

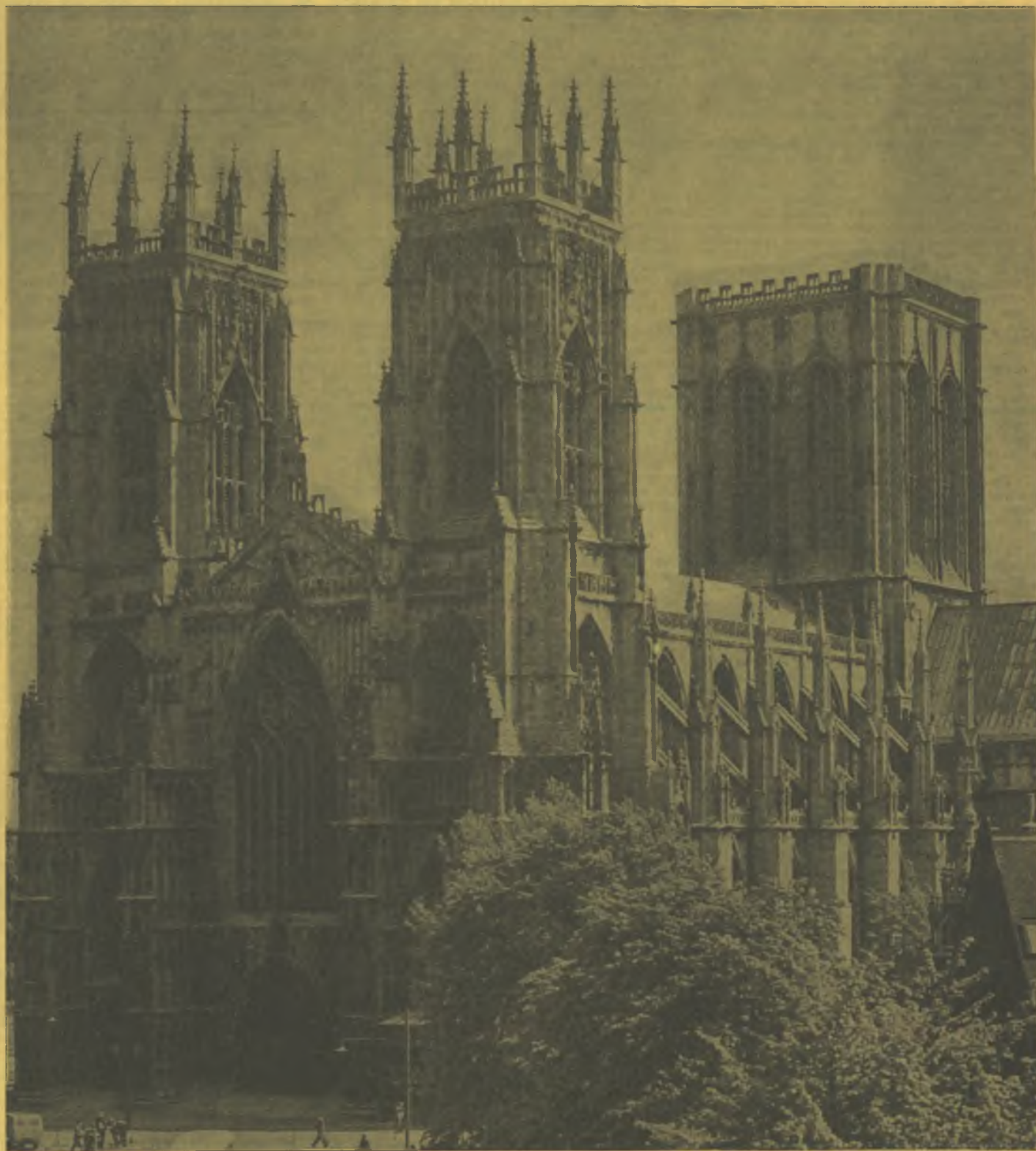
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The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter, York

OUR PICTURE

THE BELLS OF YORK MINSTER

BY HAROLD WALKER

THIS great church is not only the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of York, but also the Mother Church of the Province of York. Its official name is the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter, York.

There has been a church on the site since Edwin, King of Northumbria, built a wooden church in which he was baptised on Easter Day, 627 A.D. The present building is the fifth Minster and was built round the walls of a Norman building.

Building of the Early English transepts started about 1220 A.D. Then followed the Decorated Nave and the Perpendicular Choir, Lady Chapel and Towers.

The south-west tower was built during the period 1432 to 1457 and various bells were housed in it.

The erection of the north-west tower completed the building of the Minster as it now is and was consecrated on July 2nd, 1472.

The Fabric Roll of 1466 shows that Thomas Innocent, bellfounder of Leicester, cast four bells for the north-west tower, then known as St. Mary's Tower. One of these bells was inscribed: "Sum rosa pulsata munda Maria vocata." (I being rung am called Mary the rose of the world.) This bell still exists as the tenor of the derelict ring of six at St. Michael's in the city.

In 1655 the four bells were taken from the north-west tower and placed with those of the south-west tower to form the very first ring of 12 in the country. It is evident that musically the ring was not a success, for two bells were recast in 1657, one in 1671, the four trebles in 1681 and the tenor in 1727. The tenor was reputed to weigh 59 cwt. and had a diameter of 5ft. 9½ins.

There was more trouble in 1733, when the whole ring was rehung in new frames, and a new ringing floor had to be built 20ft. nearer the bells.

In 1765 Dean Fountayn decided to replace the old ring of twelve with a new ring of ten similar to Bow Bells, which had recently been installed. The new tenor weight 53½ cwt and was 5ft. 4½ins. in diameter.

The change from twelve bells to ten did not please a certain Mr. Beckwith, who wrote (Beckwith's MSS., Bodleian Library, Vol. 2, page 206):—

"This year Dean Fountayn disposed of the old peal of bells in the Minster and got a new peal of worse bells. Before there were twelve but now reduced to ten. The great Old Bell was supposed to have been in the Minster ever since the building of the church. The inhabitants of York had no reason to thank the Dean for meddling with them, for the bells were much better as well as the former Dean."

The Latin inscriptions on the old bells were not reproduced and it would appear the founders were free to choose their own, hence:—

Sixth:
"Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round."

Eighth:
"Ye ringers all who prize your health and happiness

Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess."

In 1840 the bells were destroyed in a great fire which gutted the south-western tower and spread to the roof of the nave. A new bell, weighing 53 cwt., was ordered for use during the restoration and to form the tenor of a new ring.

In 1843 Dr. Stephen Beckwith died and left £2,000 to provide a new ring of twelve. Eleven new bells were added to the existing tenor by the Whitechapel Foundry and they were heard for the first time on July 4th, 1844. Five years later the tenor was recast and invoiced back as weighing 50 cwt.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on these bells in 1861 with two men on the 9th and three on the tenor. Another was not rung until 1892, with three men on the tenor.

Following years of complaints, the bells were rehung with steel headstocks in 1913. Complaints started again, however, and in 1925 the Dean and Chapter, on the advice of Canon H. H. Nolloth, decided to make a clean sweep of the old bells and fittings and to start anew with everything to accord with modern practice. Hence the present beautiful ring of twelve with an extra flat 6th and a tenor a few pounds short of 60 cwt.

Mention must be made of Great Peter, which hangs in lonely state in the north-west tower. This huge bell was provided out of money raised to replace the bells after the fire of 1840, but which was not required following the Beckwith bequest. It was cast in 1845 at the Whitechapel Foundry and weighed 10½ tons. It was not a good casting as there was a difference of three-quarters of an inch in the thickness of the soundbow at opposite points. When hung, 30 men could not swing it, so it had to be fitted with an independent hammer fitted to a long lever.

After the great bell restoration of 1925-26 Great Peter was recast at Loughborough in 1927 and now weighs 10 tons. 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. Its note is E flat, the dominant of the ring of twelve. Its hangings are of modern design and it is so well balanced that it can be tolled, by swinging through 90 degrees, by the sexton without assistance.

The bells are rung every Sunday morning by members of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers. The Society was formed on February 2nd, 1854, and has an unbroken record of service. It took an active part in the formation of the Yorkshire Association in 1875. A note in the Society's minute book reads:—

"3rd August, 1875. On July 3rd, 1875, a Great Meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers was held at the Punch Bowl, Stonegate, when upwards of 200 Ringers from various towns of the County visited this City and were accommodated by the Society and the Members of St. Martin's, Coney Street, to the extent of their means when the ringers expressed their satisfaction at their reception."

From this one would think that the Association was already in being, but in point of fact it was the first meeting called to consider its formation, which was finalised the following October. The secretary of the Minster Society, William Horner Howard, was elected first vice-president of the Association.

For many years members of the Minster Society formed a strong branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths and practised change ringing on handbells. The first double-handed handbell peal of Grandsire Caters ever to be rung was completed by five Minster ringers on March 12th, 1877.

Today the Minster Society has more members than ever before in its history. Ringers who are students at St. John's Training College or at York University are welcomed at the Minster.

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YORKSHIRE CHARACTERS

BY EDWARD HUDSON

(Secretary of the Northern District and Central Council representative of the Yorkshire Association and Chairman of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies)

From the church porch at Sharow, near Ripon, you may look across to a tall Victorian house. When the Yorkshire Association was formed the builder, owner and tenant of this house was Thomas Clarke. My father was landlord of the village inn and, as a boy, I heard local worthies in the public bar recount many stories about this interesting man. He was lame, he was a most hospitable man, he had been a road engineer, he was a regular toper and he was a ringer. His name appears amongst those present at the foundation meeting of the Yorkshire Association. He was an able conductor of Treble Bob and was largely instrumental in securing the augmentation of the Ripon Cathedral bells from eight to ten and of the ring at Sharow from six to eight bells. Stained glass windows in the ringing rooms at Ripon Cathedral and Sharow commemorate important peals which he arranged and conducted, and these windows were provided at his own expense.

Men who were old when I was young told me of the excursions they made with Clarke by horse and wagonette to ring at neighbouring towers. George Langshaw was the boy of the party, and it was always his duty to drive the horse home; the condition of other members of the party made this procedure highly advisable.

DIED IN THE WORKHOUSE

The third meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sharow on April 22nd, 1876. Jasper Snowdon was present at this meeting and he probably enjoyed the hospitality of Thomas Clarke. The end of Clarke is a sad story; he was much too generous and he died in the workhouse at Bedale.

Walter Peck, who taught me to ring in the last of his sixty years as a ringer at Sharow, was one of Clarke's pupils, and another eminent pupil was Thomas Metcalfe, grandfather of Tom Cox, and for many years the mainstay of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

In my early years of ringing I was privileged to ring with and enjoy the friendship of many stalwarts of the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Relations between the two Associations were rather strained, and very few of us were members of both Associations. Now after forty years I treasure deeply the memories of those men who were true Yorkshire characters and who did so much for the Exercise in my native county.

It is so easy nowadays to visit other towers—in Yorkshire there is a ringing meeting almost every Saturday. Most ringers work but five days per week and a high proportion of ringers have their own cars.

REAL MARTINET

In my early ringing days the sight of a car at a ringing meeting was exceptional; ringers travelled by train or bus; a few of the more fortunate had motorcycles. My personal transport was a lightweight cycle and journeys of sixty miles on Saturday afternoons were by no means exceptional. In the Cleveland area we invariably met on Easter and Whit Mondays, and one could always count on the presence of a number of old friends. Tom Metcalfe was the master ringer, secretary of the Cleveland Association, principal conductor and a real martinet in the tower. No one questioned the wisdom of his decisions or disobeyed his commands.

Cyril Pollard, the president of the Cleveland Association, was a man of energy and ideas, and a kindly mentor to the young learners. The burly Tom Lancaster and the diminutive Jack Hall were most reliable ringers, and in their own towers Jimmy Barnet at Northallerton, Jack Stott at Thirsk and

Fred Tingle at Ripon all maintained useful bands for very long periods.

Money was scarce in the late 1920's and early 1930's and many ringers hit by unemployment were unable to raise the three or four shillings which was sufficient to ensure a day's ringing in those distant days.

THE BEST KNOWN

No one who ever met Percy Johnson will readily forget that powerful little man: his cheerful countenance, his stocky figure and his powerful voice all betrayed the character of a vigorous, friendly man; a typical Yorkshireman, who was born in London. How well I remember his remark to a strapping young farmer who persisted in overpulling a light, easy-going bell—"Young man, it is what you have above your shoulders, not below, that counts in ringing."

Percy was for many years the best known of all Yorkshire Association members, with a remarkable memory and a great capacity for friendship. He certainly knew personally a very great number of Yorkshire ringers and could usually recount a good story about anyone of them. It was Percy who introduced me to many of the notable Yorkshire ringers of a former generation; I met Arthur Craven once, and rang with Arthur Knights who, as an instructor in boot and shoe repairing at an approved school, composed innumerable peals of Treble Bob on a slate whilst supervising his boys.

The quiet, competent Jimmy Cotterell was our treasurer. I recall vividly the gloomy day, January 26th, 1935. When I arrived at Doncaster in the failing light of a winter afternoon, it was snowing heavily, and as I left the station after a difficult journey I heard muffled ringing; Jimmy had died suddenly that morning; it was the saddest of all ringing meetings.

Of those who sat on the Yorkshire Association General Committee when I first became a member in 1934 only Billy Barton remains in office; his services to Yorkshire ringing are enormous. I met him a few days ago as perky as ever; in my estimation I rank him with other great sons of Pudsey—lovers of Yorkshire cricket will know their names as household words.

BETTING TIPS

We loved and trusted our president, the Rev., and later Canon, C. C. Marshall. He could appear very unclerical when he discarded the traditional collar and appeared with a bright red tie. A small band of us had rung at Middleham and Bedale, and then adjourned to a place of refreshment in the latter town. The landlord was a genial devotee of the turf and to our great delight insisted on giving the incognito Canon a slip of paper bearing some alleged good tips. I was the last to leave the inn and having satisfied the curiosity of the landlord about the identity of the grand old gent with the red tie received another copy of the slip from a rather surprised landlord; four out of the five named horses were good priced winners.

After our General Committee meetings, always held in Leeds, we regularly adjourned to the Mitre. The teetotal Percy Johnson presided, and many and strange were the tales that were told. George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, Sid Palmer, of Sheffield, the Clarke brothers (Fred and George) from Arksey, Fred Dixon, of Guiseley, Arthur Walker, of Pontefract, all these were wise counsellors, good companions and men of character; how well they served their day and generation.

OLD CUSTOM

An old custom was dying in my early ringing days. At general meetings bands from prosperous towers often went to meetings and rang as a team. If a band were incom-

plete an individual ringer might be invited to join them; were he wise he would nominate Kent Treble Bob Major as the method which he wished to ring; he could be assured of a very high standard of striking and of the comment at the end; "That were pretty fair."

How times have changed: the bowler hat as the traditional garb for ringing meetings has almost disappeared; not quite, our worthy president appeared in one at a recent meeting, it bore little resemblance to some of the vintage specimens worn by some of the old ringers of the West Riding. Bill Ash, of Leeds Parish Church, had a real beauty. The percentage of lady ringers attending our meetings has increased from about five to well over thirty per cent, and it is no longer considered irreverent for a lady to ring with her head uncovered.

