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The Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick

For this Coventry Diocesan Guild special number, the historic church of St. Mary's, Warwick, has been chosen. And but for the unkind acts of dissolution of Henry VIII this would probably have been the Cathedral of the present See, as it was then the possessor of a chapter with a dean and canon, ranking perhaps with St. Paul's, London, York, Lincoln and Salisbury. The grandeur of the Beauchamp Chapel is a reminder of the power of the Earls of Warwick, and the tower, built over the street following the disastrous fire of 1694, tells of an age when transport was leisurely.

ADAPTABILITY AGAINST ODDS

COVENTRY seems to have been particularly adept in overcoming difficulties and change. For instance, when, long ago, the boom in silk weaving was over, its citizens proceeded to establish a thriving industry in the making of very high-class English chronometer watches. When trade in this activity declined, attention was turned to the cycle industry and a long period of prosperity followed. After cycles came motor cycles and, after these, automobiles and aircraft.

With the advent of all these various activities, it followed naturally that there came a large influx of artisans, craftsmen and administrators from all parts of the country, amongst them being, of course, men who were interested in ringing. They soon found they had come to a city which had no ringable bells—for the very fine ring of ten at St. Michael's (once the largest parish church in the country), had been hung "dead" because of a suspected danger to the beautiful spire—which, 60 or 70 years ago, was nearly a yard out of plumb. It was thought by many that the real reason for the bells being so hung was that with the removal of the ringing room it was possible to open up the sight of the remarkably beautiful stone vaulted Lantern. The last peal on the bells was Stedman Caters, rung by the St. Martin's Guild, in which the redoubtable John Day, of Birmingham, took part. The tenor was rung by a Coventry man, W. Gilbert, when he was in his early 20's. When the peal was completed, John Day majestically stalked over to Gilbert and said: "Well, young man, you and I have rung between us 100 peals. I have rung 99, and you have rung one"!

The bells of Holy Trinity Church (adjoining St. Michael's), had also been taken down because of the frailty of the tower and spire and hung in a wooden campanile in the churchyard. These bells are a good ring of eight with a tenor 24¼ cwt. in E flat. This arrangement proved to be unsuccessful and there was so much movement on the wooden structure that the whole eight could not be swung safely. On a few occasions the front seven were rung with the tenor being "clocked" by W. Gilbert. A few minutes of this convinced the ringers that their lives were in great danger, and for over 50 years the bells hung in their ugly wooden home silent and derelict.

Attempts have been made from time to time to get both these rings going again, and recently the secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, has been very active in the cause. It has yet to be seen whether Coventry's adaptability will overcome the great problem concerning their bells. The odds seem to have been against all who have worked hard and long to provide real bell music for the citizens.

START OF WARWICKSHIRE GUILD

I hope readers will forgive me if I lapse briefly into writing in the first person, as it is difficult otherwise to describe what has been happening in Coventry since 1905. In that year I went to Coventry as a young journeyman printer, and went to lodge with a famous old Coventry worthy, J. H. White. The bells at Stoke-adjoining-Coventry had just been augmented from six to eight, through the great generosity of Joshua Perkins. We set about forming a band to ring them and soon had the bells ringing twice each Sunday for service, with a good practice on Friday. Unfortunately Joe White's work took him to Nuneaton and we suffered a setback. However, in early 1907, the most capable members of the Stoke band met Joe White at Bedworth (halfway from Coventry to Nuneaton) for a peal attempt for Grandsire Triples with White conducting. The peal was successfully accomplished, and it was directly because of this peal that the idea of forming the Warwickshire Guild came into my mind. We in Coventry were too far from the St. Martin's Guild for that body to be very much interested in us, and the only other alternative was the Midland Counties Association, which seemed to be too remote from us. True, it was a large rambling Association, which stretched from Yorkshire in the north to Oxford in the south, and Lincolnshire in the east to Hereford in the west, but it seemed to us to be very improbable that we were likely to be catered for.

So it was that early in 1907 I wrote a letter to the "Bell News" headed "Why not a Warwickshire Association?" To my great delight Harvey Reeves, the editor, took up the idea with enthusiasm and he suggested ways of bringing the idea to fruition. Thus encouraged, a period of intense activity followed, and weekly visits to four main centres of ringing activity, viz.: Rugby, Chilvers Coton, Warwick and Nuneaton. Transport 60 years ago was not so simple or easy as in these days, and all the journeys had to be made by cycle.

