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FAMOUS PEAL RINGING TOWERS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

ON page 236 of "The Ringing World" of 1956 appeared an article with the above title which gave a list of the towers where more than 150 peals had been rung. A correspondent has recently asked for the number of peals rung in his tower and for the names of the towers where more peals had been rung. This has led me to think that ringers might be interested to see the present position of the League Table (as it were). Before giving the list, a few brief comments may be pertinent. In 1956 there were three towers above the 500 mark, now there are five. There were none in the 400's, now there is one. Between 300 and 400 there were 10, now there are 17. Over 250, there were 21 (including the above), now there are 36.

Because numbers have increased, the list below gives all the towers with more than 250 peals (and not, as last time, more than 150). In brackets, I have put the 1956 totals and also the position they then held in the "league." The figures include the peals which have been published up to "The Ringing World" of September 22nd.

Loughborough Bell Foundry	1,236 (625, 1st)
Erith	672 (507, 3rd)
Birmingham Cathedral	605 (257, 19th)
Crayford	535 (514, 2nd)
Willisden	523 (323, 7th)
Birmingham, St. Martin	421 (354, 4th)
Beddington	374 (308, 10th)
Hazel Grove	373 (232, 28th)
Brighton, St. Peter	370 (330, 5th)
Burton-on-Trent, St. Paul	365 (326, 6th)
Hughenden	363 (298, 14th)
Bushey	351 (265, 17th)
Debenham	342 (293, 16th)
Warnham	336 (320, 8th)
Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter	334 (164, 66th)
Guildford, Holy Trinity	333 (301, 12th)
Crawley	328 (316, 9th)
Ashted	324 (293, 15th)
Appleton	323 (257, 18th)
Ipswich, St. Mary le Tower	319 (306, 11th)
Leicester Cathedral	318 (190, 49th)
Leiston	316 (301, 13th)
North Stoneham	311 (249, 22nd)
Duffield	297 (245, 24th)
Aston-juxta-Birmingham	293 (235, 26th)
Bristol, St. Stephen	288 (226, 31st)
Framsdon	287 (255, 20th)
Worsley	275 (207, 39th)
Ashton-u-Lyne, St. Michael	274 (166, 65th)
Southwark Cathedral	271 (228, 30th)
Lewes	268 (248, 23rd)
Walsall	267 (215, 34th)
Hethersett	266 (202, 43rd)
Chesterfield	261 (253, 21st)
Helmingham	254 (239, 25th)
Isleworth	250 (194, 46th)

I suppose the most noticeable feature is the change in position of certain towers, especially Ashton-under-Lyne. Also in the list are one or two towers which don't often appear at all these days, e.g. Leiston—a reminder that the hey-day of some are in the past.

SIX- AND FIVE-BELL TOWERS

As in the article 11 years ago, 6- and 5-bell ringers might like to see the position of their towers. Eleven years ago, only one 6-bell tower had passed the 100 mark—Thornham Magna. Now there are 11 and one of them was not even mentioned last time in the list of towers with more than 50 peals—North Muskham. Here then is the present position of towers which have passed their century:

Silk Willoughby	149 (67, 18th)
Thornham Magna	139 (136, 1st)
Croft	136 (97, 2nd)
Stisted	136 (69, 13th)
Gamston	131 (63, 22nd)
Apsley End	121 (72, 11th)
Wistaston	113 (81, 7th)
Darlington, Holy Trinity	107 (86, 6th)
North Muskham	103 (39, ?)
Deeping St. Nicholas	103 (61, 23rd)
Bunwell	101 (67, 17th)

This list shows that I missed the change of leadership amongst the 6-bell towers. It took place on January 16th, 1965, when Silk Willoughby passed Thornham's total. The latter had held the lead for I don't know how long. It reached the 50 mark in 1907 and the 100 in 1922! The second tower to do so was Croft in 1956 soon after the last article on this subject appeared. So it had a long time at the head of the division. Now others are creeping up on it, for peals are few these days (only three in the past 11 years). In the list 11 years ago there were two other towers in the 90's, and I fear they still remain there—Wickham Skeith, now 96 (then 93, 3rd), and Lamberhurst, now 94 (then 92, 4th). Of the other towers I mentioned last time with totals between 50 and 100, none have made very much progress and their totals are little altered.

As for 5-bell towers, I listed, in 1956, those which had reached double figures—17 of them. Warkton then led the way with 32 peals. I noted in an article in 1959 that Marston had passed Warkton's total, and this tower became the first 5-bell tower to reach the 50 mark in 1963. In this category, I think, my list this time must be of towers which have reached 15 and not 10 (for there are many that now total double figures). Here, then, is the table:

Marston	65 (15, 5th)
Warkton	35 (32, 1st)
Barton Segrave	31 (29, 2nd)
Whitney	28 (17, 4th)
Pitchley	25 (22, 3rd)
Stockbury	23 (9, ?)
Hutton	22 (13, 8th)
Weston Favell	21 (15, 5th)
Roads	21 (12, 13th)
Forncett St. Peter	20 (8, ?)
Dalby Magna	19 (13, 8th)
Kirby Muxloe	19 (13, 8th)
Grafton Underwood	18 (13, 8th)
Kirby Bellars	17 (9, ?)
Hammerwood	16 (9, ?)
Oakley	15 (14, 7th)
Orlingbury	15 (12, 13th)
Rumburgh	15 (11, 16th)
Long Buckby	15 (7, ?)
Little Houghton	15 (8, ?)
Raveningham	15 (4, ?)
Itchingfield	15 (3, ?)

One final point—I have, of course, confined myself to peals on towers with 6 and 5 bells in the last two categories. One or two have been augmented since 1956 (e.g. Horsmonden) and are now omitted even though their totals of peals of Minor or Doubles may be more than those mentioned above. Accrington, for instance, which was a former 6-bell tower, has now 135 peals of Minor amongst its total of peals. This is an obvious and outstanding case. It would be too long a job to divide up the peals rung in eight and over bell towers into Minor, Major, etc., and to see where the most of any category have been rung in towers which have been augmented (and it is surprising how many have been this century).

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The September meeting of the Mansfield District was held at Selston on the 23rd and was much enjoyed by all. Conforming to the usual pattern, the bells were available from 3 p.m. with a service at 4.30. The Rev. H. V. Simmons joined the company at tea and afterwards accepted an invitation to chair the meeting.

The points which emerged were the confirmation of the annual District meeting as being at Mansfield on January 27th and appreciation of the work of the respective secretaries in organising the recent highly successful joint outing.

Ringing continued until 8.30 in methods ranging from Grandsire to Norwich Surprise. Next meeting: November 25th, Eastwood.

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OUR PICTURE

The Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, E.C.

BY WILLIAM T. COOK

AMONG the pealable rings of England it is almost certain that none is more famous throughout the world than "Bow Bells," the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London. They play their part in the legend of Dick Whittington, "thrice Lord Mayor of London," who is said to have heard them from Highgate in 1375, and to have been inspired by their sound to return to London; and there is the old tradition that to be a true "Cockney" one must have been born within the sound of Bow Bells. In more recent years, the sound of Bow Bells, or at any rate of the back ten as they existed before 1933, became extremely well known through the recording made by a band of the College Youths, which was for so long used as the "interval signal" on the Home Service of the B.B.C.

A church has certainly been in existence on this site since early Norman times. The great historian of London, Stow, who wrote in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, records that "in the year 1100 . . . the roof was blown off in a mighty tempest, in which several people were killed." Part of the original crypt of the 11th century, built of Roman bricks, still survives to form one of the oldest parochial buildings in London. The name of the church is probably derived from the arches of this crypt, which also gave their name to the Ecclesiastical Court of Arches, which was first held in Bow Church in 1172.

THREE TOWERS

Ever since the Middle Ages, St. Mary-le-Bow has been one of the largest and finest of City churches. The present tower is the third belonging to the church. The first, the Norman tower, collapsed in 1271. As Stow says: "A great part of the steeple fell down and slew many people, men and women." It was replaced by what appears from old illustrations to have been a very fine tower, which was not completed until 1512. This tower had at the corners four stone lanterns, with a fifth held aloft between them on flying buttresses built of Caen stone. These lanterns were intended to be glazed and lighted at night for the convenience of travellers.

The earliest record of a bell at Bow is in a regulation of 1362, in which Bow Church was appointed as one of the City churches where the Curfew should be rung. There is some evidence that the bell used for this purpose was cast in 1334. The Curfew was originally rung at 8 o'clock, but in 1496 the time was changed to 9 o'clock. In addition to the evening Curfew there was a morning bell rung at 5.45 a.m. each day in accordance with the will of John Downe or Donne, who died in 1472. He also left two tenements in Hosier Lane (now Bow Lane) "for the maintenance of the great bell."

A KNELL FOR DONOR

At the time of Edward VI Bow Church possessed "flyve greate belles and two Sanctus Bells." One of these bells, the great bell, was given by William Copland, a tailor and king's merchant, who was churchwarden in 1515, with the direction that it should be used as the Curfew. This bell was first rung as a knell for the death of its donor. These bells were added to from time to time until by 1652 or 1653, we find one Peter Mundy, in an essay of "Change Ringing," referring to "the 12 bells of Bow whereof 10 bee rung and 2 tolled."

These bells were destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. The tower was not badly damaged, and over £500 was spent on an attempt to restore it. But when rebuilding was seen to be inevitable, it was decided to emphasise the importance of the church by building the present magnificent steeple to the design of Sir Christopher Wren and bringing it forward to Cheapside (the old tower apparently stood back from the street) with a

vestibule between it and the church. Wren intended the new tower, which cost nearly £7,400, to carry twelve bells, but only eight were placed there at first. These were ordered in 1677 from John and Christopher Hodson. Christopher Hodson was the son of John, the famous London bellfounder, and in 1677 he set up in business at St. Mary Cray, Kent. In 1680 he cast Great Tom of Oxford. Part of the inscription on the present tenor of Bow bells reads: "Recast 1669," repeating the inscription on the 1933 tenor, but this is evidently incorrect. The tenor of the 1677 ring weighed "upwards of 52 Hundred Weight."

FIRST PEAL 1731

The first peal on these bells was one of Bob Triples, rung by the College Youths on Tuesday, January 12th, 1731. Eleven men were needed, three on the tenor and two on the seventh; it was called from the seventh bell by John Cundell. On Monday, February 11th, 1734, the College Youths rang 5,040 Bob Major in four hours and three minutes, again with eleven men. This peal was called by Benjamin Annable from the sixth, and was the heaviest peal of Major that had been rung. Indeed, if the tenor weight of 52 cwt. is correct, it was unbeaten until the peal in 1911 mentioned below.

In 1738 the tenor was recast by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester. This fine bell, which lasted until 1933, when it was found to be cracked, weighed 53½ cwt. The other seven bells were recast in 1762 by Lester and Pack, and two trebles were added to make a ring of ten. The new bells were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762, the 25th birthday of George III. The first peal on the ten bells was 5,363 Grandsire Caters rung by the College Youths on April 14th, 1765, in 3 hours and 51 minutes, and called from the treble by William Underwood. For this peal three men were needed on the tenor and two on the ninth.

Other noteworthy peals rung in the 18th century are the first of Royal on the bells—5,040 Oxford Treble Bob, rung on December 23rd, 1782, in 4 hours and 15 minutes, with Samuel Muggeridge and William Lyford on the tenor, conducted by John Povey from the fourth; and the first on the bells rung by ten men only—5,111 Grandsire Caters on February 19th, 1787, in 3 hours and 52 minutes. Povey was again the conductor, on the fourth, and Phillip Pilgrim rang the tenor. Both these peals were rung by College Youths.

TWELVE BELLS SINCE 1881

In September, 1819, the steeple was repaired and strengthened with iron ties. In October, 1881, two trebles were added to make a ring of twelve and the first peal on the twelve bells, 5,004 Stedman Cinques, was rung by the College Youths on Easter Monday, April 7th, 1890, in 4 hours and 5 minutes, conducted by James Pettit. The bells were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1901. The first peal of Maximus in the tower was 5,088 Kent Treble Bob, rung on Saturday, January 9th, 1907, in four hours and one minute, in which W. T. Cockerill rang the tenor and conducted. This peal was commemorated by a dinner, and a marble tablet was erected in the belfry. On Saturday, January 14th, 1911, 5,088 London Surprise Major was rung on the back eight bells in four hours; H. R. Newton called the peal from the tenor. The longest peal on the bells was 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung on December 12th, 1925, by a band of the Middlesex County Association, with William Pye on the tenor.

In 1933 all the bells except the fourth, fifth, ninth and eleventh were recast by Gillett and Johnston Ltd., and the bells were hung in a new frame, the cost of this restoration being

defrayed by Mr. Gordon Selfridge. The new tenor weighed 54 cwt. On May 11th, 1941, these bells were destroyed as a result of enemy action, and the church and tower were severely damaged. Some of the original bell metal was, however, salvaged, and the present bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1956. The recasting and ceremony of naming the present tenor ("Bow") and second ("Fabian") were carried out in the presence of the then Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, and the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, John S. Mason.

PRINCE PHILIP AT OPENING

Unfortunately, it was discovered shortly afterwards that the steeple was unsafe as a result of war damage, and it had to be partly taken down and rebuilt. It was several years before the funds necessary for this operation could be raised and the work completed, so that it was not until December 20th, 1961, that the new bells, having at last been hung in the tower, were dedicated by the Bishop of London in the presence of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The tenor of the present ring weighs 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. The bells are named (from treble to tenor): Katherine, Fabian, Christopher, Margaret, Mildred, Faith, Augustine, John, Timothy, Pancras, Cuthbert and Bow, and each bell has inscribed on it a text from the Psalms, the initial letters of which form an acrostic spelling "D. Whittington." The first peal on the present bells, 5,007 Stedman Cinques, was rung on November 9th, 1963.

Cover picture by Christopher Dalton.

AMBRIDGE RINGERS' BAD EXAMPLE

Strong Protest to "Radio Times"

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, has written to the Editor of the "Radio Times" protesting about the picture of Ambridge bellringers in "The Borchester Echo." His letter reads:—

Dear Sir,—I write to draw attention to the absurd and misleading depiction of the Ambridge bellringers in the issue of "The Borchester Echo" of October 13th. No ringers of ability would adopt such postures or handle bell ropes in the manner shown; and to conceive that Bob Major can be rung on four bells is as ridiculous as to imagine that Schubert's celebrated Octet can be played by a string quartette.

The ringing of bells forms an important part of our church work and is therefore entitled to be treated, if not always too solemnly, at least with accuracy. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has a committee of experts ready and willing to advise the B.B.C. (or anyone else) on all aspects of the art of ringing.

Another protest comes from Mr. E. J. Holloway, of Crewe:—

Dear Sir,—I would suggest that some competent ringing instructors be sent to "Ambridge" to instruct their local ringers how to handle bell ropes properly and safely.

We ringers know, of course, that "Ambridge" and the somewhat queer characters found therein are really non-existent but the general public might think all ringers are slovenly and careless.

BACK NUMBERS

We carry a substantial quantity of back numbers from 1950. Price 9d. per copy plus postage, for recent years (1960-67). Other 1s. 6d. plus postage.