A PLEASANT PICTURE

What of the present? What of the future? We are approaching the centenary of the founding of the Yorkshire Association. I venture to suggest that Jasper Snowdon is as proud of the Association as he was in the days of its infancy. In my capacity as chairman of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, I am privileged to see much of the work that is being done in the county; it is on the whole a pleasant picture.

In the north, where towers are widely scattered, we owe a great debt to Fred Hodgson, who has done so much to raise the standard of ringing since he emigrated from the heart of the West Riding. There is the talented Lawson family, the cheerful, friendly Tom Cox and some promising youngsters who are so keen that they organise their own informal Saturday evening meetings. There are others who serve, quietly teaching pupils who are not always appreciative: Arthur Bashforth at Kirby Wiske, Doris Killingley in Richmond, Geoffrey Dalton at Bedale, and Elsdon Metcalfe whose memory for faces and names has often rescued me in moments of temporary embarrassment.

In the south we have a wealth of talent and much activity. Might I suggest that as all-rounders Eric Critchley and Wilf Moreton would bear comparison with (in another sphere) the two greatest all-rounders of cricket, George Hirst and Wilfred Rhodes. From this area Norman Chaddock has just departed to live in the East Riding; in the field of ringing education Norman has been and still is the leading mover; might he not be described as the headmaster of Grantley?

TYPIFYING THE PEOPLE

I like to visit the heart of the West Riding, what we know as the heavy woollen district. There you may find ringers who are thorough in all that they do: men who are both critical and kind; men who ring Minor methods with picturesque names and closed leads. Our president and his wife belong to this area, they seem to me to typify the character of the people of these parts, in the way that they refuse to be enslaved by the cares of administrative responsibility and in their capacity for making friends without flattery.

There has been a remarkable revival of ringing in East Yorkshire. Building upon the foundations laid by such men as Horace Morley, most faithful of men, Fred Cryer, a good cricketer who, even in old age, had a lovely tenor voice, the hospitable Albert Sellars and the ever dependable Harold Walker, a new generation of young ringers has taken advantage of a new social order.

A few of the many East Yorkshire ringers whose names come easily to mind are the massive David Johnson, the deep-voiced Ron Ducker, the reliable Leslie Woodhead and the mentally and physically vigorous Margaret Wilkinson.

When Yorkshire ringers gather with their friends to commemorate at their dinner Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, they will speak with subtle variations of accents, they will have a great diversity of physical and mental characteristics, but they will have one thing in common—the pride of being Yorkshire folk; and in any sphere of activity a Yorkshireman takes some beating.

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton's 1,000 Peals

THERE will be many congratulations at the Snowdon Dinner at Cottingham on October 21st to Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, the popular secretary of the Yorkshire Association, on completing his 1,000th peal. This was rung at Darlington on September 23rd, the day of the 90th anniversary celebrations of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Mr. Moreton is a Yorkshireman, having been born at Flamborough in 1924. He learned to ring at All Saints' Church, Hereford, under the instruction of the late Charles L. Sadler, and his first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung at Holme Lacy in 1939. His first as conductor was three months later. He has rung about 250 for the Hereford Guild and many of these were rung with Leslie Evans, Austin Wingate, George Cousins and his brother, Michael. In fact all but about a dozen Herefordshire towers have been "pealed" by him.

Mr. Moreton went to Oxford in 1942 and while there learned handbell ringing from Mr. John E. Spice. He was Master of the Oxford University Society in 1947 and then served for three years in the Royal Armoured Corps. While in India with the Services he rang three handbell peals. His peals have been rung in six countries—England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, India and the U.S.A. His election as secretary of the Yorkshire Association took place on the same day as the Washington peal.

His association with the Central Council dates back to 1945, when he was appointed a representative of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. In 1959 he was made an honorary member and more recently has been a representative of the Yorkshire Association. Conspicuous in his work for the Council has been with the Sunday Service Committee, which is now also the Education Committee. As a lecturer and teacher Mr. Moreton is outstanding, and two of the peals he records with pride, which contained practically all "firsts," were Yorkshire at Lugwardine and Stedman Triples at Holme Lacy.

Of his peals he has conducted 539 (handbells 129). He has rung from Doubles to Maximus on both tower- and handbells and as conductor. In his 350 peals for the Yorkshire Association, rung in over 100 different Yorkshire towers, are a couple of records—130 Spliced Minor "in hand" and 42 Spliced Surprise Royal on tower bells.

Mr. Moreton married in 1952 Miss "Jo" Roper, daughter of Mr. H. L. Roper.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Where had all the ladies gone? Certainly not to the meeting at North Mimms on September 30th, where there were flowers in profusion for Harvest Festival, a beautifully decorated church, and sunshine.

A good standard of ringing was enjoyed—Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge—and Mrs. K. Lock provided a first class tea.

Miss Valerie Ware took the chair for the business meeting. New members elected: Miss Paula Healing (Essendon), Misses Jennifer and Julia Indge (North Mimms). Plans were discussed for welcoming the annual general meeting to St. Albans and Hertfordshire next July.

Next meeting: December 30th. Watch "Ringing World" for details. No flowers then, so ladies come and brighten the scene.

K. M. D.

IRISH BAND IN SOUTH WALES

Members of the St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, visited St. Martin's Parish Church, Caerphilly, to ring for Harvest Festival on October 2nd. The bells have been silent for some time.

The visit was arranged by a former St. Martin's ringer, C. R. P. Broughton, who now resides in Dublin and is a member of the Cathedral Society.

1,200 Grandsire Doubles were rung before the service and ringing continued after service.

Dublin University ringers, returning from Guildford tour, augmented the band.



MR. WILFRID F. MORETON

"OLD SWEATS" GET TOGETHER AT DAVENTRY

In November, 1966, Mr. P. I. Chapman, Ringing Master at Daventry Parish Church, invited a number of his contemporaries from the Kettering District of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to visit Daventry and try out the new ring of ten bells. The visitors included those who had taken up ringing at the same time as Pat Chapman, just after the second world war, and two or three of the "old hands" who had helped Pat along the road. At the tea sentiments were expressed that this might become an annual event.

On September 30th, 1967, the second of these get-togethers was held. Some 30 or so friends, wives and families accepted Pat's invitation and met at the Parish Church during the afternoon, among them being three former Guild Masters, and a former Guild secretary, Mr. R. G. Black, of Geddington, now aged 78. The oldest visitor present was Mr. Bob Turner, of Kettering, and still very active and able to partake in the ringing despite his 87 years.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed; the talking over of old times, the ringing, and the sumptuous tea, so very kindly provided by Mrs. Joan Chapman. Ringing consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, K.T.B. and Cambridge Royal, Yorkshire and London Major, and continued until 8.30 p.m.

After a visit to a local hostelry everyone was on the way home soon after 9.30 p.m.

On behalf of all, sincere thanks are extended to Pat, for his faultless arrangements, and also to Joan, for all her work in providing such an excellent tea. May we all meet again in September, 1968.

K. R. H.

RUBY WEDDING AT LEICESTER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, who celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary on September 24th. To mark the occasion a coffee table was presented by Mr. W. Root, chairman of the Leicester Cathedral Society, who spoke of the esteem in which Shirley was held by his fellow ringers and of the loyal service he had always given to the Cathedral band. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Burton by Mrs. Hunting. A peal, specially arranged for the occasion, came to an unfortunate end through a rope breaking.

H. B. B.

STRIKING CONTESTS

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

There was a disappointing entry of only three teams for the 9th Kimpton Cup competition held at Kimpton on September 23rd. This was partly attributed to the popularity of this day in the income tax year for weddings but there were towers which did not enter because they felt their bands were not sufficiently experienced. This is a pity because the main object of competition ringing is to improve striking.

After tea in the Church House the Rev. Patrick Maddex, Vicar of Codicote, presided over the meeting. Mr. Maddex, who is a ringer, has been looking after the parish of Kimpton during an interregnum. Mr. J. G. Cull welcomed the judges, Messrs. A. P. Cannon and C. H. Kippin.

In his comment, Mr. Kippin said the treble and the fifth were the most difficult bells to strike and caused faults in all bands except the winners—King's Langley with 81 faults. Their "beautiful" touch of Single Oxford was difficult to fault towards the end and the treble was commended on "exceptional" ringing. Kimpton, 228, and North Mymms, 284 faults, who were placed second and third respectively, both rang Bob Doubles. To fill in time a "scratch" band was formed and rang Cambridge Minor, with only 117 faults—under the rules they were not eligible to compete.

The Kimpton Cup and certificate were presented to Mr. B. M. Barker, captain of King's Langley, by the chairman, and certificates also awarded to Kimpton and North Mymms.

As a token of appreciation the judges and their wives were presented with a small gift by Susan Desborough, one of the local ringers.

Evening ringing was at St. Paul's, Walden (which leaves Pat Cannon only six more Hertfordshire towers to get), and at Codicote. Afterwards at the local the cup was filled and passed round, and the day rounded off with a good sing-song. J. G. C.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Held at Stretham, Cambs, on September 30th. Judges: J. Bluff, B. Simms, N. Harding.

Teams in order of ringing and judges' remarks in brief:

Histon—Bob Minor (quite good ringing, but slight hesitation), 68 faults.

Haslingfield—Bob Doubles (bad leads), 143. Meldreth—Bob Minor (bit ragged), 87.

Whittleford—Plain hunt on five (fired out, but a noble effort by a learner band).

March I—Grandsire Doubles (good ringing, but too many clips; bad trip at end), 90.

Sawston—Call changes (uneven striking, no beat), 122.

St. Neots—Bob Minor (some clipping), 87. Chatteris—Bob Doubles (bad leads, lacking rhythm), 226.

Fordham—Bob Doubles (quite good ringing, some leads too open), 83.

March II—Call changes (most uneven, especially at changes), 262.

Hemingford Abbots—Cambridge Minor (false start and too many rounds at second attempt; good ringing and beat, but lot of clipping), 119.

Result: 1 Histon, 2 Fordham, 3 Meldreth and St. Neots tied.

OBITUARY

(See page 754)

MR. BRIAN G. GROVER

Mr. Brian G. Grover died on September 25th at the age of 36 after several months of illness. He last rang in February at W. Clandon, Surrey, with the newly-formed band. Brian was taught to ring at this tower immediately after the last war by his father, Mr. George L. Grover, who was general secretary of the Guildford Guild for 20 years and with whom he rang most of his peals. A full congregation for the funeral service included many of Brian's ringing friends, and some of them rang West Clandon bells half-muffled for an hour on the evening of the funeral. D. A. R. M.

The Keys of Gnosall have Scored a Family Peal



The Key family of Gnosall, Stafford, who rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Swynnerton. Left to right: Peter (19), Angela (16), Lucy (18), Pamela (20) Mrs. Key and Mr. B. G. Key. [Picture by courtesy of "Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser, Salop.

Some years have elapsed since we published the last family peal. This honour has been bestowed on Mr. and Mrs. Barnabas G. Key, of "Sunnyside," Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford, and four of their children. The announcement of their success appeared on page 723 of October 6th issue of the "R.W."

Swynnerton bells were selected for the attempt as they have a tenor of 7 cwt. 1 qr. compared with the minor six at Gnosall, where the tenor is 17 cwt. But St. Lawrence's, Gnosall, is the family belfry. This was the second attempt, the first having been made some months ago before the eldest daughter June was married.

In the interim, Angela, the youngest daughter, who is 16, has become more proficient. She rang the treble, 18-year-old Lucy A. was on the second, Mrs. E. Marion Key on No. 3,

Pamela E. Key (20) on No. 4, Barnabas conducted from No. 5 and 19-year-old Peter J. drummed the tenor. The peal of Grandsire Doubles was accomplished in 2 hours and 43 minutes.

Professionally, Mr. Key is a vehicle examiner for the Ministry of Transport. For years he has been an acknowledged leader of ringing in this corner of Staffordshire and represents the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford on the Central Council. A consistent peal ringer, it has been his pleasure to shepherd many young ringers through their first peal and incidentally, the peal at Swynnerton was the first for Angela and Peter. At St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall, he is not only Ringing Master but also a lay reader.

Mrs. Key is the organist at this church and is a teacher at St. Lawrence's Junior School.

She is very successful as a handbell teacher, and it has been her privilege on a number of occasions to appear on television with her pupils in handbell broadcasts.

The three daughters in the picture attended Newport Girls' High School. Angela is still there, but her two elder sisters have passed on to St. Mary's Teachers' Training College, Cheltenham. Pamela being in her third year. Peter is at Dundee University, having formerly attended Adams' Grammar School, Newport.

Mr. Key adds a footnote of appreciation to the Rector of Swynnerton for allowing the family to ring on his bells and to William Watkin, the tower captain, for his co-operation. "We hope to ring a peal of Minor before the wedding bells reduce us to five," he concludes. The photograph we publish was taken in Gnosall belfry.

WASHINGTON TODAY

An encouraging picture of ringing in Washington today is presented by Mr. R. S. Dirksen, who is now in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Meyer, Washington.

During his absence Mr. Fanfani maintained a regular schedule in the tower and with the addition of several beginners a good deal of impetus was generated in the ringing programme. Much help was received from 20 English ringers who visited the Cathedral during the summer.

The Whitechapel Guild numbers 36 girls, while the adult band has increased to 18. Four other high school students make a total this year of 52 ringers—mostly in the beginner category, but with a group of 10th and 11th grade girls, who should have their first quarter by the end of October.

With such a number of ringers, the following schedule is a necessity and we publish it for the benefit of any ringers who might be going to Washington next year:—

Sunday: General practice open ringing, 1.30-4 p.m.

Monday: Whitechapel Guild beginners, 2.40-5 p.m.

Tuesday: Adult band, 7.30-9.30 p.m.

Wednesday: Whitechapel Guild beginners, 2.40-5 p.m.

Thursday: Whitechapel Guild beginners, 2.40-5 p.m.

Friday: Whitechapel Guild beginners, 2.40-5 p.m.

There is also open ringing for service on Fridays at 8 a.m.

On Saturday mornings there is no scheduled ringing but the time is used for practice by the most advanced band. Visitors are welcome to any session but the best ringing is to be had on Sundays. Peal or quarter peal attempts will be arranged on Saturday mornings if the visitor writes in advance.

50 YEARS' RINGING AT EDINBURGH

This year the ringers at St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, have celebrated an unusual and most happy event. Miss May S. Taylor, who started ringing in this tower in 1917, has completed 50 years' service as a ringer. To mark the occasion a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on June 17th, and later a presentation of a bracelet and a certificate was made to her. The certificate was signed and presented to Miss Taylor by the Rt. Rev. Dr. R. Leonard Small, minister of St. Cuthbert's, who was also Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland during Miss Taylor's 50th year as a ringer. We wish Miss Taylor many more years of ringing to come.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Whitechurch Canonorum, with its ring of eight bells and the tower some 80 feet high, overlooking the lovely Marshwood Vale, which dates from the eighth century, was the venue of the West Dorset Branch meeting on September 23rd. Seven towers were represented and visitors were welcomed.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. E. Edwards, Vicar of Melplash (the Vicar being on holiday), and a good tea, laid on by local ringers and their lady helpers, was enjoyed by all.

At the start of the business meeting, with Mr. C. W. Powell in the chair, members stood to the memory of S. Gardener (Thorncombe) and Bert Elsworth (Bradpole) the Branch organist. A grant was made towards the Beaminster Bell Fund, which was gratefully acknowledged by Mr. J. T. Barrett.