At Rugby we found a very well-organised and capable company, who, under the leadership of J. B. Fenton, were ringing most methods up to London Surprise. All favoured the forming of the proposed new Society. Chilvers Coton, whilst having a strong company, led by H. Reader, was not so advanced as Rugby, but received the idea well and promised support. Nuneaton also had a good company, under the leadership of that famous couple Tom Chapman and Harry Argyle. Enthusiasm here for the proposal was not so great as had been expected, but efforts to enthuse them eventually succeeded, and Nuneaton became later the strongest section when the new Society was formed.

Warwick, with its majestic ring of ten, also had a good and numerous company, led by Ted Adams, who came there as a young man from Fulham, London, to take up the position of sexton and verger at St. Mary's.

FIRST OFFICERS

In November, 1907, a meeting was called to take place at Dale's Temperance Hotel, Warwick, and it was resolved to form the Warwickshire Guild, with Ted Adams, of Warwick, as the first Master, Arthur L. Coleman, of Rugby, as first secretary, and Mr. W. G. Dickens hon. treasurer, and a committee was elected, consisting of A. W. Flowers, G. A. Martineau, J. Pinfold, sen., J. Sharatt, J. F. Smallwood, R. Watson and J. H. White. The Lord Bishop of Worcester consented to be patron of the new Guild, and the Rev. Alan Williams accepted the office of president. It is sad to recollect that only two of those present at the first meeting are now with us—W. Collett and J. F. Smallwood.

Shortly after the formation of the Guild we were reinforced by the arrival of the Rev. C. C. Cox, who had been appointed a curate at Shottery, Stratford, Adolphus Roberts, of Gloucester, and Frank Pervin, from Loughborough—all highly accomplished ringers.

Unfortunately, Roberts could not ride a bicycle and it fell to the lot of the writer to teach him. When it is explained that Bob Roberts was 6ft. 3in. tall and weighed about 17 stone, it will be realised that to hold up a man of that size and weight was no easy task, but when eventually he was able to balance he went along at a speed that made running after him a terrific business. Fortunately no bones were broken and Bob was able to go along with us to the numerous meetings which had been arranged.

EARLY PEALS

On February 21st, 1908, the first peal by the Guild, Grandsire Triples, was rung at Stoke-by-Coventry, conducted by the writer. With the arrival of Roberts, Pervin and the Rev. C. C. Cox, it was not long before the first peal of Stedman Triples was rung, again at Stoke, conducted by A. Roberts, and Kent Treble Bob Major at Bedworth, conducted by the Rev. C. C. Cox. This gentleman also conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Guild, at Solihull in 1910. The first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Warwick in 1910, conducted by E. H. Adams, with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

The new Guild was now firmly established and Rugby was pushing ahead with peals of Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise, etc

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The six bells at Allesley had now been augmented to eight, and the arrival of Frank Perrens at Coventry greatly strengthened the Guild. He was responsible for a tremendous development at Allesley, and under his capable leadership the company went ahead rapidly, ringing a large variety of Surprise methods.

Rugby and Stoke-by-Coventry joined forces and developed great activity in the Surprise Major field.

My work took me away from Coventry in 1912, but by now the new Guild was in good heart and was being efficiently managed by dedicated men who worked hard and long to secure its firm continuance.

Masters since formation have been: E. H. Adams, G. A. Martineau, J. F. Smallwood, James George, A. Roberts, Tom Chapman, J. H. White, F. E. Pervin, A. H Beamish, F. W. Perrens (who later became president), C. Underwood and H. Windsor.

Secretaries since formation have been: A. L. Coleman, Rev. C. C. Cox, H. Kettle, A. Wilkinson, J. A. Fenton, Miss D. E. Lewis (afterwards Dorothy Beamish), Rev. M. Melville and J. L. Garner-Hayward.

The Guild is now 60 years old, and may it be served in the future by officers as loyal and devoted as those named above. May it continue to serve its members and the territory it covers for many more years to come, and may Coventry soon lose its distinction of being the only city of importance that has no ringable bells!

JAFUS.

OUR PICTURE

Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick

By FRANK E. PERRENS

NO record exists of the foundation of this church, but that it was prior to the Conquest appears from an entry of its possessions in Domesday Book. Its rise to importance, however, took place in the reign of Henry I, and it is called a Collegiate Church because in its earliest years it was served by a number of secular canons. In 1123 these were joined by other secular canons from the Church of All Saints, at that time standing within the precincts of the Castle.

The design of uniting these two churches was contemplated by Henry de Newburgh, Earl of Warwick, but, dying before it was effected, he left the work to be carried into execution by his son, Roger de Newburgh. His charter, which is preserved in the Beauchamp Chapel, granted many possessions and privileges to this newly-made Collegiate body, and also granted that they might have a Chapter of Dean and Canons, such as existed at London (St. Paul's), Lincoln, Salisbury and York. The Chapter was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1545 and its possessions confiscated, some of which were given back to the burgesses of Warwick.