Truro Guild Celebrates 70th Anniversary of Foundation

THE Truro Diocesan Guild was founded at a meeting held in the crypt of the Cathedral on October 8th, 1897, and was presided over by the then Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Gott. In order to celebrate the 70th anniversary a dinner was held at the Brookdale Hotel, Truro, on October 14th, when a company of 70, representing the Diocese from east to west, was presided over by the president, Mr. Alan Carveth, who, on calling the assembly to silence by ringing the Guild bell, invited the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-chairman) to say Grace. The gathering was honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key) and Mrs. Key.

Mr. H. Lander (a vice-president), in proposing "The Church," referred to the smallest church in the Diocese, at Cornelly, and the Cathedral Church, but these, he said, were only the buildings, the life of the Church depended upon the people, and despite what had happened so often in the past, today the ringers were also the Church Council, the choir, the servers, indeed holding every office.

A LIVE CHURCH

In his reply, the Bishop congratulated the Guild on the fact that it had now reached three score years and ten, but he had been talking to several that evening who had passed that age and who were still ringing. Long might they continue. The Bishop referred to the fact that the Church in Cornwall was very much alive despite the suggestions from time to time that it was dying.

Mr. E. H. Langley was entrusted with the toast "The Truro Diocesan Guild," and said he could speak, as it were, as one who could see the activities of the Guild from the touch-line, having come to live in Cornwall three years ago. He had learned his ringing in the Oxford Diocese, where the Diocesan Guild had been founded only 16 years before the Truro Guild.

Mr. Langley referred to the two types of ringing that could be found in Cornwall and how, on his first visit to the county ten years ago he stayed with his daughter at Tintagel, and on the Sunday morning at the Parish Church he joined in the local ringing, where they rang the bells up and down and up and down with a few rounds in between. In the evening he had the pleasure of ringing in a fine quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Stratton. Since that time he had rung on 95 of the 147 rings in Cornwall in so many churches of great historical interest.

Mr. Langley said he did not know enough about the Call Change Ringing Association to pass comment, but he asked, "Are all the bells being rung regularly and are there plenty of learners coming on?"

POINTS OF PROGRESS

In looking at the reports he could see that progress had been made over the years and he congratulated the officers on this. In 1936 there were 66 affiliated towers and in 1967 there were 87. Some had fallen by the wayside but others had taken their places.

In 1936 there were seven peals rung, mainly by the same people, and all Grandsire, and no mention of quarter peals. In 1966 there were 12 peals in various methods, including one in five methods and 46 quarter peals in a variety of methods. There were 12 towers regularly ringing methods, which was an improvement he had seen during his time of living in Cornwall.

The Rev. J. R. Jose, Vicar of Perranarworthal and Stithians, replied and referred to the fact of the great drain upon their ringers in Cornwall and especially in the rural parishes

where, as soon as the best brains reached the age of 18, they left for university or college, and others left to find work in the towns. He had two fine rings of six bells and knew the difficulties of maintaining local bands, but he always welcomed visiting bands at any time. He did, however, stress the fact that every ringer should be attached to a local tower if this was at all possible.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Triples was well rung by Mary Carveth 1-2, V. Mary Matthews 3-4, A. J. Davidson 5-6, and A. F. Burley 7-8. This brought applause.

A pleasing fact that the East Cornwall Ringing Association is interested in and willing to co-operate with its bigger sister, the Diocesan Guild, was seen by the presence as guests of Mr. E. C. Facey (the chairman) and Mr. J. Summerfield (the treasurer). They were accorded a special welcome by the president. Grateful thanks were accorded to Mr. A. J. Davidson (secretary), who had undertaken all the arrangements for the dinner and which had been done with all his usual precision.

THE COMPANY

At the top table, the Lord Bishop of Truro (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key, D.D.) and Mrs. Key, Mr. A. Carveth (president) and Mrs. Carveth the Rev and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. A. J. Davidson (hon. secretary).

The Rev. R. O. and Mrs. Mossop, the Revs. A. J. Vincent and J. Jose.

Mr. W. C. Boucher (Master) and Mrs. Boucher, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. N. Carveth, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cowling, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hollow, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lander, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lander, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Linington, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Riddy, Mr. and Mrs. K. Tattersall, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wooldridge.

Mesdames Bennett, K. Downing and J. Twining.

The Misses V. Allen, B. Duck (Truro Branch secretary), H. Dash, P. Holman M. L. Lidgey (peal secretary), V. M. Matthews, R. Meyrick, A. Pearce, M. J. Penrose and M. A. B. Weston.

Messrs. G. Barradell, T. J. Bell, N. Blake, F. M. Bowers, A. F. Burley, A. J. Chubb, E. Facey (East Cornwall Ringing Association chairman), A. Locke (Assistant Ringing Master), A. E. Matthews, H. Miles, W. Moss, R. P. Pearce, J. Summerfield (treasurer East Cornwall Ringing Association), O. P. Walker, N. G. Waters, J. C. Wearne and P. C. Wearne.

Apologies were received from Miss Eileen Symons, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram and Mr. S. J. Robinson (treasurer).

Cycling Vicar Completes 1,000 Mile Ride

SPONSORED TOUR FOR BELL FUND CONGRATULATIONS to the Rev. the Hon. M. R. Morrison, Vicar of Randwick, Stroud, Glos, on completing his 1,000-mile sponsored cycle ride from Land's End to John o' Groats to enable the bells of his parish church to be augmented from four to six.

Notifying "The Ringing World" of his fine achievement, accomplished not without hardships, the Vicar states that the fund is now nearing £500 given or promised; only about another £100 is needed for a first-class job. Those desirous of being associated with this achievement should send donations to Mr. A. J. B. Haines, Hon. Treasurer, The Randwick Bell Fund, Ashleigh, Randwick, Stroud, Glos.

The diary of the ride, which was accomplished with 18 hours to spare, is as follows:

October 2.—Left Truro Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. after service of Blessing by the Priest-Vicar, the Rev. L. M. Coulson. Stops at Helston, Land's End Hotel. Left Land's End about 8.45 p.m., arrived Penzance Youth Hostel 9.50 p.m.

October 3rd.—Left Penzance Youth Hostel 9.15 a.m. Stops at Bodmin (lunch), Launceston, and outskirts of Exeter. Arrived Exeter Youth Hostel 8 p.m.

October 4th.—Left Exeter Youth Hostel 9.35 a.m. Stops at outskirts of Taunton (lunch). East Lyng, Wells (to see Cathedral clock striking 4 p.m.). Mr. Morrison delayed at Wells by cone trouble. A representative of the Stroud C.T.C. met Mr. Pegler between Bath and Nailsworth and travelled home with him. Arrived home at Randwick 9.30 p.m.

October 5th.—Left Randwick 7.20 a.m. (the earliest start managed on the tour). Stop at Warwick 11.30 a.m. for lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Gardiner, of 41, Green Lane. Dep. 12.45. Arrived at Loughborough Bell Foundry about 4.10 p.m. Here Mr. Paul Taylor, managing director of John Taylor and Co., the bellfounders for the Randwick improvements, kindly enter-

tained Mr. Morrison for the evening, as well as presenting a donation for four guineas. Dep. Loughborough 9.30 p.m., arr. Nottingham Commercial Hotel 10.30 p.m.

October 6th.—Dep. Nottingham 8.25 a.m. Stop at York to see Minster. Stop at Scorton: delay by taking wrong road in the dark for Scotch Corner. Arrived at Barnard Castle 10.05 p.m. after being guided in by Mr. Michael Wheeler to his home at 38, Bede Road, where he and Mrs. Wheeler kindly offered hospitality.

October 7th.—Left Barnard Castle 8.25 a.m. Arrived Corbridge, after severe hills and more cone trouble, at 12.45 p.m. Arr. Jedburgh (stop) 6.10 p.m. Arr. Edinburgh 11.05 p.m. to stay two nights with aunt, Mrs. E. Cowley, of 35, Telford Road.

October 8th (Sunday).—No progress made with the journey, as planned. Preaching appointment at old school, Fettes College, in morning. Spent rest of day seeing friends and relations.

October 9th.—Dep. Edinburgh 7.55 a.m. St. Andrew's 11.55 a.m. Stop at Dundee (puncture in the rain, and lunch). Stop Braemar (telephone). Arr. near Crathie 8.20 p.m. to spend night (not booked) with Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Pine Cottage, near Crathie.

October 10th.—Dep. Crathie 9 a.m. Severe hills and headwinds. Stop at Tomintoul for lunch. Stop at Grantown-on-Spey to repair broken spokes in front wheel at garage. Dep. Grantown 4.30 p.m. approx. Stop for tea. Arr. Inverness 6.55 p.m. Arr. Evanton c. 9.30 p.m. to spend night at the Munros' Guest House (not booked).

October 11th.—Dep. Evanton 8.10 a.m. Stop at Helmsdale. Stop at Berriedale to see the Duke and Duchess of Portland. Stop for lunch-tea. Stop at John o' Groats Post Office and Hotel (arr. 7.20 p.m.) after visiting Duncansby Head Lighthouse. Dep. John o' Groats 7.50, arr. Thurso, St. Peter's Church, 9.20 p.m. (c. 18 hours to spare) Stayed night with Mr. and Mrs. Corsie, of 50, Pennyland Drive.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN HAVE 150 AT ANNUAL DINNER

THE annual dinner and dance of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Bowdon Assembly Rooms on October 14th. Over 150 people were present at the gathering, including visitors from as far afield as Cornwall and Cardiff. An excellent turkey dinner was enjoyed by all in surroundings befitting the occasion.

The speech by Mr. John Freeman (vice-president of the Council), in proposing the health and continued prosperity of the Guild, was preceded by a touch of Spiced Surprise Major on handbells. Mr. Freeman commented on the long association between the Chester and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds, particularly in the peals of Spliced Treble Bob Minor rung in the 1930's. He referred to the fact that he had rung his first peal of London Royal with the Cheshire band.

In his capacity as vice-president of the Central Council he referred to recent criticisms there had been of the Central Council meetings, pointing out that it was the responsibility of individual Guilds to send their best representatives; they were not delegates. Expressing a personal opinion, he said that he was not sure that the method of selection employed by the Chester Guild was the most desirable one.

[It is hoped to change the method of selection at the next annual festival, notice having already been given at this year's meeting.]

HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP

In his reply to the toast of "The Guild," the Master, Mr. A. R. Elkins, said that 1966 had been a record year in many respects; membership too at about 800, the highest figure in the history of the Guild; peals, too, had reached an all-time record of 183. Early in 1967, however, they had lost the Master of the Guild Mr. John Worth, who was mainly responsible for the prosperity the Guild was now enjoying. Mr. Elkins then took up some of the points on which he thought the Central Council gathering could be improved. Briefly they are as follows:

(1) Reports of various committees should appear in "The Ringing World" before the meeting so that members would be better informed than at present, and reports could be taken as read, or amendments added if required.

(2) Instead of tower-grabbing coach trips, members might be better employed giving instruction to learners at certain towers in the area being visited by the Council.

The "formal" proceedings were rounded off with three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells.

Dancing commenced at 8.15 p.m. and continued until 11.45 p.m., the tastes of all being catered for. It was noticeable that pints of mild and bitter had changed to pints of shandy, it being the first Saturday of the "breathaliser." R. B. S.

BRIDGWATER BRANCH VISIT BATH

The Bridgwater Branch held its annual outing on September 23rd. Forty-one members and friends set off from Bridgwater under cloudy skies but by the time we reached our first tower, at Dinder, the weather was set fair for the rest of the day. The belfry here is small but those who were not ringing enjoyed the lovely setting of the church, with manor house and park adjoining.

Radstock was our next stop, and we enjoyed the nice six very much. At 12.30 we were let loose in Bath for lunch and shopping. Some members, spurning such a frivolous waste of time, made a desperate and unsuccessful attempt to "grab" the Abbey.

The afternoon was spent at the American Museum at Claverton, where there was much of interest, including hot gingerbread straight



Next Sunday at 6 p.m. "Barnaby's Bell" will be dedicated at Wansford Parish Church, Northants. Our picture shows the original sign of the Haycock Hotel with Barnaby, who went to sleep on a haycock, being awakened by the sound of the bell of St. Mary's Church and from the middle of the River Nene crying out: "Where am I?" With Barnaby's Bell as tenor Wansford will have a ring of six. [Picture by courtesy of "The Peterborough Citizen Advertiser."]

HIGH STANDARD AT BATH STRIKING CONTEST

The second striking competition of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Priston. The six bells are easy to ring, and are very pleasant to listen to inside and out of the tower, in fact ideal for such a venture.

Eight teams entered and Corston again excelled themselves; they entered three teams and the result of the competition was: 1st Corston A (ringing Cambridge); 2nd Corston B (Double Court); 3rd Corston C (Grandsire Doubles).

The result was a very close thing between 1st and 2nd, as the "A" team had 18 faults and "B" team 20 faults. So the rest of the towers in the Branch will have to work very hard to try to compete with Corston.

We thank Mr. Ronald Beck and his son, Robert, for judging the ringing, and the Corston ladies for inviting the ringing bands back for an excellent tea in the Village Hall.

Ringing then continued on the octave at Twerton in methods up to London.

A. F. L.

OBITUARY

HARRY PARKER

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. W. Frank Stenson writes the following tribute of Mr. Harry Parker, of Northwich, Cheshire.

"I am sure everyone who knew Harry—and they were many—will be sorry to learn of his passing on after a long and trying time.

"Harry was much loved by all who knew him: he was so unassuming, yet very efficient, whether in the peal band or up in the tower 'amongst the bells.' I am sure I speak for the Chester Guild and the Railwaymen's Guild.

"God give him rest and peace, and his wife and family comfort and courage."

MRS. D. SOUTHWOOD

The ringers of Horsham, Sussex, were shocked to hear of the death of one of their members, Mrs. Dorothy Southwood, who was killed in a car crash during her holidays.

Mrs. Southwood was introduced to ringing by her three children, Judy, Andrew and Jane, who are all ringers at Horsham Parish Church. She was making good progress and was ringing the treble to Grandsire Triples.

The bells were rung half-muffled at the funeral service at the Parish Church. The sympathy of the ringers goes to her husband and their three children. T. G.

"RATHER CHEAP"

Dear Sir,—What a pity Brian Woodruffe had to add such an unfortunate footnote to his handbell peal of Maximus (page 742). He must have lived in Wales long enough to know that this is a subject that many Welshmen are extraordinarily sensitive about. They see the English claim on Monmouthshire as entirely unjust and this is hardly surprising since the present Archbishop of Wales is also Bishop of Monmouth, since no Newport Rugby player will represent England, and since almost all Monmouthshire place names are either Welsh or Welsh in origin.

No doubt he added the footnote as something of a joke, but to me at least this is not at all funny but rather cheap.—Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

J. L. A.

Letters to the Editor

AMERICA'S WARM WELCOME

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago my wife and I made a trip to the U.S.A. Before going, I wrote to Mr. Jack Fanfani, asking him if I might ring at Washington Cathedral, and pointing out that I was not an experienced ringer but could manage Doubles and a touch of Minor, and on the treble only. Imagine my delight on arrival at my friend's house to find an invitation already waiting—no ifs or but or suppositions attached to it.