Next meeting (annual) Bridport, Saturday, November 25th. Practice meetings: Lodres, Wednesday, November 8th; Bradpole, Tuesday, December 12th.

Methods rung during the meeting included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise.

GIASTONBURY SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, D. G. Mayell 2, K. Prime 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, L. A. England (first quarter as cond.) 6. A 4th birthday compliment to Alan Lee, grandson of the ringer of the 5th.

Letters to the Editor

ALDERMASTON BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I rather suspect that Mr. E. Steele's letter (page 694) was written under a fictitious name and the writer is well known in London circles; his letter makes interesting reading.

While one cannot argue with most of what he says, I would like to correct a few false impressions that he gives and hope his sole motive was not the purpose of stirring things up with a wooden spoon.

The musical qualities of this method rung on its own make it such that it is extremely doubtful if any band will ever have the nerve to try it; by inserting Plain Bob you avoid any eight sevens and in fact the composition used did provide plenty of good music.

However, we are fortunate enough now to have rules which allow us to ring what many of the purists would call rubbish. Grandsire Major is an example of this, but it was not so many years ago that these methods were just not frowned upon as at present, but forbidden (Plain Bob Triples also fell in this category).

So while not defending this method as it stands on its own, I do defend the rights of the band to ring it if they wish; after all, our friend Mr. Steele does not have to listen unless he wants to, and this is extremely doubtful.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

Dear Sir,—I apologise for the error in the lead end of Aldermaston Bob. Mr. Steele is quite correct in saying that it should be 13528467, but he is incorrect in saying that three blows are made in sevenths place; they are in fact made in eighths place.

Mr. Steele, and doubtless many other people, cannot see the logic of introducing a method such as Aldermaston Bob, but I would point out to him that there are other methods with a similar change from Plain Bob, i.e. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and Hunslet, the only difference in the Major form being that there are no three blows in one place. Surely Mr. Steele has rung some methods of this nature, so I find it difficult to see how he can accuse me of "scraping the bottom of the barrel."—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. WILCOX.

Beenham Hill, Reading.

VISITORS AND BELFRY FEES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the letter concerning belfry fees and visitors ("Ringine World," September 29th). I think this letter shows the attitude of ringers such as Mrs. Lawrence today. Their interest in ringing is purely for what they can get out of it; they are not even prepared to pay 6d. towards its upkeep.

With all respect to Mrs. Lawrence, let's wake up! The maintenance of bells is very expensive, so surely 6d. is not an exorbitant fee to ask, especially when an innocent mistake by a visiting learner could easily cost the church 30s. for a new stay.

I believe towers such as Highgate are perfectly justified in asking for a small fee towards the maintenance of the bells.

As for discouraging non-members, I wonder how much Mrs. Lawrence would have left in the collecting box on leaving after having the privilege of some decent ringing with an Association of which she is not even a member.—Yours faithfully,

C. G. WRIGHT.

Walthamstow, London.

FIRST-WAR MEMORY RECALLED

Dear Sir—I was extremely interested to see the report of the handbell peal by the Cambridge University Guild in which Dr. Williamson rang the tenors. More than 50 years ago, in February, 1917, I was soldiering at the old Albany Barracks at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight. The bells at Newport were at that time away at the founder's, but a few local ringers used to meet at the house of the kindly Mr. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, for handbell ringing.

It was at this house that I met Mr. Williamson, and I find from a note in my diary that I rang Stedman Triples with him. I remember that I rang a single bell and that it was the first Stedman Triples I ever rang.

We were joined, too, by a Sergeant Blake, who was on the staff at the barracks, and I recollect how comforting it was to me in those bleak days to realise I had "a friend at Court."

I send my greetings to Dr. Williamson, and should this meet the eye of Mr. Blake I should be delighted to hear from him.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

46, Manor Gardens,
Warminster Wilts.

MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the appreciation given to Mr. Arthur Percival Knights, by Mr. F. A. Adams, on page 711 of "The Ringing World." Although I never met him, his name was very often mentioned by his father, Mr. Arthur Knights, in the correspondence we had in the 1930's. I would wish to add my appreciation, and endorse Mr. Adams' remarks.

Secondly, the heading given to the two peals, on the same page, is not quite correct, as both peals have been rung, and published. Peal No. 369, rung 30-12-33, published K.C.A. Report, 1934, and Peal No. 38, rung 19-12-31, K.C.A. Report, 1931. The variations to these peals have not been previously published, although I have had them for over 30 years.

My records, of calling Arthur Knights' peals, is 92 different compositions, 79 first time rung.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Brenchley, Kent.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

Dear Sir,—May I (now in my 83rd year) congratulate Mr. William Shepherd on attaining his 84th birthday and express the hope that he will be spared for many years to delight us in these columns with his contributions. Also may I say how pleased I was to see the quarter peal at Westminster in honour of this occasion.

The footnote states that Mr. Shepherd and Mr. George Symonds are the last two surviving members of the old St. Margaret's Society, Westminster. I am also a survivor and took part in what was probably the Society's last peal, Stedman Caters, at St. Margaret's on June 1st, 1909.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

OBITUARY

MR. J. A. TOWNSEND

The death has occurred of Mr. John A. Townsend, aged 71, of Handsacre, near Rugeley, Staffs. who was a native of Milton Malsor, Northants.

He served in the 1914-18 war with the Northamptonshire Yeomanry in France and Italy, and his horse was shot from beneath him during action in the capture of Monchy-le-Pruex, near Arras, France, on Easter Wednesday, 1917.

After the first world war he coached a band of ringers into method ringing at Milton Malsor. This band he conducted for the first peal on the bells on March 8th, 1923, and was rung for the Central Northamptonshire Association. A peal board has recently been erected to record the event. He rang many peals for the Association.

Mr. Townsend became a member of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford upon moving to Armitage in 1949, to take up the position of stationmaster. He joined the Rugeley band, and also helped to train ringers at nearby Longdon, where a half-muffled quarter peal was rung in memoriam.

Owing to illness in 1962, he was forced to give up ringing activities, but remained keenly interested. He died quite peacefully after a short illness, leaving a widow and married son. May he rest in peace.

MR. WALTER J. STARR

Mr. Walter J. Starr who died at the home of his son at Cold Ashton, Glos, on September 24th in his 85th year, was for nearly 50 years tower master of St. Mary's Swainswick, near Bath. As a tribute to his faithful service, a half-muffled peal was rung on these bells on the day of his funeral (September 28th). A keen ringer, one of his happiest memories was ringing at Canterbury Cathedral. He was one of the oldest readers of "The Ringing World."

A great lover of flowers, particularly dahlias, his flowers, when in season, beautified the Church of Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton.

TWO AGED MONMOUTHSHIRE RINGERS MR. A. PROBERT

We regret to record the death of Mr. Albert Probert, of Llangibby, Mon. aged 88 years. He was one of the Llangibby ringers who was taught change ringing by the late J. W. Jones, the well-known exponent of our art from Newport. Services were held at St. Cybi Church Llangibby, and the Gwent Crematorium and during the evening the bells at St. Cybi Church were rung half-muffled to 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples by the Usk band. Unfortunately this was not a correct quarter peal as two bells had changed course. We extend our sympathy to the family.

L. J.

MR. E. W. LUFF

Mr. Edgar William Luff, of Usk, who died at the age of 86, started bellringing in 1926, and at one time captained the Usk band of ringers. On retiring, his remark was "Do your best and keep them going."

The funeral service was held in St. Mary's Church, Usk, where Mr. Luff had also been a sidesman. The Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Davies, officiated, and Usk bellringers and a close friend acted as bearers. Cremation followed at Gwent Crematorium.

In the evening the bells were rung to 1,260 Grandsire Triples, but again it was not a true quarter peal. However, the following day members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association rang a half-muffled peal on the bells.

We have lost a good friend, and our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Luff and family.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Ringers' Clothing — Hints and Suggestions

HOW many of you have not at some time looked at people ringing and thought "I wonder if X realises what he/she looks like." Over the past years I have studied dress habits, often unconsciously, in many towers throughout the country and here are the fruits of the studies, offered as suggestions—tactfully, I hope.

Firstly, ladies. The fashion for mini skirts produces strange sights hitherto unseen in modest belfries. To all ringers who wear mini skirts, please have a trial "pull" at home in front of a mirror before venturing out to ring in your new short length. Check, when stretching up at backstroke, (a) that your slip does not show, and (b) that the tops of your stockings do not show, or worse still, that bare flesh above the stocking is not visible.

If (a) does show then some needlework at waist level is necessary; but if you must show a frill below your skirt make sure it is not frayed and also that it is clean. Get Mum or a friend to check for you by sitting on the floor nearby if the mirror is not critical enough. The worst type of garment for ringing in is a dress with tight sleeves; the whole thing seems to go up a foot or two with each backstroke. So check the hems of your dresses.

The most suitable clothes for lady ringers are undoubtedly "separates," but these of course are not so smart and even these have their pitfalls. What is worse than a crumpled blouse which has parted company with the skirt and shows either bare midriff or a grey undergarment? So make sure your blouses are long enough. Slacks are very suitable attire for tours, although not always approved of in some towers. However, these can be uncomfortable in hot weather.

Flat shoes are best, especially for climbing stone stairs, which can ruin the leather of good heeled shoes. But for peal ringers, shoes with slight heel (about one inch) are more comfortable. Luckily the fashion for pointed

metal heels has changed, but during their heyday these heels caused havoc to many well-cared-for belfry floors. One steeplekeeper known to the writer insisted that such offenders removed their shoes before walking on his pristine lino. If you still wear this sort of shoes be kind when visiting other towers and stand on one of the mats if the floor is the sort that could be injured.

Perhaps the fashion will change back, too, to full skirts and we shall see again the interesting spectacle produced when one is caught in a moving rope. The straighter skirts are much more preferable for ringing. One final hint to the ladies before embarking on a continuous length of ringing—check your bra straps; any which are too tight can produce very painful weals in a short time.

Now to men—yes, some of you need hints, too! You suffer from waist gaps and no one really wants to know the brand of your underwear! The shirt tucked between pants and trousers saves this embarrassment. If you do a lot of continuous ringing especially in hot weather, you will find nylon or similar man-made fabrics most uncomfortable to wear. Even with a cotton vest underneath this does not provide enough material to absorb the perspiration which the nylon rejects. Shirts made of cotton mixed

with these fabrics are preferable as they stay crisp and yet are absorbent.

Self-supporting trousers are smarter, provided they are; make sure that all buttons and clasps are firm; then perhaps we shall not see remarks in "Belfry Gossip" about unfortunate occurrences in peals! If your shape is such that braces are essential, or if you prefer to wear them, then make sure they are presentable—not hanging on by one button nor elastically deficient.

Finally a whisper in the ear of all ringers everywhere—"B.O." Yes, make sure you all use a deodorant—male and female alike. Nothing is worse than opening the belfry to be hit by the smell of hot, steaming ringers. Many of our belfries lack ventilation and a "fug" soon builds up. So be neighbourly, everyone needs to use one, and if you think you don't then you are probably one of the worst offenders!

AN OBSERVER.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (with two covering): Carol Stacey 1, Sally Stacey (12 years, first "inside") 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Betsworth 6, R. Cross 7. For Harvest Festival.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples A. Crabtree (first away from cover) 1, Verona Naylor 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, E. J. Cole 4, T. J. Warner 5, V. Green 6, R. J. Cann (first of Triples as cond.) 7, G. E. Fearn 8. For Evensong.

A DEVON PEAL RINGING WEEK

DEVON was the venue for a peal ringing week during the first week in October. The leader was to have been Mr. George E. Fearn, but to the great regret of all he was prevented from coming owing to a serious illness in his family. However, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth proved to be a delightful substitute, and those accompanying him were Clifford Skidmore, Michael Perry, Jack Millhouse, Geoffrey Parker, Michael Maughan, Eric Harrison, Frank Darby, Maurice Edwards, Clifford Barron and John Anderson. The King's Arms Hotel, Buckfastleigh, was the headquarters, and the towers were selected and procured by Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, who did everything possible to ensure the smooth running of the tour.

On the journey down on September 30th the first peal was scored, one of London Surprise Major, at Highweek Church. Sunday saw the tourists at Dean Prior Church to ring after morning service, and in the afternoon the five six at Modbury Church were sampled. It was a privilege to ring at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, that evening, where Messrs. A. W. Myers and D. R. Bould, as well as Mr. Bennett, joined in two exceptionally good touches of Stedman Caters.

On Monday morning the serious business of the week began when another peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Woborough, and Miss Merryn Hutchings, of Modbury, formerly of Solihull, had the satisfaction of ringing her first peal in this method "inside." The afternoon tower was St. Mary's, Brixham, where Cambridge Royal was lost after nearly two hours ringing.

LOST AND REGAINED

Tuesday morning found the tourists at East Budleigh, the birthplace of Sir Walter Raleigh. The bells are a light eight, and a little rung method—Illey Surprise Major—was lost after nearly two hours. The afternoon ringing was on the magnificent octave at Broadclyst, where

another peal of London Surprise Major was accomplished in fine style in just over three hours.

Buckland-in-the-Moor was to have been the venue on Wednesday morning, but owing to a funeral that day this visit had to be cancelled. Bovey Tracey, however, proved to be a good substitute and Illey Surprise Major was duly accomplished. The afternoon tower contained the good octave at Ashburton, where an equally good peal of Yorkshire Major was also completed in just over the three hour mark.

On Thursday morning at Clyst Honiton the tourists were met by Mrs. G. E. Retter, a member of a ringing family who do much to foster the art in this particular area. London Surprise Major was the order on this fine ground floor ring, but the attempt came to grief after just over one hour's ringing. There was another disappointment in the afternoon at Ottery St. Mary, where Rutland Surprise Major just would "not go" on the fine ground floor ring. Cambridge Major was quickly substituted and this was successfully accomplished in just under three hours.

SHIFT COURSE SUGGESTION

On Friday morning the Rev. J. G. M. Scott met the tourists at Newton St. Cyres. Perhaps the thought of his tape recorder prompted a shift course after one and a quarter hours. In the afternoon the table and clock in Woodbury belfry, memorials to the late John Glanville, were much admired and a good peal of Cambridge Major was rung.

The tourists' homeward journey started the next morning after staying at Culmington, but a stop was made at Ledbury, Herefordshire, where the final peal of the tour, Rutland Surprise, was rung. This splendid octave was judged by the tourists to be the second best of the week after Broadclyst.

Sincere thanks are due to those clergy and to fellow ringers who met the tourists, who were not unkind of the able work of the two organisers.

A. L. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting at Devizes on October 7th drew nearly 60 people, and the company included visitors from Norfolk, Bristol, Guildford and Cheltenham. Among those present were the president of the Guild and the general secretary.

Seventeen new members were elected, and among these was a whole band from Heytesbury. Practice ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise and was varied enough to give everybody plenty of ringing.

The Branch Committee held a meeting to make final arrangements for the striking competition, which will be held at Corsley at 2.30 p.m. on November 4th. Nine companies have now entered, and it has been decided that the test shall be a touch of 120 changes or five minutes of any other type of ringing. The Branch chairman pointed out that no band need feel incapable of entering for the competition, for it was the sincere wish of the organisers that this should be a friendly and helpful occasion.

