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ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL, DERBY

OUR PICTURE

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL DERBY

IN 1927 the Parish Church of All Saints, Derby, became the Cathedral, the seat of the Bishop and Mother Church of the Diocese. A Parish Church became a Cathedral. The great Perpendicular tower is all that is left of the mediæval building.

In 1723 the Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, who was then the Vicar of All Saints, facing the ruinous condition of the nave and chancel, demolished the whole building except the tower and began a complete restoration. James Gibbs, architect of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, was engaged for the job.

The earliest records imply that there were five bells at All Saints' as long ago as 1509. However, apart from the possible exception of the tenor, it is certain that these bells were replaced or recast in the next hundred years or so. In 1620 the five bells were augmented to six by the addition of a treble—the present fifth bell in the ring of ten. This bell was cast by George Oldfield of Nottingham and bears the inscription "Batchelers Bell" (several of the bells have inscriptions which are mis-spelt). The history behind the inscription is most interesting. It appears that a company in the town started a lottery and several young men of the parish "subscribed three guineas to be adventured in it." Their enterprise was rewarded and they won £12, which they donated towards the cost of the new treble. Until 1926, when the bells were returned and rehung on an iron frame, the "Batchelers Bell" was a maiden bell, that is it was not in need of tuning when taken from the mould after casting.

TENOR OVER 500 YEARS OLD

The heaviest bell of the original six, and the present tenor, is the oldest bell in the tower and is well over 500 years old. The other four—the present sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth—were also cast by the Oldfields at dates between 1607 and 1655. Little is known of how or why these bells were acquired by the Cathedral, but they probably replaced the older bells.

The present eighth bell, however, has an unusual history. From parish records it appears that this bell became cracked in the year 1712 and a Mr. Hatton was engaged to recast it. Surprisingly, the present eighth bell carries the date 1632—not 1712, and, as

stated above, is the work of Oldfield. The explanation for this discrepancy lies partly in legend and partly in the records of Ashbourne Parish Church—there is no clue in the Cathedral records. Legend has it that in the year 1815 the eighth bell was exchanged for a bell from Ashbourne. The records of Ashbourne Parish Church for that year reveal that their tenor had become cracked and the Church Council had decided on exchanging their ring of six bells for a new ring of eight. William Dobson of Downham Market was engaged to do the job. Fortunately, when the six bells were removed from Ashbourne their inscriptions were recorded. The fifth bell had the inscription "God Save the Church" 1632. This corresponds exactly with that on the Cathedral eighth. Thus it would appear that in 1815 Dobson exchanged the Cathedral 1712 bell for the old fifth bell at Ashbourne.

NONE RECAST

In 1677 the ring of six was augmented to ten by William Noone of Nottingham by the addition of four trebles. Thus we see that the present ten bells, apart from the relatively recent refugee from Ashbourne, have been at Derby Cathedral for nearly 300 years. None of the bells has been recast and, considering this, the bells are of surprising good tone. In this respect the ring is probably unique.

The bells were rehung on a wooden frame in 1687 and again, on the present iron frame, when All Saints' became a Cathedral in 1927.

In years gone by the Cathedral ringers were paid for their efforts. The parish records contain countless entries of such payments and from these we can see the occasions which were marked by ringing on the bells. The births, deaths and coronations of countless Kings, Queens and Princes, the failure of Guy Fawkes to blow up Parliament were all proclaimed. Victories by the score—to name just a few, Marlborough's victory at Blenheim in 1705, the taking of Quebec in 1759, the victories of Nelson and Rodney and the Battles of Waterloo and Trafalgar. The last entry in one book of parish records reveals that the bells were rung to mark the death of Wellington in 1852. Less than 60 peals have been rung on the bells but the first—Grandsire Triples—was rung over 200 years ago by an all-Cathedral band.

The present band of ringers is led by Harold Taylor, who took over as Ringing Master in 1948—the year he rang his first peal. Harold Taylor took over the leadership of a depleted band and over a period of years has built it up to its present strength. Of the present band of 15 ringers, 11 rang peals last year and no less than six of them hold responsible office in the Derby Diocesan Association.

The cover picture shows the Cathedral as it was a few months ago. Already changes are taking place, for the Provost of the Cathedral has launched a £200,000 appeal to pay for extensions and repairs to the building. The Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell-ringers have pledged themselves to raise £1,000 towards this appeal. Already over £300 has been raised in less than six months.

Note.—If anyone wishes to help the Derby Diocesan Association in their efforts to raise £1,000 towards Derby Cathedral extension they should send donations to: D. W. Friend, 32, Parkside Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL
Annual Ringing Festival

At Brewood, near Wolverhampton
On Saturday, September 16th.

Service: 4 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop
of Shrewsbury. Tea 5 p.m., for which
please remit 3s. each for tickets to
Mr. S. Dumbell, 8, The Pavement,
Brewood, Stafford, before September
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Patsull (6) 10.15-11.00 a.m.
Codsall (8) 1.00-2.00 p.m.
Brewood (8) 1.00-4.00 p.m.
and after tea until 8 p.m.
Wolverhampton (12) .. 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Tettenhall (8) 7.30-9.00 p.m.
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FOUR GUILDS REVIEW 21 years OF PROGRESS

On Saturday, September 16th, a service is being held in Derby Cathedral to give thanks for the formation of four Guilds out of the Midland Counties' Association some 21 years ago. The new organisations were the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties' Guild.

These eventful 21 years in the lives of the three territorial bodies are reviewed below. Each is associated with a Diocese; each has received the benefits of association with the Bishop and diocesan life. Furthermore, each has gained by being a smaller unit with a wide measure of independence.

The response to these privileges has been most praiseworthy. Membership has shown an increase, there are fewer silent towers, and the art of change ringing has been advanced by better tuition, schools of ringing education and combined practices. While much remains to be accomplished before an efficient band of change ringers exists in every tower, it is with thankful hearts the ringers from the three dioceses will assemble at Derby Cathedral.

At the extraordinary meeting of the M.C.A. in St. Margaret's Choir Vestry on October 7th, 1944, the Chesterfield District, which was rather remote and not well served by the Association, was in favour of splitting the M.C.A. into Diocesan Guilds, but the Derby District, which was quite active and enjoying good meetings, was against the dissolution.

The situation was resolved at the 1945 April meeting in Derby and at the beginning of 1946 the Derby and District Association of Change Ringers was formed.

The M.C.A. had about 750 ringing members in 1908 and around 1,100 on its dissolution in 1945, so perhaps from the review of the four organisations springing from the M.C.A. we can now judge, 21 years later, whether the break-up was, or was not, a good thing and whether ringing in the Midlands is a dying art.

ORGANISATION

In 1947 the Association was renamed the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers and divided into four districts, namely Chesterfield, Derby, Ilkeston and Peak. Thus the basis of a true Diocesan Association was already established.

There are, however, several other organisations which claim the allegiance of bands in the diocese: these are the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Sheffield and District Society, the East Derbyshire and Notts, the Midland Counties Guild and latterly the North Leicester and South Derbyshire Association.

The Association flourished and lived in friendly relationships with the neighbouring organisations and in 1963 it was decided to rename it the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers.

It is not an easy diocese to organise as the county is very long, the towers in the Peak District widely dispersed and the south and south-west areas are weak and share allegiance between three organisations.

Each district has its own committee and organises its own district functions such as monthly meetings. Quarterly meetings are organised by the general committee.

It has been found that the regular monthly meetings on Saturday afternoons have not been popular in general and the District committees have not pressed these, taking the view that an unsuccessful meeting does far more harm than no meeting at all. Many alternative ventures have been tried with a great deal of success, for example, evening meetings, special District practices for advanced ringers and for learners separately, striking contests, outings, parties, dinners, coach outings to quarterly meetings, ringing courses both residential and one-day courses.

The annual Sir Arthur Heywood memorial dinner has been the highlight of the year since its inception and has grown in attendance from 70 to 240. The award of Capita Magnissima held great interest for many years, but is now discontinued because the organisers have become jaded.

RINGING CENTRES

Between the two wars there were several strong centres of ringing in Derbyshire. Chesterfield had a fine treble ten band led by the famous Knight brothers and neighbouring Bolsover had a standard of eight bell ringing under the Mastership of John Flint which was second to none. Ripley had a good eight bell team aspiring to London and Bristol. Derby St. Andrew's had a 10 bell band ringing excellent Stedman Caters, but also proficient in even bell methods; Albert Ward is a name known to many of us today. Long Eaton had a good eight bell band and amongst six bell teams Sandiacre was quite well known.

In 1946 these traditional bands did not exist except perhaps at Bolsover, where the tradition of good striking on eight bells has been maintained, although the strength of the band has waxed and waned.

Whilst the Derby St. Andrew's band had virtually disappeared St. Peter's, Derby, led by the well balanced captain Jack Glew, who was Ringing Master for 50 years, soon, aided by the St. Luke's ringers, established a most popular practice which attracted ringers from as far as Ashby, Burton and Nottingham. This practice has continued under Alfred Mould, a highly qualified ringer of infinite patience, up to the present time.

By the early 50's the Derby Cathedral band, hitherto very weak, had grown and established a Surprise Royal practice and became the centre of ten bell ringing in the diocese. Harold Taylor achieved and maintained this situation.

Later on in the 50's George Freebrey established a good practice at St. Andrew's, Derby, and it was possible to attend three first class practices a week for those who were keen enough.

In the Chesterfield area there has been no sustained centre of ringing other than Bolsover, but at Old Whittington a very good standard of Minor ringing has been established for many years.

In the Peak District Darley Dale has always had a reasonable Sunday service band led by George Paulson and Herbert Taylor, but has varied in strength but now, blessed with the Rev. St. John Smith as Rector, there are signs of increasing strength.

Burbage and Fairfield, Buxton, are the only other two Peak towers with any continuity and these have produced several first class ringers of whom perhaps Brian Woodruffe is the most well known.

The Ilkeston District had fine practices at Ilkeston and Sandiacre for a few years after the war, but these declined. Sandiacre soon revived and in the last few years the Sawley band, following David Marshall's return, has provided a good practice for the area.

One other most important occurrence in the area was the establishment at West Hallam of an evening institute bell ringing class started by Gordon Halls in 1960 and continuing successfully today. This has gradually produced ringers in six bell methods and recently in eight bell methods to provide the nucleus of proficient bands in the whole District.

OFFICERS AND PERSONALITIES

The D.D.A.C.B.R. has never had a great ringing personality to dominate it which perhaps is a good thing since it is probably for this reason that it is administered by a strong committee.

The first officers were Jack Bailey as vice-president and who is still a vice-president, Walter Steen as treasurer and still a faithful member and William Lancaster who, as hard-working general secretary, did most to launch

THREE COUNTIES FESTIVAL, DERBY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1967

To mark the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Guild from the old Midland Counties Association

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route 1			Route 2		
Greasley (8)		9.30-10.30	Hugglescote (8)		10.00-11.00
Eastwood (8)		10.00-11.00	Whitwick (8)		10.30-11.30
West Hallam (8)		10.30-11.30	Shepshed (8)		11.00-12.00
Stanton-by-Dale (6)		11.00-12.00	Hathern (8)		11.30-12.30
Sandiacre (6)		11.30-12.30	Shardlow (6)		1.45- 2.15
Long Eaton (8)		12.00- 1.00	Alvaston (6)		2.15- 3.15
Breaston (6)		1.45- 2.45			
Ockbrook (6)		2.15- 3.15			
Route 3			Route 4		
Burton All Saints (6)		9.45-10.45	Old Whittington (6)		9.30-10.15
Burton Winhill (6)		10.30-11.30	Wingerworth (5)		10.00-11.45
Burton St. Paul (10)		11.15-12.15	North Wingfield (6)		10.15-11.00
Etwell (6)		1.00- 2.00	Clay Cross (6)		10.45-11.30
			Swanwick (6)		11.30-12.15
			Hearon (8)		11.00- 3.00

Lunch (cold buffet) available at Sawley Women's Institute (Plant Lane, near church) at 1 p.m. Price 3s. 6d. Tickets from tour organisers or D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.

Lunch (cold buffet) available at Heanor Church Hall at 1 p.m. Price 3s. Tickets from tour organisers or from D. W. Camm, 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbys.

RINGING IN DERBY

St. Peter's (8) 2.30- 4.00
St. Luke's (8) 3.30- 5.00
St. Andrew's (10) 6.00- 7.00

Service in Cathedral at 5 p.m. with ringers' choir and handbells. All touring ringers are expected to attend.

Dinner and Social Evening 7.15-11.45 p.m. in Albion Restaurant, Derby. Tickets 25s., from B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road, Barrow-on-Soar, Leicester; W. L. Exton, St. Owens, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts; G. A. Halls, 54, Wilson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. 2173

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—contd.

the new Association. He served for five years, then became vice-president until 1957.

The Association has been very fortunate with general secretaries having had only two—Arthur B. Cooper for eight years, followed by Burley P. Morris. The same can be said of the treasurers, each of whom has been very efficient, particularly the present one, Joseph C. Woolley, who does far more than his office demands in safeguarding the financial interest of the organisation.

Since 1957 the appointment of vice-presidents has been regarded as an honour for sustained service as an officer. To a lesser extent the status of honorary life member is awarded for sustained active membership.

Exclusively the successive Provosts of Derby have been presidents and the Very Rev. R. A. Beddows, occupying the office since 1954, has proved a great asset providing just the right stimuli to which the members have responded on each occasion. It was he who, having heard the usual carping about finance for several years, galvanised the Association into appointing a financial action committee comprising Gordon Halls, David J. Marshall and Denis R. Carlisle, together with the secretary and treasurer, which had far-reaching effects on finance and increased activity in many directions. The financial problems were resolved. A Bell Repair Fund affiliation scheme was inaugurated which has made the fund most effective. An annual striking contest was introduced and proved very successful, coach tours to quarterly meetings proved popular and boosted attendance, ringing courses, both one-day and weekend residential, were well supported and in general much greater emphasis was put on the social aspects of bell ringing.

The Association now has three Central Council representatives, the longest serving one being Alfred Mould, who was representative for 15 years and always provided a most interesting account of the meeting.

During the years the following officers have become necessary, peal secretary, education officer, Bell Repair Fund treasurer and secretary, bell restoration consultants, architectural adviser and consultant to the Diocesan Advisory Board.

This latter office is held by Gordon Halls and in many other ways he has possibly made the greatest contribution towards making the Association the active body that it has become. The Association is pioneering in outlook and as an example of this dropped its non-resident life membership fee from 5s. to 2s. 6d., scorning to make a profit out of the enthusiasm of peal ringers who pay courtesy to the Association by ringing peals for it.

Another decision of which the Association is justifiably proud is in setting itself the target of raising £1,000 towards the Provost's Cathedral Appeal Fund, although it has yet a long way to go.

