev Roger O. Fry	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	Tudor P Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, containing 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Edward F. P. Bryant	5
*Audrey R Alexander	2	*Christopher P. Starbuck	6
Roger D. Bailey	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Robin R. Churchill	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The Society's 200th peal.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

Yvonne Edwards	Treble	*Christopher P. Starbuck	6
Alan F. Thirst	2	John Pladdys	7
*Audrey R. Alexander	3	Alan J. Frost	8
Timothy G. Pett	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	9
*Robin R. Churchill	5	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.
On Mon., June 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London, (2) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn, (3) Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester and Munden, (4) Beverley Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (7) London and Wells, with 75 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
*Audrey R Alexander	2	†Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Timothy G. Pett	3	Roger D Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal of Surprise in more than one method. † Has now "circled the tower" twice.
Rung as a compliment to Richard Dirksen and Elizabeth Sither, who were married on June 12th, 1967, at the National Episcopal Cathedral, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDMONTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Colin G. Wright	Treble	*Ian L. Dear	5
*Caroline R F Cole	2	David E. Rothera	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
*Andrew J Slade	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Jonathan S. N Porter.
* First peal of London.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Kenneth R Davenport	Treble	Derek Francis	5
G. Richard King	2	A. Leslie Pearson	6
Derrick A. Davenport	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Sydney M Bailey	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Kenneth R. Davenport.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GONVILLE TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	David L. Wilcox	5
*Mrs. A. J. Smith	2	Walter Hunt	6
*Anthony J. Smith	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Arranged by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method for the Guild
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Anthony K. Fortin	Treble	*Ronald K. Russ	4
Monica Blagrove	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
*Douglas Whitlock	3	†Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Angela Fortin.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	Frederick A H. Wilkins	5
William Hibbert	2	Francis A. White	6
Brian R. White	3	John H. Napper	7
Robert Piron	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., June 25, 1967 in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5037 NOBOTTLE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*Colin Sweeney	Treble	Roger W Smith	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Barry E. Saunders	7
Alan J. Frost	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Richard F. B. Speed	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Graham C. Paul	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Royal First peal in the method.

NOBOTTLE SURPRISE ROYAL
30—50,14, —12—, 36, 70—14, 58, 16—16, 70, —16—, 90.
2nd place. l.h. 1089674523.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Terry V Deacon	Treble	†Barry R. Care	5
†Frank E. Coales	2	Richard J Cowley	6
Sheila J. Staley	3	Murray A. Coleman	7
‡Roger W. Smith	4	George E. Green	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George E. Green.
* First peal of Major † First in the method. ‡ First in the method "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary Eady and John Sheldon, local ringers, married at this church earlier in the day.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., June 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

Kevan J. Chapman	Treble	John G. Mitchell	5
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Christopher J. Groome	6
*J. Charles Hudson	3	Gerald W. Reynolds	7
Richard J. Cowley	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 25th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths)

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., June 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two different 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in A.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	John W. Blackwood	4
*Ruth A. Elmes	2	Graham W. Elmes	5
†Mary E. Elmes	3	‡Ian L. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge. ‡ First on six bells.
Rung on Roger Bailey's 21st birthday with the band's best wishes for many happy years of "scrumpy" drinking.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

Rosemary Earl	Treble	Derek Slater	5
Alan R. Baldock	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
Christine M. Baldock	3	Thomas M. Barlow	7
Frederick J. Lambert	4	C. Alfred Levett	Tenor

Composed by J. Holt. Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
First peal of St. Clement's Triples on the bells and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Mary.
On Mon., June 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Plain Bob, 14 Reverse Canterbury and 18 Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb. in B flat.

Neil Handley	Treble	Reginald J. Stretton	4
Trevor Kirkman	2	David Oliver	5
Arthur Newell	3	Leslie Butler	Tenor

Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., June 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in two methods: One extent Kent T.B. and six extents Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*Rosemary Bellaby	Treble	David Oliver	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	George A. Dawson	5
*Sheila Anthony	3	Frederick E Jones	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter J. Church, of Wollaton.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lbs in G.

Rupert A. Clarke	Treble	*Michael J. Howes	6
George W. Pipe	2	J. Barry Pickup	7
*James R. White	3	Leslie G. Brett	8
Richard J. Parker	4	H. William Barrett	9
Frank B. Lufkin	5	*Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a compliment to Edward P. Duffield on his being elected Mayor of Colchester.

STRADBROKE, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 2 Version. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Leslie G. Brett	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Claudia A. Critchley	2	Robert C. Kippin	7
Gillian M. Hunt	3	D. John Hunt	8
Michael P. Moreton	4	Frederick R. Scott	9
G. William Critchley	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Superlative Surprise Royal for the Guild.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Howard W. Egglestone	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	D. John Hunt	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	George W. Pipe	8
G. William Critchley	4	Robert C. Kippin	9
Frederick R. Scott	5	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert.
On Sun., June 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	G. William Critchley	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Frederick R. Scott	7
Michael J. Howes	3	Michael P. Moreton	8
Cecil W. Pipe	4	D. John Hunt	9
David P. Hilling	5	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

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

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Philip N. Tubbs	Treble	John Hartless	7
Michael J. E. Best	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Michael J. Thomas	3	R. Roger Savory	9
Richard C. Stevens	4	Frederick E. Collins	10
Stewart F. Kimber	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Philip N. Tubbs.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	*Robin R. Churchill ..	5
*Caroline R. F. Cole ..	2	*Andrew J Slade	6
†John R. Ketteringham ..	3	David E. Rothera	7
Alan R. Millidge	4	Ian L. Dear	Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Rutland. † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