On Sunday, September 30th, my friend and his family took my wife and me down country 100 miles or so (distance no barrier in U.S.A.), where Mr. Fanfani and Miss Fanfani met us on top of the steps of the Cathedral. Its magnificence must be seen to be appreciated. We were taken to the ringing chamber by elevator and arrived at what looked like a magnificent drawing room. We rang from 2 until 3.40 p.m. on lashed clappers with striking hammers attached and at 3.40 clappers were freed and we rang for Evensong. After snaps, greetings and farewells we all left feeling very gratified indeed.

The point I wish to make is this: one goes to another country unsung and is received at face value and made welcome, whereas here at home one can meet bare-faced rudeness. My District chairman, a well known peal ringer, was flatly ignored in one well known London tower; another well known peal ringer was told, in no uncertain manner, "To prevent any embarrassment please don't turn up." Can you beat it? A friend of mine has obtained some Cathedral bells here at home (Liverpool, the latest), but the flat refusals far outweigh the "Yes, of course." A pity these bands consider their towers and themselves above the ordinaries. Were they born as peelers or did they stoop to learn the elementaries?—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. BEAVIS.

Andover, Hants.

THAT SIXPENCE

Dear Sir,—That sixpence steeples. I have had the pleasure of ringing with the London County Association on numerous occasions. When in Rome I try to do as Rome does and pay my dues, but never have I been accosted in any way. I well remember one meeting when Miss Dupré was counting the coins on the table and the look on her face when she appeared to have too much. "Have you sixpence too much?" I asked. "Yes," she replied. I told her how it had come about and "Thank you so much," was the reply.

Either I am privileged or your correspondents singularly unlucky. Such a small sum for a half-day's enjoyment.—Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND BATH.

Camberley, Surrey.

LOWEST FAULTS IN A COMPETITION

Dear Sir,—In answer to the inquiry from Accrington, the lowest number of faults made by a Sunday service band that I have in my records is Friezland with 17 faults, with our own band, Silkstone, with 18 faults in the same competition.

The competition was held at Penistone (tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp) on July 6th, 1963. The test was 600 changes.

Both Friezland and Silkstone rang Oxford T.B.

I hope that this will be of interest to our friends in Accrington.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MANN.

Silkstone, Barnsley.

"COMPLETE NONSENSE"

Dear Sir,—I hope the band who rang a peal of Plain Bob Maximus "in hand" at Cardiff on August 31st ("R.W." page 763) will not think me pharisaical if I ask what the footnote means; I quote "First peal on 12 bells in Wales (excluding Monmouthshire)." Downton Road is, in fact, in Monmouthshire, where both handbell and tower-bell peals on 12 bells have been already rung.

If, as the footnote suggests, Wales excludes Monmouthshire, then there still hasn't been a 12 bell peal in Wales. Before ringers claim a multitude of records for a peal, they should ensure that the records are meaningful; the footnote in question is complete nonsense, as it has no actual meaning. However, I would still like to congratulate the band on their achievement.—Yours sincerely,

G STICKLAND (Rev.).

Port Talbot, Glam.

WHAT ABOUT THE RECRUITING LEAFLET?

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter by G. F. Roope that appeared in "The Ringing World" on October 13th. He seems to suggest that there is no publication by the Central Council which will give information to the public about church bells and why they ring. I wonder if he has ever taken steps to obtain the recruiting leaflet from the Council. There he will find a photograph of a bell and also information on bells and why ringers ring them. Also there is a form at the base in which times and dates can be placed together with the address of the tower captain, and I quote: "... The Head Ringer (and here the name is inserted together with his address) will be pleased to show you the bells, either at these times, or at other times by arrangement."

This criticism I feel is unfounded as there is a publication for the public which can be obtained by the ringer for distribution to the public if necessary.—Yours faithfully,

M. H. HILLER.

Abingdon, Berks.

CATHEDRAL RINGER'S VIEWS ON THE OTHER MUSIC

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to reply to Mr. J. A. Burton? He seems to forget that one of the main functions of a Cathedral Church is the daily singing of the Offices of Matins and Evensong, and that it has been the tradition of these places that the music should be of the highest standard.

As a ringer at a Cathedral famed for its choir no less than for its bells, I count it a privilege to be able to attend the regular Sung Evensong where a near perfect offering of music is made. The size of the congregations at Saturday and Sunday Evensong shows that many people are able to take their part without feeling upset that they are not intended to sing.

No one would attempt to criticise those who find the Cathedral music difficult to understand but it is a sobering thought that our own peculiar musical offering in the belfry on a Sunday is probably even more difficult for most people to understand, and by its sheer noise value can be infinitely more annoying.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Diglis, Worcester.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—In your issue of September 8th W. Stote, in his "Peterborough Guild Memories," states that he was proposed as a non-resident member of the Guild at Dodford on November 7th, 1925, and the possibility that he has held such membership longer than any other living ringer. He also says he would be pleased to learn of any other living ringer who was elected to non-resident membership prior to this date.

I cannot fulfil all the conditions he asks as I was elected a resident member in 1923 or early 1924, ringing a peal at Titchmarsh in November, 1924, but I left the diocese in April, 1915 and have lived in Hertfordshire since that date. Thus I became automatically a non-resident member 42½ years ago, and I still ring Sunday by Sunday.

Without being certain, I would say at a guess that Stephen H. Hoare, of Watford, late of Woodston, Peterborough, probably holds non-resident membership longer than either Mr. Stote or myself, but it is an interesting thought on the part of Mr. Stote, and I thank him for raising it.—Yours faithfully,

F. KIRK.

Leverstock Green, Herts.

LONG SERVICE AT EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested to read the report that Miss May S. Taylor has now completed 50 years' service as a ringer, and I offer her my congratulations on this happy event. In 1925 I was working some time in Edinburgh and as soon as possible on arrival I made my way to the tower of St. Cuthbert's, where I received a very warm welcome, and I had the pleasure of joining in the service ringing and practices for the whole time I was there. Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote was then tower master, and Miss Taylor and Miss Whitson were lady members of the band. I found Mr. Heathcote a good companion and friend; this applies to all members of the band. The ringing chamber was kept spotlessly clean, also the bells and frame were well attended to, which was chiefly due to Mr. Heathcote's care and attention.

Miss Taylor and myself now have something in common as I started ringing in the tower of the Parish Church, Trowbridge, in September, 1907, and have therefore completed 60 years as a ringer.

I rang my first peal on May 31st, 1909. I left Trowbridge some years before the first world war, but wherever I was I continued service ringing and practices, and returned to Trowbridge just before the last war.

The ravages of time have taken away many well known ringers and friends with whom I have rung many peals, and I am now the sole survivor of the Trowbridge band with whom I started ringing.

Fortunately we now have some younger ringing members of the Trowbridge band who will undoubtedly make their names well known in the ringing fraternity in the future.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT H. HARDING.

Trowbridge, Wilts.

WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the first extent of the peal of 5,040 Minor in twelve methods rung on December 11th, 1966, at Copdock, Suffolk, is false.

I must, therefore, withdraw this peal and tender my apologies to the rest of the band, and all others concerned.—Yours faithfully,

J. B. PICKUP.

Lowestoft.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

Bishop's Flock Return to Cornwall for Second Week

BY popular request, Tintagel was chosen for this year's base, a very enjoyable time having been spent there in 1964. Nine of the party arrived at the hotel early on Saturday evening, August 5th, but what happened to Alan Bagworth's car? Eventually he did arrive safely, having broken down twice on the way. A visit was paid to the Parish Church that evening to lend a hand with the local ringers, struggling to get a band together.

On Sunday morning some of the party attended 8 a.m. Holy Communion and obtained permission for a quarter peal attempt before our scheduled time of arrival. Cambridge Minor was attempted but was unsuccessful after about 800 changes. The rest of the party then arrived and some good ringing was enjoyed on the pleasant bells, including a course of Wells. After lunch at the hotel we got down to the real start of the week with a full afternoon of ringing. The pleasant six at St. Kew came first, followed by St. Mabyn, where an excellent view is to be had from the top of the tower. Thence to Bodmin (an excellent octave), where unfortunately the ringing did not do justice to the bells. However, several of the band found the courage to enter and leave the ringing room by the vertical ladder at the side of the tower instead of the more orthodox stairs. The Napoleon at Boscastle was visited that evening, and Mr. Doubleday's "ploughman's lunch" with an excellent portion of Stilton cheese proved to be a worthwhile investment in "Boney's Bar."

CLIMB OF BRENT TOR

The first tower on Monday was at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston (a very pleasant octave), where the Stedman and Double Norwich went remarkably well considering that the ground-floor ringing room was 100 feet from the bells! Milton Abbot and Lamerton (both sixes) were visited before lunch, which was taken by some on a large stone in the River Tavy. Afterwards the ringing of Durham at Peter Tavy exceeded our expectations on the rough six. An enjoyable climb up Brent Tor to ring on the five bells at St. Michael's followed and the rain kindly stopped for a short time and enabled us to complete the ascent without getting wet. St. Petrock's, Lydford, was the tea-time tower, but an initial search of the village did not reveal anywhere where we could have a cream tea. The unmelodious six at Lewtrenchard and the pleasant octave at Lifton were later visited.

We set out on Tuesday without Paul Brand, who was unwell. York and Primrose were well rung at St. Breward, but at the beautiful church at Blisland the ringing was very hard work and not very rewarding. Unruffled by our hectic experience on these bells we moved on to the pleasant light six at St. Neot, where some of the best ringing of the day took place, including Norfolk, Berwick and five-spliced Surprise Minor.

A HEAD WOUND

Bristol Major was enjoyed on the octave at Liskeard, but the ringing at Lostwithiel was disappointing, though we did have the pleasure of a call change touch called by a gentleman now 83 years old. Alan Bagworth unfortunately banged his head on the low beam as we left the tower. It was still bleeding when we arrived at Lanlivery. The ringing was curtailed here through a broken rope, not the first of the week; Tony Bishop had to go and push the bell over, as it had set up.



THE FLOCK.—Back row, left to right: David Hughes, Poul Brand, Lesley Read and Michael Uphill. Middle row: Keith Sansom, Alan Bagworth, Caroline Madge, Jill Sims and Tony Bishop. Front row: Jim Cooke, Vanessa Rodrigues, Deborah Bishop, Prisca Hornby (obscured). Missing: Bill Shanks, who took the photograph.

On Wednesday it poured with rain, but we had very good towers all day. York and Surlfleet started the day at St. Teath, followed by five-spliced and Hexham at St. Minver. The octave at Egloshayle was the last tower before lunch, after which we rang the two sixes at St. Wenn and Withiel where we discovered what we took to be an old timekeeper's clock! Lanivet closed the day, but we could only ring the back six as there was no rope on the treble. Here we met our only opposition of the week from some workmen on the nearby school roof ringing the school bell in reply.

London Minor at Poundstock (an unimpressive six) opened the day on Thursday. However, the six at Marhamchurch, where Bourne was rung, and the excellent bells at Kilkampton were enjoyed before lunch was taken. We had hoped for some good ringing at Hartland, in the highest tower in Devon and Cornwall, and the heaviest six of the week (17½ cwt.). However, we seemed a little nervous of these excellent bells and could not reach the standard that was achieved at Queen Camel, with a tenor over twice as heavy, two years ago. We did no better at Woolfardisworthy, but a good course of Chester was rung at Parkham and a ladies' touch of Bob Minor. After tea some good ringing on the light six at Sutcombe preceded ringing on the excellent Gillett octave (1949) at Holsworthy, where the best touch of the day, six-spliced Surprise Major, was rung.

BRATTON BELLS' 200th YEAR

All too soon, the last full day of the week was upon us and started well with Bristol and Yorkshire Major at Werrington. We were short-handed at Broadwoodwiger as Keith succeeded in getting lost on the way. However, he found us at Bratton Clovelly where the six bells were much enjoyed. They were cast in 1767 by Pennington's, so this

is their 200th year. Local records show "One shilling and sixpence paid to Barkwill for tolling at Nelson's burial in 1805." St. John's, Stowford, where a good course of Coldstream was rung, preceded lunch and a free afternoon. In the evening we started at Okehampton and rang some Little Grand-sire Triples and Yorkshire Major. The last two towers were Bridestowe and Thrushelton (a disappointing ring).

The final gathering was held in the hotel that evening and a small quantity of alcoholic liquor was presented to Tony and Deborah as a token of appreciation for the hard work they had put in to make another very successful tour.

An hour's ringing at Stratton marked the end of the tour on Saturday morning. Here we were met by Brian Vince, whose daughter speaks very fluently but not particularly "Queen's" English. Harry Stacey also looked in, complete with butcher's apron.

Finally, our grateful thanks to all incumbents and tower captains, to our drivers and navigators and to the many local ringers who gave up their time to come and meet us at many of the towers.

M. J. U., D. M. H., K. S.

MARLOW RINGERS' WEDDING

On most Saturdays the bells of All Saints', Great Marlow, are rung for weddings, but Saturday, October 7th, was special—they were ringing for the wedding of two members of the local band, John Young and Bridget Hillsdon. The marriage service was conducted by the Vicar Dr. S. R. Day, and the organist was David Boarder.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung for Evensong on the following Sunday by the local band, conducted by John's father, the tower captain. It was the eve of Joe and Kathleen Young's 30th wedding anniversary.

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Kent's 1967 Dinner a Memorable Occasion

MR. JOHN WILLIS WANTS A PENNY A WEEK FOR NEW BELLS

THE Kent banqueting suite of the Odeon Cinema, Ashford, proved a very good choice for this year's dinner of the Association on September 30th and a company of over 100 sat down to an excellent meal. A pleasing touch was the presentation of bouquets to ladies on the top table and this set the ball rolling for a memorable and happy evening.

The chairman, Canon N. M. G. Sharpe, Vicar of Ashford and a vice-president of the Association, as is customary, proposed the loyal toast.

VICAR'S PRANK

The usual procedure of the toast of "The Church" being proposed by a layman and responded to by a priest was reversed. Proposing the toast, Canon J. Frank, Rector of Aldington, recalled, with amusement when, as a junior curate at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, he was passing through the ringing chamber with the Vicar (his father-in-law). As the clock struck three the Vicar could not resist pulling the rope and causing the clock to strike four to the confusion of the crowds in Trafalgar Square.

The Canon said it was not until he came to Aldington five years ago that he finally became initiated into the art of ringing. All his reminiscences of ringing were happy ones. When he heard radio communications being received "loud and clear" he was reminded of the bells, whose message always came across loud and clear. There was nothing woolly about their message—the notes were always sharp and clear. Canon Frank wished everyone continued joy and blessing in continuing to proclaim the message of the Church.

The response was by Mr. E. A. Barnett, a vice-president of the Association, who said, as a layman, he was uncertain as to how he should respond, but he recalled that once he was listed at a Cumberland dinner as the Rev. E. A. Barnett. This had evidently fooled the general secretary as he had been sent the "helpful notes for non-ringing speakers" prior to this dinner.

Before the next speech a good course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by T. Cross, E. Beer, E. A. Barnett, C. Osenton and W. Dobbie.

KENT'S PROUD RECORD

The toast of "The Kent County Association" was proposed by Mr. J. G. A. Prior, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who brought cordial greetings from his Society. He believed the Kent Association was one to be proud of, with a notable record in the realms of peal ringing and with its membership and finances both strong. It had also given, through residential members, great service to the Central Council, the Ancient Society and the Cumberlands. He went on to mention just a few names. The late E. H. Lewis stood out for his brilliant chairmanship of the Central Council and his Mastership at the 300th anniversary of the College Youths. Mr. Prior also mentioned the services rendered by E. A. Young, E. A. Barnett, G. Cross, D. Beresford, F. Mitchell, F. Cullen, H. Audsley, P. Bond, F. Mathews and others.