Each District has its own committee which together form the general committee. Notable in District officers are Malcolm Phipps, who has been invaluable as secretary of the Chesterfield District and Gladys and Alex Richardson who, together, have for many years made the greatest contribution towards keeping the geographically difficult Peak District active. About four general committee meetings are held each year at Matlock and these are extremely well attended despite long travelling distances, the number ranging from 25 to 30.

MEMBERSHIP

With regard to the numerical strength of the Association there were 180 members in 1946 and this rose to 287 by 1950. It must be remembered that the large majority of ringers at that time were trained before the war and there was very little effort put into training new recruits and inevitably the number dropped back to 250 between 1953 and 1956 after which the total once again rose due to recruitment and more enlightened teaching methods.

The total apparently fell back to 250 in 1960 but this was due to a more realistic appraisal of the numbers on the basis of those who actually paid subscriptions. Since 1960 the total has increased to nearly 400.

There are around 80 churches with five or more bells in the diocese and today 55 of these have some ringers who are members of the D.D.A.C.B.R. and about 38 have the bells rung reasonably adequately for Sunday service. This may seem deplorably low, but in 1947 the figure was about 24.

PEAL RINGING

There has always been plenty of interest in peal ringing in the Association, although it is not prolific. The total will reach 1,200 this year which indicates an average of 57 a year.

Even bell methods are the most popular on six and eight bells, advanced Surprise ringing being the target. On ten bells interest is divided evenly between Caters and Royal. Hardly any twelve bell peals are rung because there are no rings of twelve in the diocese.

Generally speaking the standard of striking is not good, but the technical standard is reasonably high amongst the peal ringing members. The standard of striking is improving as more interest in this is created by

striking contests and more peals are "stood" for poor striking.

THE FUTURE

It is difficult to predict what will happen, but it is interesting to reflect that whereas church membership has seriously declined in the last two decades ringing has more than held its own.

Fewer rings of bells will become available because new churches are being built without provision for rings of bells and some churches with rings of bells are being pulled down. There is more tendency for requests to ring being refused probably because of the noise nuisance. For this reason the D.D.A.C.B.R. is paying some attention to sound control, and also to maintenance and augmentation of existing rings.

The Association appears to be firmly founded and there is reason to expect some expansion in strength.

From this review of the history of the Association it would appear that the diocese has benefited from the dissolving of the old M.C.A. **D. R. CARLISLE.**

Southwell Guild Doubled its Membership

THE Southwell Diocesan Guild, like its compatriots, the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Association and the Midland Counties Guild, was founded in 1946. It was formed by the amalgamation of what was left of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association and its near neighbour, the North Notts Association. These two Societies, which were all but derelict due in no small part to the recent war and the ban on church bell ringing, came together to form the two Districts of the new Guild.

The chairman of the old Midland Counties Association and Vicar of West Bridgford (the late Canon R. F. Wilkinson) became its new chairman, and the Bishop of Southwell (the Rt. Rev. Russell Barry) its president. Enthusiasm at a new venture was soon engendered by the hon. general secretary (the late Tom Groombridge, jun.), and before the end of the first year a third District in the Newark area was formed. At the end of the first year membership stood at 213, including 46 newly-elected members. No less than 60 of the present members can look back and say "I was a founder member of the Guild." These 213 members represented 37 different towers of the then 86, there being at this time four rings of ten, 17 of eight, 41 of six and 24 of five.

Peals in the first year totalled 31, the majority being rung in and around Nottingham, but the honour of the peal for the Guild belongs to Ordsall, with a peal in three Minor methods on January 12th, 1946.

The death of Tom Groombridge, jun., on May 24th, 1947, left a gap which, with the Guild in its infancy, caused no small setback, and it is much to the credit of his successor, Mr. J. W. Raithby, that this was soon overcome. Jim remained as general secretary for the next 13 years.

Membership, despite setbacks, continued to rise, slowly but surely, and the 300 mark was passed in 1950. Peals were becoming more widespread, and the 100th was rung at Greasley on November 24th, 1948, the average up to this time being around 30 per year. This was soon increased to nearly 50 per year, and the 500th was rung on January 7th, 1956, at Winthorpe.

With increasing membership a new step was taken in 1958, when a fourth District, centred on Mansfield, was created, and at the end of 12 years membership had reached 349.

The year 1960 saw the retirement of Mr. J. W. Raithby from the secretaryship and the election of his successor, Mr. W. L. Exton.

SUCCESS OF SMALLER DISTRICTS

The creation of smaller and more easily-worked Districts had its reward in much greater increases in membership, with a result

that no less than 119 additional members were added in the next four years, and a further District, the Bingham District, was formed in 1962. The Guild now has five Districts in an area which contains only 92 towers with five or more bells.

The year 1962 also saw for the first time the installation of a ring of 12 bells in the Diocese, the old eight at Southwell being recast into a ring of 12 with a flat sixth by the kind generosity of Sir Stuart C. Goodwin. The almost unique but difficult ringers' gallery was filled in and a bright new ringing room created. The first 12-bell peal for the Guild, Stedman Cinques, was rung on September 21st, 1962, conducted by J. L. Millhouse and, thanks to the assistance received from neighbouring Guilds, contained no less than ten resident members of the Guild.

The year 1963 was a sad one for the Guild, in that its chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, died on April 10th, and its first president, Bishop Barry, retired in October. Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the vice-chairman, was elected to the chair, and the new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Gordon D. Savage, became its second president.

100 PEALS IN A YEAR REACHED

The 1,000th peal for the Guild, Stedman Triples on the light eight, was rung at Southwell on October 24th, 1964. The second 500 took just over a year less than the first. The year 1964 also saw for the first time a total of over 100 peals for the Guild in a year, the total being 120.

By the end of 1966 membership had again shown an increase and the 500 mark was passed, the year closing at 521. These now represent no less than 65 different towers.

Bell restorations and augmentations have taken place almost continuously and during the 21 years the bells in no less than 40 of our towers have been through the bellfounders' hands. Twenty-one have been rehung, including Balderton and Granby, which have since been augmented, and 19 have been augmented, the majority with rehangers. This has resulted in 47 additional bells being added, not including all those which have been recast, and there are now two rings of twelve, three of ten, 23 of eight, 45 of six and 19 of five.

What will the next 21 years provide? A membership of 1,000 with sufficient members to ensure that all our bells are rung Sunday by Sunday, more restorations and augmentations, perhaps 100 rings of bells? Who knows? Only the future and the efforts we are all prepared to make will eventually tell.

W. L. EXTON,
Hon. General Secretary.

21 years Achievement for Leicester Guild

FROM 1882 Leicestershire had been part of the Midland Counties Association and for many years was a very active District. After the lifting of the war-time ban on ringing many young ringers were enrolled and thoughts were expressed that the three M.C.A. Districts of Hinckley, Loughborough and Leicester did not effectively cover the diocese from an Association point of view. So were sown the seeds from which the Leicester Diocesan Guild grew, due to the untiring efforts of the late Harold J. Poole, who became its founder president.

From January 1st, 1946, when the Guild commenced as a separate organisation, covering the Diocese of Leicester, progress has been continuous. Three new Districts were formed which made a total of six Districts, and this resulted in towers being visited much more often than prior to 1946.

MEMORABLE FESTIVAL

During the years that followed many names and functions came to notice. In 1947 the Guild Festival was held on Saturday, October 25th, to mark the coming of age of the restoration of the Leicester Diocese. Thirty-three Associations and Guilds from all parts of the country and Ireland were represented at the dinner when 270 people were present. A dance followed at the De Montfort Hall, attended by 1,200 people, and as a result of the weekend the Bell Repair Fund benefited by £101 19s. 2d. It is interesting to note that the festival secretary for that occasion was Miss J. Poole, who is now the president of the Guild. A festival has been held every year since 1947, and the Guild, in celebrating its own 21st birthday in 1967, is also commemorating the ruby year of the diocese.

From the small donation received from the M.C.A. the Guild developed the existing Bell Repair Fund, and no less than 37 towers have received grants from between £5 and £50 each. Attempts are now being made to increase the source of income for the fund and it is hoped that even larger donations may be given to P.C.C.s within the diocese who will be attempting restorations or augmentations to their bells.

HIGH PEAL STANDARD

Leicester has always been noted for its prolific peal ringing on all numbers of bells—both 'in hand' and on tower bells—and in methods to suit the capabilities of all ringers—the total at the end of 1966 being 3,768. For many years the Guild was "top of the league" and many notable individual performances were recorded. Mention must be made of the performance of the multi-Minor method ringing by the Copt Oak band, and also the Cathedral band, which explored many new fields in Surprise Maximus. The tradition of handbell ringing, the standard of which had been set very high by members of the M.C.A. in the early 1900's, viz.: silent Stedman Cinques, was maintained under the leadership of Harold Poole, when the first peals ever of Surprise Royal and Maximus "in hand" were rung. It is pleasing to note that peals of these standards are still being recorded.

Two names will go down in history as "true sons of Leicestershire" Mr. Ernest Morris, the author of many books of interest to campanologists, was the first person to complete 2,000 peals, which he accomplished in 1961. The other is that of Mr. Harold Poole, who reached the figure of 1,000 peals and had the distinction of ringing 100 peals in six months and holding the record for most peals rung in a year, namely 143. Other members have served the Exercise by their compositions; to mention but a few, Frederick H. Dexter, John O. Lancashire and Ernest Tipler.

NOTED HOSPITALITY

Much of the Guild's success has been due to the friendliness, hospitality and warm welcome its members have given to visitors from other areas. Indeed on two occasions in the same year two national Societies, viz.: the

National Guild of Police Ringers and the Ladies' Guild, visited Leicester to celebrate landmarks in their history, the former 21 years and the latter 40 years.

The Guild, although comparatively young, felt its status was officially acknowledged when the Central Council accepted its invitation to visit the diocese for its conference in 1956. It also looks back with pride to July 27th, 28th, 1963, when the extent of Plain Bob Major was completed at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, conducted by Robert B. Smith (imported, matched and now exported!). The following year, recognition was again achieved when Peter Staniforth was included in the band who visited Washington, U.S.A., for the dedication of the Gloria in Excelsis tower.

In summing up the first 21 years of the Guild, foundations were laid by members of the M.C.A. and it is pleasing to note the younger element of the diocese taking over leadership. In particular, mention must be made of Brian G. Warwick, who held the office of general secretary for ten of these years when the Guild was at its transitional stage. His hard work must be an example for all to follow. In quoting the words of a former general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood: "Let us take for our motto, 'Each for all,' not adopting a parochial attitude, but all working for the general good of the Guild and of ringers generally," we look forward with hope that our past glories will be enhanced in the future.

PETER J. STANIFORTH,
Member of the M.C.A. and
Past President of the Guild.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

PRIOR to the decentralisation of the Midland Counties Association the Burton-on-Trent District—now Midland Counties Guild—was looked upon as the "Cinderella" District of the M.C.A., and that still applies as the present Guild still remains the smallest of the four Guilds formed 21 years ago.

In 1946 the M.C. Guild commenced with 14 towers and 138 members, with officials: President, Mr. W. W. Worthington; chairman, Mr. B. G. Key; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; and secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

During the 21 years some progress has been made for the Guild now covers 21 towers. The membership remains about the same, and the finances continue in a healthy state. Meetings have been arranged at two monthly intervals, with attendances around an average of 30 per meeting, whilst 30 to 40 peals are rung each year.

Four years ago the Guild commenced an annual dinner festival, which each year has been well supported.

Over the 21 years the Guild has been well served by its three presidents: Mr. W. W. Worthington, Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert and Mr. B. Worthington, grandson of the first president. Likewise Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. W. H. Curson and Mr. R. A. Welton have acted as chairmen, whilst Mr. J. H. Brittan (treasurer) and Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary) have been officers since the formation of the Guild in 1946.

BREDGAR NOW HAS A SIX

We hear that a first-class job of restoration has been made at Bredgar, Kent, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The four old bells are now, for the first time, in tune with each other and the two new trebles blend in excellently with them.

The rededication on September 16th will be performed by the Rural Dean of Sittingbourne, the Rev. Leslie Wilkinson, whose son, Peter, is a very keen ringer and who has a flourishing band at his own church (East-church).

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT GATES

AN APPRECIATION

Herbert Gates, or "Herby" as he was affectionately called, came to Hertfordshire, as far as I know, from Caythorpe, Lincs, after the first World War. He first went to Northaw, where he came under the wing of Bruce McKie and then, in 1919, to Hemel Hempstead. The writer soon found him out when he came to the area in 1922 and very soon included him in district and local peals. He was a very conscientious, regular Sunday service ringer, quite a reliable striker, but like others a difficult person to put right if he made a mistake. Herby was always ready to have a go at various methods, hence the variety in his 61 peals.

In 1944 and after the second World War he attached himself to the Apsley tower for a few years and helped with the "build-up" then taking place. He surprised the writer after a bout of 'flu by asking for London, and proved he had done his "homework" by ringing it faultlessly, even at 68. He was a member of the Cumberland Youths, ringing a peal in 21 methods, on the 5th, for that Society.

Latterly he was losing his sight, but this did not deter him from attending to ring, which he did until a few days before entering hospital. Fortunately he did not have a long stay there for he was soon called to rest. Some of his friends attended the West Herts Crematorium for the final act and later that evening rang a quarter peal in his memory at his own tower. Others who would have been present did not know of his demise as they were on holiday; but it is hoped to attempt a peal later on in his memory.

His wife predeceased him and there were no children, so the memory keeps on with his old friends in this District and in Lincolnshire.

His peal list is appended:—

Minor, one method to 21 (also Cambridge, London and seven Surprise), 30; Grandshire Triples 4, Plain Bob Major 16, Little Bob Major 2, Wellington Little Court 1, Single Oxford Major 1, Kent T.B. Major 4, Oxford T.B. Major 1, Double Norwich 1, New Cambridge Major 1. Total 61 (60 for Hertford County, 1 for Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).
W. A.

MR. NORMAN CHADDOCK'S 200 PEALS AS CONDUCTOR

These include many peals of Plain Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, also the following:—

Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques; Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques; Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus; Little Bob Major and Royal; Double Norwich Major and Caters; Treble Bob Major and Royal; Spiced T.B. Major; Spiced Plain and Little Bob Royal; Plain Bob Triples; Minor in 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 methods; peals in a variety of Single Surprise Major methods and Spiced Surprise Major including Pitman's four with all the work for every bell.

His peals as conductor include a "Family" peal of Minor, a married couples' peal of Major, a Sheffield Society all-officers' peal, a peal of Bob Major with all his own lady pupils and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on Rotherham back eight with all his own pupils at that tower.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Visitors from the Northern and St. Albans Districts and also from Chelmsford were very welcome at the Eastern District's evening meeting at All Saints', Hereford, on August 12th, otherwise it would have been a poor meeting. In the absence of the Ringing Master, the secretary took charge, and ringing ranged from rounds for learners to Cambridge Major and Stedman Caters.