CROYDON, Surrey.— At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Var. of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Richard C. Stevens ..	Treble	*Norman G. T. Steere ..	5
*Christine A. Foster ..	2	*Raymond J. Talbot ..	6
*C. Martin Foster	3	Frederick E. Collins ..	7
*Kevin Taber	4	*Andrew J. C. Brown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung on the day of the Patronal Festival.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Sussex University Guild)
FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Raymond J. Talbot ..	Treble	Terry G. Williams	4
*Marion Kemp	2	*Robert H. Newton	5
†Brian J. Read	3	James M. Hills	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.
* First peal on six bells. † First peal at first attempt. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and the fourth, and also Malcolm Loveday

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
EAST ARDSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*William Bushell	Treble	Adrian Holliday	4
*Paul Swindale	2	Charles Naylor	5
*Christopher Dolley ..	3	Alan Clifton	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Clifton.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First of Plain Bob Minor by all the band.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, Northants.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods/variations, being 360 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Kennington and April Day, 240 each of Dedworth, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps, and 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce	3
Roger N. Scholes	2	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	4

*Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor
* 50th peal. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.— At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8

Herbert M. Heaton 9–10
Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 16 methods, comprising 1,312 changes each of Plain Bob and Double Bob, 800 Reverse Bob, 432 Little Bob, 176 each of Lansdowne Little Bob and Crayford Little Court, 160 each of Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial, 120 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, and 32 each of Ashbourne, Spalding, Warminster and Brooklands College, with 323 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*Francis Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 100th peal

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack Bray	7–8

Jack L. Millhouse 9–10
Composed by C. Wallater. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First of Little Bob Royal "in hand."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HAWKSWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sun., June 4, 1967, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

William L. Exton	1–2	Brian M. Buswell	3–4

R. Brian Mills (cond.) .. 5–6
Rung as a welcome to Andrew Brian, born May 30th, a son for Christine and the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

BEKESBOURNE, KENT. — On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Jennifer Monger 2, P. Richardson 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Monger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): B. J. Harris (cond.) 1, M. R. Worthington 2, P. C. Worthington 3, F. J. Robinson 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, D. M. Hamilton 6, K. J. Perrin 7, A. E. Jones 8. A farewell to Mr. F. J. Robinson, leaving the parish after 40 years as chorister and 31 years as a ringer.

CALDICOT, MON.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Bennet 1, P. Bennet (cond.) 2, R. Palframan 3, Rev. R. Hallett 4, P. Williams 5, G. Wilkinson 6, P. Mason 7, D. Phillips 8. A birthday compliment to David Phillips.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. M. Norgrove 1, N. I. Bridges 2, D. Floyd 3, Miss H. Osborne 4, J. F. List 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM. — On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Philips 1, W. T. Petty 2, A. W. Thomas 3, D. R. Lynn Jones 4, Jean Weddell 5, T Yeomans 6, M J. Pryor (cond.) 7, D. Walford Davies 8. Rung after a peal attempt, in memory of Harold Blick, captain of this tower and a ringer there for 50 years.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. M. Starkie (first on eight) 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, T. Holmes 3, D. N. Collins 4, M. H Hodgkinson 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, A. J. Putnam 7, G. Parting 8. For the christening of Andrew T. Holmes.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS. — On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Cole 1, R. J. Cann (first as cond.) 2, P. L. Grove 3, Pamela Turner 4, W. B. R. Ellender 5, D. Walters 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. L. Long.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Utton 1, T. J. Brock 2, J. I. Margetts 3, M. J. Parker 4, R. W. Bickers 5, W. S. Girling (cond.) 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorley 1, G. F. Terry 2, D Sheppard 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, R. R. Warford 5, A. Sheppard 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, J. Potts 8. Rung by the Selby and District Society on the occasion of the Joint Council of Yorks Ringing Societies Festival at Halifax.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Wightman (first quarter) 1, P. W. Archer 2, L. P. Brain (first "inside") 3, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 4, L. J. S. Parry 5, R. C. Groom 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Tipler 1, Gerda Baresel 2, Alison Mann 3, B. Bull 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, Julie Armstrong 6, A. Millidge 7, R. Cooles 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Julie Armstrong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On June 11th, 1,260 Minor: 720 Single Court, 540 P.B.: D. Rose 1, D. Tamblin 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, L. Nice 5, M Rose (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service, and as a compliment to Miss J. Wright, on her 21st birthday and engagement to Christopher Catton.

SADDINGTON, LEICS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. J. Haines (cond.) 1, Judy K. Morris 2, E. W. Martin 3, E. G. Slater 4, R. H. Martin 5. A silver wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Feerick.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Enid Hammond 1, Marion Kemp 2, R. J Talbot (cond.) 3, N. P. Morris 4, D. Nibbs 5, T. G. Williams 6, J. Hills 7, R. Newton 8. First quarter on eight bells for the University of Sussex Guild.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Fortin (first quarter) 1, R. J. Snack 2, A. K. Fortin (cond.) 3, D. Whitlock 4, S. E. Darmon 5, C. B. Dove 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. J. Fortin.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. R. Tipler 1, Margaret A. Robinson (first "inside") 2, F. A. Benn 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 5, D. J. Carter 6.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON. — On June 11th, 1,330 Plain Bob Triples: D. W. Struckett (cond.) 1, J. M. Steele 2, Anne Rowland 3, Mrs. G. Meyor 4, C. M. Meyor 5, E. C. Steele 6, J R.. Pratt 7, D. M. Bradshaw (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. N. Harrison 1, Miss E. A. Ewan 2, A. T. Taylor 3, J. M. Brook 4, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 5. First in three methods for 2, 3 and 4.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on April 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. C. Sinden 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Pamela A. Court 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon 5, K. I. Davis 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B Johnson (cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Linda J. Slade 1, J. W. Collard 2, B. Martin 3, T. Newlands 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, R. W. Sweet 6, F. R. Hussey 7. For St George's Day.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Modwen, on June 13th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: C. Bainham (cond.) 1, C. M. Smith 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, J. Humphreys (first "inside") 4, E. Mough 5, N. White 6, J. Burton 7, P. Johnson 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDX. — On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Moiya Brichford 1, Josephine Pole 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, Doreen Hague 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, C. Venn 6. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. S. Beebee, Rector of Cranford. Also on June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Venn 1, Josephine Pole 2, Moiya Brichford (first "inside") 3, P. Woodgyer 4, G. Brichford (cond.) 5, P. Venn 6. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Kemp 1, Mrs. J. E. G. Roast 2, A. Spurgeon 3, P. J. Came 4, E. G. Roast 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Last quarter on the bells before augmentation.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS. — On June 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patsy M. Barnes 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, J. M. Thorley 3, F. Taylor 4, R. N. Scholes 5, J. Woolley (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the 123rd anniversary of Jasper W. Snowdon.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Hobbs 1, Mrs. A. Collins 2, Miss S. Udell 3, P. Phillips 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, H. Bell 6, G. Harris 7, C. Timms 8. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. J. Cordier 1, H. Slade 2, J. Slade 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, B. J. Dyke 6, R. H. Duke 7, G. Goringe 8. A compliment to the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, Rector, on his appointment as Rural Dean of Dorchester.