Mr. Prior recalled that he had been a non-resident life member since 1935, when he came to Crayford for a peal for the Middlesex Association. Tom Groombridge asked for it to be rung for the Kent Association. As only four Kent members were present two handbell peals were attempted each with two Middlesex men in them. Strangely, each was lost in the first lead! Eventually when all eight were Kent members they rang the youngest peal of spliced ever rung at that time.

The response was to have been given by Mr. J. Willis, a vice-president, but unfortunately he had been taken ill. His speech was read by the Rev. P. T. Robbins, who began by voicing the opinions of all when he said

how very much regret was caused by the absence of Mr. Willis, and hoped that he would very soon be restored to health.

After mentioning the family connections that have been evident in Kent ringing in the past and present, Mr. Willis believed that the Association had now risen to its highest peak of efficiency and sociability. This was due largely to the hard work put in by the officers.

Mr. Willis went on to say that we must not let our fine art die out because of criticism by the public and press, and lack of support from some of the clergy. As we bellringers derived more pleasure than anyone else from the ringing of bells it was our duty to help provide bells where needed. He made the suggestion that every Association, through its tower captains, should collect one penny per week from each of its members; this amount to be used solely for recasting, rhangng and the provision of new bells. This would help far more than in the past.

"The Visitors" were welcomed by Mr. N. J. Davies, Ringing Master of the Ashford District. He mentioned the three clerical guests—Canons Sharpe and Frank and the Rev. P. T. Robbins—and thought it would be hard to find more co-operative incumbents.

The Cumberlands and the Ancient Society, he said, had both been very active in Kent ringing, even before the K.C.A. was formed. In 1770 at the opening of Sevenoaks bells the main attraction was the College Youths' peal attempt. Several other bands were present, including a band from Leeds, Kent. The latter scored their peal of Oxford Treble Bob and a footnote in James Barham's peal book said, "N.B. The College Youths was down and they rang over 5,000 changes, but they turned six bells out of course, which is not allowed!"

The Cumberlands have also been closely connected with Kent ringing, many being resident members. He extended congratulations to them for their performances in non-

conducted peals. Mr Davies also welcomed Mr. Bert Luck, now recovered from his serious illness, and Mr. W. Hughes from the Whitechapel Foundry.

The reply was given by Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who mentioned that although the Kent cricket team had been pipped into second place by Yorkshire, in the peal records the positions last year were reversed. He also thanked the Association on behalf of the ladies for the flowers.

Canon Sharpe was thanked for chairing the dinner by Mr. P. A. Corby, general secretary. He also thanked Mr. Alan Berry, Ashford District secretary, for all the work he had done in organising the event and making it such a success. The formal proceedings of the evening ended with the national anthem, played by Miss Ann Barber. The company then separated into various groups in the adjoining lounge and dining rooms to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. The entire proceedings were a credit to the organiser, and this dinner will surely be remembered as one of the most enjoyable held in the county.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on Saturday, October 21st. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Green (assistant curate at St. Mary's, Ashford).

The business meeting, following the tea, was conducted with Mr. A. S. Phelps in the chair. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. A. S. Phelps; honorary secretary, Alan P. S. Berry; Ringing Master, P. Charles Sinden; District representatives, Rev. P. T. Robbins and David Manger. The offertory was donated to the Association Belfry Repair Fund, and a raffle in aid of Newchurch Bell Fund realised £5.

Thanks were expressed by Dr. L. Garraway to all who had helped at the meeting, especially the ladies who had prepared the tea.

Ringing continued on the splendid eight until nine o'clock and ranged from rounds to Surprise to suit all tastes. A. P. S. B.

200th BIRTHDAY OF CORNISH BELLS

THE inscription on the fourth bell at Gwincar, near Hayle, Cornwall, is "Penningtons cast us all, 1767." The reference was to the complete ring of six. In 1903 the fifth was recast by John Warner and Sons Ltd., of London, and for some years before 1956 this ring had fallen into complete disrepair and was unringable. In that year Messrs. John Taylor and Co. carried out a complete restoration and recast the tenor, which weighs 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. Nearly two years ago there was an unfortunate accident with the chiming hammers, which resulted in the third bell being badly cracked and the fifth being jammed halfway down in its pit. The Vicar and Church Council made immediate praiseworthy efforts to get matters put right and the cracked bell has been recast.

The rededication took place on Thursday, October 5th, which was also observed as the Harvest Thanksgiving. The Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Croft, asked the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Vicar of Carbis Bay, to rededicate the bell, and after prayers the latter handed the rope to the Vicar, thus giving this bell again into his care.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, in his sermon, took as his text "A bell and a pomegranate," which, he said, he had often heard used at ringers' festivals, but it was most appropriate on that dual occasion when they were rededicating a bell and giving thanks for the harvest.

The preacher remarked that of all Church workers ringers were amongst the most travelled, and Cornwall received many visitors during the summer, and as they travelled they followed up their art here and there. Ringing

called for teamwork and through it lifelong friendships were made.

Once again in Gwincar the full ring of bells was ready to ring to remind the parishioners that the Church in that place is alive. It was significant that this year was the 200th birthday of Penningtons' three remaining bells in that tower and this was a reminder that through all that time and before, people had been rejoicing and giving thanks in that church. They had been coming to church, being baptised, receiving Holy Communion and, as the old churchyard reminded them, laid to rest also.

Despite the forward march of science the round of life was much the same now as 200 years ago and they had to quite literally come down to earth. Man had to go out into the field and garden to find God's gifts which were so necessary, and he had to dig into the earth to find the copper and tin with which the bells were cast. How thankful man should be, and how grateful they should be that the obstacle of a cracked bell had been overcome and put right.

After the service local ringers were assisted by the preacher, Mr. E. H. Langley and Mr. Arthur Fidler, who had rehung the bell and who was congratulated on what Messrs. Taylor and Co. had done. When the ringers got to the Church Hall they found it crowded to the doors for the concert and pasty supper.

STOWE-BY-CHARLEY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: 1. Sheffield (first of T.B.) 1. J. Wellings 2. P. Johnson 3. G. Pick 4. J. D. Holden 5. P. Davies (cond.) 6.

Three Counties Festival — 250 Attend

THE long-awaited Three Counties Festival, to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Midland Counties Guild and the Southwell Diocesan Guild from the old Midland Counties Association, was held at Derby on September 16th, and proved to be a most successful and happy occasion.

From quite early morning ringers began to approach Derby, along four routes, on which a wide selection of towers was kindly made available for ringing. The buffet lunches arranged en route by local ringers and their wives at Heanor and Sawley were much appreciated. Gradually the ringers from the three counties, with visitors from further afield, assembled at Derby, and good use was made of the four local towers during the afternoon and early evening.

The centre of the festival was the service of Evensong in the Cathedral Church of All Saints at 5 p.m. With a congregation of some 250 present, the singing was led by a choir of over 50 ringer-choristers, drawn from the three counties, and directed by Mr. R. Carlisle, choirmaster of St. Leodegarius' Parish Church, Basford, Nottingham. The office of Evensong was sung by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Rector of Darley Dale, and the address was given by the Provost of Derby, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, who is president of the Derby Diocesan Association. During the service a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and the service concluded with the Blessing given by the Lord Bishop of Derby.

The evening activities, dinner and social evening, were held at the Albion Restaurant. A party of 175 including the Lord Bishops of Derby and Southwell, sat down to the dinner, with the Provost presiding. After an excellent repast, the Provost proposed the loyal toast.

This was followed by the toast of the evening, "The Church and the Exercise," which was proposed by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. In proposing the toast, Mr. Smith recalled the old days of the M.C.A., and many of the leading members and officers of that Association. He went on to congratulate those concerned on the rapid progress made by the Societies which were the "offspring" of the M.C.A., and in which the spirit of the old M.C.A. still lived. In concluding, he pointed out that progress was not to be measured only by the undoubted rise in membership figures, but also by the increasingly active part being played by ringers in all aspects of the life and work of the Church.

Speakers who responded to the toast were the Lord Bishop of Derby and Mr. Paul L. Taylor of Loughborough.

The final event of a memorable, interesting and happy day was the social evening; when a programme of dancing and games filled in the time remaining until 11.45 p.m. This programme was, naturally, enlivened by much conversation amongst ringing friends, old and new, which underlined the family spirit, always so noticeable throughout the day.

The sincere thanks of all concerned will be extended to Mr. Denis Carlisle and his colleagues who were responsible for the arrangements, and to the Provost of Derby for his ready co-operation.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Bath and Frome Branches

Sunshine, sunshine all the way—that was the theme, but not the weather, unfortunately, when Bath and Frome Branches made history at Beckington (8) on October 14th, by holding their autumn quarterly meetings together in place of the usual annual "get together." The success of the venture was evidenced by the high attendance of members of both Branches and the idea will be repeated next year.

Coincidentally, both Branches were without their chairman, but George Hawkins steered Bath ably and quickly through their business, determined not to hold up the Frome Branch. After a shuffle round in the hall the Frome Branch held its meeting under a quiet and efficient John Beck. Frome Branch members were equally determined not to raise controversial issues and thus delay Bath members from getting back to the tower. All in all it was most unusual, and one or two Bath members who were looking forward to the usual Frome fireworks were distinctly disappointed. Bath, Chew and Frome Branches have all agreed to a "p'ay-off" of the winning and second teams in each of their striking competitions and this event should be one well worth attending.

Both Branch secretaries had extra copies of "The Ringing World" for sale, which features Long Sutton tower—it is hoped that all these will be sold.

Best remark of the day: "Bristol? Good heavens, I thought it was bad rounds by learners!" M. H.

LISS PIGEON MENACE

The pigeon menace at Liss reminds Mr. E. M. Langdon, of Sutton, Gloucester, of when he was stationed at Longmore Camp, 20 years ago, and spent many happy hours with Liss ringers on their practice nights and in service ringing. The pigeon problem then occurred and it was dealt with very effectively by a ringer named "Alan." If he is still living, Mr. Langdon is sure he would help if approached.

BARKINGSIDE RINGERS IN KENT

Barkingside ringers took five cars on their outing into Kent, visiting Brenchley, Goudhurst and Cranbrook. A picnic lunch by a haystack included hot dogs cooked over a primus stove and washed down with cider. The rain did not spoil the spirit of the occasion.

Cuxton (the last tower) was difficult to locate and some of the party succeeded in ringing at the wrong tower. There was a very warm welcome from the Rector, who is a ringer. Evening prayers were said by the Rector and included the collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity—"to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil"—a thought for the homeward journey.

East Farleigh, Kent, has had its ringing limited to Sunday and practice night. Movement of the frame is the suggested cause.

Ingham, Suffolk, has no ringers. The North West District has arranged for the bells to be rung on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Mr S. Smith, on holiday from New Zealand, rang his first quarter of Major at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, on October 15th. This is his first holiday home since emigrating in 1912.

Correct prices for bellringers' ties supplied by the Aldershot Stores, 35, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, appear on page 803. Please ignore details in last week's issue.

Mr. Alick Cutler has now rung 350 peals on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden. Has this record been surpassed? Canon Felstead, in his article in this issue, gives the 12 towers where this is possible.

"Having taken 'The Ringing World' regularly since the very first issue, I find it more interesting now than it has ever been."—Gilbert H. Harding. A sincere "thank you" from the Editor.

COVER FOR LECTURERS AT LINCOLNSHIRE RINGING COURSE

Approximately 70 people attended the half-day bell ringing course at Ruskington County Secondary School on October 14th.

The students, who were welcomed to the course by Dr. Golby, director of education, Kesteven, were allocated to beginners or advanced groups and received class room lectures on the theoretical side of bell ringing. Practical sessions were carried out using the six bell towers of Ruskington and nearby Blankney.

A short term insurance cover was arranged to protect lecturers against possible claims which could have arisen due to student injuries in the tower practice periods. We are pleased to report no mishaps occurred, but considered the insurance an essential safeguard.

The classroom lecturers were Messrs. Evans, Heppenstall and Radley, and the lecturers in the towers were Messrs. Bluff, Bray, Haw, Millhouse and Parker.

During the evaluation period the assembly confirmed that they had improved their knowledge of bell ringing and expressed the wish that further courses be organised in the future.

Thanks are due to the Kesteven authority for sponsoring the course and the provision of excellent school facilities, the incumbents of Ruskington and Blankney who allowed the use of the bells and the ladies who prepared the tea. H. J. R.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the peal at Ruardean, published on page 179, Geoffrey J. Clarke was ringing his first peal.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal at Great Tey (page 739) was Ian R. Pantton and not James L. Towler as submitted.

The ringer of the third in the peal at Brenchley (page 760) was Simon A. B. Wigg and not Malcolm Barden as submitted.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 900th peal on October 14th, on the same bell at Barton-on-Humber as he rang his first peal. It was also his 200th for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

In a quarter peal at Blunsdon, Wilts, on October 22nd, J. Vincent, a chorister and ringer at this church for more than 60 years, was ten times the age of the treble ringer (Anne Ford, aged 8).

The band who rang the quarter of Stedman Triples at New Alresford wish to associate Miss Prisca Hornby with the attempt. It had been arranged specially for her but owing to a last-minute indisposition she was unable to ring. They hope that she will soon be well again, when perhaps another attempt may be arranged.

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EPILOGUES ON TYNE-TEES TELEVISION

In September last in the course of his week-end in Durham and Newcastle for the 90th anniversary celebrations of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Canon Gilbert Thurlow not only preached in the two Cathedrals but he also recorded three epilogues for Tyne-Tees Television describing some of the work of cathedrals. Several different cathedrals were mentioned in his illustrations.

"Cathedrals and Ringing" is to be transmitted on Saturday, November 4th, by Tyne-Tees Television. This epilogue begins with the bells of Durham Cathedral and ends with those of Newcastle Cathedral. The former were recorded between 5 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 23rd, and the latter before Evensong the following day. In his talk Canon Thurlow outlines the development of ringing.

Transmission dates have yet to be arranged for "Cathedrals and Pilgrimages" and "Cathedrals and Education." Transmission dates are awaited also for three epilogues recorded earlier in September by Denis Bayles as part of the Tyne-Tees series "My Job in the Church."

Unfortunately not very many ringers are likely to see these six epilogues as they are unlikely to be transmitted by other programme companies, and stamina is needed for the "locals" as transmission takes place about midnight! D. A. B.

DEDICATION OF THE LATE MAURICE ATKINS' HANDBELLS

At a simple but moving ceremony in the belfry of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on September 12th the Rev. Mr. Folland, of Teignmouth, dedicated the handbells of the late Maurice Atkins to the use of the local ringers. Mr. Brian Shingler, a former captain of the tower, read a message from Capt. A. R. Poyntz, who was unable to attend owing to indisposition. Among the company of friends from Babbacombe and Torquay were Mrs. Maurice Atkins and a nephew of the late Mr. Atkins. Following the dedication a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by G. J. Roberts 1—2, P. A. Lock 3—4, W. Simmonds 5—6, D. J. Roberts 7—8.