The service in St. John's Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. C. Williams, and the lesson was read by Mr. Andrews, the Branch chairman. At the meeting Mr. Weeks paid tribute to the work of Mr. J. Rumming, whose death has left a gap in the band at Southbroom.

Next meeting: Corsley, and in December at Streeple Ashten.

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Elijah Roberts — the Greatest "Tapper"

IN contemplating the art of change ringing we cannot but be struck by the many and varied talents that may be put to use in its pursuit. A thoughtful observer of some of the greatest and most gifted members of the Exercise, in theoretical and practical fields, may well be filled with wonder at the uncanny perception so often displayed, and he may possibly be led to inquire of himself what these people have that we lack. Among the many feats that astonish us are exhibitions of tapped changes and the almost incredible ability and concentration that enable men to tap out peals single-handed. The earliest, and in some ways the most amazing, exponent of this art of whom we have recovered is Elijah Roberts.

Roberts was born in Birmingham in 1807, and began his ringing career at a very early age. Before he was thirteen he was in the belfry and had already begun to tap changes. He became a very competent ringer and conductor, ringing his first peal at the age of fourteen, and later taking part in most of the peals rung by St. Martin's Youths. His later performances included Treble Bob Royal and Cinquses and the composing and conducting of 6,282 Grandsire Caters. But it was as a tapper that he astonished his contemporaries, and but for the incontestable evidence available we might be tempted to pass off the records of these feats as apocryphal.

The first of these extraordinary peals came in 1824, when Elijah was seventeen years of age. This peal, tapped in three hours and twenty-seven minutes, was made up entirely of Plain Courses of the following: Triples, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob; Major, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob; Caters, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob; Royal, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob; Cinquses, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob; Maximus, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob. The whole was rounded off by a course of Treble Bob Sixteen! We may well marvel both at the mastery of coursing order and the concentration so completely at the young man's command.

In 1827 Roberts tapped a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, and in 1830 a peal of 7,536 in the same method, and this time the bobs were called by Joseph Powell and witnessed by a number of prominent Birmingham ringers. Three years later came a tapped peal of Stedman Cinquses, composed and conducted by Henry Cooper; among the witnesses of this peal was Henry Johnson, whose testimony alone is enough to set seal on the truth of the performance.

Elijah Roberts was described by Thomas Day as "a nice lad with bright and keen blue eyes and of a very determined nature." This reference to determination would certainly accord with what has been noted above and would have a bearing on the incredible feat of 1837. As a ringer Roberts must have been of great value in Birmingham at a time when the Society of St. Martin's Youth was maintaining a somewhat precarious existence, sustained by the faith of Hopkins and Johnson and opportunely reinforced by the arrival of Chattell. For some time Roberts kept "The Union" tavern in Jamaica Row, and this house was the gathering place of the Society. It was here that the peal of Stedman Cinquses was rung.

Soon after the peal of Cinquses Roberts abandoned the tavern to become a coach driver, but settled eventually in Liverpool, where he took "The Derby Arms" public house. Here he rang his last peal. It was 19,440 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and Roberts tapped it on handbells in Thirteen Hours and Forty-three Minutes. There were no witnesses of this stupendous performance, but there can be little doubt that it was carried through.

In "The Ringing World" of October 6th, 1911, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, that assiduous collector of change ringing records, published the copy of a letter found in a scrapbook compiled by a Mr. W. Chrisfield of London, and which had been in the possession of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. The ancient manuscript reads: "Derby, January 23rd, 1944: Dear Sir, The underneath is the peal I rang on my handbells, which took me 13 hours and 43 minutes, New Treble Bob Maximus." There follow the figures of Reeve's Five-Part and the signature of Elijah Roberts. The interest aroused by this discovery brought a letter from Alfred Paddon Smith (at that time Secretary of St. Martin's Guild), quoting another letter written by Roberts to a friend in Birmingham telling that he had rung the great peal and "regretting that no amateur heard it. The neighbours said they thought I should never give in, for they heard the bells ringing hours before they got up, and almost until bedtime again."

In "The Ringing World" of October 20th, 1911, William Snowdon gave a review of an article on the subject of the 19,440, written by his brother Jasper in 1885. This very ably examined all the evidence available, together with the character of Roberts and his phenomenal skill as a tapper, and it could leave us only with the conviction that this tremendous feat of mental and physical endurance had actually been accomplished.

During this century we have seen the wonderful peal tapping of men like John Seager, Olave Broyd, A. T. Morris, the extraordinary versatility of Harry Withers on all numbers of bells, and notable expositions of this peculiar art by a number of other practitioners. But the first of this line was Elijah Robert, and the wonder of his performances can stir us even in these days of many marvels. E.C.S.

MR. H. C. SPENCER'S 250 PEALS

With a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Evesham bell tower Mr. H. C. Spencer has passed the 250 peals milestone in his ringing career. Details:—

Triples: Grandsire 17, Stedman 28 (conducted 3), Erin 1.

Caters: Grandsire 6 (1), Stedman 21 (2).

Cinquses: Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 53 (1), (1 silent), Erin 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 4 (1), Cambridge Surprise 2.

Major: Plain Bob 11 (1) Double Oxford 1, Kent T.B. 2, Oxford T.B. 1, Double Norwich C.B. 15 (5), Cambridge 13 (2), Yorkshire 11, Lincolnshire 3, Superlative 2, Rutland 2, London 1, Bristol 1, Belgrave 1, Norfolk 1, Ipswich 1, Pudsey 1, Ashted 1.

Royal: Plain Bob 3 Kent T.B. 2, Cambridge 8, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 4, Rutland 1.

Maximus: Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge 7, Yorkshire 1, Superlative 1, Belgrave 1, Lincolnshire 1.

Total: 236 (19) (1 silent).

"In Hand": Stedman Triples 1, Caters 9, Cinquses 3, Grandsire Caters 1. Total 14.

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ANOTHER STORY OF RINGING IN DEVON

This Time the University of Bristol Society

EXCELLENT bells, magnificent countryside, finest cider and reasonably good weather were the chief items on the menu as "served" by Frank Mack to the University of Bristol Society on their annual tour this year.

The tour started on August 26th at Up Ottery, where we renewed friendships. From there to Stockland, where the local inhabitants seemed a little bewildered to see so many cars at once descending upon their church. The majority of our party were even more bewildered and mystified to see Frank lead our general secretary off in the wrong direction towards, or rather away from, the next tower, Coteigh! Here, as in the previous tower, ringing took place from a balcony and, after a couple of touches had been rung, Messrs. Mack and Bird were seen creeping into the church as if they had been there all the time!

So ended Saturday's ringing programme and we all made our way to our respective caravans, camping sites, farmhouse and hostels in and around the Exmouth/Woodbury area. Sunday morning saw us ringing Triples at Woodbury, followed by ice cream at the Foxholes, Exmouth.

It was really too hot to ring at Exeter Cathedral that afternoon but after much prodding from our organiser we successfully rang a touch of Grandsire Cinques and three leads of Treble Twelve. Over then to the very irregular-shaped church at St. Petrox and then to Heavitree, the best bells of the week, and we did justice to them with touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

FRANK'S BIRTHDAY

That evening some of us attended a practice—yes, it was a Sunday—at the Garage Ring. Unfortunately a quarter in honour of Frank's birthday was hopelessly out of the question, since we only managed a course of Cambridge after three difficult attempts, during which the chairman of the G. and B. was seen to overturn her bell more than once!

The heavy six at St. Michael's, Honiton, made a rather noisy start to Monday before ringing at Axminster. On to Uplyme where, after a quick rise, the bells went straight into Cambridge. It was not very sunny for the children on the beach at Lyme Regis, but the sound of these delightful bells probably made up for the lack of sun.

Heading back westwards, our next call was at Colyton, with its very devious ascent and its irregular-shaped tower, bell arrangement and rope "circle." At Sidbury we rang our first Oxford Bob Triples on the tour before having tea. Several people were tricked by the small staircase just inside the doorway at Ottery St. Mary Church that evening.

RECORD LENGTH OF CALL CHANGES

Tuesday was the day of great mileage, a total of approximately 110 being covered. After a quick ring at Crediton we duly arrived, despite an abundance of combine harvesters on the road at North Tawton. On entering the ringing chamber we were visually warned to listen to our striking. In addition to the large number of certificates there was, on the wall, a board telling us of the record length for a call change peal—four hours. After a good course of Bristol, slight confusion arose when our general secretary called "Look to" from the second! He had just rung it to the Bristol, too!

Winkleigh was the next stop, both for ringing and refreshment. We can certainly recommend the cider at the Ring of Bells there. At Great Torrington we "pitched-'em-in" and after some Cambridge, Plain Bob Triples and Stedman the bells were lowered in Queens.

Our first attempt at London Surprise Major went wrong halfway at Hatherleigh but the same method was successfully rung at Okehampton. That evening we were privileged to

be able to join the local practice at Littleham, where Lady Nelson's grave is in the churchyard.

BUCKFAST ABBEY

Ringling at Bovey Tracey, sightseeing on the Moor and Spiced Plain and Little at Buckland-in-the-Moor were the highlights on Wednesday morning. A picnic lunch in the heart of this beautiful county was followed by a ring on the famous 12 at Buckfast Abbey. We were pleased to have Father Mowan join us in the ringing here, which included Erin Cinques with a long single to start with. A bob course of Grandsire Cinques preceded an almost faultless lower on the back eight.

Our only trouble on the tour occurred at the next tower, Berry Pomeroy, where one rope broke and another sapped wheel. Luckily at Ipplepen the local ringer was as early in arriving as we were. We had pleasure in ringing at the East Budleigh practice that evening, after which the local captain showed us the excellently-carved church bench-ends before escorting us to the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn and insisting on buying us all drinks.

SS. Mary and Martin's, Chudleigh, was our first call next day and our Yorkshire here had to compete with the traffic noise from the A.38. The ringing chamber at our next tower, Kingsteignton, boasted the All Devon Shield and the Tawstock Invitation Shield. Some excellent Stedman was recorded here. Lunch was taken following a ring at Wolborough. A longish journey then brought us to the recently augmented ten at Brixham. Whilst the large number of children in the party amused themselves with the model church and its bells underneath the tower, our tour doctor called a good touch of Stedman Caters. This was followed by a pure U.B.S.C.R. band ringing a half-course of Cambridge Royal. The day was rounded off by visiting Powderham and some attended Topsham practice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT!

The following morning, after finding the fourth heavier than the treble at Brampford Speke, we ran into rain on our way to Thorverton. At Silverton an all-ladies' touch of Plain Bob Triples was "called" with the help of the men in the background! We were honoured by having a special bar opened for us, complete with children, at the Trout Inn, Bickleigh. Several Society grandfathers remarked that this was indeed a departure from the past and more like a Sunday School treat than a ringers' lunch! After ringing, which included 60 on thirds at Bickleigh, we travelled to Broadclyst. Some recorded Grandsire Triples, Bristol Surprise Major and photographs here sped us on our way to the Mack house.

Braintwister entries have been received from New Zealand and Africa. Such is the advantage of having "The Ringing World" by air.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Malvern Link (page 724) was rung on September 16th and not September 19th as wrongly submitted.

Saydisc Specialised Recordings Ltd. hope to have available by the end of November the first of their recordings of "Bells of Britain" series. It will deal with the bells of Bristol.

Washington Cathedral band have adopted a policy of a contribution to "The Ringing World" of five dollars per peal and 2.50 dollars a quarter. The Editorial Committee wish them a most successful year.

The Ely Diocesan Association raised £27 for their bell restoration fund by a draw. Two towers undergoing restoration—Isleham and Histon—will both receive grants from the fund.

Mary had put on a very good spread for us, for which we were extremely grateful. After this, whilst the men listened to our recorded efforts of the week, the ladies, having cleared away of course, retired, with children, to the garage. Never before has the U.B.S.C.R. tour included a ringing lesson for children—a dozen one to eight-year-olds were seen intently trying to master the bells of the Garage Ring! That evening, after finishing the practice at Withycombe Raleigh correctly with a course of Bristol, we retired to the Holly Tree, where some farewells were said.

However, the tour was not quite over since there were three towers on Saturday morning. After Aylesbeare and Talaton the grand finale came at Luppitt, where we hope the six soon get augmented to eight—they will surely make an excellent octave.

And so to the farewells until Dinner Day. Frank deserves our hearty thanks for all the time and effort that he must certainly have put in to arrange such a successful tour. We also wish to thank Pat for all the central administration for the tour, and last, but by no means least, we must thank all the local ringers and incumbents. E. G. M. and C. M.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The Basingstoke District were the guests of the Church Oakley ringers, a band at present consisting of ladies only, on September 16th. Over 50 members attended, and the proportion of young beginners was even higher than at recent meetings of the District. The Guild Office was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. H. Jackson, and tea at the Rectory was followed by further ringing.

The young ladies of Church Oakley must be congratulated on their redecoration of the ringing chamber, the walls being painted in a pleasing primrose tint. A screen is shortly to be erected at the west end of the nave, under the tower arch. This is to be associated with the name of the late Marcus Lee, who was for many years captain of the tower; it will be dedicated on the evening of Monday, November 6th.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,408 Putney Surprise Major: Janet M. Bull (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, C. F. Mew 2, Alison M. Mann 3, Rev. M. Hart 4, Julie S. Armstrong 5, B. J. Bull 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 8, For Evensong, and as a compliment to Rev. W. Blake, ordained deacon in Southwark Cathedral earlier this day.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford and Plain Bob): G. J. Hagger 1, P. May 2, Margaret Newby 3, K. Whitell 4, R. G. Kersey 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. For Harvest Evensong.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From Accrington we get an inquiry: What is the lowest number of faults recorded by a Sunday service band in a striking competition?

Barnet Herts, had a notable quarter on September 24th—three first quarters and a first as conductor. May it be the forerunner of many more.

One of the three locomotives built by Sir Arthur P. Heywood (1849-1916) for his Duffield Bank railway line is still running—on the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway in Cumberland. Sir Arthur was the founder of the Central Council.

Two promising first pealers at Beaconsfield are Captain David Wood and his wife, Belinda. It was a disappointment to their tutors, Harry Wingrove and Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher, not to be fit enough to ring with them on this auspicious occasion in their ringing life. They both rang "inside" to Plain Bob Major on September 30th at St. Mary and All Saints' Church.

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A NEW RECORD IN 12-BELL RINGING

On September 9th at Leicester Cathedral a band from the Lancashire Association, conducted by Neil Bennett, established a new record with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus containing 35 methods. The band wish to associate the peal with the 21st anniversary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. This Guild, under the magnetic leadership of the late Harold Poole, pioneered Spliced Surprise Maximus in the 1950's.

The band are grateful to Margaret Booth for standing in at short notice in place of Maryl Fielding, who was indisposed. The peal was rung with best wishes to Brian J. Woodruff and Patricia Bullen and to Frederick Shallcross and Carol Williams, who were married the previous week.

PAST MASTER OF LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY MARRIES

Many Liverpool University friends attended the wedding at St John's Church, Royston, Yorks. on September 2nd of Miss Janice Smith and Mr Jeffrey Fox. The bridegroom is a Past Master of Liverpool University Society. He started his ringing career at Royston and it was there the couple met. Janice is now teaching at Wallasey, while Jeff continues his studies for a degree in medicine.

At the service the bride wore a full-length cape gown with train and trimmed with guipure lace. The four bridesmaids wore full-length dresses of pale blue satin the chief being Barbara Fox, the sister of the bridegroom.