Letters to the Editor

YORK BELLFOUNDER'S WINDOW

Dear Sir,—I think that for the record some one ought to correct one statement in your most interesting article on the Bellfounder's Window at York.

The window shows, apparently, a bell mounted on a spindle passing right through the crown; on the end of the spindle is a crank which a boy is turning; and the bellfounder is holding a long curved tool against the surface of the revolving "bell." Your article describes this as "tuning a bell," but surely this is most unlikely. I have never heard of tower bells being tuned at all at this period, and even if they were occasionally tuned I have never heard of a bell being tuned by the removal of metal from the outside.

What is happening in this picture is more interesting than tuning, because it represents a technique which is no longer used in England—the use of a model for making the mould. On the spindle is built the core, and over this is built the full-scale model of the bell, either in clay or in wax or tallow; it is this model which the founder is shown shaping in the window. The technique is described by a German monk called Theophilus in his fascinating book "De Diversis Artibus"; the core is made, and then the tallow model laid on it; then the spindle is mounted on pivots with a crank at one end, and "with the boy who turns it sitting ready you shape it with tools suitable to the work"—exactly what the window depicts. Wax and tallow were still in use for small bells in 1320, but tower bells were mostly made from clay models.

When the model was complete more loam was applied to the outside to form the cope, and then the whole was baked, melting the wax or tallow and rendering the clay friable and easily removed.

The only discrepancy in the window is that Tunnoc is shown shaping a model which already has all its ornament applied. This must be artist's licence, enabling Tunnoc to be shown engaged in one of the most interesting and typical parts of his work, and at the same time showing what pretty bells he could make. One doubts whether his furnace was quite the elegant Gothic affair shown in the window, but after all this is a decoration, not a diagram.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.).

Exeter.

DOUBLES NAMES CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—Reference the peal rung at Bronllys and conducted by Colin A. Lewis (page 558), most of the methods named by Mr. Lewis have been named already:—

New Bob—Grandsire Single is called Hendred.
New Bob—All Saints Pl. is called St. Merryn.
New Bob—O.D.S. is called Sherewell.
Huntspill—Grandsire Single is called Radlett.
Huntspill All Saints Pl. is called Hadham.
Huntspill O.D.S. is called Shillingstone.
St. Vedast—Grandsire S. is called St. Breward.
St. Vedast—All Saints Pl. is called Chippingham.

As far as I know, New Bob, Huntspill and St. Vedast with Grandsire Extremes have not been named. Mr. Lewis's names for these have been noted.

Maseley should be Haseley.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

Marston, Oxford.

WEDDING RINGING CUPIDITY

Dear Sir,—When one of our local Sandiacre, Derbyshire, band announced that he was getting married, we naturally wanted to ring for the wedding. This would normally have been at Eastwood, but as the rebuilding of the church, recently gutted by fire, was not completed the wedding was transferred to Greasley, Notts, where there is a good ring of eight.

Our tower secretary, the father of the ringer in question, wrote to the Vicar of Greasley for permission to ring the bells and to our surprise this was refused on the grounds of "fairness to our own ringers" and the requirement of "having a full team who are used to ringing together and who are familiar with the bells."

Explanatory correspondence followed and we were informed that we were not welcome to ring for the wedding but if we persisted we could ring but a fee of £5 5s. would still be imposed.

The Vicar of Greasley is most generous in granting permission for peals to be rung at this tower and I have no doubt that had I requested the bells for a peal after the wedding it would normally have been granted; I can only assume that the motive for this decision was one of cupidity. The Vicar, of course, is at liberty to do what he likes regarding the use of the bells, but I am astonished to see such an attitude in the ringers of Greasley, which is so much at variance with the spirit of our organised bellringing fraternity.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Sandiacre.

FAKED PEALS OF 100 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Are faked peals a modern idea? In the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum the following peals are mentioned:

Woodfield, Suffolk, January 27th, 1851, Kent T.B. Royal.

Haygate, Sussex, January 2nd, 1852, Kent T.B. Royal.

Leyton Undershaft, Wilts, January, 1852, Stedman Cinques.

I should be interested to know where these places are!—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

DOUBLES RECORD IS 180 M/V

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the peal rung at Staunton-on-Wye, Herts, on August 10th, did not contain the greatest number of Doubles methods and variations yet rung. A peal of 180 methods/variations was rung at South Collingham, Notts, on January 24th, 1966, in which I took part.

I was also under the impression that most of the variations listed on page 602 of last week's "R.W." have been both rung and named, although I have kept no comprehensive records.—Yours faithfully,

S. HUMPHREY.

London, S.W.

Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, is still holding his half day tours of Devon. His latest on August 26th visited the 6-bell towers of Ilington, Coffinswell, Kingskerswell and East Allington. The Cambridge Minor on the last-named tower was the most enjoyable. The tea interval was spent at Totnes.

RIDGEWELL, ESSEX

Dear Sir,—Readers with copies of "Dove" may like to note that Ridgewell Church, Essex, has only five bells and not six. Although these are of considerable interest to the antiquarian (the third and tenor being 14th century bells), they are not at present of much interest to the ringer as the whole ring is hopelessly unringable and no doubt has been for a century or more. But a board on the wall of the tower records that on December 26th, 1814, "a true and compleat peal of bob major, of 5040 changes" was rung in 3 hours and 25 minutes "by the Ridgwell (sic) company of ringers." Only five names are given and there have never been more than five bells, so one can only guess at the meaning of "major."

The details of the bells are as follows:

Treble and second by Richard Bowler, 1600 and 1601 respectively (second partly broken).

Third by Robert Rider, circa 1375.

Fourth by Charles Newman, 1695 (a lovely bell with a true—or almost true—hum note).

Tenor by "P. W.," 14th century. Weight approximately 12 cwt., strike note approximately F sharp.

The frame and most of the fittings no doubt date from circa 1600 and are in very bad condition. The rope circle, reading clockwise, is 1, 3, 5, 4, 2! All the bells have been "clocked" for years but the Rector agreed to my suggestion that the fourth should be disconnected immediately, as the indentation has become dangerously deep. The fact that points such as this so often escape the notice of archdeacon and architect, on their inspections, shows that there is a serious loophole in the Church's measures for the preservation of its heritage where bells are concerned. I believe that the Bath and Wells Association has tackled this problem; perhaps other Guilds and Associations could follow suit?—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Surrey.

RINGING A PART OF THE SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Some years ago a friend and I spent several hours getting a ring of six ringable; this resulted in a band starting which after a few years were a credit to the ringing world. A new incumbent came and ringing has had to stop.

At another tower the bells were sent to the foundry some years ago; money has been raised for many things but still no effort has been made for the return of the bells. Now on August 11th we read that bells are yet another adornment of religion and of doubtful merit. (This statement contradicts Psalm 150.)

The writer continues that those who hear the bells are coming to church anyway but, like others who prefer to separate bells from the rest of the service, he forgets that those same people once inside must hear the organ, the choir and the sermon.

It was therefore very uplifting to attend the S.W. District, Suffolk Guild, meeting at Hartest and listen to the Rector explaining that ringing is a very important part of the act of worship. How I wished afterwards that our secretary had taken shorthand notes of this sermon to enable me to send it to you for possible publication. Ringing is only made possible by a united effort, and many of those who continually complain about lack of support for the Church would do well if they examined the reason.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

AN IRISH RHAPSODY FROM STAFFS RINGERS

IT really started in 1958, when the Central Council visited Dublin. We decided then that a return visit was inevitable. The plans were discussed at Northampton in 1966 with a chat to that energetic man Fred Dukes. The members of the party were finalised to 14, and car ferry, sailing tickets and accommodation were acquired by the end of January this year. Things were mostly in the hands of the Irish Association secretary from then on and, as he had three parties to organise simultaneously, the result is a tribute to his ability. For our part, everything ran to the timetable like a well-oiled machine.

A week or so before the departure date we received a huge parcel of literature from the Irish Tourist Board, with brochures covering all the places we were likely to visit.

Although the car ferry ticket had been applied for in January, it had not been possible to obtain sailing tickets for all three cars on the same boat, so four of us travelled on the morning ferry and made a leisurely run from Dun Laoghaire to Limerick, arriving in time for an evening meal. The other two cars came on the evening ferry from Holyhead, leaving an hour late as the ship had to wait for the motor rail car, which had broken down en route from London. A further delay at the Irish Customs and it was 2 a.m. when they left the docks, and Limerick was not reached until 5 a.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT LIMERICK

Three hours' sleep and a hearty breakfast later and we assembled in the belfry at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Dean led us in prayer before we started to ring Bob Major. Unfortunately the peal was lost after two and a quarter hours. In the evening we had a most enjoyable hour at Mount St. Alphonsus. Here we were joined by some of the local ringers, who had come to ring for service. On leaving the belfry we were astonished to see the crowds of people attending service (this on a Saturday at 7 p.m.), so many that the church was packed with people unable to get inside.

On Sunday morning we had a quick run out to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. A full day would not have been sufficient to take in all the beauty and history of this noble building and the houses which have been preserved for the edification of future generations. Then on to Doneraile (a pleasant six), where we rang seven 720's of Bob Minor in near tropical conditions. Cyril must have lost a stone judging by the perspiration on his shirt.

From Doneraile a long, picturesque run down to Bantry Bay to stay three nights at Castletownbere at the foot of the Slieve Mish Mountains. The Berehaven is the only hotel on this 30-mile-long peninsula, and if the water was cold the welcome from the locals fully compensated for it.

CATTLE AND THE NAVY

We awoke on Monday morning to the sound of cattle lowing and were told it was the monthly cattle fair, when all the farmers in the area bring their beasts and dispose of them by selling or by barter, all of this taking place in the main street. George viewed the various cattle with a distinctly jaundiced eye and did not appear very impressed. He certainly did not bid for any of them. We were advised that it was a good day to go sightseeing away from the village, so we motored round the wonderful "Ring of Kerry."

Tuesday was spent exploring the peninsula nearer to the hotel. Some ventured on the water in motor boats, but only Gordon faced the rigours of a dip in the sea. Arriving back at the hotel we found the Irish Navy in charge. A corvette had anchored in the bay and the boys in blue had been given shore leave.

Our hostess apologised for a slight delay in preparing our meal, as the fishing boat was a little late getting in! However, it was well worth waiting for! Our visit coincided with the annual regatta week, and a massive marquee had been erected in the town square and a dance arranged for each night. With the navy singing their traditional Irish folk songs and a dance band playing till the early hours, it was not such a tranquil scene as one may have expected in this isolated corner of Erin. Nevertheless, we would all gladly have stayed longer but the ringing programme was once more uppermost as we set off for Bandon. En route we stopped at Rosscarbery to look in the tiny Cathedral, where the five bells are silent. We saw scaffolding round the tower and hope this is an omen for good.

At Bandon the Rector and local ringers met us and joined in prayer before ringing the six (14 cwt.), where one peers round the clock pendulum framing to find the other ropes. Not all the ladies were able to negotiate the ladders to the ringing chamber. A short roadside stop for sandwiches, then on to Cork, passing on the way numerous horse-drawn caravans which can be hired in this area. At Cork we were met by Mr. Bogan. We were impressed by the tuneful eight, though they are somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber. Another long run brought us to Waterford, the bells here being pleasant to hear and easy to handle. Once again we were made welcome by the Dean. Dusk was drawing on by the time we reached Ennis-corthy, where we were staying the night. This little town standing on the River Slaney possesses a castle and two fine churches, one of them housing a bell (about 30 cwt.) which would make an excellent tenor to a ring.

On Thursday we travelled to Kilkenny. The massive ringing chamber and its close proximity to the bells adds atmosphere to the musical ring.

BELLS WENT DRY

A peal attempt was scheduled at Arklow in the afternoon and we arrived to find Fred Dukes awaited us. A good start was made for Stedman Triples but the peal attempt was abandoned after one and a quarter hours when the third and fourth bells went dry.

Next morning we travelled to Blessington via the Vale of Avoca and Glendalough. We found the ring of six almost unringable and the ropes in poor condition. We were told later that the Dublin ringers visit the tower frequently to ring for service. Stout fellows! We all enjoyed our lunch at the Devonshire Hotel, which adjoins the church, and admired the view of the lakes from the Rector's gateway.

From Blessington a run over the Wicklow Mountains, covering mile after mile of glorious scenery before arriving at Bray. The disappointment at not hearing the tenor (due to clapper trouble) could not dim the spell of ringing on this magnificent ring, and all want to return to hear the full octave. We were met here by Peter Brown from Dublin, who had arranged extra ringing for us in the

evening at St. George's, Dublin. After this, George Roobottom's unerring instinct led us to the Yacht at Clontarf, without doubt the finest hostelry on this coast.

Our disappointments at Limerick and Arklow were somewhat alleviated on Saturday, when we rang a good peal of Stedman Triples at Drogheda in memoriam to Albert Greene, the last surviving founder member of the Irish Association.

George and his passengers had to leave on Sunday afternoon, but with co-operation and organisation on the part of the Dublin ringers it was possible to visit St. Patrick's, Christ Church and St. John's (Augustinian Church) and ring at all of them before lunch at the Four Courts and saying au revoir. Although somewhat depleted by their departure, we were able to ring at Christ Church for Evensong and thence to St. George's to wind up the tour with an excellent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service, which was attended by all of us.

Space will not permit mention of all the names of those to whom we are indebted for a wonderful holiday as well as a ringing tour of all the available towers in Eire. Without the ready assistance of Fred Dukes it would not have been possible and without his efficient organisation it would not have worked out so smoothly. So to Fred we offer our sincere thanks.

Members of the ringing tour were from St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall, Stafford, St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton.

5,376 Spliced Surprise Major

By RICHARD J. PARKER

In eight methods (Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire) with all the work of each method for every bell.

2345678		Reduce to 5,056 by either
— 4235678	B.	(a) omitting bracketed
5728463	Y.	and two leads of
8673542	Y.	Bristol in all parts
3462857	Lin.	except 6th and 7th.
— 4257386	P.	This gives
7826435	C.	1,120 Rutland,
6385742	Y.	896 Yorkshire,
— 3542678	S.	672 Cambridge and
— 6435827	Lon.	Lincolnshire,
— 3645827	B.	576 Bristol,
5267384	C.	448 Pudsey and
7824536	C.	Superlative,
4386752	P.	224 London,
6532478	P.	with 108 changes of
2758643	Y.	method, or
8473265	Lin.	(b) Substituting one lead
— 4365827	Lin.	(bobbed) of Lincoln-
6483752	R.	shire for the last
8674235	R.	seven leads in one
7826543	R.	part and reducing two
(—) 5278364	R.	other parts as in (a).
(—) 7528364	B.	This gives
(—) 2758364	B.	960 Rutland,
— 3527486	R.	896 Yorkshire,
		704 Bristol and
		Lincolnshire
		672 Cambridge,
		448 Pudsey and
		Superlative,
		224 London,
		with 111 changes of
		method.