BEAMINSTER BELLS

While the correct weight of Beaminster tenor bell was disclosed at the Harvest Supper on October 7th the competition of guessing the weight was well supported outside the locality. The weight was delivered by Messrs. Taylor in a sealed envelope and was 22 cwt. 1 qr. 27½ lb. The £10 prize was won by Mrs. M. Fordham, of Thornley Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, who was 1½ lb. out.

The bells will be brought back to Beaminster on November 13th and will be rehallowed by the Bishop of Salisbury the Rt. Rev. Joseph Fison, at Evensong on December 17th. The fund has £357 to go to reach the target. The Barron Bell Trust have generously donated £250.

SURPRISE AT HENLEY

At Henley practice night on October 12th we had an unusual experience. During the evening a course of Plain Bob Minor was about to be started. As our conductor, Howard Egglestone, pulled his bell down from his first backstroke, a mouse landed at his feet, causing a certain amount of excitement! In nearly forty years of ringing I have not seen it happen before, and I hate to think what would have happened if this had occurred during a peal. S. B.

FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES AT COMBE MARTIN

In September, 1907, Chailis F. Winney called a peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') at Holy Trinity, Ilfracombe. It is interesting to note that the footnote to that peal reads: "The first peal of Stedman on the bells." Also in the tower was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who conducted Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples in 1905, that peal also being recorded as "the first of Stedman on the bells." One wonders of the tale behind the ringing of these two peals.

Anyhow, Derek Jewell thought it would be appropriate to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Mr. Winney's peal, but owing to the duration of the ringing at the Devon Association's six-bell final in June, permission was withdrawn. (Why the public of Ilfracombe complained of such such splendid ringing is beyond the comprehension of the writer.)

However permission was readily given at Combe Martin, where a peal of Stedman had not been rung, in spite of previous attempts. So we arrived at the "Top George" at 9 p.m. on Friday evening, September 8th, and there to welcome us was Les Walters and Derek. Les having had a most successful season, we drank to the strawberries, raspberries, peas, beans, "teddies" and the pigeons, and went to bed very mellow and brimful of confidence for the morrow.

Quite a good peal was rung on the Saturday, conducted by young John Hibbert, and Derek was most delighted to ring in the first of Stedman on his own bells. Our thanks to Roy Bould, Bob Southwood and Frank Mack for making the long drag from South Devon in the holiday traffic.

We had our annual attempt for Stedman at Pilton and, as usual, our annual failure. This year "Dear Old Dad's" son, having completed his slow work, made thirds then went back and pushed everyone out of his way.

Again we thank North Devon and Cornwall for a most happy holiday. Who knows, next year we may ring our Stedman at Pilton, but "Dear Old Dad's" son is adamant that he will be outside, listening. D. J.

A LOSS TO KENT RINGING

His many ringing friends in Kent will regret to learn that Mr. Bernard Groves intends to leave Kent and return to his native Cheshire in the New Year. He is continuing his duties as co-Ringing Master of the Maidstone District until his departure. Bernard's seven and a half years in Kent has greatly enhanced the standard of ringing, particularly in the Maidstone area.

SIXTY AND SEVENTY YEARS AFTER

It must have been quite by coincidence that the Truro Diocesan Guild, having been founded on October 8th, 1897, for the first peal for the Guild to be rung in Cornwall exactly ten years afterwards, on October 8th, 1907, at Kenwyn, being a peal of Superlative conducted by George Williams. This was only the second peal for the Guild; the first was at Emmanuel, Plymouth, in August, 1907.

As these 60th and 70th anniversaries fell on a Sunday a peal was not possible, but a quarter peal (recorded in the appropriate place) was rung at Kenwyn and was one of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major conducted by the president, Alan Carveth. It is interesting to note that apart from the treble ringer all those taking part have learned their ringing at the three towers associated with Truro—the Cathedral, Kenwyn and Kea.

STRANGE BELLS AROUND CIRENCESTER

One result of the recent course at Cheltenham was more immediate—an organisers' and lecturers' ringing afternoon and evening in the Cirencester area, the main purpose being to convince Fred Sharpe that Ampney Crucis bells really do sound 1, 3, 3, 4, 5.

According to Ellacombe, Daglingworth's tower contains a Rudhall four, but we discovered a Warner treble, 1877 (listed as 1787 in the ringing chamber), the 3rd by Mears, 1887 and new tackle by Llewellyn and James in 1912. As only three of our party as had yet assembled, Fred Sharpe promptly turned his back on the ladies and raised both tenors simultaneously. Our efforts brought two local ringers hastening up the staircase and we were then able to ring "properly."

After joining the Watermoor ringers in Stedman Triples for a wedding, promptly losing first Marie Cross and then Fred Sharpe and his family in Cirencester's one-way streets, we journeyed to Colin St. Denys, where the Wratens awaited us. A frantic search for the oil can was of no avail, but the five went surprisingly well when rung "at full sally." The Rector, who joined us with his wife and family, promised to oil the bells before our next visit.

Ampney Crucis at last, and Fred's first words as he set the treble were, "They do. I didn't believe him (W. F. S.)." Unfortunately the key to the bell chamber was not available and so we were unable to verify the Sharpe theory as to why the 2nd and 3rd are virtually the same note. The effect of these two bells behind is worth hearing. Dismissing Marie's suggestion that we rang "Cagmag," we settled for St. Faith's. A return visit is imperative.

Then to Down Ampney, the birthplace of Vaughan Williams, where the 2nd proclaims: "Abraham Rudhall cast us all 1097," nearly 700 years before he cast the others! We found these the hardest going of the day; hardly surprising since they have tackle of 1843 and even older rope rollers.

We rounded off the day with a meal at the Crown at Ampney, and a determination to organise a similar outing in the near future.

MAIDSTONE'S "REVIEW"

The Maidstone District of the Kent County Association has produced an attractive annual report and review full of interesting reading. A useful article is "Some thoughts on ropes" by M. W. G., and this is a matter that well repays time and care. "Faversham Bells 500 years old" has historical appeal. In 1441 Joan Hille, of London, widow of the founder Richard Hille, delivered the bells and signed an indenture guaranteeing their quality. This document is preserved in the archives office at Maidstone.

Her first husband's foundry was in St. Botolph's-without-Aldgate. The symbol he used on his bells was a shield, diagonally bisected by a bend, with a ring in the left hand half and a cross in the right. After his death Joan used the same sign but surmounted it with a lozenge. Her second husband used the initials I. S. on his bells and again, after his death, she surmounted this with a lozenge.

Another feature deals with Stuart Taylor's, of Maidstone Grammar School, proposal to provide a hand-made ring in an old stable behind the vicarage in West Malling. An article tells of East Bergholt bells, together with the changes employed, and some budding conductors will find the calling of Stedman Triples by "L. H." of practical value.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*Derrick J. Withers Treble	David G. Massey 6
Edgar C. Shepherd 2	George W. Massey 7
Norman G. N. Knee 3	*Raymond E. J. Baker 8
David J. Orledge 4	Frederick S. Slatford 9
David A. Burt 5	*Hugh Vennell Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 3.) Conducted by G. W. Massey.

* First peal on more than eight bells.

BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Michael J. Stone Treble	Richard W. Sweet 5
Gillian M. Hunt 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Edgar T. Skipsey 3	D John Hunt 7
*David Rennolds 4	A Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* 25th peal.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Richard C. Taylor Treble	Walter S. Rice 5
Michael G. Bartlett 2	David G. Massey 6
Peter J. England 3	Edgar T. Skipsey 7
Roy W. Rice 4	George W. Massey Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal of Bristol by all except the conductor.

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

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 17 methods, being two extents each of Stedman, St. Bartholomew, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Union and New, and three extents each of Huntspill, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course, Grandsire, Antelope, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin.

Tenor 12 cwt 21 lb. in F.

*Brian Mills Treble	Stanley Lewis 4
*Raymond Jones 2	John Walton 5
John Coombs 3	*John Chaplin Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.

* First peal in 17 methods. First as conductor in 17 methods.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

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

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Carol M. E. Johnson .. Treble	†Christopher S. Nokes .. 5
Rupert A. Clarke 2	†James R. White 6
†Robert M. Chambers .. 3	†Richard J. Parker 7
†John R. Insley 4	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
 * First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method. First of Major as conductor.

Rung to mark the 21st birthday of the ringer of the treble.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

PAINSWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. in D

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Arthur R. Wright 7
*Gillian M. Brearley .. 2	John C. Baldwin 8
Patrick J. Bird 3	Antony R. Kench 9
*Edward G. Mould 4	Ian C. Maycock 10
David J. Marshall 5	Brian J. Wylde 11
John T. Parsons 6	Ivor H. Trueman Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal on 12 bells and in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*David Allman Treble	George A. Packer 6
*Rosemary White 2	John E. Brough 7
Frank R. Morton 3	*Geoffrey A. Edwards 8
Doreen A. Edwards 4	†John R. Scott 9
William F. Gibbons 5	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by J. R. Parker.

Conducted by Brian Harris.

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

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAPWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Theiwall Bob, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Childwall Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Raymond D. Hart Treble	Shirley E. Jones 4
Alan J. Boyd 2	Peter C. Randall 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 3	†Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* 50th peal. † 75th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

David J. Marshall .. Treble	Burley P. Morris 6
Alec Humphrey 2	Gordon A. Halls 7
Felicity T. Ashford .. 3	Harold Taylor 8
Brian Tomlinson 4	David W. Friend 9
Clive Thrower 5	Michael Fellows Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

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

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

Ronald H. Bullen .. Treble	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 4
George H. Paulson 2	F Martin Stanway 5
Susan E. Davis 3	Timothy Wylie Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one block of 2,160 and four different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Doris M. Killingley .. Treble	†Ian A. Eggleton 4
*Irene Park 2	*Philip M. Park 5
†George A. Barker 3	Roland Park Tenor

Conducted by Roland Park.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. The conductor has now completed the cycle of peals from Minor to Maximus in the method.
 Rung in honour of the visit to Darlington this day of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri. Oct. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.

Joe E. G. Roast .. Treble	Ian Foster 4
*Raymond J. Sayer 2	James L. Towler 5
Yvonne A. Murray 3	†Dennis A. S. Symonds .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal. † 450th peal.

NAZEING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Chester, (2) London, (3) York, (4) Bourne, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

*Judy Harrison .. Treble	Richard J. Harrison 4
Margaret E. Egglestone .. 2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey 5
Howard W. Egglestone .. 3	Ian R. Panton Tenor

Conducted by Ian R. Panton.

* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CIRENCESTER, Glos.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LYDNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

William A. Godwin Treble	Brian W. Hall 5
Frances Fairbank 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
D. Kay Adkins 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
Michael R. Rose 4	Frank Reed Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
First peal in the method.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTNOR, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Single Oxford and three extents Plain Bob.

Barnaby S. Bell Treble	*Roy K. Williams 4
Leonard J. Walters 2	James Ward 5
C. William Nutt 3	E. Charles Biggs Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.

* First peal in three Minor methods. First of Minor as conductor.
First peal on the bells since the second was recast.
Rung as birthday compliments to Ron Collins and Angela Collins.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., Oct. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 448 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, and 224 each of Ashtead, Cornwall, Lindum, Pudsey and Superlative, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
David E. Rothera 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
Timothy G. Pett 3	Gerald Penney 7
Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHIDDINGSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Christopher T. Osenton Treble	*Monty W. Gilbert 5
Richard Hayes 2	Trevor A. Cross 6
*Derek Slater 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
John A. Howard 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*Philip J. Simmonds .. Treble	Harold Evans 5
Paul J. Dye 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
D. Paul Smith 3	Stanley Jenner 7
John W. Smith 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal.

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

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 3,520 London and 1,504 Bristol, with 56 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Ralph Bird Treble	Arthur S. Richards 5
Doris E. Colgate 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Ann Jenner 3	Tony Lewis 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

The band thank Mr. Philip Corby, local tower captain, for his most generous hospitality after the peal.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods and one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge and Plain Bob.

Percy J. Spice Treble	D. Paul Smith 4
Richard Hayes 2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 5
Margaret E. Fort 3	†Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Michael H. O'Callaghan.

* 100th peal. † 25th peal on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two different 2,160 blocks and one 720.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	David F. Moore 4
Susan D. Cowan 2	Richard S. Starkie 5
Elizabeth Timmins 3	Anthony R. Carter Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLSTON BASSETT, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Howard C. Palmer Treble	Alan E. Hartley 5
Christine L. J. Mills 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
R. Brian Mills 3	Denis A. Frith 7
W. Ernest Rawson 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Rutland on the bells.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Castro.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Alfred Ballard Treble	Alan Evans 5
*Shirley E. Jones 2	Peter C. Randall 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3	Russell S. Morris 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hayward, of Hinkley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Robert T. Harrison .. Treble	Septimus Neave 4
William Bains 2	Maurice Lings 5
Harold Judd 3	Walter Ayre Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

The conductor's 900th peal and his 200th for the Guild; he rang the same bell for his first peal.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

POPLAR, E.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D

*Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Timothy G. Pett 6
Audrey R. Alexander .. 3	Martin C. Press 7
Christopher P. Starbuck .. 4	John Pladdys Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.

* First peal on eight bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KEW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Joan Beresford 2	David P. Hilling 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
*Alick Cutler 4	John Hill Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

* 350th peal on the bells. First peal in the method. 500th peal for the Association on the bells.

KEW SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58—16—34—58.16.34.56.38. I.e. 3527486.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, and 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 5
*Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 2	†David E. Rothera 6
Andrew J. Slade 3	*Andrew J. Corby 7
Roger Baldwin 4	Robert E. J. Dennis Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

* First peal of 11-spiced, † 100th peal of Major.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Jane Fransella.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Tues., Oct. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 G Ronald Edwards .. Treble Joseph William Cotton .. 6
 Martin Green 2 Arthur E. Rowley 7
 Richard J. Clifton 3 Gordon H. Lane 8
 John K. Smith 4 Howard C. Palmer 9
 Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5 R Kingsley Mason Tenor
 Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
 On Tues., Oct. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
 *Henry Tooke Treble †Thomas E. Spight 5
 Martin Cubitt 2 Geoffrey H. Pullin 6
 J. Barry Pickup 3 H. William Barrett 7
 Frank C. J. Arnold .. 4 *Leslie F. Bailey Tenor
 Arranged and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
 * 75th peal together. † 50th peal together.
 Rung to welcome the Village Evangelists to the Redenhall Deanery.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
 In seven methods, being an extent each of Wells, London, Surfleet, Ipswich, Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge Tenor 4½ cwt.
 Jack Mowle Treble Martin Cubitt 4
 David Cubitt 2 Robin R. Churchill 5
 Leslie F. Bailey 3 H. William Barrett Tenor
 Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
 First peal of Surprise on the bells.

RANWORTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Helen.
 On Mon., Oct. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Double Court, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt, in F.
 Frank C. J. Arnold .. Treble Martin Cubitt 4
 David Cubitt 2 Thomas E. Spight 5
 Geoffrey H. Pullin .. 3 Leslie F. Bailey Tenor
 Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
 On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Washbrook's variation. Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 19 lb.
 Sydney M. Bailey .. Treble Ernest E. Gosling 5
 David C. Brown 2 Arthur Newton 6
 Joyce I. Cornwall 3 Michael J. Best 7
 David A. Cornwall .. 4 Frank T. Blagrove Tenor
 Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to John Young and Bridget Hillsdon, married this day at All Saints', Marlow.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 23 lb.
 Michael Hatchett .. Treble William Birmingham .. 5
 Reginald W. Rex 2 Sydney M. Bailey 6
 Alan R. Pink 3 Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
 *David C. Brown 4 Wilfrid G. Wilson Tenor
 Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 * First peal in the method.