After the reception a peal was rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths.

SILENT BELLS RUNG FOR THE HARVEST

Hunston, Suffolk, bells were heard ringing for the first time for many years for the Harvest Festival. This unexpected pleasure was due to the Rougham ringers who rang 720 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. They also rang a 720 at Great Ashfield for the Harvest Thanksgiving and were thanked by the Bishop of Dunwich (the Rt Rev. M. D. Maddock), who said he only wished that more of Suffolk bells could be manned on a Sunday.

Naturally, Rougham people rang for their own harvest celebration—a 720 both morning and evening.

MEMORIAL TO CHISWICK RINGER

A memorial was dedicated in St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, on Sunday, October 1st, to Thomas James Thurley, who for over 20 years was a ringer and steeplekeeper at this church. He died on September 30th, 1965 aged 73.

The memorial takes the form of a bronze plaque placed in the ringing chamber and baptistry of the church, recording the half-muffled peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by the University of London Society on October 12th, 1965, to his memory. The names of the ringers are not given.

AN OLD QUOTE ON CLOCKING

M. Wright in an article on "Bells with a story," in "Home Words" states that Bishop Grandison, of Exeter, tried to stop the custom of tolling bells. His comment: "They do no good to the departed, are an annoyance to the living and injurious to the fabric of the bell."

"BARNABY'S BELL," NEW TENOR NAME

Wansford, Northants, has had its minor five augmented to six by the addition of a tenor, which will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Oakham, the Ven. Frank N. Townsend, on Sunday, November 5th, at 6 p.m.

It is to be called "Barnaby's Bell" at the request of the manageress of the Haycock Hotel, Wansford, who was the first to send a donation when the Ringing Society launched an appeal about two years ago. The legendary Barnaby is painted on the inn sign of the Haycock Hotel.

The story goes that Barnaby was swept down the River Nene asleep on top of a haycock and was awakened by the bell in St. Mary's Church being rung. Seeing people standing on the bridge, he called out "Where am I?" "Wansford in England," was the reply.

This solitary bell was very old and it was not until 1887 that it had a companion cast by Warner's of London. Then in 1897 a treble and fourth were cast by John Taylor and Co. to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The old bell was also recast and the four bells hung in a frame said to have been put in by a local handyman because of a shortage of funds. The bells could only be chimed or at the most half-raised.

In 1960 an estimate was obtained from Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for a new iron frame for six. While this job was in hand the gift of a new treble was received from the Barron Bell Trust and the bells tuned to a minor five. Practice nights were started and a band able to ring for service was soon in being.

Barnaby's Bell, cast by J. Taylor and Co., now hangs in the tower and weighs 3 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. The treble weighs 1 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

MISS BETTY FAUNCH MARRIED

Miss Elizabeth Faunch, a faithful member of St. John's, Preston, band for several years, was married at St. John's Church, Preston, on September 30th to Mr. Richard Palmer, late of Holy Trinity band, Morecambe. The couple met at a Preston ringing practice, the bridegroom having come to Preston to work.

The bride wore a full-length satin dress with train, and carried apricot roses. The bride's niece, in blue satin, was her attendant.

The local ringers rang before and after the service, and in the morning a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung by some of the ringing guests at Bilsborrow.

The couple spent a short honeymoon in Yorkshire, and are now living in Preston. All friends are welcome at the house, but are advised to take their own paint brushes!

GRUNDISBURGH BELLS PEALD, TOO!

The celebrations of the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Minchinton and Miss Lyndel Dallimore were not confined to ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, where Ken has given years of faithful service. At Grundisburgh, Mr. George W. Pipe, who was a friend of Ken's when in Melbourne, conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in honour of the occasion.

Members of Great Adventure II have the happiest of recollections of the evening spent at 24 Central Park Road, East Malvern, the home of Ken's parents, and the lavish hospitality extended.

BELLS AND ARCHITECTURE IN DUNSTER AREA

Churches noted for their architectural interest as well as possessing excellent rings of bells were selected by the ringers of Hemington and Kilmersdon for their annual outing on September 16th into the Dunster Branch area.

Towers visited in the morning were Wembdon and Watchett, where an excellent lunch was provided. Then came Selworthy in all its autumn beauty, Porlock with tea at Porlock Weir, Wootton Courtenay and Cutcombe. Methods rung ranged from various Doubles and Minor, including Cambridge Surprise. Our thanks include a special one to the Dunster Branch for allowing us to join them: Porlock. R. 7

KIMPTON'S NEW VICAR

Kimpton's new Vicar, the Rev. Robert Meredith, who was inducted on September 28th, learned to ring during his theological training at Cheshunt, but so far has not had a parish with a ring of bells. He hopes to advance from plain hunt with the aid of the local band and at least one of his five daughters is keen to learn the art.

The peal attempt of welcome was unfortunately unsuccessful—like the attempt for his predecessor, but a quarter of Kent T.B. Minor, which followed, was a true welcome in the ringing sense.

A GOOD FIRST YEAR

St. John's Peterborough (8 cwt. 27 lb.), has a star pupil in Miss Pamela Blackith. Under the guidance of Mr. R. H. Daw, Pamela has made very good progress in 12 months and rung in three quarters—Plain Bob Minor (after seven months), Plain Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples (both "inside") and all very creditably. She has also rung in over 60 churches.

It is also pleasing to learn that St. John's, Peterborough, has several other young learners (ages from 11 upwards) who are following in Pamela's footsteps.

UP-AND-COMING YOUNGSTERS

May we ask for the co-operation of District secretaries and tower captains in our series of "Up-and-Coming Youngsters." Please send particulars and a photograph—a passport picture is very suitable—to the Editor, "Norving" has experienced a shortage of information from the Districts and considers that a better response would be forthcoming if an appeal was made by the Editor.

A GOOD CHEW

"Our wonderful journal gives me very great pleasure each Friday, as without this wonderful tonic I should be unable to masticate my Friday breakfast."—Old Reading reader from "Bell News" days.

ENOUGH SAID

"In the still of night note: One of Prince Charles' neighbours at Trinity College, Cambridge, will be 19-year-old David Andrews, of Ringwood, Hants. David has three hobbies: Choral singing, violin playing and church bell ringing."—"Daily Mirror."

A DEVON PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

NEWTON ABBOT.—At the Church of All Saints, Highweek.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	Eric N. Harrison 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Frank E. Darby 6
John A. Anderson 3	Jack L. Millhouse 7
Michael Maughan 4	J Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NEWTON ABBOT.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Wolborough

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt in E.

Clifford Skidmore Treble	Clifford A. Barron 5
*Merryn Hutchings 2	Michael Maughan 6
Frank E. Darby 3	J Alan Ainsworth 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

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

BROADCLYST.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Frank E. Darby 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3	Michael Maughan 7
Eric N. Harrison 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BOVEY TRACEY.—At the Church of Thomas-a-Becket.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 ILLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 134 cwt.

*Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	*Eric N. Harrison 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Clifford A. Barron 6
*Clifford Skidmore 3	*Jack L. Millhouse 7
*Michael Maughan 4	*Frank E. Darby Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal in the method.

ASHBURTON.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Eric N. Harrison 5
*Maurice F. Edwards 2	J Alan Ainsworth 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	Michael Maughan 7
Frank E. Darby 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Michael Maughan

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

OTTERY ST. MARY.—At the Church of St. Mary, King Edward and All Saints.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E

Geoffrey R. Parker .. Treble	Eric N. Harrison 5
Maurice F. Edwards 2	Michael Maughan 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3	J Alan Ainsworth 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	John A. Anderson Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

WOODBURY.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Frank E. Darby 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Michael Maughan 6
Geoffrey R. Parker 3	*Eric N. Harrison 7
Maurice F. Edwards 4	*J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* 300th peal together.

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

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	Eric N. Harrison 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	*Michael Maughan 7
J Alan Ainsworth 4	John A. Anderson Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse

* 200th peal.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Arthur H. Reed Treble	*Sydney G. Smith 6
*Walter S. Rice 2	*Mackenzie Collins 7
†Roy W. Rice 3	H. David Mackay 8
†Keith E. Beale 4	John Brain 9
William H. Kingcott 5	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by N. W. H. Simon.

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

Rung to mark the baptism of Richard Julian Kingcott.

BRENT KNOLL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 21 cwt 16 lb.

Marjorie Legg Treble	Roy W. Rice 4
George Prescott 2	*Walter S. Rice 5
Ronald Ballam 3	Sidney G. Smith Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* 25th peal.

ST. AUDRIES, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Etheldreda.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Miss B. Jarvis Treble	W. J. Smith 3
*L. Lyddon 2	C. Lock 4
R. J. Somerfield Tenor	

Conducted by W. J. Smith.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

Herbert Sutton Treble	*William F. Gibbons 5
John E. Brough 2	*Geoffrey A. Edwards 6
Frederick S. Sutton 3	*John R. Scott 7
A. Doreen Edwards 4	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of Little Bob Major. First of Little Bob Major as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Harold Dowler, of Church Lawton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Aug. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 or 14 lb in E.

Richard Stevenson .. Treble	William Allsopp 5
Kevin A. Betesta 2	Neil Handley 6
David K. Walklate 3	Geoffrey Bridges 7
Reginald J. Stretton 4	Trevor Kirkman Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by David K. Walklate

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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 100 methods/variations: (1) Westminster II. Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, (2) Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Broughton, Chesham, Oakham, (3) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Fornsett, Ellingham, Bedingham, (4) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Oakley, Itchingfield Chipstead, (5) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, (6) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Thornborough Longford, Hascombe, (7) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, (8) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Slapton, Rugby Merton, (9) Plain, Candlesby, (10) Plain, Boxford, (11) R. Canterbury, Raveningham, (12) R. Canterbury, Dorton, (13) Eynsham, St. Leonard Muggington (14) St. Andrew, St. John Horsley, (15) Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, (16) Shareshill, Ryton, Lapley (17) Doveridge, Elton, Shirland, (18) Winstre, Chelmorton, Heath, (19) Besthorpe, (20) Costessy, (21) Litchurch, Seighford, April Day, (22) St. David, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, (23) Kennington, (24) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (25) St. Matthias, St. Philip, (26) Rushall, All Saints, (27) Grandshire, Daffodil, St. Quintin, (28) Newborough, St. Lucy, Bluebell, (29) Allestree, St. Helen, St. Ann, (30-33) Plain, (34) Phredd, (35) Alvaston, (36) St. Wystan, (37) Barrow, (38) Southrepps, (39) St. Columb, (40) Grandshire, (41) Old, (42) Plain.

Geoffrey Bridges Treble | Kevin A. Betesta 3
William Allsopp 2 | David K. Walklate 4

*Arthur F. Hall Tenor
Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal of Doubles methods/variations for all and the Association.

Rung on the front five with the bells quietened with "car-tyre muffs" against complaints.

Phredd is Plain, R. Cant. Bob R. Cant. Alvaston is alternating R. Cant. and Plain Bob lead-ends with R. Cant. bobs. St. Wystan is alternating Plain Bob and R. Cant. lead-ends with Plain Bob bobs. Barrow is Alvaston with Plain Bob bobs.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DOWNHAM, Essex—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) York and Durham, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Oxford and Kent, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat

Harry Turner Treble | David C. Isgrove 4
Michael A. Houghton 2 | David E. Belcham 5
David J. Houghton 3 | Laurence H. Turner Tenor

Conducted by Harry Turner.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH, Surrey—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., October 7, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr 22 lb. in F

Angela J. Smart Treble | John A. Collier 5
Patricia C. Hill 2 | Martin J. Kirk 6
Carolyn Tubbs 3 | Peter G. Smart 7
John H. Payton 4 | David J. Tubbs Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

First peal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TRING, Hertfordshire—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

Christopher J. Badrick .. Treble | Augustin V. Good 5
Jennifer M. Brunger 2 | Eric J. Brunger 6
Walter Ayre 3 | *Richard G. Ouston 7
Howard Collings 4 | Brian M. Barker Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. D. L. Howells, B.A., on the first anniversary of his induction as Vicar of Tring; also for the Feast of St. Michael.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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

On Fri. Oct. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley .. Treble | Frederick J. Cullum 5
Judith M. Corby 2 | *Ernest J. Ladd 6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3 | Richard Hayes 7
*Arthur G. Mason 4 | Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

* 475th peal.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

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

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLES DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat

Ian H. Oram Treble | Ralph Bird 5
*Tony Lewis 2 | *Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 6
*Ann Jenner 3 | *D. Paul Smith 7
*Margaret E. Fort 4 | Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Sept. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 each of London and Cambridge and 800 each of Rutland, Superlative, Bristol and Yorkshire, with 135 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Ann Jenner Treble | Tony Lewis 5
Judith M. Corby 2 | Richard Hayes 6
Stanley Jenner 3 | Ian H. Oram 7
Margaret E. Fort 4 | Richard J. Parker Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

First peal of six-spliced as conductor.

Rung on the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary of Ransom.

BRENCHELY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Martin L. Howe Treble | Christopher T. Osenton 5
Hilary F. Hinde 2 | Peter S. Muchlinski 6
*Malcolm Barden 3 | Richard Hayes 7
Derek Slater 4 | Tony Lewis Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat. Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 35 methods comprising 144 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Ashton, Bedford, Belgrave, Belvoir, Brigstow, Cambridge, Deansgate, Feering, Gartree, Halifax, Lambeth, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londonium, Manitoba Newgate, Oldham, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Saskatchewan, Solihull, Southwark, Stonegate, Superlative, Wembley, Wigston, Wycombe, York and Yorkshire, with 104 changes of method.

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Margaret P. Booth Treble | Cyril Crossthwaite 7
Neil Bennett 2 | Basil Jones 8
Alan McFall 3 | Richard S. Starkie 9
Tudor P. Edwards 4 | Derek Butterworth 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5 | Brian Harris 11
John H. Fielden 6 | Robert B. Smith Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Neil Bennett.

This is the record number of methods rung in a 12-bell peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Brian J. Woodruffe and Patricia Bullen and to Frederick Shallcross and Carol Williams, who were married the previous week.

WEMBLEY

—5t—16—12—36—14—3t—16—3t—16—3t—16— h.l. 3t. l.h. 12 1426.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

Neil Bennett Treble | Derek J. Marshall 7
Jeffrey Brannan 2 | *Chris M. Movley 8
*Margaret Wright 3 | Edward Jenkins 9
Peter J. Malloch 4 | Basil Jones 10
*C. John Clegg 5 | Ronald M. Edwards 11
*Michael J. Platt 6 | Robert B. Smith Tenor

Arranged by J. Brannan.

Conducted by Ronald M. Edwards.