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Treble Bob Minor and Splicing

BY THE PROFESSOR

(Continued from page 618)

Finally let us look at the system of splicing termed "grid" or "pattern" splicing and termed by A. G. Driver "Composite Courses."

Fig 14

(i) 720 in Six Surprise Methods By A. G. Driver	Old Primrose Surprise
23456 Cambridge Sur.	214365
35642 Norfolk Sur.	124635
26435 Ipswich Sur.	216453
42563 Hull Sur.	261435
63254 Cambridge Sur.	624153
54326 "	621435
42635 Norfolk Sur.	264153
56423 Primrose Sur.	624513
62534 Bourne Sur.	265431
45362 Ipswich Sur.	256413
	524631
34256	254361
	523416

(ii) 720 in 10 or 11 Methods By H. Chant	
23456 London Sch.	354126
56342 Merton	531462
64523 College Ex.	513425
35264 Morning Star	154362
35642	514632
54326 London Sch.	156423 lead-end.
26435 Merton	(165423)
63254 College Ex.	
42563 Morning Star	
42635 "	
42356	

If the path of the fifth in A. G. Driver's arrangement is traced through it will be found to follow the path traced by the individual bells in ringing Old Primrose Surprise from lead-head to lead-end. Reduced to its bare essentials it will be found that when the 5th bell is in:

(a) 2nds or 5ths, Primrose or Cambridge is rung.

(b) 3rds or 6ths, Norfolk or Ipswich is rung.

(c) 4ths, Hull or Bourne is rung.

The 5th itself rings, as it were, Old Primrose throughout, varying only the leads by 2nds or 6ths.

The policy pursued by the 5th in 720 (i) (Fig. 14) is followed by the 6th in 720 (ii) but I leave the ringers to work this out for themselves. There are quite a few 720's based on this system, many of which are quite interesting to ring.

I would, however, like to conclude by making one or two comments about the well-known 720 in 13 methods by A. G. Driver (Fig. 15).

Fig. 15

720 in 13 Methods by A. G. Driver.

23456	Capel T.B.
56342	Oxford T.B.
35642	
63542	Sandal T.B.
42355	
56234	Oxford T.B.
25463	Carisbrooke Del.
34625	Oxford
63425	Ockley T.B.
54263	Donottar Del.
25346	Sandal
46325	Oxford
34562	Wath Del.
25634	Oxford
62453	London Sch.
53246	
46253	Oxford
24653	
62345	Duke of Norfolk
53462	Pontefract Del.
45236	Kingston
36245	Oxford

23465	Oxford
62534	College Ex.
45362	Donottar Del.
34256	Kingston
56423	Oxford
45623	
64523	Norbury
35264	Pontefract Del.
23456	

It will be seen that: Oxford is rung with the 6th in 3rds and 4ths, Sandal or Duke of Norfolk, etc., with the 6th in 2nds and 6ths, and Wath or Pontefract Delight, etc., with the 6th in 5ths.

The difficulty encountered in ringing this 720 is the changeover in 3-4 from forward to backward hunting or vice versa. Although we have previously touched upon the transition at the lead-ends from one method to another and there are more difficult transitions to be encountered than those in this 720, nevertheless, once the principles of this have been mastered, there should be no great difficulty in tackling others.

Fig. 16

	(i)	(ii)
Forward	512634 156243 516234 152643	512463 154236 514263 152436
Backward	125463 215436 124563 214536	154263 514236 152463 512436
	(iii)	(iv)
Backward	513246 153264 512364 152364	215346 125364 213564 123564
Forward	125634 216543 126534 215643	125346 213564 123546 215364

Very little difficulty should be encountered in (i) and (iii) in Fig. 16, where 6ths place is made at the lead-end, the change from one method to the next being straightforward, but in (ii) and (iv) when 2nds is made, difficulty will probably be met in 3-4. If one tries to memorise the actual work done in 3-4 there are some rather peculiar duties to learn, but one of the chief causes of breakdown at these points is that in cases of misunderstanding one, or both, of the ringers tends to finish up going the wrong way. Normally, if there was no change of method in, say, example (ii), the 2nd would move to 5-6 and the 4th as first bell to lead and, if there is a muddle, ringers tend to persist in this general direction.

Strangely enough, if this lead-end was the end of a touch or a 720, and a change of method was made, most if not all of these difficulties would vanish. The moral of this is to learn how each bell starts from rounds and regard the new lead as a fresh start, watching carefully whether one's bell falls into 3rds or 4ths at the backstroke when the treble is leading. But I am repeating myself.

In conclusion, may I express the hope that these brief notes may be of service to some ringers, as, although far from being a comprehensive view of the subject, they will, I hope contain enough information and guidance for further progress.

[Concluded]

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. C. Baker 1, N. Dawson (first "inside") 2, B. Martin 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 4, F. J. Sampson 5, T. Newlands 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. Williams 8, For Evensong.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. I. Hunt, whose letter was posted in the Bristol area, cannot expect publication unless he sends his name and address.

A busy committee convener of the Central Council makes an appeal to correspondents to enclose a stamped addressed envelope for replies. The suggestion is to be commended.

Robert C. Kippin appeals for a little less of "Noddy" correspondence. "A joke's a joke, but this has gone on far too long. Let's keep a sense of decorum in our paper," he writes.

In aid of Midhurst Bell Restoration Fund, a bell quiz has been organised with a shilling entrance fee. For details, write Goodman, June Lane, Midhurst. There are 70 questions.

To honour the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner, a peal was attempted at Babworth. A broken rope, occurring too late for a second start, was a big disappointment.

Our story of a peal attempt at Lowestoft being lost through "lack of suspension" in one of the ringers' trousers (see "R.W.", August 18th) was prominently featured in the "Daily Mirror" of August 30th with an interview with Ralph Bickers, the ringer in the predicament.

There was a good response, particularly by people from other Districts, at the St. Albans District meeting on August 9th. Mr. A. R. Carter was transferred from the non-resident to resident ringing membership. Next meeting, King's Walden, September 16th.

Mr. Arthur G. Mason rang his 50th peal of Maximus at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on August 28th. It was Cambridge Surprise, conducted by Brian Harris. During the week-end he rang in peals also at St. Albans and Swaffham, Norfolk.

During the recent Lancashire Peal Week a peal of note was the one of Cambridge at Chorley, where the two ladies took control by ringing the seventh and tenor and calling the peal. Margaret Fort rang the tenor and Maryl Fielden rang the seventh and conducted. A splendid effort by both.

UPHAM'S CAPTAIN WAITS 54 YEARS FOR FIRST PEAL

There were two "firsts" for ringers in the peal rung at Upham, Hants, on August 23rd, one of which was Miss Valerie Rushforth, who rang the treble. She learned to ring at St. Peter's, Petersfield, and is now at Keele University where she belongs to the Ringing Society. She rang a good peal and the band wish it recorded as a 21st birthday compliment to her.

The tenor ringer, Mr. Walter J. Stubbington, also rang faultlessly his first peal: he is captain of Upham tower, where all his family have at some time learned to ring. Mr. Stubbington still lives in the house where he was born, and the only time he left Upham was to fight in the first Great War. He started to ring in 1913 at the age of 13, when he was taught by his brother. The captain of ringers at that time was Mr. W. Kimber.

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LEAD-HEADS AND LEAD-ENDS

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

MR. A. S. HUDSON does well to point out ("Ringing World," page 570) the confusion that can arise through imprecise use of the term "lead-end." But his statement regarding handstroke and backstroke rows relates only to single hunt-controlled methods. It needs qualification, i.e. as to whether the method be single or twin hunt-controlled, or omni-working. The following may be helpful to learners in clearing the point.

A plain course of changes is divided into groups of rows known as "leads" or "divisions"; "leads" in hunt-controlled methods (such as Plain Bob) and "divisions" in omni-working methods, i.e. with no hunt-control (as in Stedman or Duffield). Incidentally, the number of such leads or divisions in the plain course is equal to the number of "working" bells. For example, in Grandsire Triples five, with two hunt-bells; and in Stedman Triples seven, all "working." ("Division" is the term used in the Central Council's Handbook).

Fig. 1

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0000	Lead-head
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0000	Half-lead
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0000	Lead-end
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Fig. 1 shows a number of skeleton rows from a course, with one lead or division marked off between the two division lines. Clearly there can be no doubt as to which of the rows in the "lead" is its "head" row and which is its "end" row. But the question at once arises as to how the design itself of the method is set within the lead; i.e. where the treble's leading rows occur if it be a hunt-controlled method; or where certain "key" work occurs if it be a non-hunt-controlled method. The answer lies in the fact that there is a convention in method design that regular methods must have symmetrical setting of design within the lead or division. (For the remainder of the discussion let us (properly) use the term "division" as applying for "lead" also.)

This factor of symmetry means that a division has reflective design about its mid-line;

Fig. 2	Fig. 3
0010 h	01020 b
0100 b	10200 h
1000 h	12000 b
1000 b	21000 h
0100 h	20100 b
0010 b	02010 h
0001 h	00201 b
0001 b	00021 h
0010 h	00012 b
0100 b	00102 h
1000 h	01020 b
1000 b	10200 h
0100 h	12000 b
0010 b	21000 h
	20100 b
	02010 h

in other words, the pattern of the changes in the lower half, folded up over the upper half, will fit it exactly.

Fig. 2 shows a single-hunt (skeleton) method with the path of the hunt-bell (treble) set symmetrically in the division, and, of course, in the parts of the contiguous divisions shown above and below it. This is the standard arrangement in regard to the division parting lines in all hunt-controlled methods having one hunt-bell (treble) only. Note the nature of the stroke for each row—hand (h) or back (b).

It is seen that the "lead-head" row in this class of method is a backstroke row and the "lead-end" row is a handstroke row. In effect, in such methods, when the conductor calls "Go" the last-rung row of rounds (a backstroke row, of course) is the first or lead-

COLLEGE YOUTHS' SHREWSBURY PEAL



The 175th anniversary of the dedication of St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, was commemorated by a peal of 5,175 Stedman Cinques on August 19th, rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, all of whom are associated with St. Paul's Cathedral, London. In the picture are:—

Front row (left to right): Rev. B. K. Lunn, J. Chilcott (composer and conductor), R. Cousins, W. T. Cook and James Phillips (who took the picture by remote control). Back row: A. Kench, P. A. F. Chalk, M. V. Chilcott, J. A. Waugh, D. Randall, L. Overington and M. P. Moreton.

head row of a division of the method being rung. So much for methods single-hunt-controlled.

Now consider methods with a twin-hunt-control—e.g. Grandsire. Here we find something rather different. Our two hunt bells are the treble and the bell in the hunt. Again their paths are to be symmetrically set with respect to the divisions. Fig. 3 shows how this is done. The division parting line has two leading blows above it, the treble's; and two leading blows below it, the bell-in-the-hunt's. This symmetry is maintained at the lying position (the "half-lead") and, in fact, throughout the division. This is confirmed in the Central Council's Handbook, where it points out that the division parting is mid-way of the four rows of the leadings of the two hunt-bells. The same is true of their lyings, mid-way behind. Now note the nature of the rows, h or b. The lead-head row is now at handstroke, and the lead-end row at backstroke. This, as seen, is just the reverse of the case of the single hunt-control method.

This brings us to the crux of the discussion. Groups of change rows, from the small division, through the course, and up to the "part" may each be conveniently and briefly referred to or identified by a particular row representing the whole group. In hunt-controlled methods this is a row in which the treble is at the lead, and, in fact, at backstroke. Now look again carefully at Figs. 2 and 3, and note in each case where the treble's backstroke-leading row occurs. In Fig. 2 (single hunt-control type of method) it is the lead-head row; but in Fig. 3 (twin hunt-control type of method) it is the lead-end row. To generalise, we may usefully employ a term covering the concept of both rows, namely, "Index," and we may now formulate a relevant rule:—

"Divisions, Courses and Parts of compositions may be identified and indicated briefly by a method's Index rows. In all hunt-controlled methods these rows occur at the treble's backstroke leading, so if the method is of the single hunt type the index row is a lead-head

row; but if of the twin hunt type the index row is a lead-end row. In omni-working (non-hunt-controlled) methods the index rows may be either div-head or div-end rows according to the design in the division."

The requisite qualification of or addition to Mr. Hudson's definition, referred to at the outset, may be seen to be expressed in the foregoing rule.

R.U.S.C.R. WANDERINGS

June 21st saw Reading University ringers in Gloucestershire. Had great fun visiting Compton Bassett (yes, we know it's in Wilts), Westerleigh, Frampton Cotterell, Mangotsfield, Bilton, Warmley, Marshfield and Chippenham St. Andrew. The minibus arrived a traditional hour late, and rather wrecked earlier proceedings.

After ringing at Mangotsfield we were greeted by a dear old lady who thanked us profusely for ringing the bells for her birthday. We rather disappointed Ronald because he saw no smoked yokels with straw in their ears and cider mugs in hand in the heathen wilds of Gloucestershire.

The glorious weather (acknowledgments to the Met. Office) proved too hot for most of us and envious looks were cast at the coupé driven by the élite of the Society! We plodded on in a fiery minibus, gallantly steered by Fred Scott.

Many, many thanks go from the Society to Fred for driving the bus, to all friends who met us at the towers, and incumbents.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Although the attendance was small, the quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch at Sandford on July 29th proved to be very enjoyable. The annual meeting was fixed for December 11th.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Crofts 1, Margaret Powell 2, K. Bellow 3, S. Bendle 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong, and also to celebrate recent successes in examinations for the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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MISS DIANE STREET MARRIED



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A former secretary of the Guildford District, Miss Diane Mary Street, of Godalming, was married on August 19th to Mr. Stuart William Holland, who was a fellow teacher with her at George Abbot's School, Guildford. The ceremony at Godalming Parish Church was conducted by a former vicar, Canon A. C. G. Oldham. The bells of the parish church were rung by Diane's friends before and after the service.

The bride wore a full-length white satin dress with lace bell sleeves and full-length train. Her headdress was of Swiss gentians and she carried a bouquet of apricot roses, lilies-of-the-valley and miniature gladioli.

The reception for 130 guests was held at the Chichester Hall, Witley, and the honeymoon is being spent in the Lake District.

While at Bishop Otter Training College, Chichester, the bride wrote a novel mathematical thesis on the weights of tenor bells in the country, giving average weights per county and drawing certain deductions. A summary was published in "The Ringing World".

ECUMENICAL WEDDING BELLS IN EDINBURGH

Denominational differences have never been an obstacle to friendly co-operation between the two ringing towers in Edinburgh — St. Cuthbert's Church of Scotland and St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral—and two recent weddings have strengthened the tie still further.