During the latter half of the 14th century much rebuilding and many new buildings were added to the church by Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, and his successor, also Thomas. Their work, completed in 1394, lasted exactly 300 years, when the nave and tower were completely wrecked by a great fire, which also burned down over 200 houses in a few hours, and destroyed the bells.

WREN'S DESIGN REJECTED

Commissioners were appointed by the Crown to superintend and direct the rebuilding of the church and although St. Christopher Wren had submitted designs for the rebuilding of the church previous to the fire, they were rejected and Sir William Wilson was selected to erect the new structure. Fortunately some parts of the church—the chancel, the vestry, the Chapter House, the crypt and the Chapel of Our Lady—were not destroyed. The rebuilding after the fire included the tower, nave, aisles and transepts, and took about 10 years to complete at a cost of about £5,000, including £1,000 given by Queen Anne.

The nave is 109 feet long and the width 66 feet, extending to 106 feet across the transepts. The pulpit, the base of which is solid Ashburton marble, was given by the Freemasons of Warwickshire in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The brass lectern holds a Bible given to the church by King Edward VII in 1904.

The choir—75 feet long, 27 feet across—is the work of Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, second son and heir of the more famous Thomas Beauchamp, whose tomb is before the High Altar. The vaulting is extremely rare, having "flying ribs" springing from shafts in the walls, and possibly the only other examples of such vaulting are to be found at Bristol Cathedral, St. David's Cathedral and in a stone choir screen at Southwell.

GRANDEUR OF BEAUCHAMP CHAPEL

The Chapel of Our Lady or, as it is more commonly called, the Beauchamp Chapel, adjoins the choir on the south side and it ranks among the richest of those structures erected as mortuary chapels during the 15th century. The central monument is that of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick. He devised the building of this chapel and fixed the spot for it during his lifetime, leaving necessary directions in his will dated four years before he died at the Castle of Rouen in 1439.

The building of the chapel and monument occupied 21 years and the cost amounted to the very large sum (in those days) of £2,481. The monument is made of Purbeck marble by John Borde, of Corfe Castle, the patterns for the main effigy and the smaller figures were the work of John Massingham, from which they were cast in bronze by William Austen, citizen and founder of London. They were engraved, polished and gilded by Bartholomew Lambespring, a Dutchman, a goldsmith of London, who also made the enamelled shields. The Earl is depicted in an attitude of adoration, gazing, with hands upraised in prayer, to the figure of Our Lady in the vaulted roof.

Richard Beauchamp was a man of historic stature, Knight of the Garter, friend of Henry V, who appointed him guardian and instructor to his son, Henry VI, fought in the French Wars, landing in Normandy with the King, Lieutenant-General of the whole realm of France and the Duchy of Normandy. Another of the stately monuments in the Beauchamp Chapel is that of the son of the Duke of Northumberland, Ambrose Dudley, who was made Earl of Warwick by Queen Elizabeth. On the north side of the Chapel is the marble tomb of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, and of Lettice, his third wife. His effigy wears the collar of the Order of St. Michael—bestowed upon him by the King of France—and the mantle of the Order of the Garter. The tomb is ornamented with family badges—the bear and ragged staff of Warwick, the cinquefoil of Leicester, and the green lion with two tails of Dudley. This Robert Dudley, whose first wife was Amy Robsart, who died tragically in 1560, was the fifth son of the Duke of Northumberland and a favourite of Queen Elizabeth. All the windows of the chapel were filled with stained glass made by John Prudde, of Westminster, glazier to the King, and he was directed to use rich colours from the best glass obtainable from "over the seas."

In 1642 during the sacrilegious outrages of the Great Rebellion, the Beauchamp Chapel suffered much damage, as did also the Cross in Warwick market place. Thanks to the munificence of Lady Katharine Leveson, who gave money for immediate repairs and provided an annuity for its perpetual preservation, the chapel was soon restored.

TOWER BURNT DOWN

The tower, after the destructive fire of 1694, was rebuilt over the street because the pillars at the west end of the church were not considered strong enough to hold it. The lowermost portion consists of four very massive piers supporting pointed arches open to the street on the north, south and west sides. To the battlements its height is 130 feet; to the pinnacles 174 feet.

The bells are now a ring of ten with a tenor of 24 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in the key of D. It is probable that the very early history of the bells was lost in the fire, and the first information we have is from the following item: "1552. Warwicke the p'ishe of Saynt Mar. Itm V belles." In the course of the next 100 years another appears to have been added, as Dugdale gives six bells previous to 1656, of which three at least were pre-Reformation.