ELM, CAMBS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Knight 1, B Crane 2, N. C. Richards 3, A. W Smart 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5, J. Knight 6. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Knight.

ESHER, SURREY. — On June 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Marian Gibbard 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, Pamela Bird 3, B. Colcombe 4, C. D. J. Webb 5, P. Henry (first as cond.) 6.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Harris 1, B. Coggins 2, A. Hicks 3, B. J. Coggins 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, D. Floyd 6. For the christening of the daughter of B. Coggins. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gregory 1, B. Coggins 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C Bennett (cond.) 5, B. Butler 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr H. Cox.

FRITTENDEN, KENT. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Baker 1, E. Clifton 2, P. C. Sinden 3, H. Deacon 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. After the dedication of the peal board commemorating the first peal for the Kent County Association.

HESSETT, SUFFOLK.—On June 12th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): D. Rose 1, L Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, M. Rose 5. Rung half-muffled for the passing of Mr. H. Bullett, an old Hessett ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

HEVER, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Leppard (first quarter) 1, N. S. Butcher 2, M. W. Thompson 3, J. R. Palmer 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, H. W. Evans 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On April 17th, Doubles in four methods: C. Taylor 1, R. Crocker 2, P. Furniss 3, P. G. Taylor (cond.) 4, B. Furniss 5, M. Elkington (first quarter) 6. Also on April 24th, Doubles in four methods): D. Goss (first quarter) 1, R. Crocker 2, M. Goss 3, P. G. Taylor (cond.) 4, P. Furniss 5, C. Taylor 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. W. Seymour 1, J. Walters (first quarter) 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, R. Myllys 4, R. F. Prime 5, W. H. Coles 6, R. K. Russ 7, G. W. Hill 8. For Evensong. Also on June 18th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. Hill 1, R. A. Fardon 2, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 3, J. Sexton 4, R. Myllys 5, P. Copas 6, M. W. Seymour 7, R. K. Russ 8, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 9, W. H. Coles 10. For Evensong.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On June 10th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. H. Youdale 1, F. C Hobson 2, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 3, R. M. Damerell 4, M. C. E. Hodge 5, A. F. Scholfield 6, S. J. Woodcock 7, E. N. Thomas 8, V. Nutton 9, R. Shipp 10. Rung by C.U.G.C.R.

KILKHAMPTON, CORNWALL. — On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs M. Chapman 1, H. Stacey 2, J R. Taylor 3, C. Mutton 4, Mrs. J. Taylor 5 M. F. D. Burton 6, T. Chapman (cond.) 7, R. C. Kersey 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr and Mrs. T. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. B Vince.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Norton 1, E. Baker 2, D. Willis (first attempt) 3, R. Luxton 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. B. Norton and Miss N. Baker.

LEEDS, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Margaret Jones 1, Brenda Davies 2, Sylvia Knight 3, J. Betts 4, H. Deacon 5, F. G. Hucksteppe 6 B. Johnson (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8, D. Monger 9, R. A. Swift 10. First of Plain Bob Caters for all except 6.

LLANFRECHFA, MON. — On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Phillips 1, Marion Bennet 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, J. Prytherch 4, P. Reading 5, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 6, P. Bennet 7, R. Shea 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Geary 1, W. Barwell 2, F. Ward 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Hartland 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First of Minor 3 and 4. A farewell to the Rev. A. Chappell, leaving for Broxtowe, Notts.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. L. Howe 1, I. Russell 2, M. Barden (first as cond.) 3, S. A. Wigg 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, D. J. Long 6. Also on June 18th, Plain Bob Minor: M. L. Howe 1, P S. Muchlinski 2, Mrs. P. Usborne 3, I. Russell 4, M. Barden 5, S. A. Wigg (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

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MARDEN, KENT.—On April 22nd 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Davies 2, E. Clifton 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, N. J. Davies 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. Also on May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Sheppard 1, Jean Vidler 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, G. Grant 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6, J. Smith 7, F. Obbard 8. First of Minor 1 and 2. 7 and 8 covering.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Irene Bramford 1, Janet M. Hudson 2, M. A. Rose 3, C. H. Baker 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5, D. Surman 6. For the Lincoln Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the parish.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. J. D. Isaacs (first quarter) 1, Valerie Williams 2, Judith I. Holmes 3, P. Clewett 4, D. Trueman 5, B E. Frost (cond.) 6. Rung to the glory of God, and to mark the institution of Rev. W. A. Gale to the benefice of Pitsford.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Jennifer Monger 1, Sylvia Knight 2 B. Johnson 3, E. Clifton 4, D. Monger (cond.) 5, F. G. Hucksteppe 6.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cook 1, F. Pickering 2, M. Donovan 3, D Burling 4, A. Else 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6, J. Miner (cover) 7. A wedding compliment to the treble ringer. Also on May 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Donovan 1, J. Miner (first "inside") 2 P. Smalley 3, P. Brookes 4, A. Else 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6. Also on June 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Pickering 1, J. Miner 2, P. Brookes 3, D. Burling 4, A Else 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Sears (first quarter) 1, P. T. Dale 2, D. C. Bartholomew 3, D M. Hibbert 4, H. A. Bradbury (cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Thomas Gander, for many years a ringer here.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Owen 1, F. E. Beddow 2, P. Evans 3, R. H. Newton 4 F. A. H. Cattell 5, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Major C. H. Dean, M.B.E., verger.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods). Maureen White 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Mary White 3, A Bourner 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, T White 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dodds 1, Miss T. West 2, Miss C. Smith 3, P. Cuckson 4, G. W. Sillis 5, H. R. Sillis 6. Conducting shared between 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to Miss C. Smith.