On April 1st June Phillips, of the Cathedral, and Magnus Peterson, of St. Cuthbert's, were married in the Cathedral, and on August 11th Elizabeth Graham, of St. Cuthbert's, and Harry Glover, of the Cathedral, were married in St. Cuthbert's, and for each wedding a combined band rang both before and after the service—the joyful noise produced compensating to some extent for the absence of sunshine.

Magnus has been appointed to a lectureship in the University; it is hoped he and June will still be ringing in both towers. The Glovers have settled in Alva, and all are sorry to lose them as Edinburgh ringers. Fortunately, however, Alva is only a few miles from Alloa, where there is a light ring of eight and a shortage of ringers, so Harry and Elizabeth will be a welcome addition to the strength there.

MR. AND MRS. N. CHADDOCK LEAVE ROTHERHAM

On the evening of July 31st, in Rotherham Parish Church belfry, Mr. Alec Holroyd, on behalf of the ringers at the Parish Church, presented a handsome electric clock to Elsie and Norman Chaddock as a token of esteem and good wishes to them on their imminent departure to the East Riding of Yorkshire. Mr. Chaddock is taking up a senior post at Market Weighton County Secondary School in September. After about an hour's ringing, including Stedman Caters and 5-Spliced Surprise Major, and Bob Royal for the latest recruits, the party adjourned to the Drawbridge Hotel, where they were joined by the Vicar and his family, senior church officials and churchwardens and a few other close friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaddock have been associated with the Parish Church since 1938, when Norman taught Elsie to ring there, and he has been in charge of the ringing there for the last 15 years. He has also been on the P.C.C. for about 12 years and a people's warden for the last five years. During this time, helped by Elsie, Susan, John and other experienced pupils, he has trained bands at four other local towers.

Mr. Alec Holroyd succeeds him as captain of the tower and P.C.C. representative, and Mr. Stuart Armeson as Ringing Master. A farewell peal of Stedman Caters was lost when there was a shift course in the last course, but a later attempt for Bob Royal resulted in an excellent peal being rung.

A SUSSEX UNIVERSITY ROMANCE

Esher Parish Church was the scene of the marriage on Saturday, August 26th, of two prominent ringers, Mr. Michael J. Bew and Miss Catherine M. Powell.

Catherine had already been ringing in Surrey for several years when she became one of the first undergraduates at Sussex University in 1962. Mike came up to the same university in the following year and they were both very active members of the St. Peter's, Brighton, band and founder members of the University of Sussex Society. Brighton was sorry to lose them to Essex when, last year, Mike moved to Colchester to start his post-graduate research at the new University of Essex and was shortly followed by his fiancée, who has since been organising the computer there instead of the one at Brighton College of Technology. They have already done much ringing in Essex and will doubtless make an impact on the Essex Association in the future.

The marriage service was preceded by a peal of Plain Bob Major on Esher bells. The officiant was the Rev. E. Bugden, and the best man was Mr. Paul Kenrick, who used to share a flat with the bridegroom in Brighton. There were three bridesmaids, dressed very prettily in blue. Catherine had made her own gown and her train, which she designed herself, was a masterpiece, beautifully decorated with gold and silver bells. A reception for about 60 guests, including a good smattering of ringers, was held at Oxshott Village Centre. After the cutting of the cake a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Angela Newing, Angela Wright, Ray Talbot and Bernard Stone.

We wish Mike and Catherine the very best of good fortune, health and happiness in the years ahead.
A.N.

LOOKING BACK ON THE PAST



[Photo by Lillies of Surbiton.]

The wedding took place on August 12th at St. James' Church, Weybridge, between Martin J. Kirk, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, and Ann Teresa Lee, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee, of Netherby Park, Weybridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Pierre Dil.

The bride was attended by her sisters, the Misses Barbara and Judith Lee. The best man was Mr. Peter Noble, and the ushers were Messrs. John A. Harrison and Keith Walker.

The couple met at college in Chichester and they are both primary school teachers in Surrey. The bridegroom is a member of the recently-formed band at Guildford Cathedral.

The bells at Weybridge were rung after the ceremony by relations and friends of the couple and a quarter peal of Cambridge S.M. was rung at West Clendon after the reception, which was held at the High Pine Club, Weybridge.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

September 9th.—Leicester Cathedral: Spliced Surprise Maximus, Lancashire Association, 2 p.m.

September 16th.—Debenham, Suffolk: 10,080 Bob Major, starting 2 p.m. To commemorate a peal in the same method and the same length rung at Debenham in 1767.

YORKSHIRE PEALS FROM RUTLAND

Mr. J. Martin Thorley's annual week took place in the Rutland area, the 11 peals all being credited to the Yorkshire Association. The conducting was shared by Roger D. Bailey (four), J. M. Thorley and C. Barrie Dove three each, and G. W. Randall. It looks as if Yorkshire will provide the leading peal ringer for 1967, but there are another four months to go.

A WEEK IN THE RUTLAND AREA

RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SEATON, Rutland.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman, Grand-sire, St. Remigius, St. Cleer, St. Chrysostom, Horsley, Church Gresley, Winchendon, Ryton, St. Luke, St. John, St. Miles, St. Nicholas, Shreshill, St. Thomas, Lampley, St. Giles, St. Osmund, St. Felix, St. Patrick, St. Ninian, St. Ambrose, St. Martin, Austrey, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Paul, St. Simon, Elford, Cossington, Eynsham, St. Alban, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, St. Columba, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain, Seighford, Old, April Day and Kennington.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. Paul Coad Treble	Roger N. Scholes 3
J. Martin Thorley 2	Christopher J. Groome 4

C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A 13th wedding anniversary compliment to Paddy and the conductor.

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Christopher J. Groome .. Treble *J. Charles Hudson 4
J. Paul Coad 2 C. Barrie Dove 5
Roger N. Scholes 3 *J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 25th peal together. Tenor 10 cwt.

BENEFIELD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Surfleet, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.
Roger D. Bailey Treble C. Barrie Dove 4
Christopher J. Groome 2 Geoffrey W. Randall 5
Roger N. Scholes 3 J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

100th peal as conductor for the Yorkshire Association.

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

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
Roger N. Scholes 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
Christopher J. Groome 3	Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge, two of Beverley and two of Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt.

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
*†Roger N. Scholes 2	J. Martin Thorley 5
*Christopher J. Groome .. 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 25th peal—all rung with the ringer of the fifth.

UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight Plain Methods: (1) Grand-sire, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
Charles B. Dove Treble C. John Groome 4
G. William Randall 2 R. Douglas Bailey 5
R. Nigel Scholes 3 James M. Thorley Tenor

Conducted by G. William Randall.

RUNG FOR THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

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

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Norwich, (2) Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., (3) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinchurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Cambridge and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.
Roger N. Scholes Treble Geoffrey W. Randall 4
J. Martin Thorley 2 Roger D. Bailey 5
Christopher J. Groome 3 C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

A compliment to Roger D. Bailey on being awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science of the University of London.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb in E flat.

J. Martin Thorley Treble	Roger D. Bailey 5
Christopher J. Groome 2	Ronald J. Hill 6
*Roger N. Scholes 3	Geoffrey W. Randall 7
J. Charles Hudson 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Major.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Oswald Delight, Norwich Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Surfleet Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Roger N. Scholes Treble	J. Martin Thorley 4
Roger D. Bailey 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
Christopher J. Groome 3	Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

WEST DEEPING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Oxford and Kent, (2) Double Court and Single Court, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Norwich, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinchurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge and (7) Double Bob, Fulbeck and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Roger N. Scholes Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
Christopher J. Groome 2	Geoffrey W. Randall 5
J. Martin Thorley 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	*John G. Mitchell 5
J. Charles Hudson 2	C. Barrie Dove 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Christopher J. Groome 7
Roger N. Scholes 4	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 25th peal.

A LANCASHIRE PEAL WEEK

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5083 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Maryl R. Fielden Treble	†Geoffrey Fothergill 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	†J. Barry Pickup 6
*James E. Andrews 3	†Richard S. Starkie 7
Jeffrey Kershaw 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* First peal in the method and 25th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 200th peal.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*Margaret E. Fort Treble	Geoffrey Fothergill 5
Maryl R. Fielden 2	*Richard S. Starkie 6
Ian H. Oram 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
John H. Fielden 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* 50th peal together.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Aug. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 448 of Bristol; with 136 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Ian H. Oram Treble	Geoffrey Fothergill 5
Richard S. Starkie 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Maryl R. Fielden 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Musbury.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Richard S. Starkie Treble	John H. Fielden 5
Geoffrey Fothergill 2	*James E. Andrews 6
Maryl R. Fielden 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
Edward Jenkins 4	Jeffrey Kershaw Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in the method.

LANCASHIRE PEAL WEEK—continued

ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.
Geoffrey Fothergill Treble | John H. Fielden 5
Margaret E. Fort 2 | Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Maryl R. Fielden 3 | Richard S. Starkie 7
James E. Andrews 4 | J. Barry Pickup Tenor
Composed by Stephen J. Ivins. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

CHORLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., Aug. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
J. Barry Pickup Treble | Jeffrey Kershaw 5
James E. Andrews 2 | John H. Fielden 6
Geoffrey Fothergill 3 | Maryl R. Fielden 7
Richard S. Starkie 4 | Margaret E. Fort Tenor
Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Maryl R. Fielden.

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Aug. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.
*Margaret E. Fort Treble | Richard S. Starkie 5
Maryl R. Fielden 2 | †Jeffrey Fothergill 6
†James E. Andrews 3 | *Jeffrey Kershaw 7
J. Barry Pickup 4 | John H. Fielden Tenor
Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* 100th peal together. † First of Wembley. ‡ 100th for the Association.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5175 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.
Roger F. Overington Treble | Antony R. Kench 7
Brooke K. Lunn 2 | Jack A. Waugh 8
Michael V. Chilcott 3 | Dennis Randall 9
John Chilcott 4 | James Phillips 10
Raymond G. Cousins 5 | Philip A. F. Chalk 11
William T. Cook 6 | Michael P. Moreton Tenor
Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung on the 175th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Thomas E. Howarth .. Treble | †Richard A. Hutchings .. 4
John V. P. Lochner .. 2 | H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 5
Robert Peers 3 | Terence M. FitzGerald .. Tenor
Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to the tower captain (Tony Fox) and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.
Alfred Ballard Treble | *Peter C. Randall 5
*Anthony J. Cox 2 | Norman W. Attaway .. 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3 | Stanley Ruddlesden .. 7
J. Edward Cawser 4 | Russell S. Morris Tenor
Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHESTER-LE-STREET, Co. Durham.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert.

On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.
Christine F. Telfer Treble | George S. Deas 5
Eric N. Harrison 2 | Denis A. Bayles 6
*Rodney A. Yeates 3 | J. Alan Ainsworth 7
John E. Anderson 4 | Michael Maughan Tenor
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, Bristol.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.
Paul Rigby Treble | Frank D. Mack 4
Gillian M. Hunt 2 | Robert C. Kippin 5
Richard W. Sweet 3 | D. John Hunt Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First of Minor (2nd peal) on the bells.

Rung as part of the 1,250th anniversary celebrations of this church.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE EDITH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.
Rev. Michael Hart Treble | Peter D. Sell 4
Robert D. Hodges 2 | John F. I. Turney 5
Austin T. Wingate 3 | George T. Cousins Tenor

Conducted by John F. I. Turney.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of this parish, the Rev. J. T. Spence, who was instituted on July 17th; also as a farewell to the Rev. Michael Hart, who is leaving to be curate at Putney.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,184 Bristol; with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Martin L. Howe Treble | Jack L. Millhouse 5
Arthur G. Mason 2 | Frederick J. Cullum 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley 4 | Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Christopher T. Osenton has now "circled the tower" four times.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.
*W. Stephen Walker .. Treble | James Blackburn 5
James E. Dickinson .. 2 | †Kevin Price 6
Alan Capstick 3 | Thomas F. Metcalfe .. 7
Stanley Anderton 4 | *Harold Walker Tenor
Composed by W. Hubbard. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. First of Triples in the method by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to David S. Parry and Jennifer Langhorne, who were married at this church earlier in the day; also to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burles, of Barrow-in-Furness, on their golden wedding anniversary.

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

On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt.
Diana J. Handley Treble | John Ascroft 4
Margaret Crossthwaite .. 2 | Cyril Crossthwaite .. 5
*Patricia James 3 | Peter Handley Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal "inside".

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.
Terence J. Hester Treble | Anthony K. Fortin 5
Harry Barnes 2 | Peter Pearce 6
Frances Fairbank 3 | D. Kay Adkins 7
H. George Hart 4 | Frank Reed Tenor
Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

HORNCastle, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
Harry Barnes Treble | †Richard Bennett 4
*Terence J. Hester 2 | Horace Bennett 5
Peter Pearce 3 | Frank Reed Tenor

Conducted by Frank Reed.

* First peal of Minor in the method. † First peal.

Rung for the wedding of David Parry on August 12th.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.
Sara K. D. Woolley .. Treble | Peter Pearce 4
Terence J. Hester 2 | Derek J. Jones 5
Anthony K. Fortin 3 | D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WHAPLODE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 COLDSTREAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.
Terence J. Hester .. Treble | Peter Pearce 4
Elsie K. Hart 2 | Frank Reed 5
H. George Hart 3 | D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

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

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Banks James' composition.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Vaughan P. Evans .. Treble | Walter Tomlinson 4
John Walden 2 | Geoffrey R. Parker 5
Amos Ingall 3 | Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Angela Edith Blatherwick and Mr. Philip Applewhite, which preceded this peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's and 34 extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.
D. Walford Davies .. Treble | Harold Preece 4
Thomas E. Hiddins 2 | D. R. Lynn Jones 5
William T. Petty 3 | Raymond J. Mayle Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

Rung muffled in memory of Harry Green, a friend of this tower; also of Howard Underhill, a former ringier.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BUCKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Wed., April 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of the following seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.
Frank C. Pearson .. Treble | Frank C. J. Arnold 4
John R. Smith 2 | Derrick W. Pardon 5
Wilfred G. Saunders .. 3 | H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by John R. Smith.

KETTERINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being two extents of Stedman, four extents of Grandsire, and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.
Martin Cubitt Treble | H. William Barrett 3
David Cubitt 2 | Frank C. J. Arnold 4

Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.
Barry J. Davis .. Treble | Mark W. Sayers 5
*Phillip J. Davis 2 | Robert A. Reeves 6
John F. Carter 3 | Paul R. Davis 7
Diana Reeves 4 | Michael W. Coleman Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis.

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal at first attempt.

ALDERMASTON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Jane R. Fransella .. Treble | Timothy G. Pett 5
John Pladdys 2 | Michael J. Church 6
Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 3 | Frederick R. Scott 7
Beryl R. Simpson 4 | Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by B. D. Price.