* First 12-bell peal. † Have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus The conductor has now called Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus

Rung for the Patronal Festival and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Wright.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At The Town Hall.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Peter J. Staniforth .. Treble | Arthur G. Mason 7
Edward Jenkins 2 | Alan F. Scholfield 8
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3 | Richard A. G. Inglis 9
Richard S. Starkie 4 | Jeffrey Brannan 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5 | Robert B. Smith 11
Basil Jones 6 | Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Peter Border.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

Rung for the christening of Lisa Jill Smith, which was to take place at Marple the following day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sun., Sept. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
 Patricia A. Etchells Treble 5
 Michael Platt 2 Christopher Movley 6
 Christine Andrew 3 Alan F. Scholfield 7
 Basil Jones 4 Jeffrey Brannan Tenor
 Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
 On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
 John Ascroft Treble Philip J. Crossthwaite 5
 *Margaret Crossthwaite 2 Cyril Crossthwaite 6
 Diana J. Handley 3 *Stanley Anderton 7
 Maryl R. Fielden 4 John H. Fielden Tenor
 Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
 * First peal in the method.
 Rung with the best wishes of the Preston Branch to Betty Fauch and Richard Palmer on the occasion of their wedding.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
 On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.
 Parker's 12-part.
 *Keith J. Walpole Treble *John Elliot 5
 †Dianne M. Hatfield 2 *David J. Bennett 6
 Martin E. Snape 3 H. Lyndon Hatfield 7
 Celia F. H. D'aeth 4 *Frederick Pearson Tenor
 Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.
 * First peal of Grandsire Triples † First "inside." First of Triples as conductor Rung for Harvest.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
 On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., Cambridge S. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.
 Frederick Pearson Treble *David J. Bennett 5
 *Edmund Rothwell 2 Martin E. Snape 4
 H. Lyndon Hatfield 3 Keith J. Walpole Tenor
 Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
 * First peal in four Minor methods
 Rung for Harvest, and as birthday compliments to Kathryn Gregory (21); the daughter of Stanley Livesley (2); and the father of the conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CORBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Beverley Surprise and one of Surfleet Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.
 Ronald Russell Treble Edward Guy Slater 4
 Samuel J. Haines 2 Edward W. Martin 5
 Judy Morris 3 Raymond H. Martin Tenor
 Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

SADDINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
 On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 20 extents Plain Bob and 22 Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 Raymond H. Martin Treble Edward C. Cowd 3
 John Hunt 2 Edward Guy Slater 4
 Edward W. Martin Tenor
 Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARROW-UPON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Tues., Sept. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.
 W. Arthur Crowder Treble Basil Jones 5
 Ronald Chafer 2 Howard C. Palmer 6
 Derek F. Yates 3 Alan F. Scholfield 7
 William H. Dowse 4 Michael W. Crowder Tenor
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
 Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.
 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble Richard J. Bowden 6
 Tudor P. Edwards 2 John H. Taylor 7
 David J. Orledge 3 Edgar T. Skipsey 8
 Rev. Geoffrey Stickland 4 Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
 Richard C. Taylor 5 David J. Llewellyn Tenor
 Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

BASSALEG, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Basil.
 On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 In ten methods/variations: Six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, five of Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day and Kennington, two extents of Stedman and one each of Dedworth and Wychbold. Tenor 12 cwt.
 Derek Livsey Treble William Willans 4
 Paul A. Williams 2 Trevor Newlands 5
 David Rennolds 3 David L. Phillips Tenor
 Conducted by David Rennolds.
 First peal of Doubles for all except the conductor. Most methods to a peal for all. The fastest peal on the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESSEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
 David P. Hilling Treble Dennis Knox 5
 Joan Beresford 2 G. William Critchley 6
 Ruth M. Foreman 3 John Hill 7
 Alick Cutler 4 Thomas J. Lock Tenor
 Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
 Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon for their 40th wedding anniversary.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HADDISCOE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Tues., Sept. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being two six-scores of Stedman, four of Plain Bob and six each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.
 Roger E. Peckham Treble Norman P. J. Cossey 3
 Rev. Peter N. Bond 2 Barry J. Pickup 4
 H. William Barrett Tenor
 Conducted by H. William Barrett.
 Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Arthur Butcher, who is retiring to Buxton, Derbyshire, after nine years' faithful ministry in the parishes of Haddiscoe and Toft Monks, Norfolk.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
 On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.
 Roland Biggs Treble Roy Woodruff 5
 Joyce Cornwall 2 †David Wood 6
 John Young 3 David A. Cornwall 7
 *Belinda Wood 4 Walter Lee Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Walter Lee.
 * First peal at first attempt. † First peal.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
 William J. Irving Treble *Andrew Cope 5
 Harry E. Wells 2 Robert B. Blood 6
 *Christopher Freeman 3 James P. Blond 7
 Angela M. Ayres 4 Robert A. Partridge Tenor
 Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
 * First peal of Major
 Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. C. G. Hester, Rector of Wallingford.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
FINEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sun., Sept. 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.
 *Richard J. Cowley Treble Eric J. Chapman 5
 Ann E. Smith 2 Terry G. Smith 6
 Kevan J. Chapman 3 Edward C. Buckby 7
 Mary R. Coleman 4 Murray A. Coleman Tenor
 Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.
 * Has circled this, his home tower, to peals.
 Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Frank E. Coales, of Twywell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTWOOD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 19 cwt.
 Richard Grant Treble Derek Tranter 5
 Alfred Ballard 2 E. Alan Jacques 6
 Shirley Burton 3 Herrick B. Bowley 7
 T. Edward Harrold 4 William J. Root Tenor
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
 Rung after the consecration of Eastwood Parish Church by the Lord Bishop of Southwell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon., Sept. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew,
15 extents Plain Bob, 10 extents Reverse Canterbury, 11 extents
Grandsire and two 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

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

* 50th peal for the Southwell Guild.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Samuel Osbourne.

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

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.
*Derek E. Kirtton Treble | Frederick G. Hooper .. 4
Derek J. Tysoe 2 | Peter Wakefield 5
Paul Raithby 3 | Colin W. Reed Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Howard W. Egglestone .. Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith .. 6
George W. Pipe 2	Cecil W. Pipe 7
Diana M. Pipe 3	Michael J. Howes 8
Muriel R. Page 4	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 9
Leslie G. Brett 5	H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
Specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Mr. Kenneth
Minchinton and Miss Lyndel Dallimore in Melbourne, Australia, on
September 30th, 1967.

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

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5240 MINOR

In seven methods, comprising 720 each of Double Court, St.
Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt, in G.
George W. Pipe Treble | Alan R. Bridges 4
*Stephen Bedford 2 | *Adrian Knights 5
Jack Pilgrim 3 | *Vernon Bedford Tenor

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First peal of Minor "inside." † First in seven methods.
Rung in memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell, who died on September
18th, 1953.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

"THE CHURCHILL PEAL"

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Richard C. Stevens .. Treble	Norman G. T. Steere .. 7
Kathleen E. Chilcott .. 2	C. Martin Foster 8
*Christine A. Foster .. 3	*Andrew J. C. Brown .. 9
Elizabeth Timmins .. 4	Kevin Taber 10
Nigel Thomson 5	*Raymond J. Talbot .. 11
*†Juliet S. Stoy 6	Bernard J. Stone Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

* First peal on 12 bells. First of Stedman.

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

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Roger D. Bailey 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
*Timothy G. Pett 3	*Robert E. J. Dennis .. 7
Robin R. Churchill .. 4	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band and
on the bells.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	George Francis 5
Derek Slater 2	Ian Wickers 6
Irene Marshall 3	John Howard 7
Neil Carter 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George Francis.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David D. Smith and Jennifer
A. Grant, both of whom are ringers at this tower.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield and District Society)

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

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Neil Donovan Treble	John Whytham 5
*Ruth Gordon 2	George S. Lee 6
†Roger Harper 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Richard E. Price 4	David Nichols Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal. † First "inside."

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Double
Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
with seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Harold Judd Treble	†Christopher J. Groome .. 4
*J. Martin Thorley 2	Melvyn A. Rose 5
Susan E. Thompson .. 3	†A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † 25th peal together.

Rung as part of the Harvest Thanksgiving.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

EDGBASTON, Warwickshire.—At The Union.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5240 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 18 methods including Plain, Double, Little, Crayford Little, Gains-
borough, Wellington, Rosehill, Briercliffe, Birstall Greengate, Lockings,
Ardington, Radley, Northcourt, Cliviger, Barkby, Hendred, Abingdon.

Tenor size 15 in C

Christopher I. Rowson .. 1-2	*Richard J. Parker (cond.) 5-6
Rupert A. Clarke 3-4	James R. White 7-8

Arranged by J. R. White and R. J. Parker.

* 25th peal for the Society.

METHODS

—1458—38—38—. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Rosehill, 8ths Briercliffe.
—1458—1238—38—. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Birstall, 8ths Greengate.
—1458—38.12.38.12. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Lockings, 8ths Ardington.
—1458—38—1238—. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Radley, 8ths Northcourt.
—1458—1238—1238—. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Cliviger, 8ths Barkby.
—1458—1238—38.12. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Hendred 8ths Abingdon.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C

Alan McFall 1-2	Gerald Moorhouse .. 7-8
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	*Brian Harris 9-10
Robert B. Smith 5-6	Herbert M. Keaton .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* 50th peal of Plain Bob. First peal on 12 handbells completing
peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus tower and "in hand."

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby 71, Woodville Drive.

On Sat., Sept. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced. Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall 1-2	Robert B. Smith (cond.) .. 5-6
Neil Bennett 3-4	*Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7-8

* First peal in the method on handbells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At 37, Morleston Street.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1967, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 18 methods/variations: (1) Costessy, (2) Besthorpe,
(3) St. David, (4) Litchurch, (5) Grandsire, Daffodil, St. Quintin, (6)
Grandsire, (7) Alvaston, (8) Allestree, (9-11) Seighford, (12-14) Little
Aston, (15-17) April Day, (18-20) Clifford's Pleasure, (21-23) Ken-
nington, (24-26) Rev. S. Bartholomew, (27-29) Old, (30-32) St.
Columb, (33-35) Southrepps, (36-42) Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E.
*†Kevin A. Betesta 1-2 | ††David K. Walklate (cond.) 3-4

William Allsopp 5-6

* 50th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 200th peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTHENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willesey Road.

On Tues. Oct. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

First peal of Little Bob "in hand" by all the band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Trevor A. Cross	1-2	Frank J. Matthews	5-6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3-4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	7-8
Stuart Sandford	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1967, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR (1)

Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout

Joseph Whalley 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4

*Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

* First peal in the method.

Rung as an 18th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whalley. Tenor size 14 in D.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWMHAM, Northamptonshire.—At Hamewyth.

On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11.

David J. Marshall (cond.) .. 1-2 | Barrie Hendry 3-4

Graham C. Paul 5-6

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

KEYWORTH, Notts.—At 11, Meadow Drive.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*William L. Exton 1-2 | Brian M. Buswell 3-4

*R. Brian Mills (cond.) .. 5-6

* 25th peal together. † 250th peal for the Guild.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LODSWORTH, Sussex.—At The Patch.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 1 Hour and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 35 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 53 each of Double Bob and Reverse Bob and 69 of Plain Bob Tenor size 13 in E.

D. O. Haslam 1-2 | R. D. Smith 3-4

Rung as a wedding compliment to David and Jenny Smith.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At 43, Downton Road.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 18 in G.

*Hazel Way	1-2	Robert B. Smith	7-8
Brian J. Woodruffe ..	3-4	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	9-10
*J. Arthur Hoare	5-6	*Edmund J. Morris	11-12

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells for the Guild. First on 12 bells in Wales (excluding Monmouthshire).

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorks.—In the ringing chamber of the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

Alan Clifton 1-2 | Patricia Lockwood 3-4

*Ian North (cond.) 5-6

* 50th peal. First peal "in hand" for all.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION QUARTER
PEAL WEEK

From September 17th to 24th. There were 12 attempts in ten different towers. Eight were successful.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bailey (cond.) 1, A. Maxwell 2, B. Maxwell 3, G. Bithell 4, D. Edwards 5, G. Jones 6. First quarter for all except conductor.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Rachel Williams 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, P. K. Goodhew 3, E. Mal Jones 4, A. K. Putnam 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, K. W. Price 7, G. Parting (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3. For the Patronal Festival, and the dedication of a memorial window for the old church schools.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bithell (first quarter) 1, A. Bailey (cond.) 2, F. Jones 3, E. M. Jones 4, J. E. Jones 5, W. Young 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Hodges (first of Caters) 1, Norah M. Randles 2, F. R. Evans 3, E. Mal Jones (first of Caters) 4, Bessie Carter 5, P. K. Goodhew (first of Caters) 6, G. H. Randles 7, J. M. Capper 8, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 9, E. Edwards (first of Caters) 10.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tilston 1, Norah M. Randles 2, I. R. Evans 3, E. Mal Jones (first "inside" Triples) 4, T. S. Randles 5, E. M. Williams (first quarter) 6, G. H. Randles (cond.) 7, G. Parting 8. For Harvest Festival.

HAMMER, FLINTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. C. Bowley 1, Rachel Williams 2, P. K. Goodhew 3, E. Mal Jones 4, D. N. Collins (cond.) 5, P. Tarron 6.

OVERTON-ON-DEE, FLINTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. N. Collins 1, E. Mal Jones 2, T. C. Bowley 3, Rachel Williams 4, P. K. Goodhew (cond.) 5, P. Tarron 6.

CHIRK, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachel Williams 1, P. K. Goodhew 2, T. C. Bowley 3, D. N. Collins 4, E. Mal Jones (cond.) 5, P. Tarron 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles 1 and 2.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Lightfoot Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method for all the band. For Matins, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Robert Rayfield.

HESTON, MIDDY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Gardner (first quarter) 1, P. Woodguy 2, D. Brock 3, P. Ruch 4, D. Boniface 5, M. Tyers 6, A. Grant 7, D. Sumner 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Trendall 1, R. Martin 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore (first in method) 4, F. Roper 5, J. Brett 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, T. Bird 8. For the Flower Festival.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Bluebell, Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. J. Dunstan 1, Barbara J. Duck (first in three methods) 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, T. J. Bell (first quarter) 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, C. W. Jose 4, A. F. Burley 5, A. Locke 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8. For Harvest Festival.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ann Houghton 1, E. Houghton 2, J. Cloughton 3, H. Whitney 4, R. Woodruffe 5, P. Williams 6, A. Frost 7, J. Sinfeld 8, G. Debenham (cond.) 9, K. Jackson 10. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Durrington 1, Susan Jackson 2, Ann Houghton (first Grandsire Triples "inside") 3, H. Whitney 4, A. Frost (cond.) 5, E. Conquest 6, P. Williams 7, K. Jackson 8. For Dedication Festival.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Barber 1, G. W. Edwards 2, E. Rose 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements 6, R. G. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Young 8.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Page 1, R. H. Jones 2, M. Bolton 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—On July 30th, at Lot 141, Dance Drive, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jenny Lees (first of Minor 1-2, Heather A. Mann 3-4, Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 5-6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Goakes 1, Pamela Blackith (first in the method) 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, M. Tyler 4, W. R. Barker 5, J. H. Bluff 6, R. H. Daw (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, F. T. Boyall 8. Rung for morning service on Battle of Britain Sunday, and as a birthday compliment to Pamela Blackith, on her departure to college in London. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. Wendy Daw 1, H. Goakes 2, Katharine Gorvin (first in method) 3, M. Tyler (first in method) 4, F. T. Boyall 5, J. E. David (first in method) 6, J. H. Bluff 7, R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 8. For morning service on Harvest Festival. Also as a birthday compliment to Katharine Gorvin, and as a wedding compliment to Bernard Branton and Jennifer Eve, married at Glinton the previous day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 1st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. W. Darvill 1, H. V. Frost (cond.) 2, Miss F. A. Dodds 3, K. J. Darvill 4, Miss T. L. Willis 5, C. Forster 6, R. W. Darvill 7, C. E. Slade 8, G. W. Debenham 9, J. E. Ewer 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Duggan, on the birth of a son.