STAUNTON, Tewkesbury, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy V. Cox 1, C. R. Cox 2, L. C. Meadows 3, K. J. Tyler 4, R. K. Williams (cond.) 5, N. J. Little 6.

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST, N. YORKS. — On May 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Lynne I. Clowe (first of Minimus) 1, Susan Mitchell 2, S. P. D. Burnett (cond.) 3, J. L. Birdsall (first tower quarter) 4

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Weedon (first quarter) 1, Jackie Allen 2, Angela Bates 3, A. Griffiths 4, Susan Moore 5, C Sweeney (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, on completion of their course at college.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, A. E. Bissat 2, Miss B. M Boyle 3, B. G. D. Vince 4, H. Heard 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Sangwin 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Ladd and Ray Large, married the previous day at Tunbridge Wells.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. N. Mounsey 1, A. Hulley 2, S. G. Pick 3, L. Wilkinson 4, J. A. Coats 5, A. Jewitt (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss June Hulley

TRULL, Taunton, SOMERSET. — On June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (10 different callings): A. H. Reed 1, Brenda M. Bindon 2, B. G. Vine 3, J. Baker 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. F. Arscott 6. Rung to honour the birth of a son to Mrs. Beryl Morris (nee Churchill) and Mr. R. Morris.

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

WORLE, SOMERSET. — On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. Lovell 1, R. Jones 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Coombes (cond.) 4, J. Lambard 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of the organist and choirmaster, Mr. T. Woods.

COMPOSITIONS

720 IN 27 METHODS

By H. CHANT

	23456	Calverleigh Alliance
	64523	No. 1 Alliance
	32654	Swancombe Alliance
	54263	Crayford Little Bob
	63425	Crayford Little Bob
	25346	Marden Alliance
	46532	No. 4 Alliance
	35264	Little Bob
S.	46235	New Little Bob
	53642	New Little Bob
	24356	New Little Bob
	65423	St. Lawrence Little Bob
—	52346	Walsingham Alliance
S.	42635	Wrentham Alliance
	56342	Wilburton Alliance
—	42356	Wilburton Alliance
	63542	No 2 Alliance
	24653	Snodland Alliance
	53462	Hever Alliance
	62345	Marden Alliance
	45236	Crayford Little
	36524	No. 5 Alliance
	25463	Calverleigh Alliance
	34625	Allesley Alliance
	56234	Little Bob
—	34256	Little Bob
	62534	No. 3 Alliance
	43652	Crayford Little
	52364	Crayford Little
	64235	Crayford Little
	35426	Hever Alliance
	26543	No 6 Alliance
	45362	Wilburton Alliance
S.	26345	No 9 Alliance
	54623	New Little Bob
	32456	Walsingham Alliance
	56243	New Little Bob
	34652	New Little Bob
—	42536	Lammas Alliance
	36254	Belvedere Little Bob
	65342	St. Lawrence Little
—	54236	No 10 Alliance
	63452	New Little Bob
—	32564	Fulmer Alliance
	64253	Belvedere Little
	4563	St. Lawrence Little
—	53264	No. 7 Alliance
	46352	No 8 Alliance
	25643	St Lawrence Little
—	54362	New Little Bob
	26453	New Little Bob
	35524	St. Lawrence Little
—	52463	Olney Alliance
	63245	New Little Bob
—	35462	St. Lawrence
	62543	Walsingham Alliance
	43256	Belvedere Little
—	43552	New Little Bob
S.	23645	Little Bob
	56423	Calverleigh Alliance
—	23456	

ORDINARY ALLIANCE

No. 1. 34.16—16—12—5. 2nds 54632.
No. 2 34.16—16—34—5. " "
No 3 34.16—16 34—12.5 " "
No 4. 34.16—16—12—5 6ths 65243.
No. 5. 34.16—16—34—5. " "
No. 6. 34.16—16.34—12.5 " "
No. 7. —16—16.34—14.5 2nds. 65324.
No. 8. —16—36.14—12.5. " "
No. 9. —16—36.14—34.5. " "
No. 10. —16—36—14—5. " "

NEW LITTLE BOB

34.16—14. 2nds. 65324.

A plain lead of each method is included.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Tucked away off the beaten track, the Church of the Holy Rood, Ossington, was ideal for the Newark District's round of the Crawford Cup on May 20th, as a District meeting had never been held there. The light six are not easy to ring and it was to be expected that faults incurred would be high. Mr. and Mrs Frank Bradley judged Newark the winners with 123½ faults, followed by Sutton A team with 131½. The Bishop of Sherwood closed the proceedings with his Blessing, and the Bishop's wife and her helpers were thanked for preparing tea.