In 1656 three new bells were cast by Eldridge at Coventry; apparently the old tenor was melted down and two additional ones supplied, making a ring of eight. These were completely destroyed in 1694 and were replaced by a new ring of ten, cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1702. Of these, the tenor was recast in 1814 by T. Mears and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th in 1901 by Taylor's. The old inscriptions have been reproduced from Rudhall's bells but not in the same lettering.

Very few peals have been rung on the bells—only 19—the first of which was Grandsire Caters on December 28th, 1786, by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Only three more were rung before 1900, the last of which was a peal of Stedman Caters to commemorate the 80th birthday of the famous Henry Johnson. It was composed and conducted by C. H. Hattersley and in the band were many notable ringers from places as far away as Brighton and Newcastle on Tyne.

CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNTS

The following are a few of the many interesting notices in the churchwarden's accounts:—

1656.	Paid to Mr. Eldridge for casting three new bells makeing the rest tunable	28	0	0
	Paid for going to Coventry to seal the articles with bell founder	0	3	0
1665.	Paid to the Ringers for ringing the Bells at the coming of the Duke and his Duches to the Towne.	0	16	0
1688.	Paid to the ringers for ringing on ye day the King was proclaimed ..	0	5	0
1694.	Paid for Horse hire and two days charges going to Towcester to look after Pickford that stole ye Bell Metal	0	6	0

From the Corporation accounts we learn that in the 1700's the ringers were usually paid 15s. for ringing on special occasions—mainly victories in battle—and in 1815 they were paid £2 2s. for "the news of the Battle of Waterloo" and £1 11s. 6d. for "taking of Bonaparte." Evidently the Corporation could afford to pay more than the churchwarden, even in those days.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bridgnorth Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Much Wenlock on October 28th and was attended by 25 members and friends. The Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Acheson) conducted the service, and the organist was Mr. W. V. Poole. An excellent tea was provided at the Stork Hotel. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. A. Jones. J. B.

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Coventry Diocesan Guild Personalities

By DOROTHY E. BEAMISH

I FIRST became interested in ringing as a schoolgirl in October, 1916, when Chilvers Coton belfry was depleted of ringers due to the call-up for the First World War. Henry Reader, a churchwarden and captain of the tower, invited about a dozen girls from the church congregation into the belfry, including the Vicar's two daughters, the Misses Gladys and Evelyn Dodds, and Miss May V. Godderidge, now of Folkestone. After assiduous lashed practice during the winter we accomplished Grandsire Triples "open" on Easter Sunday morning, 1917, very creditably.

A great deal of assistance was given to the Coton band by Messrs. T. W. Chapman and H. Argyle (of the St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, band) from the date of the installation of the new octave in February, 1908, until a regular Sunday service band was established.

DIED DURING GOLDEN WEDDING PEAL

Both of them served the Warwickshire Guild faithfully, Mr. Argyle as a Central Council representative and Mr. Chapman as a committee member and Master. In 1935 he completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church, most of them as captain. On September 13th, 1947, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at that church to mark his golden wedding but it became a memorial peal as he passed to higher service during the performance of it.

In 1917 I joined the Warwickshire Guild and cycled to meetings at many towers in the area accompanied by Miss Godderidge. A period at college curtailed ringing somewhat for us both but upon return we endeavoured to improve our knowledge of various methods. My first peal, of Grandsire Triples, at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, was on October 4th, 1923, and that of Miss Godderidge was Bob Major at Chilvers Coton on October 20th, 1925. Upon purchasing my first motor-cycle I was able to travel further afield and rang a number of peals in varying methods.

In 1928 I was elected honorary secretary and treasurer of the Guild in place of J. A. Fenton, of Rugby. I was married in August, 1931, to Arthur H. Beamish, who had joined the Coton band as a learner in 1922, following in the steps of his father, who was a founder member of the band which was inaugurated in February, 1908, when the new octave was installed.

Arthur rang his first peal on September 16th, 1924, Plain Bob Major at Coton, and conducted his first peal at Coton on October 20th, 1925, followed by others in various methods. He has been captain at Coton for 20 years, Master of the Guild and now president for the past three years. Together we have attempted to maintain a good band at Coton and have the satisfaction of knowing that the bells have been rung prior to every Sunday service and for all special services.