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

LONG WITTENHAM, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 720 of St. Clement's and 1,440 each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble | *Roy H. Jones 4
Angela M. Ayres 2 | Frank E. Godden 5
*†Leonard R. Porter .. 3 | David L. Wilcox Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. Elsie Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 4 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Graham C. Paul .. Treble | Michael P. Moreton 5
Barry E. Saunders 2 | Alan A. Paul 6
James Linnell 3 | Patrick I. Chapman 7
Roger W. Smith 4 | Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

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

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Treble | Barry E. Saunders 5
Alan A. Paul 2 | Richard F. B. Speed 6
Graham C. Paul 3 | David J. Marshall 7
Barrie Hendry 4 | Patrick I. Chapman Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Raymond A. Vickers .. Treble | Roger W. Smith 5
Christopher C. Stokes .. 2 | Barry E. Saunders 6
Rupert A. Clarke 3 | James Linnell 7
Graham C. Paul 4 | Alan A. Paul Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method for all, and for the Guild.

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Christopher C. Stokes .. Treble | James Linnell 5
Raymond A. Vickers .. 2 | Alan A. Paul 6
Roger W. Smith 3 | Rupert A. Clarke 7
Barry E. Saunders 4 | Graham C. Paul Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method for all, and for the Guild.

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

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

On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Raymond Aldington .. Treble | R. George Morris 5
Muriel Reay 2 | Maurice F. Edwards 6
Norman J. Goodman .. 3 | David J. Purnell 7
John R. Insley 4 | George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by H. Law James.

Conducted by George E. Fearn.

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

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	Ann E. Fellows 5
Richard J. Tibbetts 2	George E. Fearn 6
*James W. Belshaw 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
James Insley 4	David J. Purnell Tenor

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

* First peal of London on an "inside" bell.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkerton Variation.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Margaret E. Egglestone .. Treble	Lawrence J. Pizzey 5
*David J. Derrick 2	†Robert J. Southgate 6
Brian Redges 3	Robin H. Rogers 7
Martin H. Whittell 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob Major.

TUDDENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

Leslie P. Brain Treble	David J. Derrick 4
Lawrence J. Parry 2	Alan J. Munnings 5
W. Keith Whittell 3	Mrs. Winifred Lockwood .. Tenor

Conducted by Mrs. Winifred Lockwood.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy William Marjoram, a former ringer at this church, and Claude William John Woodard, a former ringer at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, who rang his last peal at this church.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Michael R. Wycherley .. Treble	Timothy G. Pett 5
John Pladdys 2	Wilfrid G. Wilson 6
Dennis A. Hewitt 3	C. Martin Press 7
John R. Ketteringham .. 4	Alan E. Bagworth Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Martin Press.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Aug. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Andrew J. Corby 5
Ernest J. Ladd 2	Frank I. Hairs 6
Robert N. Harris 3	*Colin A. Osbon 7
Richard Hayes 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

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

* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, 1,184 Bristol: 110 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Derek C. Slater Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
Frank H. Hicks 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Martin L. Howe 3	Philip A. Corby 7
*John A. Howard 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of 4-Spiced Surprise Major.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLESBeing 42 ~~methods~~ (15 callings) Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

*F. Malcolm Bowers Treble	Marion L. Lidgely 4
*Anthony P. Smith 2	†Michael Peters 5
Harry Miles 3	‡Denis Stephens Tenor

Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.

* First peal of Stedman and of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First of Stedman. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.

On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

Marion L. Lidgely Treble	*John J. George 4
Harry Miles 2	F. Malcolm Bowers 5
Anthony P. Smith 3	W. Reginald Curtis .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony P. Smith.

* First peal. First as conductor. First of Plain Bob on the bells.

THE WINCHESIER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Mary of Upham.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being two extents of Stedman and eight each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Valerie A. Rushforth .. Treble	Ramon A. Stone 4
David G. Hatherly 2	Charles E. Bassett 5
Lesley J. Read 3	*Walter J. Stubbington .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* First peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt.

Stuart Armeson Treble	Neil Donovan 6
*Richard Parker 2	David Nichols 7
Elsie Chaddock 3	Frederick Jackson 8
Herbert O. Chaddock .. 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. 9
Alec Holroyd 5	Norman Chaddock Tenor

Arranged by A. Cattell. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal of Bob Royal. 200th peal as conductor.

A farewell to Elsie and Norman Chaddock, who are moving to the East Riding of Yorkshire.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Reverse Canterbury, (6) Southrepps, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B.

Ronald H. Dove Treble	*Rev. Nicholas J. D. Webb 4
*John Webb 2	*Alan Newbould 5
C. Barrie Dove 3	*J. Paul Coad Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in eight methods.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods viz.: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

M. Susan Jackson Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
Alan Newbould 2	Kenneth B. Sissons 5
Michael R. Meadows .. 3	J. Paul Coad Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Robert B. Smith Treble	†Brian Schofield 6
Roger W. D. Wetenhall .. 2	*Arthur E. Whiting 7
*John Jessup 3	Derek F. Yates 8
*Michael J. Platt 4	Robert J. Warrilow 9
†Gerald Moorhouse 5	William H. Dowse Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal on tower bells. ‡ First of Royal. Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

HANDBELL PEALS**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5160 SPICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In two methods, comprising 3,440 Rutland and 1,720 Yorkshire; with 86 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1—2	Robert B. Smith 5—6
Neil Bennett 3—4	Frederick Shallcross .. 7—8

*Gerald Moorhouse .. 9—10

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* 100th peal, first of Surprise Royal and first of Surprise on handbells. First of Surprise Royal on handbells for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor. First of Spiced Surprise Royal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 21, North Riding, Brickett Wood.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

Walter G. Paul 1—2	Brian B. Hullah 3—4
D. Kay Adkins 5—6	

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

DATE TOUCHES

BASSALEG, MON.—On Aug. 17th, 1967 Minor ("R.W." page 571): Gillian Colleypriest 1, R. J. Hall 2, G. Wilkinson 3, P. Williams 4, J. Prytherch 5, D. Phillips (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Colleypriest.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1967 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. P. Starbuck 1, R. Blackler 2, G. A. Dawson 3, Elizabeth J. Foster 4, P. Church 5, S. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First date touch of Minor this year containing no change more than three times. Rung for the Wollaton annual fete and gala held on this day.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 20th, 1967 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Gibbs 1, Gillian Laver (first "inside") 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. A. Laver 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, V. Stedman 6. For Evensong.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. W. Juddins (first quarter) 1, R. T. Falder 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, K. J. Perrin 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 2, 4 and 5, on having successful G.C.E. results.

BAWORTH, NOTTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,296 Treble Bob Minor (four methods): Doreen Metcalfe 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, J. A. Coates 3, S. G. Pick 4, B. S. Payne 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Hilary Jane Poyner.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wakefield 1—2, K. Vernon (longest touch) 3, P. Rathby 4, P. Holmes 5, C. W. Reed (cond.) 6.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Udall 1, G. W. Hawkeworth 2, M. E. Heamshaw 3, A. Noion (first quarter "inside") 4, T. Wylie 5, A. M. Smith (first as cond.) 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Clifton 1, B. Johnson 2, Sylvia Knight 3, P. Richardson 4, D. C. Manger 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, R. P. Sherlock 7, H. Deacon 8. Also on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Maureen White 1, Lynne Payne 2, Sylvia Knight 3, Carole Catermole 4, H. Deacon 5, Mary White 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, D. Dury 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Martin's, on July 6th, 1,311 Stedman Cinqs: M. F. Edwards 1, Ann E. Fellows 2, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 3, C. A. S. Webb 4, J. R. Insley 5, S. W. Barton 6, J. Insley 7, N. J. Goodman 8, J. A. Anderson 9, G. E. Fearn 10, H. H. Fearn 11, P. D. Warren 12.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. V. Smith 1, S. R. Smith (first "inside") 2, D. B. Brown (cond.) 3, Beryl Cram 4, Deborah Magga 5, Jennifer Howell (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. R. O. Stephenson, as an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Gilbert 1, Miss P. Tomsett 2, R. Bushell (first as cond.) 3, F. Dadson 4, J. Clark 5, M. Lacey 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. N. Shotton and Miss M. McCreight. Also on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Kenward 1, Miss P. Tomsett 2, R. Bushell (cond.) 3, G. Wood 4, F. Dadson 5, M. Lacey 6.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Conway 1, R. G. Pike (first as cond.) 2, D. T. Matkin 3, R. J. Peckham 4, J. R. Price 5, R. W. Price 6, E. J. Booth 7, F. Price 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 18th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, N. Dawson 2, E. Ovens 3, B. Martin 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, T. Newlands 6, A. W. Gibbs 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Colleypriest 1, Rev. R. Hallett 2, Marion Bennett 3, P. Bennett 4, G. Wilkinson 5, P. Williams 6, D. Phillips (cond.) 7, I. Cooper 8. Rung as a first birthday compliment to Timothy Hallett.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Davy 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, R. Surridge 3, K. Butler 4, A. Eastmead (cond.) 5, J. Davy 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Court, tower secretary.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 coverings): P. R. Everest 1, G. Palmer 2, M. Thompson 3, R. Everest (cond.) 4, H. W. Evans 5, R. Sherlock 6, N. Butcher 7, W. Bear 8. A birthday compliment to Anne Everest. For Evensong.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Abbott 1, G. H. Paulson 2, Ann Smith 3, J. Palling (cond.) 4, B. P. Morris 5, H. E. Taylor 6, S. Foskett 7, J. Asbury 8. For Patronal Sunday Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. A. Mayell (first on eight) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, D. Hill 3, J. Kingsnorth 4, D. G. Mayell 5, F. J. White 6, H. J. Gaiyard 7, R. S. Tucker 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Cope 1, Angela Ayres 2, S. Royal 3, R. Heyworth 4, C. Holloway 5, R. Partridge 6, F. Absolom 7, G. McIlhone (cond.) 8. For morning service.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Lucas 1, J. Dunford 2, H. J. Sanger 3, R. G. Beck 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, D. McKay 6, A. P. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 2.

HALES, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 1, F. Branchflower 2, T. Hancock 3, F. Morris 4, A. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. The conductor rang his first quarter in this tower on August 5th, 1917.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Barnard 1, G. Barnard 2, Miss J. Wilshe (first "inside") 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5. Rung on the completion of the redecoration of the interior of the church by voluntary labour.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, Ruth Gay 2, Sue Gay 3, R. J. Gay 4, P. W. Gay (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Ruth Gay, who is about to leave for Canada.

KILMINGTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, G. Travers (first "inside," age 12) 2, T. Travers 3, F. Stamp 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6.

KINETON, WARWICKS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Randall 1, Mrs. D. M. Randall 2, Dr. Mackie (first quarter) 3, P. C. Randall 4, J. J. Green 5, G. W. Randall (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. Newbold, who rang at Kineton for many years.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Katharine Salvage (first of Minor) 1, Elizabeth Wilkins 2, Ann Salvage 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. Bishop 5, D. Wilkins (first as cond.) 6.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Minion 1, B. Hawkins 2, C. R. Balcomb 3, A. F. Sawyer 4, C. W. Daws (cond.) 5, P. R. Daws 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. A wedding compliment to David Hawkins, tower captain, and Rose Brindle-Carter.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On Aug. 19th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ronalife Ratcliffe (first quarter) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, P. R. Daws 3, J. A. Collier 4, J. C. Davidge 5, C. W. Daws (cond.) 6. First of Kent 2, 3 and 5.

LONDON.—On Aug. 20th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,339 Erin Caters: Miss D. Colgate 1, Miss R. J. Cotton 2, M. F. Oaksbitt 3, Miss H. Oaksbitt 4, K. Rider 5, E. E. J. Ladd 6, J. R. Pratt 7, D. P. Smith 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, P. J. Spice 10. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

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LUTON, BEDS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Elisabeth McCartney 1, K. Lewin 2, G. Hawkins 3, B. L. S. Hulatt 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushion (cond.) 6, C. McCartney 7. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Osborne and the Rev. A. M. Girling, who were married in this church the previous day.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, teamond on July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cheryl Chorlton (first of Minor) 1, Joy Askew (first as cond.) 2, R. Askew 3, G. White 4, A. Craddock 5, S. Pardoe 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Holden (first of Minor) 1, R. Yeates 2, R. Askew 3, A. Craddock (cond.) 4, S. Pardoe 5, G. White 6. For Evensong.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. J. Bennett (first attempt) 1, P. R. Johnson 2, Barbara Pickering 3, P. B. Dorrington 4, P. G. K. Davia (cond.) 5, S. W. Illage 6.

PERTH, W.A.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Aug. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Nancie Page (first Major) 1, Wilfrid Palin 2, Jennifer Lees 3, Eileen Palin 4, L. Reynolds 5, J. Watson 6, B. Lawes 7, A. Mann (cond.) 8. Rung for the birth of Andrew Michael, second child of Laith Reynolds (tower captain) and Jan Reynolds.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Aug. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bush 1, Miss P. Blackth (first of Major) 2, H. Goakes 3, M. Tyler 4, J. David 5, F. Royall 6, R. Daw 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For morning service.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Aug. 21st, 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Collins (first of Doubles) 1, J. Avenall 2, Judith Collins 3, P. R. Collins 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 6. First in two methods 1 and 3.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: M. Donmall (first quarter) 1, R. Clouston 2, Anne Hunter 3, N. Woodward 4, B. Denmark (cond.) 5, J. Southey 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Hallett 1, A. J. House 2, Mrs. J. H. Hunt 3, F. C. May 4, T. Sharp 5, H. Furlinger 6, M. J. Hallett 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hunt.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Heather J. Trueman 1, Valerie J. Williams 2, Gladys D. Northway 3, H. J. Page 4, D. R. Fallick 5, D. C. Jackson 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, P. Williams 8. Rung to mark the christening of Deborah and Helen, daughters of Valerie and Peter Williams, on Sunday, August 13th, 1967.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Aug. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: F. G. Beddow 1, C. R. F. Cole 2, S. D. Cowan 3, A. Gibson 4, A. J. Slade 5, P. J. Evans 6, R. H. Newton 7, P. J. Munday 8, R. D. Mills 9, J. Brain 10, F. W. Ellis 11, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 12. First Maximus 3, 4, 8 and 9. Rung for the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the church. For Evensong.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Evans 1, N. S. Blamine-Brown 2, A. G. Sears 3, H. Shine 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, W. J. Garrod 6. Rung half-muffled in grateful remembrance of Mrs. J. Garrod, wife of the tower captain. R.I.P.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Chapman 1, Liz C. Duncan (first "inside") 2, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 3, A. Knight 4, H. H. N. Duncan 5, H. Archer 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Hitchins 1, F. Slatford 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, C. Quarley 4, N. Kne 5, G. Eyles 6, C. Andrews (cond.) 7, R. Lucas 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson for Mr. E. C. Shepherd.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDY.—At All Hallows' Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Pearce 1, Anne Hornford 2, Pamela Brown 3, Jennifer Pearce 4, M. Stacey 5, A. Fulwell 6, N. Edwards (cond.) 7, G. Pearce 8.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. What 1, T. E. Harrold 2, J. Harrold 3, R. J. Welch 4, R. F. Roe 5, G. Pluckrose 6, Miss R. J. Watkin (cond.) 7, C. H. F. Knight 8.

YARLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Fitter 1, Lynda Deebank 2, R. Weekes 3, D. Main 4, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 5, M. F. Edwards 6. Also on Aug. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. Park, sen 1, K. Park, jun 2, D. Main 3, R. Weekes 4, M. F. Edwards 5, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 6. Both for Evensong.

LOOKING BACK

W. Stote's Peterborough Guild Memories

The photograph of 41 years ago from Mr. P. Amos, in your issue of August 18th, brings back memories of many friends I made in the Peterborough Guild between 1926 and the start of World War II.

I had cycled from Southam to Great Brington, a distance of 18 miles or so, and was very grateful for the practice I obtained, as with all the meetings of both the Daventry and Gulsborough Branches of the Guild. Towers with expert bands of ringers and regular practice nights were really hard to come by. So, as an 18-year-old with very limited means and the determination to make the grade as a ringer, I just had to do something or "bust".

I had rung my first touch of Bob Minor a few weeks previously on a visit to Allesley, then a 6-bell tower, where I now ring most Sunday evenings for service. It was Mr. Fred Wilford, the first Master of the Guild, who first started me on the road to progress. We were at a meeting at Gulsborough and he was one short for Kent Minor. I was persuaded to stand in, despite the fact that I had never looked at the method. He told me every bell to dodge with for the first two leads. After then the rest came easily. Lack of opportunity to practise with a progressive band was my chief trouble. I had both Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major "taped" 18 months before I had a chance to strike a blow in either of them!

THE HANCOCKS OF WILLOUGHBY

I became very friendly with the Hancock family of Willoughby which, although in my own county of Warwick, is situated next to the county boundary. James M. Hancock and his two sons, Fred and George, had a set of handbells which they used to some good purpose. It was George who first persuaded me to try 1-2 to a course of Grandsire Doubles. We rang it straight off and then he called my first six-score "in hand" with himself ringing 3-4 and his father 5-6. He also showed me how to transpose the lead heads of Grandsire Doubles. This gave me an insight into composition, for which George has my everlasting gratitude. James Merton Hancock passed away early in 1941, having been predeceased by his good wife a few years earlier. I remember them both with esteem and affection because they were more like a mother and father to

me when I visited their house at Willoughby. The Hancock family have always been regarded as resident members of the Guild and stalwarts of the Daventry Branch in particular! George has been Branch president for a long time now and his brother Fred the indefatigable Branch secretary.

It also brings back the memory of the late Rev. W. H. Fearis, Rector of Welton, George's predecessor in office. He was elected Branch president at a meeting held at this church on April 10th, 1926, and held the office continuously up to the time of his death, about 1941. Although not a ringer himself, he was always happy in the company of ringers. He was very proud of his office and missed very few of the Branch meetings during the years of his presidency. Indeed a clergyman after a ringer's own heart!

Ernest Augustus Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, Leics, was a constant visitor to meetings. A man of lovable disposition, a churchwarden and a practising Christian, he gained the respect and admiration of us all. He passed away suddenly in February, 1935. A cortege of 150 ringers followed his coffin to the grave. Greater evidence of the esteem in which he was held would be hard to find.

Grandsire and Plain Bob and perhaps Stedman Doubles were as much as they could manage at most meetings; but, in their humble way, they taught me much that has stood me in good stead over the years, and not confined to the sphere of ringing either! I was proposed as a non-resident member of the Guild at a meeting held at Dodford on November 7th, 1925. In all probability I could have held such membership longer than any other living ringer. I don't say that this is actually the case, but it is certainly not impossible. I would indeed be pleased to learn of any other living ringer who was elected to non-resident membership of the Guild at an earlier date than this!

The date given for the photograph being taken is three months too early. It was taken on July 3rd of that year. I was not ringing anywhere on April 3rd, 1926, that much I do know. Both you and Mr. Amos have my best thanks for the publication of the photograph.

Mr. BERNARD FAIRHEAD'S IRISH TOUR

A PARTY of ringers from Colchester and district had an enjoyable tour of Ireland, embracing both North and South during the week commencing Friday, July 21st, efficiently organised by Bernard Fairhead, with Fred Dukes supervising arrangements the other side of the water.

The sea crossing from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire occupied Friday. Our first engagement was with the magnificent eight at Bray but the absence of the tenor clapper limited ringing to the front seven. The coast was followed to Arklow and then on to the fine ten at Wexford, but it was necessary for us to put on two ropes before Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters could be attempted. The night was spent at Foulkmills, amusement being provided by Mick Howes and Stephen Humphrey having a collapsed bed.

Sunday dawned a beautiful day and we rang for morning service at Waterford Cathedral. A shift course spoilt both the Stedman and Yorkshire. Other towers visited that day were Kilkenny and Doneraile and we stayed the night in a farmhouse at Bandon. A good touch of London was rung on the noisy six at Bandon the next morning before proceeding to Cork. The superb heavy eight at St. Finbarre's Cathedral sounded well to our Superlative. The rest of the day was spent admiring the wonderful scenery around the Killarney lakes.

PEAL LOST

Tuesday should have been the highlight of the week for eight of the party because a peal attempt was scheduled at St. Mary's Cathedral,

REDEDICATION

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE

In October, 1965, the Church of St. Bartholomew, Quorn, was extensively damaged by fire. The work of restoration is now almost complete and a Festival of Rededication will be held in early September.

The bells have been recast by John Taylor and Co. with new frames and fittings, etc. This hardly needs saying as after the fire the tower was an empty shell! The total weight of the bells is now about 47 cwt. as compared with the old weight of 59 cwt. The weight has been lessened somewhat to make it easier to hang the bells on one level in the confined space. The original inscriptions have been replaced plus the words "Recast 1967" and on the tenor the names of the present Vicar, the Rev. Robin Everett, and the churchwardens.

Sunday, August 20th, was observed as the Patronal Festival and during evensong the bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Ven. Dr. H. Lockley, in the presence of a full congregation.

After the Third Collect the Archdeacon, Vicar and choir assembled under the tower for the Prayers of Dedication; the choir sang "Ding-dong merrily on high" and the procession returned to the chancel whilst rounds were rung.

Then followed prayers familiar to us all, taken from a number of Guild services; so to the excellent sermon by Dr. Lockley on the text "Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways: to give knowledge of salvation unto his people". Touches were rung as the congregation left the church by ringers from six other towers, including the president and other officers of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and representatives of the Bell Foundry.

The important work of teaching learners (including the Vicar!) has already begun and practice night is Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

B. S. P.

It has caused me to delve into the past and resurrect memories which, though they may not be recorded here, are none the less worthwhile recalling.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
welcomes all freshers. First meeting for Sunday service ringing at Edgbaston Old Church, 5.30-6.30 p.m., October 1st. 2227

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
Freshers coming to Bristol this year are invited to contact the secretary at: 32, Butterfield Road, Wheathampstead, Herts. 2127

HULL Colleges Guild.—Will any freshers coming up to Hull in October please contact Mr. G. W. Randall, 32, Coventry Road, Warwick, for details of the Guild's activities.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcomes all ringers coming to Reading this year. Please write to Liz Webb, 8, Church Avenue, Warmley, Bristol. 2198

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.—Notice to freshers.—The first meeting of the Michaelmas term will be held on Friday, October 6th, at St. Marie's (R.C.), Norfolk Row, at 8 p.m. 2221

PERSONAL

"Pleasant words: a e as an honeyscomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."—Proverbs xvi, 24.

Limerick. It was not to be, as two bells shifted after an hour's good ringing. This setback was soon forgotten when we were ringing on Limerick's excellent ten, and it was here that the best striking of the week was produced. Our residence at Kells that night was another "best of the week."

On Wednesday we crossed the border into Northern Ireland, heading for Belfast, where we were to stay for two nights, and ringing at Drogheda, Rostrevor, Hillsborough and Lurgan on the way. The next day we were due to ring at St. Donard's, Belfast, and St. Mark's, Dundela, where a reasonable half-course of Cambridge Royal was rung, Holywood and Carrickfergus.

HIGHLIGHT

A good touch of Yorkshire was rung on Friday at Coleraine and afterwards ringing at Ballymena and Enniskillen, reached only after some hectic driving and shouts of "Mind the tyres." The highlight of the week was the Plain Bob Maximus and Grandsire Cinques rung on Saturday at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Christ Church Cathedral was then visited, but the odd-struck tenor proved to be a bit of a handful. That was the final night of the tour and it was spent in an appropriate fashion with St. Patrick's ringers. The crossing to Holyhead on Sunday proved to be too much for some members of the party. Our thanks to all who helped in this enjoyable week, especially Fred Dukes and Bernard Fairhead.

JACK AND ROVER.

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BIRTHS

JAMES.—To David and Margaret (née Ross), of 109, Queenston Drive, Pittsburgh 15235, Pa., U.S.A., on August 14th, 1967, a son, Robert William, a brother for Richard. **PURNELL.**—To David and Audrey (née Parker), of 18, Glendower Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham, 22b, a daughter, Helen Joy, on Thursday, August 24th, 1967. Telephone now: 021-356 7889. 2223

SILVER WEDDING

CHILTON.—Congratulations, Mum and Dad, on your silver wedding, September 19th, 1967.—Love, Margaret. 2231

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

BULL—HUDSON.—The address after the marriage of Brian Bull and Janet Hudson on September 16th will be 27, Erpingham Road, S.W.15, and not 21, as printed last week.

JONES—BENTLEY.—The marriage between Mr. Christopher J. Jones and Miss Diana Bentley will take place on September 16th, 1967, at 11.30 a.m. at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Knutsford. All ringing friends welcome at the service. 2211

DEATH

CHAPMAN.—On August 21st, 1967, at St. Helier's Hospital, James Chapman, aged 86; 50 years tower captain at St. Leonard's, Streatham, until he retired 1963. 2196

RETURN THANKS

ARTHUR F. BALLAM, Hall Cottage, West Stow, wishes to thank all kind ringing friends for words and messages of sympathy shown to him in his sad bereavement in the death of his wife, Ada Gwendoline. 2228

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CLIFT.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Clift is now 5, Washington Avenue, Grove Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. All ringing friends welcome. Telephone in business hours: OHH2-2211 (Ext. 245). 2252

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—The address of the treasurer, Mr. John H. Allen, is now 11, Parkdale, Wolverhampton. Staffs. Please ensure that all subscriptions, pail fees, etc., are forwarded to new address. 2251

MISCELLANEOUS

BREDGAR, Kent.—The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, September 16th, at 3 p.m. Ringers' tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Edmed, Mead House, Bredgar, Sittingbourne, Kent, by September 11th. 2171

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The ANNUAL DINNER will be held in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 28th, 6.15 for 6.45.

Tickets, 23s. 6d., from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, October 25th. S.A.E., please. 2199

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, Stokesay, Craven Arms, Salop, Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th. Viewing from noon till dusk, 16th; all day Sunday, 17th, except times of services. Tower open same hours. Teas at Vicarage. 2233

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Ashford, Saturday, September 30th, 1967. Tickets available for first 100 applicants from own District secretary or A. P. S. Berry, 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1980

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH.—Because Mr. Norman Chaddock has left Rotherham to take up an appointment at Market Weighton, future communications about Rotherham, All Saints' Church bells should preferably be addressed to the new tower captain: Alec Holroyd, 56, Bent Lathes Avenue, Rotherham (Rotherham 3477). 2214

ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS', STEPNEY.—Due to structural alterations to the church, practices during September have been cancelled.—A. Cuthbert, Hon. Sec., 18, Claude Road, Leyton, E.10. 2234

SPECIAL BEGINNERS' PRACTICE.—Saturday, September 9th. Harlington 3.30-4.30, Cranford 6-8 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Plain Hunt only. Own tea arrangements, please.—Colin Stevenson, Anne Horsford. 2158

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Ixworth (6), Friday, September 8th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Please note the change of day.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2195

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Merriott, Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Ringing until 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2212

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Congleton (rehung 8), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (limited) to H. C. Lanyon, The Shrubberies, Langley, Macclesfield. 2152

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 9th, Stapleford and Little Shelford. Bells, Stapleford (6), 3 p.m. Service, Stapleford, 4.30. Tea, Stapleford, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Little Shelford (6) approx. 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 2250

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting at Barking, September 9th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. Social after ringing—games, dances, tiddlywinks relay race! Names for social to D. Ellisdon, 161, Redbridge Lane East, Ilford. 2145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hatherop, September 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 2222

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, on Saturday, September 9th, from 7-9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 2213

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Puttenham (6) on Saturday, September 9th, 6-9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2176

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 2169

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boxley on Saturday September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Loran, Rendlesham, Chatham Road, Sandling, near Maidstone.—M. L. H. 2120

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, September 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Latham, Home Farm, Chapel Lane, Rainhill. Tel. PRE 4310.—M. E. D. 2240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Owston Ferry on Saturday, September 9th. Special methods: Norfolk Surprise and St. Simon's Doubles. Names for tea to me, please.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2197

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Anne's, Highgate West Hill, N.6, Saturday, September 9th, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7. Business in tower 6.15 p.m. Ringing after. Own tea arrangements.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 2168

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Claydon (5), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Blechley, Bucks. 2220

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, September 9th, at Benefield. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Hinton, Police Station, Warrington, Peterborough. 2201

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Tenby on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Jenkins, Nythfu, St. Mary's Street, Tenby.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 2175

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, September 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 2185

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, September 9th. Ringing from 3-4.30. Service, followed by tea and business meeting. All wishing for tea please book to Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 2126

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Walberton on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. and in the evening. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 2180

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on Tuesday, September 12th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: September 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; September 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; September 26th, St. Lawrence Jewry; October 3rd, St. Michael's, Cornhill; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 2224

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Wednesday, September 13th, at Penn, 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. Branch 8-bell striking competition, Saturday, September 23rd, Farnham Royal.—Miss Hague. 2092

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Mersham, Wednesday, September 13th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Please note: Quarterly meeting on September 16th at Mersham deferred to September 30th at Nutfield.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 2217

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Monken Hadley, Thursday, September 14th. Bells from 7 to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2230

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Porlock (6), Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those notifying E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 2243

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tickenham (6), Saturday, September 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2053

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Blaydon (note, not Whickham as arranged), September 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon, Newcastle upon Tyne. 2245

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Woodston, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Nether-seale Surprise Minor and Double Court Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2235