STANDLAKE Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
 On Mon., Sept. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
 D. Kay Adkins Treble Brian W. Hall 4
 Peter Pearce 2 Frank Reed 5
 *Terence J. Hester 3 Bertram J. Coggins Tenor
 Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
 * 50th peal. First in the method by all the band.

LEAFIELD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
 On Mon., Oct. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
 Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
 Frank Reed Treble Peter Pearce 4
 Terence J. Hester 2 D. Kay Adkins 5
 Brian W. Hall 3 Bertram J. Coggins Tenor
 Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
 Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (3) Oxford, (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Kent, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
 Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble Stephen B. Bell 4
 J. Charles Hudson .. 2 John G. Mitchell 5
 J. Martin Thorley .. 3 Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor
 Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
 50th peal as conductor for the Guild.
 Rung on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Peterborough Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Tenor 7 cwt, 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.
 Geoffrey R. Parker .. Treble *Paul Raithby 4
 Margaret E. Chilton .. 2 *Percy Holmes 5
 *Derek J. Tysoe 3 Jack L. Millhouse Tenor
 Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
 * First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, King's Norton.
 On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 17 cwt, 34 lb. in E.
 Richard J. Tibbetts .. Treble James W. Belshaw 6
 James Insley 2 David J. Purnell 7
 *Maurice F. Edwards .. 3 Clifford A. Barron 8
 John R. Insley 4 Roderick W. Pipe 9
 Maurice G. Ingram .. 5 J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor
 Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 6.)
 * First peal of Surprise Royal on an "inside" bell.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
SOLIHULL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
 On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 21 cwt, 39 lb. in E flat.
 Diana J. Handley .. Treble John R. Insley 6
 Muriel Reay 2 J. Alan Ainsworth 7
 Maurice F. Edwards .. 3 Roderick W. Pipe 8
 James W. Belshaw .. 4 Norman J. Goodman 9
 James Insley 5 George E. Fearn Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wilts.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Hunt's variation of Dexter's. Tenor 30 cwt, 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.
 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble Paul Burgdahl 5
 Brynley A. Shackleton .. 2 Gordon W. Land 6
 Edgar C. Shepherd .. 3 Richard J. Bowden 7
 Robert J. Purnell .. 4 Philip S. Gaisford Tenor
 Conducted by Brynley A. Shackleton.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.	
*† Donald L. Mills Treble	Mrs. Leslie Mills 5
David J. Reeve 2	Eveyn R. M. Cansdale .. 6
‡ Leslie D. Mills 3	§ David W. Brooks 7
§ Brian G. C. Clampin .. 4	Alan R. Elliott Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

* Has now "circled the tower." † 25th peal for the Guild.

‡ 50th peal. § First peal in method.

Rung in honour of the birth of Tracey Karen, daughter of the conductor and granddaughter of the ringers of 3 and 5.

LANGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.	
Ronald G. Bugg Treble	Harry D. Lister 4
Keith W. Whittell 2	Robert J. Southgate .. 5
Alan R. Andrews 3	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Norman Summerhayes .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Raymond J. Talbot 3	Richard C. Stevens 7
Nigel Thomson 4	Frederick E. Collins Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. L. Stilwell.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BINSTED, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Durham, York, Wells, London, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Anthony J. Mason Treble	Keith Sansom 4
Katharine Maundrell .. 2	David M. Hughes 5
Lesley J. Read 3	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of seven Surprise methods by all the band and on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Stella G. Rice, of Portslade, on her engagement to Anthony J. Capo-Bianco.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Grand-sire and Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 cover); Elizabeth Gibbs 1, J. Laver 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. Bromley 4, R. Mills (cond.) 5, G. Laver 6, V. Stedman 7, D. Barnes 8. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Kathleen Chilcott 1, M. Louise Slater 2, P. J. Munday 3, A. Elsmore 4, A. Foster (cond.) 5, R. D. Mills 6, G. Evenden 7, J. C. Slater 8. Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers following the wedding of Janet and Roger Ashmore.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss V. Smith 1, A. J. Garbett 2, P. A. Lock 3, K. Fursdon 4, W. Simmonds 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stoneman.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Ford (aged 8) 1, J. Vincent 2, W. H. Trueman 3, Miss A. O'Brien 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, H. Ball 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: Jean Berriman 1, Charlotte Bennett 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, C. Holmes 4, M. Johnson 5, S. C. Wells (cond.) 6. Rung for Michael Harris, lately deceased and one time member of D.U.S.C.R., and for the victims of the Comet disaster.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Lynn Gibson (first quarter) 1, A. G. Stevens 2, Helen Hughes (first "inside") 3, Stella M. Knight 4, K. C. Knight 5, E. Winifred Keys 6, P. Stevens (cond.) 7, W. G. Challen 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to David W. Strickett and Elizabeth W. Smith, who were married this day at Felpham, Sussex.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Ronald H. Bullen Treble	Neil Donovan 6
Eric Chaddock 2	David Nichols 7
M. Susan Jackson 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. 8
Malcolm P. Phipps 4	Norman Chaddock 9
J. Henry Fielden 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Neil Donovan.

First peal as conductor. Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in C sharp.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Neil Donovan Treble	John S. Seager 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Cyril Rusby 6
Anne P. Leigh 3	David Nichols 7
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 4	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Mr. A. Jobson and Miss P. Smith. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At 1611 High Hall.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 35 methods, including Plain, Double, Reverse, Little, Crayford Little, Gainsborough, Wellington, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Hudson, Leigh, Scholfield, Fishwick, Lesser Wapping, Goldhanger, Fielden, Blackley, Loughborough College, Nelson, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Ogden, Wavertree, Childwall, Rosehill, Briercliffe, Cliviger, Barkby, Hendred, Abingdon, Lockinge, Ardington, Harlesyke, Wanlip, Hanney, Cassington, with 276 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in G.

* Christopher I. Rowson .. 1-2 | * Richard J. Parker 5-6

Rupert A. Clarke 3-4 | * James R. White 7-8

Composed by J. R. White.

Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

* Most methods to a peal. Most methods rung to a handbell peal of Major.

METHODS

—1458—38,12.38—38 2nds l.e. Harlesyke. 8ths Wanlip.

—1458—38—38,12.38. 2nds l.e. Hanney. 8ths Cassington.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 4, Ladbroke Square, W.

On Mon., Oct. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Richard A. J. Bower 1-2 | Simon Humphrey 5-6

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 3-4 | Timothy G. Pett 7-8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Jacqueline Sewell and Simon Humphrey. Tenor size 15 in C.

QUARTER PEALS

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Eilbeck (first quarter) 1, J. E. Brown 2, Miss V. C. Bell 3, Mrs. M. Dodd 4, G. Temby (first as cond.) 5, J. Robinson (first quarter) 6. A welcome to the Rev. C. Hedley and family, to the neighbouring parish of Hensingham.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. C. Taylor 1, Susan Walker (first touch of Surprise) 2, Brenda H. Boyce 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, J. C. Sheppard 5, D. G. Massey 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. M. Jones (first Royal) 1, A. P. Beck 2, E. Naylor 3, D. McKay 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, R. G. Beck 6, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 7, J. Brain 8, G. Salmon 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Munday (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, C. W. Munday (cond.) 3, A. Sawyer 4, M. Morris 5, J. E. Beams 6, R. C. Spittle 7, P. J. Munday 8. For Harvest Festival.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. Heyman 1, R. Perry (13 years, cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, R. Smith 4, A. Perry 5, J. Coombs 6. Rung for the christening of Gary Hiscocks, the conductor's nephew and godchild.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Wood 1, Miss E. Ottaway 2, Miss J. Darby 3, Miss G. Perry 4, Miss C. Neville 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for all the band.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Lufkin 1, Gillian Wildney 2, M. Downs 3, R. Issar 4, E. Furbank 5, E. Smith 6, S. Smith (first of Major) 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: R. G. Newsum 1, D. J. Marshall 2, F. Ward (first in method) 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Hartland 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. Corney 1, Miss E. Ottaway 2, Miss G. Perry 3, Miss J. Darby 4, Miss C. Neville 5, F. Tomlin 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, C. A. Ottaway 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Riley, mother of the conductor.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. Batten 1, B. Miles 2, A. Canwell (cond.) 3, F. Trinder 4, V. Clifton 5, D. Osman 6. For Harvest Festival.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles: Susan L. Dove (first quarter) 1, Susan E. Davis 2, J. Riley 3, D. H. Stone 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, H. J. Payne 6, By S.U.G.C.R.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Primrose, Norfolk, Berwick and Hexham Surprise Minor: D. A. Burt 1, J. E. Newman 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. T. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Matthews (first quarter) 1, Janet E. Cleve 2, D. Lodge 3, C. Slyfield 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): R. D. Brain (first T.B.) 1, J. G. Flint 2, C. R. Hardy (first T.B. "inside") 3, P. Clarke (cond.) 4, O. G. Carr 5, A. H. Smith 6. First in four methods by all.

HALF PEAL

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Oct. 4th, 2,520 Doubles (21 different methods or variations): A. Johns 1, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 2, Betty M. Rogers 3, Rev. R. Thomas 4, P. C. Rogers 5, P. F. S. Kraus 6. First half peal 1, 3 and 6 Rung as a compliment to Richard L. Underwood, on the eve of his departure for Cambridge University.

ADDINGTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Moss 1, Gladys Sidebottom 2, D. Moss 3, T. Turner 4, M. Arrowsmith 5, B. Moss (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the birth of twin sons to Audrey and Alan McNutt, both ringers at this church.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, E. Hedger 3, G. Noakes 4, L. Noakes 5, R. Corke 6. Chennell-White (cond.) 7. A. Bone 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

SABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Rosemary Jessup (first quarter) 1, Christine M. Wright (first of Minor "inside") 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, H. Poyner (cond.) 4, K. Hilton 5, S. G. Pick 6. With the best wishes to the tenor ringer on departure for Wolverhampton Technical College.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Morton 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Valerie Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, Jane Fransella 6, C. G. Wright 7, M. Hollis 8. For Harvest Festival.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, L. A. England 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott 6. First in the method 1, 3, 5 and 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Rev. W. H. Williams, 1881-1967.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, A. Swatton 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, J. E. Newman 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, D. J. Orledge 7, P. J. Devrell 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Sharon Page (first on ten) 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, F. Gunton 4, I. Margets 5, G. Walpole 6, T. Brock 7, R. W. Bickers 8, R. Peckham 9, J. B. Pickup 10. For Civic Harvest Festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, Cecil Corderoy 6. Conducting shared by Peter and Claude Corderoy. Rung on the front six for Harvest Festival, at which the preacher was the Rev. M. F. Gibbs, chairman of the North Berks Branch, who is shortly leaving for Cardiff.

BODICOTE, OXON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Miller 1, A. Brown 2, P. J. Davis 3, B. J. Davis (cond.) 4, R. Thorne 5. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. For the dedication of a new youth centre by the Bishop of Oxford.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (11 methods): Sue Heyworth 1, A. T. Pearce 2, Angela Ayres 3, G. McIlhone (cond.) 4, A. R. D. Cope 5, C. F. Freeman 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Glenda E. Emmett 1, Sue Heyworth 2, A. T. Pearce 3, A. R. D. Cope 4, C. F. Freeman 5, R. Heyworth (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rector, Rev. M. Gibbs, on leaving the parish for Cardiff.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bryant (first quarter attempt) 1, T. Padbury 2, Yvonne Turrell 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Birthday compliments to Yvonne Turrell (21) and Leslie Penfold (captain, 67).

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Harpley (first of Minor) 1, W. J. Atkins 2, E. C. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, M. Hatchett (cond.) 5, F. H. Walters (first Minor "inside") 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, H. Baber 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (100th quarter) 3, C. Cortwright 4, L. Derrick 5, F. J. White 6, D. J. Mayell (cond.) 7, W. J. Lou 8. First of Bob Triples 1, 2, 3 and 7.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. James 1, G. Hurd 2, M. Feltham 3, F. James 4, W. Tinkling 5, S. James 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, N. James 8. Rung on the retirement through ill-health of the Vicar, Rev. T. P. Nicholls.

QUARTER PEALS

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Smith 1, R. H. Bullen 2, Miss D. Boyce 3, J. H. Pailing 4, N. Abbott 5, A. Laughton 6, B. P. Morris (cond.) 7, G. H. Paulson 8. For Evensong.

DORNEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Blagrove 1, C. Finch (first in the method) 2, D. C. Brown 3, A. Wenban 4, W. Birmingham 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6.

EALING, MIDDx.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Jennifer Pearce 4, F. M. Felton (cond.) 5, M. T. Sprackling 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dawson 1, Miss S. Anthony 2, H. Hanson 3, A. King 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Woodford (9, first quarter) 1, J. H. B. Smith 2, Anne Simkins (first quarter) 3, J. F. Woodford (first "inside") 4, S. Clark (first in method as cond.) 5, J. S. Godfrey (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. D. Clark 1, Miss A. R. Munslow 2, A. G. Clark 3, B. W. Rhodes (first as cond.) 4, H. T. Bonshor 5, G. M. Hall 6. A welcome to the Rev. R. B. Capron as Vicar of Gaddesby and Rector of South Croxton-with-Beeby.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent): B. C. Mann (cond.) 1, C. Southgate 2, Barry Mann 3, T. White 4, W. White 5, H. R. Appleton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. J. Mann, founder member of the band.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Boarder (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, R. E. Dean 3, P. Dean 4, Mrs. E. Mead 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, J. T. Clay 8. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to John Young and Bridget Hillsdon, ringers at this church. Also a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Young.

GREENWICH, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dafters 1, Jennifer Brown 2, C. P. Starbuck 3, J. Machell 4, Freda Cannon (cond.) 5, G. Clarke 6, D. J. H. Hollis 7, D. Gebbett 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Freda Cannon 1, J. Dafters 2, A. R. Ling 3, C. P. Starbuck 4, Jennifer Brown 5, P. Royd-Jones 6, S. Nicholls 7, D. J. Hollis 8, P. W. Caye (cond.) 9, J. Machell 10. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. S. Gibson, a former curate and Southwark Industrial chaplain who is leaving to take charge of the Port Harcourt project.

GRITTLETON, WILTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mace 1, B. Evans 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, J. E. Billings 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, P. W. Holroyd 6. For the Thanksgiving service for the 700th anniversary of the church.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 15th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Felicity T. Hamilton 1, Jill M. May 2, Adrienne Gibson (first of Yorkshire) 3, P. J. Munday 4, R. Mills 5, D. A. R. May 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, P. T. Hurcombe 8. First of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells. Rung by members of the Leatherhead District (or Evensong).