5,016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Arranged by Cyril A. WRATTEN

23456	W	M	H	
45236	—		—	PPWDP
24536			—	PHPCD
52436			—	LaPLTLPL
43526	—		—	PLLSDD
54326			—	PRGD
35426			—	DGD
42356	—		—	PLLBDD
63254		—	—	CrDP
26354			—	CrDP
32654			—	CrNL
46253		—	—	DWDP
25463	—		—	PFPCID
42563			—	CrOL
35264		—	—	CrDP
23564			—	LaD

Repeat five times, calling S for first bob H in parts 1 and 4. Ring Cambray for Crayford in three parts and call the fourth course PLLCoL in three parts.

In course 3, T=Tolleshunt D'Arcy in parts 1, 4;
Childwall in parts 2, 5;
Smith in parts 3, 6.

In course 7, B=Blackley in parts 1, 4;
Fishwick in parts 2, 5;
Scholfield in parts 3, 6.

In course 10, N=Nelson in parts 1, 4;
Lesser Wapping in parts 2, 5;
Hudson in parts 3, 6.

In course 13, O=Ogden in parts 1, 4;
Wavertree in parts 2, 5;
Goldhanger in parts 3, 6.

Contains 1,536 Plain Bob (P), 1,440 Double Bob (D), 455 Little Bob (L), 120 each of Cambray and Crayford Little Court (Cr), 96 each of Lansdowne Little Bob (La), Reverse Bob (R), Hackington (H), Canterbury (C), Fulbeck (F) and Cleatham (Cl) Imperial, 48 each of St. Clement's (S) and Crayford College (Co) and 32 each of Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Ogden, Childwall, Wavertree, Smith, Goldhanger, Blackley, Lesser Wapping, Scholfield, Nelson, Fishwick and Hudson College; with 329 changes of method.

Rung "in hand" at Cheltenham on May 4th, 1967.

5,040 BOB MAJOR

(Handbells)

Arranged by Alan F. Scholfield.

W	M	H	
—	—	—	A
S	—	S	A
	S		A

Coursing Order

W	M	H	53246
S	—	S	26435
	S		26534
A with S at *			56243
5A			25634
A with S at *			65243
3A			65234
	—	—	63452
—	—		34526
S		—	53246

3–4 course from first Middle to the end.

Contains all the available 5–6 coursing music, 4 courses of 65's and 3 of 56's.

ODD VENTURES

Comments on some touches that are different.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

	287						
	2345678						
	25374968						
—	97285634						
	98762453						
	96847325						
S	43956287	287					
	45329768	23456789					
	42573896	45327968	2s.	5s.			
S	78462953	35927468	2s.	5s.			
	76894325	32547698	1.	2s.	3s.	4.	
	79638542						
S	35729468						
—	24385679						
S	86294735						
—	79856324						
—	35729486						
	32547698						

The usual musical touches of Grandsire Caters exploit the Tittum and Handstroke Home positions Here are two touches of a more unusual type, and both of them present features of interest

The first one, set out in full, makes use of the pleasant 9768 and 7 9. 68 positions. The second one is a simple variation of the first one, bringing up a fine 7968 lead, and then proceeding very much as the first. The only difference in the two touches, in fact, is in the treatment of 79.

In the first touch it may be noted that at the third single (which brings up 35729468), it 6 and 8 were the other way round we could get rounds at the following lead without any more calls. The block of four calls that follows is necessary in order to reverse 6 and 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A very successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at the two five-bell towers at Compton and Meppershall on June 10th. With the newly-elected Ringing Masters doing a fine job, the many varied abilities were catered for at both towers. A fine tea at Meppershall refreshed everyone for the business meeting and ringing in the evening. The District was unanimous in deciding to put its Belfry Repair Fund into the Association's central account, and also accepted their committee's recommendation for the proposed striking competition to be arranged by Miss L. Ellison.

Next meeting Potton July 8th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Normally meetings of the Blackburn Branch are held on the first Saturday of the month, but because of the holidays the date was advanced to June 24th. Whalley was an excellent choice and after starting with Plain Bob more advanced methods were rung with the help of visiting ringers from Preston and Rochdale Branches. On this site it is believed there has been a church for one thousand years: in the sunshine it was very beautiful.

Cups of tea were provided by local ringers, and at the business meeting Mr J. Pilkington, Ringing Master, presided. The Branch outing is to be to North Wales; it was also decided to arrange quarter peals for beginners.

Ringing after was helped along by visitors from Liverpool, Bolton and some new residents in the Branch from Northampton.

A THREAT TO AN OLD FOUR

Writing to express regret at the possible loss of St. Alkmund's bells, Derby, Mr. Peter S. Abbott, of Brampton, Hunts, states: "I do know, near where I live—at St. Andrew's, Woodwalton—there is an excellent four, containing two examples of the beautiful work which Joseph Eayre turned out. In the future this church is to be demolished and a new one nearer the village erected. Has any provision or will any provision be made to retain these bells? I wonder, but I think I can guess the answer."

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BIRTH

VINCE.—On June 28th, 1967, a daughter, Vanessa, born to Penny (nee Stacey) and Brian. 1845

DEATH

UPTON.—On Thursday, June 29th, 1967, William Upton, of Newport, I.W., late Master of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, aged 79 years. 1846

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

RICHARDS.—The address of Arthur S. Richards is now: 52, Kevington Drive, Marlings Park, Chislehurst, Kent. Telephone Orpington (MM) 25139. (Connection with West Wickham Church being maintained.) 1849

SCHOFIELD.—The address of Harold, May and Barry is now "Abbey Vista," 1, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Next to Bell Hotel, opposite the Abbey. Ringing friends, please note, bed and breakfast. 1841

SIMS.—The address of Bernard D. Sims is now 1, Hallards Close, Lawrence Weston, Bristol. 1862

PERSONAL

"For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him speak peace and ensue it."—I St. Peter iii, 10 and 11.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner-dance will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1967, at Bowdon Assembly Rooms. Particulars later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 1868

ALL HALLOWS', GEDLING NOTTS.