SHAFESBURY, DORSET.—At the Church of St. James the Great, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): Miss M. K. Collins 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, R. A. Bryant 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Lazzarini 1, D. Lazzarini 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Longest length 1 and 2. For Harvest Festival.

SLIMBRIDGE, GLOS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Snow (first quarter) 1, Wendy Cox 2, Ann Butcher 3, L. Meadows 4, J. J. Webb (co-a) 5, F. Blown 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 29th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, R. L. Jones 2, L. C. Way 3, A. S. Bishop 4, K. J. Rider 5, J. W. Smith 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. R. Pratt 8. A compliment to Canon Missioner Gordon Davies, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Thomas 1, Margaret Powell (first of Minor) 2, K. Bellew (first of Minor "inside") 3, Mrs. J. Gray 4, S. Bendle 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to 1, 2, 3 and 5, who are going respectively to the universities of Leicester, London, Southampton and Oxford.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Watts 1, Miss J. Pickering (first quarter) 2, Mrs. J. Belcher 3, G. Pickering 4, M. Millard 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Barry 1, I. Goulter 2, P. Clarkson 3, R. Hazel 4, L. Edwards 5, P. Gould 6, P. H. Allen (cond.) 7, D. Pobjoy 8. Rung prior to the induction of Rev. P. Davies as Rector.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Turner 1, Mrs. I. Marshall 2, Miss H. Alford 3, Miss C. Etherton (first in the method) 4, N. Carter 5, R. D. Smith (first of Triples) 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8. For Harvest Festival.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey (first in three methods) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Judith Fitzgeorge 1, Helen Kirkpatrick (first "inside") 2, R. Fitzgeorge 3, N. H. Coombs (cond.) 4, C. V. Coombs 5, G. Moore 6. Rung for the wedding of P.C. Brian Livings and Amanda Hesketh at St. Mark's Church, St. John's Wood, London.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Mary Kinchin 1, A. Hayden 2, Dorothy Mason 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, Tony Nau 5, P. Mason 6. A. J. Poyner (cond.) 7, T. Roper 8. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service to Canon F. M. Cray, Rector of Aylestone until 1965.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane M. Drew (first quarter) 1, M. R. Worthington 2, R. T. Falder 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters (first as cond.) 5, L. A. Izzard 6.

BARMING, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rayner (first of Minor) 1, Marianne Leworthy (first Minor "inside") 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, P. Jackson 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to David and Marianne Leworthy.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): H. Christine Younger (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, C. L. Younger (first quarter) 6. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Cherrill L. Everard (first of Treble Bob) 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, F. K. Thompson 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. Willmore 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For Harvest Festival.

BARSTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. D. Sansum 1, M. F. Edwards 2, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 3, R. Farmer 4, D. Main 5.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Marjorie Paternoster 1, Elizabeth Aubrey 2, K. Record 3, J. Paternoster 4, R. Adcock (first as cond.) 5, M. Bullett 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6. A compliment to Michael Bullett, on his birthday. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Cuckson 1, Marjorie Paternoster 2, Elizabeth Aubrey 3, M. Bullett 4, R. Adcock (cond.) 5, E. Paternoster 6. For Harvest Festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, P. J. Devrell 3, A. Swatton 4, P. J. Hardwick 5, D. J. Orledge 6, J. G. Hobbs 7, B. Saril 8. For Harvest Festival, and the ancient custom of the attendance of the Mayor and Corporation.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): P. Dodd 1, P. Suckling 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, P. Le Count 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Fuller 7, D. Kemp 8. Also 1,260 Bob Minor (6-8 covering): J. Porter 1, H. Pratt 2, G. Trendall 3, H. Moore 4, R. Martin 5, D. Kemp 6, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 7, J. Fuller 8. Also 1,320 Bob Minor (7-8 covering): G. Dodd 1, Mrs. H. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, R. Martin 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, P. Le Count 6, J. Fuller 7, D. Kemp 8. All on the same day for Flower Festival.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. W. Marshall 1, E. H. Amey 2, R. A. Bryant 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, C. W. Tidwell 6. First in seven methods by all the band.

BRYANSTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss E. J. Gill 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, J. W. Marshall 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, C. W. Tidwell 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: M. Barrett 1, Miss S. Lloyd (first "inside" in method) 2, Miss S. Devey 3, Miss S. Guthrie 4, A. E. Barker 5, G. W. Reynolds 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. J. Borley 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. W. T. Benton, a ringer at this church for 55 years, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

CASTLE, EATON, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Woodward (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Peake 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, Miss A. D. O'Brien 4, H. Ball 5, M. A. New 6. For Harvest Festival.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Slater 1, G. Bosworth-Smith 2, E. Timmins 3, B. J. Stone 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. R. Johnson 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, J. R. Pratt 8.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. E. Welshe 1, E. Webber 2, W. J. Smith (cond.) 3, A. Somerfield 4, A. Welshe (first "inside") 5, W. Bale (first quarter) 6. For the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

CURRY MALLETT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Enid Welch (first quarter) 1, J. T. Locke 2, R. Parker 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, T. Hill 5, R. Welch 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Oct. 1st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss P. Dowse 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, Miss J. Warwick 4, F. Hodgson 5, E. Pannell 6, P. Toccock 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. R. Bould (cond.) 1, A. L. Bennett 2, Miss M. Hutchings 3, J. C. Michelmore 4, G. E. Mudge 5, E. J. Cann 6. For Harvest Festival.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. H. Duke 1, J. W. Rose 2, R. F. Symonds 3, P. F. Romney 4, E. H. Amey 5, B. S. B. Kear 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, R. H. J. Mears 8. First in the method by all the band. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. F. Stedman, captain of Wyke Regis ringers.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,360 Spliced Minor (10 methods): J. S. Hopwood 1, Catherine A. Roberts (first of Minor) 2, Susan V. Banks 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6. First of 10 spliced by all the band.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Sheila Moulton 1, B. G. Key 2, Sarah Parsons 3, G. Keay 4, I. Friend (cond.) 5, P. J. Key 6. A wedding compliment to Keith Butler and Jane Leedham.

GRESENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Marshall 1, Hilary Webb 2, P. M. Adcock (cond.) 3, R. C. Bunning 4, D. G. Adams 5, P. C. Palmer 6, G. T. Bunning 7, G. P. Adams 8. For Harvest Festival.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. R. Wills 1, W. J. Chester 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. In memoriam Rev. R. J. Rowbury.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hawkins 1, Sandra Weaver 2, R. Hawkins 3, R. Weaver 4, P. Gould (cond.) 5, E. Green 6. For Evensong.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Diane Angell 1, I. Desborough 2, E. Edmonson 3, J. G. Cull 4, T. J. Southam 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. First in the method 1 and 2. Rung to welcome Rev. Robert Meredith, instituted and inducted Vicar, September 28th.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Margaret R. Chapman 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, J. P. Hull 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, J. J. Bailey 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. M. Walker 8. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: B. P. Moorby 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, J. P. Hull 3, Anthea S. Bruce (first Triples) 4, J. J. Bailey 5, I. F. Taylor 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Stone 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, B. P. Moorby (first "inside") 4, M. J. Green (cond.) 5, C. Collin (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Glynis Poppleton (first of Minor) 1, D. W. Grimwood 2, Jane Bryant 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, R. Finch (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Nigel and Margaret (nee Churchward) Bearn, married this day at Sturry.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherton 2, R. A. Birch 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Mrs. Myrtle Butcher 2, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Atkins 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester 2, I. J. Lockwood (first "inside," aged 11) 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, R. E. Lester 5, E. J. Lockwood (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of two Suffolk Guild ringers' ordinations—Brian Redgers and Lawrence R. Pizey.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,376 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): R. Haines 1, Helen Haines 2, T. R. Taylor 3, P. R. Jones 4, G. Love 5, N. Haile 6, G. Gammon 7, A. Buswell (cond.) 8, A. Hoodless 9. For Civic service and Harvest Festival, also to welcome Shelley Ann, great grandchild to Tower Taylor.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. C. Mussett 1, F. E. Wiseman 2, R. W. Steward 3, R. Crooks 4, J. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. In memoriam Claude Woodard, a former ringer at this church, died August 9th.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Gillian J. Colleypriest 1, G. Wilkinson 2, P. A. Williams (first in eight methods as cond.) 3, J. Prytherch 4, D. L. Phillips 5, R. Hall 6. Most methods 1, 2, 4 and 6.

SHALSTONE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. L. Thorogood (first quarter) 1, R. W. Yates 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, G. Shellard 5. For Harvest Festival.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. B. Dobbie 1, P. D. J. Beal 2, A. Lewry 3, N. J. Chesson 4, Rev. S. Evans 5, D. Grimwood 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, R. Finch (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2, 4 and 6.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joy Bowron 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, R. Venn 3, E. Venn 4, I. Bowron 5, R. Cuff 6. For the 21st birthday of the tenor ringer.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Monica Blagrove 1, D. Brock 2, A. G. Tyers 3, R. Bettley-Cooke 4, J. F. Maybrey 5, M. B. Tyers 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, D. Boniface 8. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. David Savill, appointed Vicar of Heston, Middlesex.

TRING, HERTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grand-sire): B. Day (first quarter) 1, H. Collings 2, E. Brunger 3, R. Gerhard (first "inside") 4, C. J. Badrick (cond.) 5, Miss J. Barnes 6. For Harvest Festival.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 15th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): R. Crooks 1, D. H. P. Buxton 2, K. Nunn 3, R. W. Steward 4, J. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For the church fete.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jane Osborn 1, R. Jean Osborn 2, Mrs. J. E. Warner 3, C. Bassett (first of Major) 4, B. V. Collison 5, J. E. Warner 6, C. Osborn 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Kenward 1, Wendy Austin 2, Rev. S. Evans (first of Surprise) 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. Grimwood 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, C. S. Jarrett 8. First in method 3, 4 and 5.

USK, MON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. S. Clench (first quarter) 1, D. Hughes (cond.) 2, J. Woodward (first quarter) 3, R. Shea 4, R. Clench 5, S. Kear 6, L. Jones 7, F. Hobbs 8. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to J. Woodward, who is emigrating to America.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Gamble 1, K. Warner 2, C. T. Coles 3, W. G. Wilson 4, E. Holman 5, D. Wright 6, P. D. Chapman 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sandra Pearce 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Harvest Festival.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal Jilli Gordon (first Royal) 1, S. Laud (first Royal "inside") 2, W. G. Paul 3, Sally Holland (first Royal) 4, R. G. Smith 5, M. Eastman (first on 10) 6, R. D. Bell 7, R. G. Bell 8, D. Laud 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. For Harvest Festival.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: G. Gammon 1, Mrs. B. Hunt 2, Mrs. K. Baldwin 3, R. Baldwin 4, E. Treagus 5, A. Burbidge 6, L. Duguid 7, J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First of Bristol for 2, 6 and 7. For Harvest Festival.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: N. T. E. Burnett 1, G. Forthgill 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, J. Cunliffe 4, R. K. Lister 5, R. Jolley 6, A. J. Illingworth 7, J. E. Andrews (first as cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong. Also as a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.—On May 31st, 1,260 Spliced Surprise Minor (eight methods): R. D. Smith 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, Juliet Fynes 4, Rev. J. H. Greene 5, D. O. Haslam 6.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): Patricia A. M. Downes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, W. C. Godwin 3, E. R. Venn 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, Dorothy Smith 6. Rung as a 50th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Genese.

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DEATH

STILWELL. — On October 9th, 1967, at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sophie Ellen (Tim), devoted wife of Leonard Stilwell, aged 74. 2541

ENGAGEMENT

CAPO-BIANCO-RICE. — The engagement is announced between Stella Gwendoline, of Portslade, Brighton, Sussex, and Anthony James of Purley, Surrey, and Shoreham, Sussex. 2446

PERSONAL

"For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living" for all live unto him.—St. Luke, xx, 39.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—HAWLEY.—As from October 24th, practice nights will now be Tuesdays. 2526

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The new District secretary is Mr. R. W. H. Hayes, Forest Cottage, Cnid-dingstone Hoath, Edenbridge.—W. H. D. 2531

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, October 28th. Ringing arrangement St. Margaret's, Leicester (12) 2-3.30 p.m.; St. John the Divine's, Leicester (10) 2.30-4; Aylestone (8) 3.30-5.—B G. Warwick, Dinner Committee. 2521

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TIMES

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2518

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting to be held at Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. Winwick (5) and Hamerton (4) bells available after tea. Special methods: Stedman, St. Simon and Reverse Canterbury Doubles.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham (8), October 21st. Service 4 p.m. All teas must be booked; otherwise, bring your own, please. Names for tea to E. W. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 2428

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Wormingford, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names to the Rev. T. F. L. Strong, Wormingford Vicarage, Colchester. 2428

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Barnet (8), October 21st. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service. Tea in local cafe 5 p.m. Meeting and further ringing Monken Hadley (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mrs. A. Sharpe, 3 Drury Road, Hadley Green, Barnet.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2404

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 3.15, 4 to 5 and 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. Service at 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Frindsbury bells after meeting until 8 p.m. Names for tea to C. S. Jarrett, 9, Frindsbury Road, Strood.—T. Barton. 2419

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 21st. Bells: All Saints', Leicester, 9.45 to 10.30; Groby, 10.30 to 11.15; Kirby Muxloe, 11.15 to 12 noon; Ratby, 1.30 to 2.15; Markfield, 2.15 to 3; Newtown Linford, 3 to 3.45; Anstey, 3 to 4.30. Service at Anstey 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Elkington, 74, Andrew Road, Anstey.—Hon. Gen. Sec. 2490

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park, Bakerloo Line), on Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2335

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Joint meeting at Burton Parish Church, Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. W. Cotton and C. Smith, Hon. Secs. 1475

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Special "learners" practice meeting at Barcombe (6), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor. Experienced ringers to give instruction welcomed. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442)

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — General meeting on Saturday, October 21st. Bells: St. Matthew's Upper Clapton, 10-10.45; St. John-at-Hackney 11.15-12; St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 12.30-1.15; St. James, Clerkenwell, 2-3; St.