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Irene Ellsmore 1, A. B. Ellsmore 2, L. Clissett 3, B. E. Woodall (cond.) 4, T. Greenhall 5, Molly Tromens 6, M. L. Lashford 7, H. Shivcock 8. At Evensong, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Woodall, for their silver wedding anniversary, and also for their daughter, Wendy's 21st birthday.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: J. A. Ainsworth 1, Mrs. A. Broadhurst 2, P. M. Evans 3, E. Spence 4, J. N. Lindon 5, D. B. Flint (first "inside") 6, C. A. Baron 7, S. W. Barton (cond.) 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Angela J. Chapman 1, E. Edmondson 2, S. Huckle 3, G. Austin 4, M. D. Frost 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. W. Debenham 7, D. C. Price 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, R. A. Cochrane 10. A 21st birthday compliment to the Hon. Robert Cecil, eldest grandson of the Marquis of Salisbury.

HELMSDON, NORTHAMPTNS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. R. Wills 1, W. A. Yates 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, J. G. Sheppard 6. Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Batchelor.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Miles 1, J. Sawyer 2, A. Cantwell 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. Timms 6. For Harvest Festival.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Welch 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, Miss L. Leggat 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, R. Parker (first in method as cond.) 5, C. Gratton 6. First in the method 1, 2 and 3. Rung after Evensong for Harvest Festival.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: E. H. Langley 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, A. Locke 4, C. E. Lanxon 5, A. F. Burley 6, G. F. Dunstan 7, A. J. Davidson 8.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hilliard 1, A. Palmer 2, R. Lee 3, M. Goakes (first "inside") 4, P. H. Langton 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Rung at the commencement of Mission Week at March.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on Oct. 11th, 1,320 London S. Minor: Helen Dracup (first of T.B.) 1, Joy Askew (first of Surprise "inside") 2, G. White 3, R. Yeates 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6. First of London 1, 2, 3, 6, and by local band.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sagers 1, D. D. Atfield 2, Mrs. M. Dallison 3, I. Goacher 4, G. A. West 5, K. Dallison 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Hospital Sunday. Also as a birthday compliment to Miss Julie Dallison.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Julia A. Fellows 1, B. J. Woodruffe 2, G. Dodds 3, M. D. Frost 4, R. F. Ewer 5, A. R. Carter 6, W. Little 7, A. E. Ewer 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, G. Ridgeway 10. To commemorate St. Albans Flower Festival held at the Cathedral.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: T. Senior 1, J. Seager 2, D. Armstrong 3, A. Frisney 4, R. Birch 5, R. S. Long 6, S. Scattergood 7, J. Guest 8, L. Smith 9, B. Holland 10, G. K. Chaddock 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Stephen R. Pentecost, former head verger of Cathedral for 41 years, who died on October 6th, aged 84 years. A very good friend to the ringers.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Mills and A. Lazzarini 1, A. Lazzarini and D. Bradley 2, D. Bradley and D. Lazzarini 3, F. Bradley 4, R. B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

THORNCOMBE, DORSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Davis 1, H. D. W. Blabop 2, G. W. Powell (cond.) 3, A. J. Scott 4, J. T. Barrett 5, F. Knight 6, H. Bonfield 7, A. Case 8. Rung to the glory of God, on the eve of the centenary of the church.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Bennett 1, S. T. Yates (first of Surprise) 2, C. T. Collins 3, G. G. Pick 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Cameron (first quarter) 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, A. Vere-Hodge 3, W. F. Jude 4, M. Journeaux 5, P. Franklin 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7. For Harvest Festival.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, Miss L. Legat (first quarter) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, T. Hill 6. For Harvest Festival.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. E. Reed 1, Carol Thompson 2, Lesley Moore 3, A. C. Walker 4, Ann H. Whaley (first as cond., has now "circled" tower to quarter peals) 5, J. Tonks 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Camberwell, on Oct. 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Easton 1, Miss M. Carruthers 2, Miss S. Thexton 3, Miss R. Cotton 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Rawlings 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, W. Shanks 8. R. Overington 9, D. Randall 10. To welcome to Evensong the Bishop of Woolwich, and a birthday compliment to Inspector Oakley, churchwarden and tower keeper at this church.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Williams (first "inside") 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, R. Coverley 5, B. Ellis 6.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Patricia Mundy 1, R. Huxley 2, D. Lee 3, J. Fuller 4, A. W. Johnson 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6. To welcome Stephen Francis Keeley, born October 3rd.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. T. Locke 1, A. Best 2, H. Turner 3, R. Dean 4, A. W. D. Robinson (cond.) 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled after the memorial service for Mr. H. C. Oliver, layreader and secretary to P.C.C.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Shallcross (first on treble) 1, Jean Griffiths (first in three methods) 2, D. A. Bedford 3, P. Smith 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Price 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, on his departure to Christ Church, Oxford.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Sharpe (first quarter) 1, R. Taylor 2, M. Soper 3, A. Price 4, C. Ward 5, C. King 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. For Evensong Service.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Cambridge and Norwich): J. W. Forder 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, F. C. Gunton 3, T. J. Brock 4, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 5, A. E. Long 6. For Harvest Festival.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: H. Tooke 1, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 2, D. Cubitt 3, M. Cubitt 4, F. C. J. Arnold 5, G. H. Pullin 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): G. A. Duke (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, G. H. Pullin 3, D. Cubitt 4, D. E. House (cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Radley 1, Julie Radley 2, Gillian Radley 3, V. Griffin (cond.) 4, B. Wakefield 5, P. J. Heritage 6. First in method 1, 2 and 3. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,300 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Georgina Grey 1, B. Benstead (first "inside" two methods) 2, R. Benstead 3, R. G. Allsworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Benstead 1, Norma M. Jennings 2, Elizabeth M. Barber 3, R. G. Allsworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Burbridge (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Hunt 2, Mrs. C. Rolph 3, L. Duguid 4, A. Burbridge 5, G. Gammon 6, J. Hunt (cond.) 7, M. Siddons 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss H. M. Carter (first "inside") 2, N. Humphries (first "inside") 3, F. J. Cheal 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, K. Williamson 6. A welcome to Rev. R. Allington Smith, prior to his induction.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, Angela Brunsell (first in method) 2, Jean Dale 3, P. T. Dale (cond.) 4, D. O. Fellows 5, P. J. Fells 6. For Matins, as a farewell to Miss A. Brunsell on the eve of her departure for Canada.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's (R.C.), on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Cooper (first Major) 1, Carole Patey 2, Patricia Rogers 3, J. Hartley 4, S. Cole 5, J. Eborall 6, I. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longden 8. By University of Sheffield Guild for Evening Mass.

SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Fred Hodgson (cond.) 1, Patricia Dowse 2, Rohilla M. Cooke 3, Janet Warwick 4, T. M. Cox 5, E. Pannell 6, T. Cooke 7, P. H. Tockock 8. To commemorate the diamond jubilee of the Boy Scout Movement.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. L. Lovett 1, R. M. Wilson 2, J. Preston 3, M. White 4, F. W. Faulkner 5, R. I. Kendrick 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, M. D. Barnby 8. Rung at the Vicar's request on Gift Day.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, D. Boast 3, H. Fuller 4, A. W. Foreman 5, R. Filby 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. Beevers, son of the Rector and Mrs. Beevers.

SPALDING, Lincs.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Waters 1, Mrs. R. C. Noon 2, Miss J. Hubbard 3, C. Perkins 4, M. Hare 5, J. Porter (first quarter) 6, B. B. Tyrrell 7, R. C. Noon (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of Timothy Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Porter.

TAFORD.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. R. Wiggin 1, E. R. Fairbrother 2, Mrs. R. A. E. Fairbrother 3, Mrs. J. M. Beech 4, Mrs. D. Bradley 5, F. Bradley 6, T. J. Williams 7, R. J. Warrilow 8, N. Holland 9, F. Beech (cond.) 10. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Daniels 1, Mrs. R. A. E. Fairbrother 2, Mrs. J. M. Beech 3, T. J. Williams 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, N. Holland 8. For Evensong.

STOW, Lincs.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Patricia Denton (first quarter) 1, Janet Bull 2, J. F. Underwood 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5, Christine Cobb 6. To mark the christening of David John Underwood.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Newman 1, J. Attwood sen. 2, A. C. Berry (cond.) 3, I. Lloyd 4, R. G. Bateman 5, R. Newman 6, P. Robertson 7, J. Attwood, jun. 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Hawkins (first Triples on treble) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Kay Whitaker (first on eighth) 3, I. P. Cox 4, J. H. Thompson (first Triples "inside") 5, R. L. Coles 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, K. Mitchell (first on eighth) 8. For Evensong.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Barkworth 1, Mrs. Sally Luttrell 2, B. Crook 3, E. "Jeff" White 4, Pamela Sturdy (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 2. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Barkworth 1, Margaret Izard 2, E. J. White 3, Margaret Wheat 4, B. Crook 5, Pamela Sturdy (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells for over 30 years. Rung on the front six to celebrate Canada's centennial year.

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WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley Ivey 1, Sandra Pearce (first "inside") 2, K. G. Waller 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. C. Palmer, father of Sally Palmer, a local ringer.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Kingdom 1, Miss R. Bristow 2, Mrs. R. Murrell 3, F. C. Price (cond.) 4, K. R. Davenport 5, G. Shepherd 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas', on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Penelope Adams 1, Mrs. D. M. Randall 2, P. C. Randall 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, E. J. Gower 6, P. Border 7, R. H. Randall 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of 1, also for the 21st wedding anniversary of 2 and 8.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. D. Grainger 1, E. J. Adams (first of Minor) 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, A. J. Hampton 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, A. J. Taylor 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and the 86th birthday of the grandmother of the conductor.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Thorley 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, Patay M. Barnes 4, G. W. Reynolds 5, C. J. Groomer (cond.) 6.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Jayne (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Jones 2, Mrs. B. Hunt 3, J. Hunt (cond.) 4, E. Treagus 5, L. Duguid 6, M. Marshall 7, N. Vollar (first quarter) 8. For opening recital on restored organ.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter (first quarter) 1, Anne Oakley 2, D. Parks 3, S. Taylor 4, P. Carter 5, P. K. King (comp. and cond.) 6. First of Minor 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss D. Hutt, died October 1st, aged 83.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Sansom (cond.) 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. M. Pearce 1, J. C. Mitchemore 2, Sylvia P. Sims 3, J. P. Sims 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6. For Harvest Festival.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Medway 1, Miss S. Udell 2, Mrs. M. Wenban 3, Mrs. M. Blagrove 4, F. Blagrove (cond.) 5, A. J. Glass 6, A. Wenban 7, S. Blythe 8. For Evensong, and the christening of grandson of A. J. Glass. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Wenban 1, K. Rawson 2, Mrs. M. Blagrove 3, F. Blagrove 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. Gosling 6, A. Wenban (cond.) 7, S. Blythe 8. For Harvest Festival.

WINGERWORTH, DERBYS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Healey 1, Marjorie Yarnold 2, C. Greenhough 3, Alan Shore 4, M. Phipps (cond.) 5. First attempt 1, 3 and 4. Rung for Harvest Festival, and as a compliment to Mr. H. C. James, on retirement after almost 25 years as organist and choirmaster. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Dexter (first attempt) 1, Marjorie Yarnold (cond.) 2, C. Greenhough 3, A. Shore 4, M. Phipps 5. A compliment to Steven Clark, of the local band, on departure to Guildford Agricultural College.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Quick (first quarter) 1, H. Purchase 2, V. Gunter (first quarter) 3, G. Maben 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, F. Casley 6, W. Nurcombe 7, H. Gale 8. An engagement compliment to the conductor's daughter, Rosemary, to Mr. K. Hayball.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, M. Journeaux 2, P. J. Heritage 3, C. C. Clarke 4, B. J. Davis 5, P. Davis 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, W. W. Franklin 8.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Gregory (cond.) 1, J. Ewers 2, T. G. Rositer (first quarter) 3, H. G. Rand 4, C. East 5, W. H. Ayris 6. A compliment to J. Ewers and his wife, Barbara, on the birth of a son, Roger John.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On Sept. 24th, 720 Bob Doubles: Susan Healey (longest length) 1, Christine Nevins (longest length "inside") 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, M. Phipps (cond.) 4, J. Arkwell 5, P. Attwood 6. In honour of the first ordination service at Chesterfield since 1931.

NOTICES

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PERSONAL

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."—Galatians v, 22 and 23.

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

330th Anniversary Dinner

Please note that Cannon Street Station is not open on Saturday afternoons. Nearest stations to Walbrook are Bank and Mansion House.

Towers available for those attending the dinner:

10.30-12.00	St. Dunstan's, Stepney High Street (10).
1.30-2.30	Southwark Cathedral (12).
2.15-3.15	St. Clement Danes, Strand (10).
3.00-4.00	St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, City (6) and St. Giles' Cripplegate, City (12).
3.45-4.45	St. Botolph's Aldgate (8) and St. Michael's, Cornhill, City (12).
4.30-5.30	St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side (12) and St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, City (8).

BETHERSDEN, KENT. — The Bethersden Players will be performing Kenneth Horne's play "And This Was Odd" in the Village Hall on the evenings of November 9th, 10th and 11th. As is customary, therefore, bell-ringing practice on Friday, November 10th, has been cancelled.—J.E.S. 2628

BRINKLOW CHURCH BELL FUND. — Prize Draw.—Winning numbers were: 7952, 3028, 4088, 4209, 8520, 2591, 2099, 5559, 3094, 3589, 9319, 6343, 3602, 8597, 3895, 3059. All supporters are thanked for a most successful event. 2618

SECOND STRATTON RINGING FESTIVAL.—Saturday, December 2nd. All local towers open. Eight-bell Striking Competition. Details later. 2625

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD. —The annual dinner will be held on December 2nd. Tickets 25s. Ringing arrangements to be announced later.—Susan E. M. Davis, c/o J.C.R., University of Southampton. 2600

ST MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER (The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild)

Box seats for the ringing room "In Memoriam" to J. Davis and W. Hewett are to be dedicated by the Rector, Canon M. Stancliffe, prior to Evensong (5.30 p.m.) on Sunday, December 3rd. A Ringers' Day will be arranged on December 16th. Three towers in the morning, if required, followed by ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell (10) 2-3.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) in St. Giles' Church Hall 4 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6 to 8 p.m. It is anticipated all the Association will combine to honour the memory of these two well-known men.