Festival of Flowers, in aid of Restoration Fund,

Friday, July 21st to Sunday July 23rd. All visitors, especially ringers, are welcome to this beautiful old church, which is situated three miles north-east from the centre of Nottingham.

The tower will be open for ringing on Saturday, 22nd, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday service ringing 10 to 10.45 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m., also after Evensong.

Refreshments available Friday and Saturday, 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. 1875

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

A Village Festival will be held at BUXTON on Sunday, July 16th, to include ringing during the afternoon—at Buxton (6), Lammas (5), Scottow (6) and Stratton Strawless (6), followed by a Festival Service at Buxton Church at 6.30 p.m. Tea available. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Smithson.

FINDON FLOWER FESTIVAL

Teams of ringers are invited to ring quarters and whole peals, etc., during the Flower Festival,

July 22nd-26th inclusive.

For further details write to:-

M. J. Harmer, 184, Ringmer Road, Worthing, Sussex.

ACCRINGTON, LANCS.—Bells reduced to back five until September. Practices may be irregular. During holiday period some practices and service ringing may be cancelled. Please check before coming.—R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. Phone 33049 (weekends). 1759

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Learners' practice meeting to be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, July 8th, has been cancelled. We hope to hold it joint with the Eastern District on Saturday, July 22nd. 1844

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Ringers' Day, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3–5 and 7–9. Plenty of tea for all at Horbling Church Fair (400 yards from the church). Beginners especially welcome.—G. Spencer. 1856

HOLY TRINITY, DARTFORD, KENT

50th Anniversary of Bells
Ringers' Service

Sunday, July 16th, 1967, 6.30 p.m. Taken by the Vicar, Rev. R. B. Griffen. Bells from 5.30 p.m. and after service. Visitors welcome. 1849

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—There will be no practice ringing during July and August. Next practice night Thursday, September 7th, at 7.30 p.m.—R. M. Leadley. 1836

SALISBURY FESTIVAL OF ARTS.—Salisbury Cathedral, July 24th, 7.30 p.m. Lecture recital on Campanology by Frederick Sharpe and Launton handbell ringers. 1835

SURPRISE MAJOR RINGERS REQUIRED for Derbyshire Peal Tour from August 12th–19th. Anyone interested please write at once, giving full details of capabilities to G. E. Bonham, 34, Bedford Street, St. Neots, Huntingdon. 1817

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. D. Withers, 2, Leigh Villas, Leigh-on-Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malpas, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. W. Griffiths, 20, Stanton Drive, Upton-by-Chester, Chester. 1815

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District and Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting at Baslow. Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Old Brampton (6) 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—G. Richardson, M. Phipps, Secs. 1838

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6), Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea till 8.30. Special methods: Netherseale Surprise and Spliced Plain and Little Bob. 1854

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Guilden Morden (6) and Litlington (6), Saturday, July 8th. Guilden Morden 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service Litlington, 4.30 p.m. Tea Litlington Vicarage 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis Sec. 1857

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards for those who notify J. F. Soles, 123, Rydens Way, Old Woking. 1876

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting, Tewin (6) on Saturday, July 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to P. Owen, 28, Canon's Meadows, Tewin, Herts. 1859

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 1846

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Harrietsham (8). Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at the Roebuck 4.45 p.m. Service 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Betts, Redhouse, Fairbourne Road, Harrietsham.—M. L. H. 1781

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Langdale on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Birkett, "Braegarth," Elterwater, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 1869

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood.—M. E. D. 1854

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 2.30. Tea, Worton Village Hall Ringing, Great Tew. 6.45 approx. Names to B. Morley, The Square, Great Tew, Oxford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bucklebury, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. F. Lewington, Waven, Bucklebury, Reading. **Branch dinner and social, September 30th, 1967.** 1843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Northfield on July 8th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—G. E. Fearn, 22, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1827

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. Ringing meeting at Horringer (8) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute Meeting follows. Will as many members as possible attend meeting as there is an important item to discuss Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Rogers, 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds. 1836

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Bishopstoke, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall followed by business meeting. Evening ringing St. Nicolas', North Stoneham (10), 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Linda Cull, 29, St. Mary's Road Bishopstoke. 1824

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon Branch Sec. 1844

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Saturday, July 15th. Pylle bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 1879

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells will be available at Wellesbourne, Sherborne, Snitterfield and Hatton from 2 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service. Business meeting to follow. St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's bells will be available in the evening up to 8.30. Free tea in St. Nicholas' Church Hall at 5 p.m. for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, July 12th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick 1813

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Swanwick (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify E. J. Sterland, Ogston, The Meadows, Swanwick, Derbys. Please attend. — E. J. S., Hon. Sec. 1847

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting at **Grittleton** on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) at 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H Heath. 1838

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Cranham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos by Tuesday, July 11th. 1858

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St Albans District. — July 15th, St. Albans. St. Michael's 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Evening ringing, Cathedral 7.30-9 p.m. (barbecue afterwards).—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch, Saturday, July 15th Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. E. Pellett, 32, Brattle, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, by Thursday, July 13th.—A P. S. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Upchurch, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss J. Lacey, 22 Drakes Close, Upchurch, near Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Half-annual meeting on Saturday, July 15th Ringing: St. Peter's, Ashton (8) 3–4 p.m.; St. Michael's, Ashton (12) from 4 p.m. and after tea. Service in St Michael's 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, July 12th. — Christine Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. 1857

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch —Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, July 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday Special methods: Primrose Surprise and Stedman Doubles.—Geo L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1842

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, July 15th. Service at St. Mary's, Twickenham, 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Ringing: St. Mary's, Sunbury, 2.30–3.30; St. Mary's, Hampton, 2.30–4; St. Mary's, Twickenham, 4–4.30 and in evening: All Hallows', Twickenham, 7–8.30.—T. J. Lock and Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Secs.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch) and SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District).—Joint meeting at Great Yarmouth on July 15th Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15; preacher Rev. P. N. Bond. Tea 5 p.m in St. James' Hall, Admiralty Road. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Spandler, 10, Seafield Close, Kings Road, Great Yarmouth (Tel. 2925), by Wednesday. July 12th certain, please.—N. P. J. C. and T. N J. B. 1802