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and SUFFOLK GUILD (South West District).—Joint meeting at Bocking, September 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 2194

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Avening (6), Saturday, September 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Nicholas, 4, Blueboys Park, Minchinhampton, Glos, by Tuesday, September 12th. 2246

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 16th, Sawbridgeworth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Riversfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth.—D. Kingston, Dis. Sec. 2249

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Walden, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. King's Walden (6), 6.30–8.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Denison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2210

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Wittersham, September 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Appledore bells available 3–4 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. P. J. Denne, 11, The Street, Wittersham, by Saturday, September 9th. 2189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer (8), September 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. Names, together with money, to Mr. F. W. Lawrence, 19, St. Gregory's Close, Deal, not later than September 14th. 2161

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 16th, joint with the **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**, Northenden (6), 3 till 5 p.m., and Cheadle (8), 7 till 9 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. No business meeting unless necessary.—C. Andrew, Branch Sec. 2238

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Lincoln St. Giles', September 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 Service and meeting 4.15. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, by Thursday previous.—G. R. P. 2193

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' one-day course will be held at Portmadoc, Saturday, September 16th. Morning session, 10.45 a.m. to 12 noon. Afternoon session, 2 to 4 p.m. Arrangements for lunch please notify the Rev. Idris M. Jones, The Vicarage, Portmadoc. 2232

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 16th, Mildenhall. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2247

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Hinderclay (6), September 16th, 6.30–9 p.m.—H. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 2216

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Goudhurst (8) .. 12.30–1.15

Route 2

Marden (8) .. 9.45–10.30
Staplehurst (8) .. 10.15–11.00
Headcorn (8) .. 11.15–12.00
Smarden (6) .. 11.45–12.30
Frittenden (8) .. 12.15–1.00

Route 3

High Halden (6) .. 9.45–10.30
Biddenden (8) .. 10.15–11.00
Tenterden (8) .. 10.45–11.45
Rolvenden (8) .. 11.30–12.15
Benenden (8) .. 12.15–1.00

Route 4

Beckley (6) .. 9.45–10.30
Northiam (6) .. 10.30–11.15
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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Advance notice is also given of a special "learners' practice at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 21st.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec. 2229

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Church Oakley, Saturday, September 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, September 12th, please. 2163

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Southampton and Christchurch Districts, Saturday, September 16th, Fawley. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15, followed by discussion on name for new District. Lymington and Lyndhurst bells available in the evening. Names for tea essential to Mr. L. V. Smith, Trevelyn, Springfield Grove, Fawley. Tel. Blackfield 3185.—L. F. Cobb. 2202

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Chaddeley Corbett, Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 2191

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Whitby on September 16th. Committee meeting at 3.30 in St. Mary's Church. Service 4.15. Tea at the Mills Cafe, Baxtergate, 5. There is a choice of fish and chips (4s. 9d.) or sandwiches (4s. 6d.). Please state choice when sending names to Miss G. Barkel, Clyde House, Spitalbridge, Whitby, by Thursday, September 14th. The business meeting will be in the cafe, and a new rule about travelling expenses will be put to the vote. Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner will be available. Bells: Pickering (8) 11 a.m.–12 noon; Fylingdales (8) 2–3.30 and after the meeting. Whitby (10) 2–4.15 and after the meeting. Parking near St. Mary's, Whitby, will be free for ringers who state their purpose. 2133

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Evening practice meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, Thursday, September 21st, 7.45–9 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 2133

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—281st anniversary, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 2/6 per head. Names for tea to R. T. Watts, 2, New Street, Painswick, Stroud, Glos, not later than Tuesday, September 19th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 24th. Ringing 2 p.m. 2239

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Whimble, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 7 p.m.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2242

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Shere, September 23rd. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in hall. The ringers' wives are catering. A bumper attendance is hoped for at this attractive village. Names to Mr. J. J. Newman, School Cottage, Shere, by Tuesday, 19th, please. 2192

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting, Caistor, on September 23rd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 2226

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE RINGERS.—A.G.M., Cheltenham, Saturday, September 23rd. Business meeting, Club Room, Cheltenham Central Police Station, 2 p.m. Evening meal, Guphill Manor, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, 6.45 p.m. (Application to secretary before September 15th; cost £1.) Ringing arrangements, apply Arthur Pearce, Sec., 197, Wythenshawe Road, Northern Moor, Manchester 23. 2150

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Sutton Courtenay, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by 19th, please, also striking competition entries and annual dinner ticket applications same time to C. Corderoy, Sec., West-Wyndes, Westbrook Street, Blewburn, Didcot, Berks. 2150

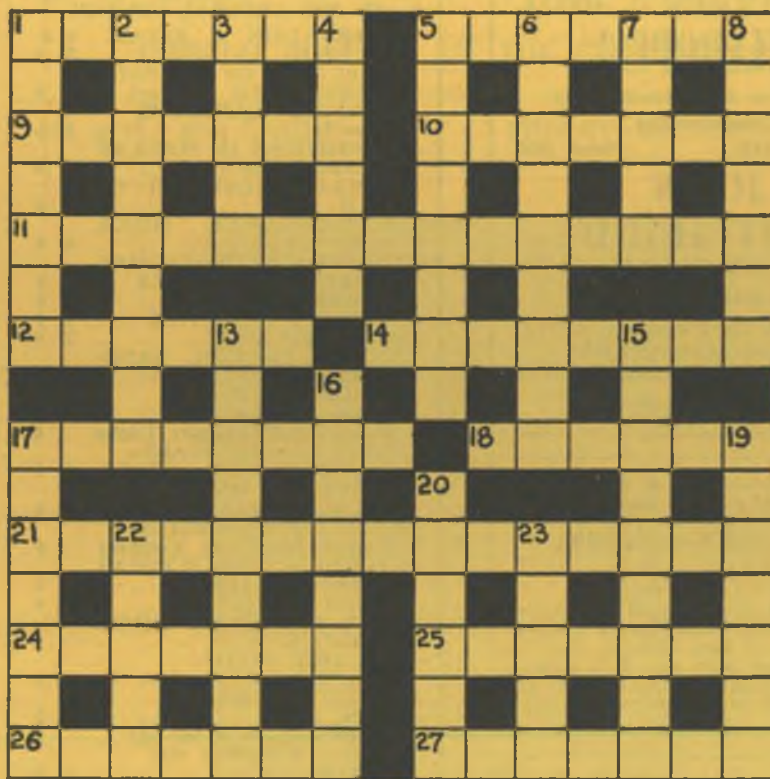
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, King's Cliffe (6), September 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday. 2150

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Llangatock and Llanbedr Ystradwy, Brecons, September 23rd. Llangatock bells (8) 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Evensong at Llanbedr Ystradwy 4 p.m., followed by tea at 2s. 6d. per head, and meeting. Immediately after District meeting there will be a meeting of the Guild committee. Further ringing at Llanbedr Ystradwy 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and Llangatock 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon, Brecons., before September 18th. 2135

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Meeting, Budock, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. Number for tea by September 18th. 2241

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Use your imagination here (7)
5. Tread very softly, but it will get you caught (7)
9. Home or not? (2, 2, 3)
10. Might be described as dodging (7)
11. Recasts a red ring (anag.) (9, 6)
12. Our subscriber is usually this, but the converse is not always true—alas (6)
14. These may leave you in low water (3, 5)
17. Went before—possibly as conductor (8)
18. The Beginners' Handbook might be described as this (6)
21. Robert lobbed fox and the outcome had a slow hunt! (6, 6, 3)
24. An alert rigger will show you the answer (7)
25. The Central Council approves this type of method (7)
26. Dan and Ted get nothing although it's all given! (7)
27. Joins up without the need for a splice (7)

DOWN

1. New rigs become one who moves to and fro (7)
2. Sounds like correct entrance to generate (9)
3. Nothing and empty, yet like an egg (5)
4. Involve adjustment of tail-ends without shillings and pence (6)
5. This is restricted to one course and the winner has to be quick every time (3, 5)
6. Variety of calcium sulphate (9)
7. For a ringer this could be Frank, Richard or Tony (5)
8. Gets Sid to make summaries (7)
13. This military command's applicable when ringing rounds (4, 5)
15. Occupants of a silent tower? (4-5)
16. Made good (8)
17. Conspired (2)
19. Famous composer—for ringers this one (7)
- 20 and 22. Sounds just like a well known Birmingham ringer—but he, isn't! (6, 5)
23. Within the law (5)

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WILLIAM A. YATES WEEK-END IN LINCOLNSHIRE

MR. WILLIAM A. YATES' annual week-end tour is eagerly anticipated by many ringers from South Northamptonshire and North Bucks. It may be said that "a splendid time is guaranteed for all," and this year's tour was no exception. The southern part of Lincolnshire was chosen, mainly because it was an area not well known to many of the company. This proved a wise choice, as we had the pleasure of ringing some very good rings of bells and travelling through interesting agricultural countryside.

Six members of the party started the tour rather early by ringing a peal of Watford Surprise Major on the delightful bells at Edenham on July 13th, being joined by Martin Thorley and Ron Russell, afterwards meeting the remainder at the headquarters in Spalding.

The real business of the tour began on Friday. We journeyed north, stopping first at Surfleet. We managed to keep the 12 going throughout our visit here despite the sceptics' view that the ringing would be better on the back eight or ten. After a short but pleasant ring at Sutterton we climbed the seemingly endless staircase to the belfry at Boston. Some of the older members had to stop for a breather halfway up, but after a short wait for the belfry key, during which the stupendous view from this famous landmark was admired, we succeeded in ringing reasonable Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters. Everyone seemed to have an inexplicable thirst after ringing here.

CLOCK HAMMER DAMAGE

After lunch we moved west to Heckington. Edgar Cole, who was well known to some of the party, due to his frequent excursions into Northamptonshire, met us here. Journeying further inland we came to Ewerby. The ten bells here hang in a very impressive tower with a church to match, standing in picturesque surroundings. After a cup of tea in Sleaford we rang, or rather tried to ring, the

bells in the Parish Church. Unfortunately, however, even our strongest members could not manage to pull the seventh up. Inspection revealed that the clock hammers were not pulled off properly and were gnawing huge chunks out of the wheel as the bell swung. Time did not allow for repairs, so we moved off again to Billingborough.

We tried to ring a touch of eight-spliced on this handy light octave, but apparently the conductor was still mourning his missed ring at Sleaford and forgot to call Pudsey, so we only rang seven. Ringing for the day should have finished here, but a young local kindly offered to let us join the practice at Horbling and afterwards led the way to the Abbey of Sempringham, where we rang a number of Minor methods on the pretty six.

Saturday dawned bright and clear and some of the party were awakened early by the arrival outside the hotel of stalls for the market. Nothing however seemed to disturb Our Man from Stony Stratford, and we were slightly late in starting at our first tower for the day, Pinchbeck. The Lincoln Guild Report notes these bells as excellent. They must have a very astute assessor as they go and sound very well. We then retraced our route through Spalding to Fulney. The bells were not to our taste at all, nothing being rung very well. The next tower was at Holbeach. We arrived early and had time for a thirst quencher before tackling the eight bells in the Parish Church. Use was made of the well-known Bailey Patent Touch Cleanerupper to reduce a well-known composition of Yorkshire by Mr. Pitstow to a plain course. After lunch we continued along the A.17, busy with holiday traffic, to Gedney, a church likened by certain itinerant members of the party to a church in Suffolk; was it Long Melford?

Next came Long Sutton, a church with one of the few lead-covered spires, and also a very enjoyable ring of eight bells. Some of our efforts were tape-recorded here. By this

stage of the afternoon there seemed to be more interest in the England-Pakistan Test Match than in ringing. However, there were still two more towers to ring at before the end of the day, and the first of these was at Lutton. The bells are only a light six but are difficult to ring quickly, as we found much to our discomfort. There seemed to be yards of rope flying about. King's Lynn was the last tower of the day, a noble ten. After driving through a very heavy rainstorm we arrived back at Spalding, where the tour's accountant, Mr. Vickers, told everyone how much they were in the hotel's debt.

During Sunday service ringing at Spalding, Bill Yates presented Ron Noon with a small "thank you" gift for all he had done to make the week-end so memorable. Ron then suggested that we ring at St. John's, Peterborough, for 11 o'clock service. This we proceeded to do. (Our thanks to Ray Daw for allowing us to join in the ringing.) Farewells were said here before we split up for the ride home, some stopping at Islip for the final round of the crib championship, the cream coming to the top, as usual.

Our thanks are due to all tower captains and incumbents of towers visited, and Ron Noon and Bill Yates for such a satisfactory tour.

G. C. P.

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QUARTER PEALS

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Vidler 1, Susan Harrison (first in two methods) 2, J. M. Swift 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, I. Smith 5, R. Vidler 6. A compliment to Diana Chambers, a ringer, and Peter White, a chorister at this church, who were married recently. 75th quarter together 4 and 5.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 17th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. S. Woods 1, D. Deakin 2, J. L. Riley 3, A. J. Helliwell (cond. 720) 4, M. Bell 5, J. Pilkington (cond. 552) 6.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. Ford (first quarter) 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, F. Boyce 3, K. L. Brown 4, P. Bower 5, R. A. J. Bower (cond.) 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Baker (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Cullwick (first on eight) 2, E. W. Furbank 3, J. H. Stich 4, A. Pryke 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss D. M. Landon, for many years a life honorary member of the Essex Association.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Aug. 12th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. C. Lyne 1, Delphine Holman 2, H. J. Baker 3, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 4, Jill Riley 5, R. W. Sherrieff 6, J. T. Thorne 7, A. G. Foster (cond.) 8.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. G. Hooper (first quarter) 1, Susan Stott (first 'inside') 2, June Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, J. Coombe 5, H. Hooper 6. For Evensong.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Coombs 1, S. C. I. Davis 2, H. J. Coombe (first 'inside') 3, B. Wyatt 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, N. J. Osmond 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung before service as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. A. J. Frith, and Mrs. Frith (a ringer), who are leaving after 10 years.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Johnson 1, F. N. Pailing 2, C. L. D. Munday 3, D. P. B. Miles 4, J. I. Booth 5, R. A. Bradley 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, A. Spivey (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong, and for the christening of Michael Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Page Jones.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. W. Beeson 1, C. A. Charman 2, G. W. Charman 3, D. R. Stacey 4, H. G. Arthur (cond.) 5, O. L. Warner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Noel Stacey.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Davies 2, P. Richardson 3, D. Manger 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 6th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: M. Tyler 1, P. A. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. Cowlin 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Before Evensong. A birthday compliment to Michael Spencer.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Taylor 1, Anne Oakley 2, P. Carter 3, M. Pring 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, Pamela Dence 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Michael Church and Miss Evelyn Payne, married earlier this day.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Floyd 1, A. J. White 2, A. Hole 3, L. R. Woodruffe 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5.

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