Vedast's Foster Lane, 3.15-3.45; St. Oave's, Hart Street, 4-4.30. Service in St. Olave's at 4.30, followed at 5 by tea and the meeting. Names for tea, please, to C. Starbuck, 148, Hailsham Avenue, St. John Hill, London, S.W.2. Note: No ringing at Aldgate. 2509

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting, Telbury, October 24th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting at 8.15 for essential business.—H. Heath. 2532

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice, Blethingley (8), Wednesday, October 25th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 2479

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY. — The annual general meeting of the Society will be held at the Pilgrim Hut at 7.45 n Friday, October 27th. Ringing after meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Practice meeting at Walkington on Friday, October 27th, 7-9 p.m. Methods: Double Court, Childwall, Killmarsh, Treble Bob, London and Hull Surprise.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2533

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bruton (6), October 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 2537

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and **EAST DERBYS & WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting at Belper on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing commences at 3.20 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names by October 26th to W. A. Morley, 2, Laund Close, Belper. 2447

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, October 28th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (cups of tea only). 2545

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Heighington on Saturday, October 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. Robinson, 41, West Green, Heighington, Darlington, Co. Durham, by Thursday 26th. 2527

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Autumn meeting, Much Wenlock, October 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent Much Wenlock, not later than October 26th. 2543

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District. — Annual meeting Crayford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Barnett 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, by Wednesday the 25th. 2517

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Bolton (the Parish) on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Free tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing from 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Forrester, 17, Conway Avenue, Bolton. 2538

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Calverley on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Peter Dawson, 34, Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, by previous Wednesday. 2544

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting at Sudbury on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. 2546

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S and W District). **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **LADIES' GUILD** (Central District) and **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, St. John's Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall, and a social evening at 7.45. St. John's bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after tea St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8) (opposite the Underground Station), 2.45 to 4 p.m. No. 207 bus connects towers.—C. H. Rogers, D. Hague, J. Hooton and V. E. Dupre, Hon. Secs. 2488

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crews Branch.—Nantwich, October 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 2524

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bromborough, October 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxtou, Birkenhead. 2525

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Chester-le-Street (8), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 2 p.m. Committee 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. (Tel. 3504.) 2506

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Joint meeting with Cambridge District and Cambridge University Guild.—At Longstanton (8) on Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. 2522

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, October 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No arrangements for tea. 2557

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting at Sellack (5), October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. King's Cople (6), 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Practice meeting at Allensmore (6), October 28th, 6.30 p.m. (Please note—no afternoon ringing.) Business meeting during the evening. All welcome.—G. Sinms, Ringing Master, T. Wood, Dis. Sec. 2568

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Kingsthorpe (6), Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. F. Earl, 42, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Wednesday previous. 2514

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warkton (5) on October 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Weekley (6) in evening. Special methods: St. Edmund's S.C. Doubles and Durham S. Minor. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. Mutton, No. 1, Warkton, by Tuesday previous. 2416

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irthlingborough on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Important meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Bigley 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2547

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Damerham, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. J. Baverstock, 14, West Park Lane, Damerham, by Tuesday Oct. 24th. 2535

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing at St. John's, Alloa 2-4 and Dunblane 4.30-5.30. No meals provided.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec., 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh 15. 2564

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening Surprise practice, Market Drayton, Saturday, October 28th, 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Bristol, Shropshire.—R. H. Newton. 2539

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jane M. Dennis 1, H. D. Taylor 2, P. M. Giles 3, Beatrice M. W. Dobbie 4, A. Swatton 5, J. E. Newman (cond.) 6, P. J. Devrell 7, M. J. C. Cannon (first quarter) 8.

BENGOE, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hornby (first of Triples) 1, Lesley Stracey 2, E. J. Phillips 3, H. Stracey 4, A. Stracey 5, J. H. Phillips 6, J. A. D. Woolford (cond., first in method) 7, S. D. Butcher 8. For Harvest Festival.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Heather Travers 1, R. Palfrey 2, P. J. Glazebrook (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, P. Chappell 4, P. Warboys 5, T. Camp 6, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. For Civic service and Patronal Festival.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Doubles (six methods): D. G. Hatherly 1, Valerie Rushforth (most methods) 2, Lesley Read 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, P. Godman 6.

CRANFORD, MIDD.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Moya Britchford 1, P. Woodgery 2, Katherine Tebbutt 3, J. Britchford 4, C. Stevenson (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Venn 1, Linda Smith 2, W. Coles (cond.) 3, D. Pickett 4, P. Woodgery 5, P. Venn 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Alfred Gorbod, priest, Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Hilary Webb 1, Janet Dagley 2, D. G. Adams (first in method) 3, C. Bird 4, B. Gogle 5, S. Marshall 6, P. M. Adcock 7, D. E. House (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. Barrett 1, R. Fisher 2, Mrs. P. Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, C. Hillier 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. A. Peck 1, Miss S. Aveyard (first Surprise "inside") 2, Mrs. J. A. Parsons 3, S. R. Elliott 4, D. E. Parsons 5, C. M. White 6, N. Summerhayes 7, A. D. Flood (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Evening practice, Bulwell (8), October 28th. Bells 6-9 p.m. Methods for attention: Double Norwich and Steadman Triples.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2530

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—A.G.M. Pa.grave (8), Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed immediately by business meeting. Thrandeston bells also available from 6.30. Names for tea to H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by Wednesday. 2552

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at—lington, Saturday, October 28th. Ringing 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. G. Brett, Mount Pleasant, The Street, Dallington, not later on Wednesday, October 25th.—G. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec. 2511

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn Festival, Carbis Bay, October 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance. 2533

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Barnabas', Swanmore, October 28th. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing 6.30 till 8.30. Business meeting follows in the church. 2542

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Staines, Wednesday, November 1st, 7.45-9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 2549

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, November 4th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Pantom, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 2498

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Mary's Swansea, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Williams, 4, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea, by October 30th. 2540

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (single Oxford and Plain Bob): P. Rowles (first quarter) 1, Annette Taylor 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. A. Caldecote 1, Annette Taylor 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. For Harvest Evensong.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Ballam (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, C. Stannard 3, R. Stannard 4, J. Banks 5, Mr. S. Smith is on holiday from Tasmania. His last quarter at Ingham, his home, was in November, 1912.

KILNDOWN, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Manger 1, D. Manger 2, P. Richardson 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson 5, H. Deacon (cond.) 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Barron 2, R. Aldington 3, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, J. N. Lindon 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron 7, M. A. Jones 8. For Matins.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia A. Lattimer 1, S. S. Barratt 2, T. N. Kedg 3, J. Lightfoot 4, G. M. Cox 5, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 6. A farewell to Patricia Lattimer, now at Cheshire College of Education, and Geoffrey Cox, now at Queen's University, Belfast.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On June 19th, 1,390 Plain Bob Doubles: Dilly Chandler 1, D. O. Haslam 2, L. F. Palmer 3, Rev. J. H. Greene 4, R. D. Smith 5. Conducted by 3, 4, 5. First quarter 1 and 5. Also on June 25th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Osborne (first quarter) 1, R. D. Smith (cond.) 2, L. F. Palmer 3, Rev. J. H. Greene 4, D. O. Haslam 5, T. R. Redding. Also on July 5th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (10 methods): Juliet Fynes 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Rev. J. H. Greene 4, D. O. Haslam 5, R. D. Smith 6.

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

BROWN.—On October 13th, 1967, at Harpenden Memorial Hospital, to Sheila (nee Hackett) and Roger, a son (Edward Peter), a brother for Simon. 81, Overstone Road, Harpenden, Herts. 2563

MARRIAGE

SHALLCROSS-GREEN.—On October 7th, 1967, at St. Peter's Church, Hindley Wigan, Lancs, John Brian Shallcross and Barbara May Green, both ringers at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, Wigan. 2567

DEATH

PARKER.—On Monday, October 9th, 1967, in Hefferston Grange Hospital, Harry, aged 62 years. Interred at Northwich Parish Church Friday, October 13th. 2566

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PITCHER.—The address of William B. Pitcher is now: 7/287, Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006. 2558

WALTERS.—The address of Clarke Walters is now: Cryfield Old Farmhouse, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry CV4 7AJ. Telephone Coventry 62234. 2555

WARRILOW.—The address of Bob and Cynthia Warrilow and family is now: Windover, 76, Townfield Lane, Frodsham, via Warrington. T.N. Frodsham 2334. 2565

MISCELLANEOUS

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT.—Please note that there is no ringing at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul and that all communications should be addressed to the Rector. 2551

MEETING

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly meeting at Banstead, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5, followed by meeting 6 p.m. 2561

LANGLEY MARSH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. C. Brown (first as cond.) 1, Rosamund M. Brown (first quarter) 2, S. R. Hare 3, C. Finch 4, W. R. Hare 5, F. E. Adams (first quarter) 6. For Flower Festival, and 17th birthday of C. Finch.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Roberts 1, R. L. Underwood 2, K. Salisbury 3, M. E. Lewis 4, Rev. Russen Thomas (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. From midnight to welcome the New Year. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Johns 1, K. Salisbury 2, M. E. Lewis 3, A. Johns 4, Rev. R. Thomas (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. On Ascension Day. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Johns 1, K. Salisbury 2, A. Johns 3, M. E. Lewis 4, Rev. R. Thomas (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William James Henwood, people's warden and former headmaster of Church School. Also on Sept. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. L. Underwood (cond.) 1, M. E. Lewis 2, K. Salisbury 3, A. Johns 4, Rev. R. Thomas 5, C. Johns 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Johns 1, M. E. Lewis 2, Marion Kraus (first quarter) 3, A. Johns 4, Rev. R. Thomas (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. For Harvest Festival.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Ahearn 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, B. Bowden 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. Clark (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Mrs. S. Spreadbury 2, S. Rowe 3, E. J. Rowe 4, A. Spreadbury 5, L. G. Gates 6, M. J. Medley 7, J. Weaver (cond.) 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Michael and Ann Medley.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Weekes 1, A. H. Fitter 2, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 3, Beryl Park 4, Rev. D. Sansum 5, D. Main 6.

NOTICES

(Continued)

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER**

Saturday, October 28th, 1967
at the County Hotel, Taunton
6.45 for 7.15 p.m.
Taunton St. Mary's bells (12) available
5-6.30 p.m.
The Rev. J. G. M. Scott will present a
"Ceremony of Bells" after the dinner.
Tickets 22s. 6d. (S.A.E., please) from
Mr. J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts
Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before Octo-
ber 21st. 2395

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner will be held in the
Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday,
October 28th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m.
Tickets (23s. 6d.) from P. J. Eves, 8,
Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday,
October 25th. S.A.E., please. 2200

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

will be held at the
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Assemble 7 for 7.30 p.m.
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A STORY FOR RINGERS

P.C. PLODD'S REVENGE

P.C. PLODD turned resolutely and trudged wearily up the hill towards St. Mary's Church. He had tried desperately to avoid this beat, this being Tuesday evening, but today the inspector had been adamant and Plodd had been sentenced to patrol St. Mary's Hill.

"You, Plodd," boomed the inspector, "will patrol St. Mary's Hill and remain conspicuous." Plodd glanced down at his 18 stone frame and wondered how he could remain otherwise! He had blanched visibly at the inspector's order, St. Mary's Hill was too open, there were no convenient alleys for him to slide into in order to learn the method for Saturday's peal. Not only this, he would be forced to endure about an hour's noise from the hilltop church, masquerading under the name of Grandsire Cinques, which he had no doubt he would see in the Quarter Peal columns in the weeks to come. Perhaps the writers of yesteryear had been correct—Ground Fire was just about the correct description for the ringing which he knew was about to ensue. He envied the doubtful characters, even now sliding into the pubs adjacent to the church, how he yearned to join their company and drink to oblivion to alleviate the agonies of ear and mind which the next hour or so was sure to bring.

His refreshment break over, he approached the brow of the hill just as the bells exploded into near rounds. Plodd left-wheeled and walked at a brisk pace to a spot where he had found by experience that the traffic noise was at a maximum and the bells merely a background jangle.

What was it that had caused Plodd's angry state of mind? To begin with, the city possessed but one ring of 12—unlike the lads in the Midlands, who had a choice of several. Post Office towers included! Even this one ring was intangible, too heavy for practice purposes, uneven, and in Plodd's opinion overrated. Even before the blocks of flats were built adjacent to the church there were but four peal attempts per year "allowed." Plodd recalled a certain ringer from the second city whose catch phrase "You don't ring them often enough" was the stock answer to tower captains who had complaints from persons residing in close proximity to their churches. Furthermore, the present Ringing Master was not exactly generous with his bells, allowing the City Branch but one 12-bell practice every

two months. This, as any of the "Midland collection" would tell you, would not even be sufficient to remember what a half-lead single sounded like.

The crunch came at one quarterly meeting when it had been announced that even this privilege was to be withdrawn and that, instead, on the normal practice night, which had been skilfully changed to clash with as many local towers' practices as possible, the local band were to attempt quarter peals. The secretary droned on "visitors will, of course still be welcomed." The meeting was stunned into silence, then came mutterings of "sour grapes, power complex, etc.," while others were hastily computing the mileage and time required for the journey to the Midlands! This would be the death knell for twelve-bell ringing in the city. There were some who raised hopeful voices with regard to the installation of a new 12 in the war-shattered ruin by the Co-op, but this would take many years to finance even if the city engineer agreed—which was doubtful. Would a venture such as this succeed anyway? If Association members could not be bothered to support their own meetings what chance would such a revolutionary idea such as this stand of success?

Plodd's lonely vigil on "the hill" was nearing its conclusion when the bells crashed into rounds, and a short time later all was silent. During a previous "fire up" he had noticed the ringers' cars all neatly parked on the double-yellow lines near the island! As the jubilant ringers clustered round their cars some little time later, P.C. Plodd stepped forward from the shadow of a convenient buttress and with a minimum of formality proceeded to "book" each driver for dangerous parking. Taking his leave of the now despondent group he added: "Be grateful that the Noise Abatement Act has not been extended to church bells—yet." He turned and marched jauntily back towards the station.

He had probably rung his last peal at St. Mary's but this was of no account—justice had been done!

BROTHER AMBROSE

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SUNDAY MORNING RINGING

Hanging there so silently,
Just above the high belfry,
Faint outlines of bells so bold,
Noble bells, await to be tolled.
In shady percolated light
They'll ring out with voice contrite.

A cock crows, an alarm clock rings;
Mother in the kitchen sings,
Washing all the breakfast things.

Sunday papers pushed through the door.
"Any more tea?" "I'll have some more."
"Hurry up, you're going to be late.
And brush your coat, it's in a state."

The country lane is wet with dew.
It gets in your hair "the dew do."
That's Charlie panting up the hill.
"I see your old bike's going still."
I call out as I speed on my way,
"Sorry, can't stop to chat today."

There's Old Bob crossing the green.
Pipe and breath together steam.
His jacket knee-length and worn cloth hat,
Trousers tucked in socks and wobbling fat.

"Morning!" he smiles with the plastic rattle
Of teeth he claims to have won in a raffle.
"Hard times" has dear Old Bob seen,
And he often looks back as though in a dream.
"Ah, those were the days when things were
right—
No talking in the belfry on practice night."

Into the church through the heavy oak door.
Past the tombs of those gone before.
Ascend the tower. "Bet the bells are down,"
Mumbles Harry with his usual frown.
"No, they're up!" "Well all catch hold,
Let's get them going—it's mighty cold."

The wheels creak as the ropes take the strain.
"Trebles going—she's gone." But all in vain.
Second's got his rope all twisted.
Roger fumes, his glasses get misted.
"Look two." He cries in ambiguity.
Two looks sheepish. "Sorry," says he.

Into rounds, the bells ring out.
"Call a touch, Bob, but don't mess me about."
Frowns forgot, Queen's brings smiling faces,
While in the church, they're taking their places.

In his vestry the Vicar is dressing,
While trying to remember a catchy blessing.
The choirboys leap-frog over a vaulted tomb
And the weeds in graves neglected bloom.
The organ renders its vibrating worst,
With Podgy pumping fit to burst.

The choir enters and the ringing stops.
The bells let down for the clock's
Hammers to chime out the hour
As the ringers leave the lofty tower.
Some having served the band, serve God and
stay
To the service, while others—"Some other
day."

Outside the sun shines as the mist clears.
The belfry windows shadowed, like ears,
(Though once a mouth with bellowing voices),
Now listen as the congregation rejoices.
The organ groaning at their apathy,
And the bells hum in gentle sympathy.

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