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on July 15th at 6 p.m. 1851

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Summer meeting, Glinton (6), July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, Sec., 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Tuesday previous 1852

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch — Quarterly meeting, Chitterne, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Codford bells 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 11th. 1834

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Bells available: Lytchett Matravers 3 p.m., East Morden 3.45. Service 4.30. Wareham 6.30-7.30 p.m. Meeting and cups of tea. Wareham Church Hall, 5.20 p.m. Names for evening barbecue by July 13th to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford. 1832

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Cotgrave, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Notts. 1837

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 15th, Barnby-in-the-Willows. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Jones Barnby, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 1840

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Blithfield, near Rugeley, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1833

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Burstow (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., followed by further ringing. N.B.—These arrangements supersede last week's notice.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1874

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division & Western Division).—Joint practice meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Sussex District) on Saturday, July 15th. Aldrington (6) bells 3.30-5.15 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Shoreham (8) bells 6.30-7.30 p.m. Individual arrangements for tea Ladies' Guild business meeting, Aldrington, 4.30 p.m.—D. L. Hall, Southern Div. Hon. Sec. 1872

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ten bell practice for ringers with experience of "inside" ten bell ringing, Truro Cathedral, July 15th, 5.30-7 p.m.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 1870

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting, Blackmoor, July 15th. Bells available 6.30–8 p.m. 1855

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Addingham (6) on Saturday, July 15th, 6 p.m. Methods: Stedman, Grandsire and Minor up to Cambridge. All welcome. — Maurice Thurmott (Ringing Master). 1860

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Sunbury, Wednesday, July 19th, 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1789

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Harwich on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to Mrs. Andrews, 2, Elmhurst Road, Dovercourt, Harwich. 1830

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Trendell, Robins Croft, Pebmarsh. 1831

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, July 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. T. W. Tranter, Vicarage, Bere Regis, Wareham, by Wednesday previous. 1871

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. H. C. Hall, 7, Farm View, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey, by July 18th, please. 1853

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Sandford on July 28th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting following. Shobrooke bells available. Crediton 6.30-8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Skinner, Sec. 1829

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

On June 24th the Truro and Penzance Branches met at Probus for a cricket match and the Truro Branch won by eight wickets. Man of the match was undoubtedly Alan Dengler from Constantine, who scored 51 not out as well as capturing the wickets of Penzance's top scorers. A superb tea was served by Barbara Duck, and Probus bells were rung in the evening.

Scores.—Penzance: 79 (T. J. Bell 18, D. Stephens 12, F. M. Bowers (captain) 18).

Truro: 82 for 3 (A. Dengler 51 not out, G. F. Dunstan 27 not out).

Umpires were L. Lobb and the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

FARNHAM DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

Ten teams were entered for the striking competition of Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held on June 24th, on the back six at Aldershot. Mr. F. Darby, Master of the Surrey Association, adjudicated, and in his remarks said: "What I have heard has been by and large very good ringing; methods ranging from London Surprise to Plain Bob Doubles. Competition gives even weak ones a chance." Placings were: Aldershot, 17 faults; Grayshott, 24; Farnborough, 29. Ash and a team of under 16 tied for fourth place, with 32 faults each.

WARMINSTER OUTING

Warminster ringers and friends continued their friendship with Mr C. N. Pearson, one-time headmaster of the Minster School and now living at Haslemere, by their annual outing into Surrey and Sussex. Once again Mr Pearson had planned this happy event and entertained the company to tea at Haslemere.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Catherine met the party at New Alresford (8) and guided them to Cheriton (6). By the lake at Petersfield a picnic lunch had been provided by Mr. and Mrs Norris, and it was with some reluctance that the journey was continued to ring at Hawley and Grayshott and then at Haslemere, where some of the best ringing of the day, including a touch of Grandsire Caters, took place.

Tea was followed by the usual game of cricket, and the last tower was St. Mary's, Easebourne, where a touch of Oxford Bob Triples was exceptionally well struck. Supper was taken at a well remembered spot just east of Stockbridge.

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD WITH ESSEX ASSOCIATION
RINGING AND FLORAL FESTIVAL AT PRITTLEWELL
on July 8th, 9th and 10th

Ringing arrangements for Saturday, July 8th.

Route 1
9.00–10.00 Kelvedon (6), 21–0–13.
9.45–10.45 Witham (8), 18–0–0.
10.15–11.00 Maldon (8), 13–0–0.
10.45–11.30 Purleigh (6), 12–0–0.

Route 2
9.00–10.00 Dunmow (8), 21–1–0.
9.45–10.30 Fyfield (6), 7–0–0
10.30–11.15 Shenfield (6), 9–0–0.
10.45–11.30 Hutton (5), 7–0–0.

Route 3
9.00–10.15 Hornchurch (8), 19–3–0.
10.00–10.45 Orsett (6), 11–0–0.
10.15–11.15 Stanford-le-Hope (8), 11–2–0.
10.45–11.30 Fobbing (8), 11–2–0.

Other Towers
11.15–12.15 Southminster (8), 12–0–0.
12.30– 1.15 Burnham-on-Crouch (6), 10–0–0

Local Towers
11.15–12.15 S. Benfleet (6), 12–0–0
12.00– 1.00 Rayleigh (8), 16–0–0.
2,00– 3.15 Gt. Wakering (6), 8–1–2.
2.00– 3.15 Our Lady of Lourdes Leigh-on-Sea (8) 25–0–0.
For chiming only, see Bellfounders page.
2.30– 4.00 St. Mary's, Prittlewell (10), 18–2–0. Service at 4 o'clock. Preacher. Canon Gilbert Thurlow M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
6.00– 7.00 Thorpe Bay (8), 16–0–0
7.00– 8.30 St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea (6), 10–1–11.
With Prittlewell open throughout the evening.