Please notify for teas, soon, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 2574

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hoole, Chester. Saturday November 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester. 2609

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Salford Priors (8), November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam (Tel. 2510). 2584

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 4th, at St. George's, Jesmond—not Whitely Bay. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Pardoe, 22, Bayswater Road, Jesmond, Newcastle 2.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Over, Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Double Norwich and Little Bob. 2608

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—A.G.M. will be held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, November 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Ringing at the Abbey (12) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Leach, 3, Trelawn Gardens, Newtown Tewkesbury, Glos. 2575

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting to be held at Hersham on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after for those who notify Mrs. G. Webb, 29, Netley Drive, Walton-on-Thames. 2593

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Oxhey (8), November 4th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 2588

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Pirton (5) on Saturday, November 4th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2607

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Handsworth on November 4th. Cup Contest draw at 3 p.m. New rules now available—call change teams can enter. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield 13. —Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 2572

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Basford, Saturday, November 4th, at 5 p.m.—S. Adams. 2580

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's (6), Bramford on Saturday, November 4th, 7-9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 2635

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Cuckfield, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Telephone E.G. 23815) as early as possible. 2606

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting Ryde, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — Anne Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. Afton Road, Freshwater, I.W. 2602

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 6th, at 7 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including election of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on November 7th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: November 7th, St. Paul's Cathedral; November 14th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; November 21st, St. Lawrence Jewry; November 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 2623

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at the Norman Tower (10), Bury St. Edmunds, on Tuesday evening, November 7th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Please note change of date. — A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2631

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Blofield on Thursday, November 9th. Bells (6) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 2570

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull (6), Saturday, November 11th, 2 p.m. until service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing Holy Trinity, Hull, 6 p.m.—9.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull, by previous Thursday. 2630

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bletchingley, Saturday, November 11th, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Godstone, with service at 6.30 and evening ringing at Godstone from 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, by Thursday, November 9th. Names for the annual dinner on January 13th, 1968, to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, please. 2597

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. W. Gilbert, 2, Herne Cottages, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth.—M. L. H. 2624

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, Plympton St. Maurice (8), Saturday, November 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea (3s. 6d. per head, 2s. small children) to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. Ringing Plympton St. Mary (8) 7-8 p.m. 2626

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, November 11th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hodgson, Council Houses, Durton Lane, Grimsargh, Preston, by Wednesday, 8th.—L. Walmsley. 2619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Members note: It is proposed to make a grant from the Branch fund at this meeting.—G. Cheetham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Milnthorpe on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, at 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 2632

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurcaston (8), Saturday, November 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. F. T. Bindley, Mill Road, Thurcaston, by Wednesday, November 8th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2615

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Branston, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—G. R. P. 2613

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Honingham, Saturday, November 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; bring own food. 2620

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Thetford on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Fuller, 29, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, Norfolk, by Wednesday, November 8th.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 2621

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Welshpool (8) on Saturday, November 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. P. J. Evans, Ryton, 5, Marton Drive, Mount Pleasant, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, November 8th. 2621

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Gedling (6) on November 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts, by previous Wednesday. 2634

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Annual District meeting at Leiston on November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Guild executive committee meeting 7 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. D. H. Bryant, The Vicarage, Leiston, Suffolk, by Wednesday, November 8th.—T. N. J. B. 2601

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 11th, at Oxted. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Limpsfield bells available 3-4 p.m. and in evening. Names for tea to A. Newnham, 56, Westlands Way, by previous Wednesday.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 2633

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Lymington (not Steyning) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at the Vicarage. Business meeting after tea. Essential to notify numbers for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex, by Wednesday previous. 2633

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Practice meeting at Skipton (8) at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 11th. Methods: Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott. 2576

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 60th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, the president (Mr. A. H. Beamish) in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets (22s. 6d. each) now available from the secretary. Cash with order, please, made payable to the Guild. Ringing has been arranged. Any member wishing to take part in a quarter or a peal on November 25th, morning or afternoon, please notify the secretary as early as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec., Lowfeld, Ashorne, Warwick. 2603

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Isleworth, Wednesday, November 15th, 8-9.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 2550

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, November 18th, at Womersley. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Room. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Enticknap, Ockleigh, Womersley Common, near Guildford, by previous Tuesday.

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TIMES

"The Ringing World" now goes to press at 10.30 a.m. on Mondays. Only Notices received by the first post on Mondays can be inserted in the same issue.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

—Meeting at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, near Wednesbury, on Saturday, November 18th. Committee meeting 2.30. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. Marlow, 20, Phillip Road, Bescot, Walsall, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2585

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

COBB.—On October 29th, 1967, to Don and Sally Cobb, of Waltham Abbey, a son, Andrew John, brother for Richard and Lucy. 2656

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LOCK.—The address of Martin F. Lock is now: Flat A, 6, Regents Park, Exeter, Devon.

SIMPSON.—The address of Mrs. Beryl R. Simpson is now: Little Otford, Sandhurst Lane, Darby Green, Camberley, Surrey. Tel. Cricket Hill 4351. 2638

HANDBELLS WANTED

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPAENOLOGICAL SOCIETY urgently require handbells (8 or 10) for change ringing, preferably in good condition, tenor 12-16. Inquiries and offers to Mr. P. Crossthwaite, 15, Hanover Square, Park Lane, Leeds 3. 2649

MISCELLANEOUS

JOINT PRACTICE.—Until further notice there will be a joint practice by Ormesby and Stockton Parish Churches. The first, third and fifth Thursdays at Ormesby, and the second and fourth Fridays at Stockton. 2640

WEEK-END RINGING COURSE. Grantley Hall College, Ripon, Yorkshire. Lecturers: J. Hy. Fielden, W. F. Moreton, N. Chaddock. Activities for new and experienced ringers and tutors. Apply immediately to College Warden. 2642

CANCELLED

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for November 11th cancelled. Further arrangements later.—D. Llewellyn. 2655

MEETINGS

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Aspatria, Saturday, November 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss D. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 2629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Hingley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Halsall, H.Q., Lord Street, Hingley.—K. F. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 2657

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Marston Trussell, Saturday, November 4th. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard. 2652

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Barlborough, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield, without fail, please. 2651

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Foxton and Orwell, November 11th. Bells, Foxton (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Foxton Vicarage. 5 p.m. Orwell (5) approx. 6.30 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 2641

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting on November 11th at Great Barford (5) 3-4.45 and Northill (6) 6-8.30. Tea and service at the latter — K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 2647

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Highworth, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and evening ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Wednesday, please. 2646

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and social evening in St. Michael's Church Hall. All welcome. Names for tea to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot, Hants (Aldershot 21009).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2637

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End (6), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 2639

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday November 11th. Demonstration of Carter Ringing Machine, Science Museum, Exhibition Road, S.W.7, 2.30 p.m. St. Luke's, Chelsea Sydney Street, S.W.3, 4-5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall at 5.15. St. Mary Abbots, Kensington Church Street, W.8, 7.30-8.30. Cooked tea. Names essential to Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 2636

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tilehurst on Saturday, November 11th. Bells are available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. D. Everett, 108, St. Michael's Road, Tilehurst, Reading, by November 7th. No names, no tea. 2644

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Stamford, Saturday, November 18th. Bells: All Saints' 2.30 to 9 p.m.; St. Martin's 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Stamford. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Chamberlain, 30, Tinwell Road, Stamford (Tel. Stamford 3433), by Wednesday, November 15th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2648

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Seaford (8), November 18th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Connor Cafe for those who send names to me by November 14th. We are asked to ring for a wedding being held at the church at 3 p.m. Could we please have eight ringers in the belfry by 3.20 p.m.?—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec., Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (3442). 2650

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Roos (5), November 18th, 2.30-4.15. Withernsea (6) 3.30-4.15, Patrington (8) after business meeting. Service Patrington 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Robinson, Enholmes Farm, Patrington, by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec. 2643

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Four teams entered for the first striking contest held by the Forest Branch at Newland on October 7th. Mr. A. Paton organised the event and Messrs. A. and M. Chandler were the stewards. The test was a rise, 120 in a Doubles method, and lower. Messrs. J. and B. Schofield were the judges and the winning team consisted of J. Webb, Miss A. Butcher, C. R. Cor, L. Meadows, R. Williams and W. Meek.

The Rev. Mr. Ainsworth, from Mitcheldean, donated a cup for the competition, and this was presented by Mr. Schofield to Mr. Meadows. Tea was provided by the ladies of the parish.

TECHNICAL

A SURVEY OF DOUBLE MAJOR METHODS

By W. J. COOPER BAILEY

THE object of this survey is to give complete collections of Plain and Surprise Double Major methods which obey the standard conditions, and to provide notes on these collections where appropriate. The standard conditions for the methods included are, unless otherwise mentioned,

(a) All methods have double symmetry, i.e. symmetry about the quarter lead in addition to the normal symmetry about the half-lead.

(b) No method has more than one double change per quarter lead, no double change having four adjacent places.

(c) No bell remains for more than two blows in the same place.

(d) The path of the treble is that prescribed for the methods under consideration, e.g. for Surprise it has a Treble Bob path.

(e) The seventh place is never made except at the half-lead.

(f) Plain Bob lead-heads are produced.

A computer was then used to examine all possible Major methods, and those which satisfied these conditions were then printed out, and in particular the collection of Plain Major methods shown in Table (a) was produced.

Several interesting facts are immediately apparent, for example there are only six such methods, and these have all in fact been rung before. It is found, however, from a simple statistical examination of such methods that the expected number in such a collection is only about 5—10 methods, and hence only six methods in the collection is not so anomalous as might at first sight appear. The absence of any double change methods may be similarly predicted.

Table (b) shows the complete collection of Double Surprise Major methods. Here, however, more care is needed in producing the methods, since every method must be intrinsically true, that is, no change must be repeated in the plain course. The theory of methods may be used to show that intrinsic falseness occurs in only two cases. (i) where an operator such as 38, for example, is used

twice in succession, thus 38.38, or (ii) when a given bell ("a" in Table (c)) is dodging with the treble, and the effect of the places being made is to cross over the pairs of bells as shown in Table (c). This is liable to occur when three adjacent pairs of places are made in two changes, e.g. 1256.34 with the treble in 7-8. In particular all the methods shown are true since no operator is used twice in succession and there are no 12's or 78's except at the lead-end and half-lead respectively; elsewhere a 12 would imply a 78 not at the half-lead.

Here again the number of methods obtained is small, although perhaps the most interesting feature is the absence of methods with certain types and placings of double changes, for example of the type beginning x 3458 . . . , as compared with the comparatively large numbers of those containing 3458 . . . and . . . 1458 . . . ; this may in fact be similarly explained.

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TABLE (a)

COMPLETE COLLECTION OF DOUBLE PLAIN MAJOR METHODS

1. — 14 — 36 — 58 — 78	f	Double Oxford
2. — 14 — 36 — 58 — 18	k	Double Norwich Court Bob
3. — 14 . 58 . 36 . 14 . 58 — 78	a	Double Mancroft Bob
4. — 14 . 58 . 36 . 14 . 58 — 18	m	Double Coslany Court
5. — 18 — 18 — 18 — 78	b	Double Bob
6. 58 . 14 — 36 — 58 . 14 . 78	a	Double Sandringham Bob

TABLE (b)

COMPLETE COLLECTION OF DOUBLE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

1. — 36 — 14 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 58 — 36 — 78	b	Superlative
2. — 36 . 58 . 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 . 14 . 36 — 78	b	
3. — 56 — 14 — 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 58 — 34 — 78	f	Derwent
4. — 56 — 14 — 56 — 58 — 36 — 34 — 58 — 34 — 18	k	Norfolk
5. — 56 — 14 . 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 . 58 — 34 — 78	a	
6. — 56 — 14 . 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 . 58 — 34 — 18	mx	Double Dublin
7. — 58 — 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 — 14 — 78	a	Premier
8. — 58 — 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 — 14 — 18	mx	Bristol
9. — 58 — 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 38 — 14 — 78	d	Ashtead
10. — 58 — 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 38 — 14 — 18	h	Brighton
11. 34 — 36 . 14 — 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 58 . 36 — 56 . 78	f	
12. 34 — 36 . 14 — 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 58 . 36 — 56 . 18	k	
13. 34 — 38 . 14 — 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 58 . 16 — 56 . 78	f	
14. 34 — 38 . 14 — 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 58 . 16 — 56 . 18	k	
15. 34 — 38 . 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 38 . 16 — 56 . 78	a	
16. 34 — 38 . 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 — 38 . 16 — 56 . 18	mx	Yeading
17. 34 . 56 . 38 . 14 . 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 . 58 . 16 . 34 . 56 . 78	d	
18. 34 . 56 . 38 . 14 . 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 . 58 . 16 . 34 . 56 . 18	h	
19. 34 . 58 . 34 . 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 — 34 — 38 . 56 . 14 . 56 . 78	d	
20. 34 . 58 . 34 . 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 — 34 — 38 . 56 . 14 . 56 . 18	h	
21. 36 . 58 — 14 — 58 — 58 . 36 — 14 — 58 — 14 . 36 . 78	e	
22. 36 . 58 — 14 — 58 — 58 . 36 — 14 — 58 — 14 . 36 . 18	jx	
23. 38 — 36 . 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 . 36 — 16 . 78	b	
24. 38 . 56 . 38 . 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 — 34 — 38 . 16 . 34 . 16 . 78	c	
25. 56 . 38 — 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 — 34 — 38 — 16 . 34 . 78	c	
26. 56 . 38 — 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 — 34 — 38 — 16 . 34 . 18	gx	
27. 58 — 56 . 14 — 56 — 58 . 36 — 34 — 58 . 34 — 14 . 78	a	Windsor
28. 58 — 58 . 14 — 58 — 58 . 36 — 14 — 58 . 14 — 14 . 78	a	Lancashire
29. 58 — 58 . 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 . 14 — 14 . 78	f	Peterborough
30. 58 . 36 — 16 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 38 — 36 . 14 . 78	b	
31. 58 . 36 . 58 . 16 — 56 — 58 . 36 — 34 — 38 . 14 . 36 . 14 . 78	c	
32. 3458 — 36 . 14 — 56 — 58 . 36 — 34 — 58 . 36 — 1456 . 78	a	
33. 3458 — 36 . 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 . 36 — 1458 . 78	b	
34. 3458 — 38 . 14 — 58 — 58 . 36 — 14 — 58 . 16 — 1456 . 78	a	
35. — 58 — 1458 — 58 — 58 . 36 — 14 — 1458 — 14 — 78	a	Stanton
36. — 58 — 1458 — 58 — 58 . 36 — 14 — 1458 — 14 — 18	mx	Ditchling
37. 38 — 36 . 1458 — 58 — 58 . 36 — 14 — 1458 . 36 — 16 . 78	b	

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The Branch held its autumn meeting at Bampton on August 14th. Through the lack of experienced ringers the afternoon ringing was restricted to rounds and Grandsire Triples. The Vicar conducted the service and in his address compared the weather with the Christian atmosphere and said that the sound of bells helped to create this atmosphere. In bad weather one felt depressed, whereas on a fine, sunny day one felt on top of the world. The same could be applied to Christianity; if people could trust one another and forgive, the spiritual atmosphere would be bright and good. After the service an excellent tea was enjoyed at a nearby cafe.

The business meeting took place in the Grammar School. The secretary, in his report, mentioned the circulation of census forms to provide an up-to-the-minute picture of the Branch. He asked peal ringers not to arrange peals on official Branch ringing days and for the support of more experienced ringers at Branch practices.

The programme for 1968 was more or less accepted as that on the agenda—the spring meeting at Witney on April 20th, the Branch outing on July 13th, and the autumn meeting to be re-arranged, as this year there were six Oxford Guild meetings on the same day. The Branch was lucky to have Miss Cross with them, as it was discovered that she had been to two other meetings beforehand.

A motion to increase subscriptions by 1s. 6d. to 5s. created an interesting discussion. Miss Cross pointed out that at least half of the subscriptions had to be given to the Guild. As the motion was intended to boost the Branch funds it was felt that the Branch could not afford to give the Guild any more money, as would be the case if the subscriptions were raised to 5s. The solution was to leave the subscriptions as they were and impose a levy of 1s. 6d. on each member. This was carried, but an amendment to impose a levy on towers and not members was left to the committee to discuss.

The election of three new members followed, after which the chairman (the Rev. P. Wilkins) presented certificates to the new members elected at the annual general meeting, and certificates to the five teams who took part in the striking contest.

Proceedings concluded with the vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. E. Patching and ringing continued until 8.15 p.m. F.R.V.

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