Ringing arrangements for Sunday, July 9th, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell.
8.45 for 9.30 Service.
10.25 for 11.00 Service.
3.00–4.00 Ringing.
5.30 for 6.30 Evensong and Special Ringers Service.

All are welcome,

The Floral Festival in St. Mary's Church, Frittlewell — July 8th, 9th and 10th.
With flower arrangements by the combined local floral groups will be well worth a visit, so bring your friends and enjoy the festival with us.
Car parking facilities and refreshments with a ringers' tea in the Guildhall after 4 o'clock service on Saturday, July 8th.
Any other information from, and names for tea (early, please), to G Eve. 8, Crossfield Road. Southend-on-Sea, Essex

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.

Ringing 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. **No name, no tea.**
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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
Quarterly Meeting
at
SAWBRIDGEWORTH
on
SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1967

Harlow Common (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea at Sawbridgeworth at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Sawbridgeworth (8) 6.30–8 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 1801

ROMSEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 1967.

Viewing from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day except during services on Sunday.
Ringing: Sat., July 15, 4.30– 7.30 p.m.
Sun., July 16, 9.15–10.00 a.m.
5.45– 6.30 p.m.
Refreshments and parking available. All visitors. especially ringers, welcome.

No weekly practice on Wed., July 12th.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY
The Annual Shield Contest will be held at **Bradfield**, near Sheffield, on Saturday, July 8th, in conjunction with the Bradfield Flower Festival, details of which may be obtained from Mr. Plant, Upper Bradfield.

To enter the contest, intending participants must send 10s. entrance fee and, if possible, names of team members, to the Secretary, Mr. T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, as soon as possible.

Names for tea **must** be sent to Mrs. Baxter, Castle Laithe, High Bradfield, Sheffield.

This contest is open to any band and will be judged by Mr. H. Chant.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Penny Cocks (first quarter) 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, I. Wiltshire 3, C. H. Macve 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, Carol Cousins 6. For the church garden party. Also on June 18th, 1,296 Killamarsh T.B. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Wendy Wallace 2, I. Wiltshire 3, R. Rayfield 4, Carol Cousins (cond. and 100th quarter) 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 6.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS. — 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: G. Tembey 1, J. E. Burles 2, J. Blackburn 3, J. Bagnall 4, W. Wall 5, K. Price 6, F. H. Crawley 7. To mark the centenary of the grant of borough status to Barrow-in-Furness.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, A. Bridges 4, Major R. Lee (first quarter) 5, Captain D. Wood 6, Captain J. Ellams 7, Mrs. D. Wood 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on June 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, R. G. Beck 2, E. C. Wadman 3, T. Newlands 4, H. D. Mackay 5, P. H. Jones 6, G. W. Massey 7, E. J. Chivers 8. Rung to the memory of S. G. Coles, Taunton, Somerset.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Butler 1, Pamela A. Court 2, E. Clifton 3, L. Mannering 4, P. C. Sinden 5, D. Manger 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Pamela A. Court 1, Sylvia Knight 2, E. Clifton 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, H. Deacon 5, K. I. Davies 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On April 12th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Davies 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, Sylvia Knight 3, F. Verney 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On June 5th, 1,320 All Saints' and Fawley Doubles: Catherine A. Roberts 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. Allinson 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. C. Banks 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. H. Redwood (first Doubles) 1, Hilary Knight 2, M. M. Hawes (cond.) 3, J. E. David 4, P. S. Abbott (first in three methods) 5.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On June 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Underhill 1, Miss P. Tomsett (first as cond.) 2, R. J. Bushell (first "inside") 3, J. Davey 4, M. Lacey 5, C. Mannerings 6.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Leona Roper (first quarter) 1, Christina Salengre 2, Jackie Quickfall 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, P. W. Gay 5, Sue Gay 6. Rung by the University of Keele Society.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell (first of Minor) 1, A. Rothwell 2, H. C. Clarke 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss S. A. Mayell.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gladys D. Northway (first of Stedman) 1, R. R. Savory 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, T. Matcham 5, R. Allinson 6, J. Hartless (cond.) 7, J. Hopwood 8. First quarter Stedman Triples 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. E. M. Hills 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first "inside") 2, G. Lucas 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. D. G. Mayell.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On June 17th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, J. J. George (longest length) 3, A. Locke 4, W. R. Curtis 5, A. J. Davidson 6. A peal attempt curtailed.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemarie Nicholls 1, Christine Braziel (first "inside") 2, A. C. Freeman 3, F. W. James 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, Celia Hirst 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First in method 3 and 4.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On May 27th, 1,440 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: R. Moor (first in two methods) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, N. M. Newby (cond.) 3, J. Blackburn 4, K. M. Price 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6.

STOWTING, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,272 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Swift 1, P. C. Sinden 2, Pamela A. Court 3, H. Deacon 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

UFFINGTON, BERKS. — On April 22nd, Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Green 1, P. L. Furniss 2, A. H. Green 3, R. J. Crocker 4, P. G. Taylor (cond.) 5.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Chapman 1, Glynis Perry 2, Caroline Cole 3, D. E. Cobb 4, R. Durrant 5, R. J. Chapman 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. C. Austin 8. For civic service. Also on June 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Susan Thomas 1, Jane Chapman 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, D. Hawkins 4, Caroline Cole 5, R. J. Chapman 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. K. Russ 8, M. Jefferyes 9, H. Duncan 10, R. Durrant 11, A. J. Slade 12. First by all-local band in method.

WEST TILBURY, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. Blatch 1, G. I. Lucas 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, M. C. Austin 4, Joan Hills 5. A 5th birthday compliment to Sharon Lucas.

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