PEAL OF LONDON MAJOR AT ELEVEN

In June, 1935, our daughter, Margaret, was born and I relinquished the secretaryship to Malcolm Melville. I resumed in 1938 and carried on until 1956 and as treasurer until 1965. Margaret learned to handle a bell in 1943 and rang her first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Coton on October 12th, 1946, conducted by her father, with mother included in the entirely resident band. Then in 1947 a record for the country was gained by the Guild when she rang a peal of London Surprise Major at Coton, conducted by H. J. Poole, ten days before her 12th birthday, being the youngest person ever to do so. By the end of the year she had rung peals of Cambridge Minor, Major and Royal, with Maximus 15 months later. Peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques "in hand" were accomplished before her 13th birthday. She added to her laurels by conducting her first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at the age of 13 years and attaining a total of 50 peals before her 14th birthday.

As a family we rang in many peals, a number of them firsts in the method for the Guild until 1954, when we made headlines, "Mother and daughter ring 100th peal together." That was a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, conducted by W. F. Moreton. Margaret left the District in October, 1954, to enter Southampton University, where she became a founder member of the Ringing Society. Since 1960, as Mrs. Chapman, she and her husband have been active members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Margaret as treasurer).

In 1939 I was elected as one of the representatives on the Central Council of Church Bellringers and have attended every meeting since—a total of 24.

GUILD TITLE CHANGED

The title of the Guild was changed in 1945 from the Warwickshire Guild to that of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. A number of towers were lost to the Guild and became attached to St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, but a closer relationship to the Church was formed by being a Diocesan Guild.

In 1950 Alderman Harry Weston presented the Guild with a handsome tooled leather peal book, since when peals have been recorded therein in meticulous style by first the late Harry Webb and now Percy Stone, of the Allesley band.

James George, of Rugby, although not starting to ring until the age of 36, lived to ring 1,000 peals. His early ringing was done in Warwickshire and he was a strong supporter of the Guild retaining its county title.

OUTSTANDING FIGURE

Frank Perrens has been the most outstanding figure in the Guild during the past 50 years. He has held various offices with distinction, being elected as the first lay president in 1955. He has rung and conducted more peals than anyone else and has always been willing to include first pealers and to give assistance to struggling bands. He was Master of the Guild and from 1927 to 1958 a Central Council representative, since when he has been honorary librarian to the Council.

Upon my retirement from the secretaryship, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward took over and has worked consistently for the welfare of the Guild. He has been consulted on a number of occasions when bell restorations were under consideration. He built up a good Sunday service band, mostly from recruits, at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, following the installation of the new octave. Two of his pupils, Geoffrey and Peter Randall, have brought honour to themselves and the Guild by ringing multi-method peals. Geoff is now Ringing Master at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, being a university student there.

Mr. Hayward has been greatly concerned in fostering the art in the villages of South Warwickshire and has spent a great deal of time at various practices in endeavouring to get Sunday service bands organised in formerly silent towers. He has had discussions with the Bishop of Coventry, a number of local clergy, bellfounders and architects with a view to getting more bells ringing in the diocese. Social events and meetings have been organised to perfection. All these activities in spite of spinal trouble which all but incapacitated him prior to an operation.

Guild members owe a great debt of gratitude to him for his management of their affairs.

Others not already mentioned who have given yeoman service to the Guild include J. F. Smallwood, E. H. Adams, Rev. C. Carew Cox, A. Roberts, G. A. Martineau, A. L. Coleman, G. H. Kettle, A. Wilkerson, J. H. W. White, F. E. Pervin, W. A. Stote, H. M. Windsor and Mrs. Windsor, H. G. Summers, L. Trevor, D. H. Argyle, P. K. W. Williamson, H. E. Ashley, J. W. T. Taylor, C. Aylett, A. J. Hinde, P. Bennett, P. A Oram, I. Maycock, A. G. Eveleigh, L. M. Callow, R. Winter, J. A. and J. B. Fenton, R. W. Sherriff, R. J. Edden and D. Carpenter.

With a number of young people showing great promise, Guild affairs will be in good hands and the older ones will rest content, realising that their labours have not been in vain.

INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS OF WILTSHIRE

A small party of ringers from the Bath area spent a pleasant day in Wiltshire.

A start was made at Chilton Foliat; here there are five bells in good condition, on ball bearings and are anti-clockwise. The only peculiarily is that the tenor rope kicks and tends to fall at least a foot from where it is pulled.

Ramsbury.—Excellent church; quite a good six rung from a very large ringing room overlooking the church.

Mildenhall (pronounced "Minal" locally).—Little six restored and augmented by Mears and Stainbank in 1958; rung from the ground floor.

Ogbourne St. Andrew.—The ground-floor five are not so bad as some rumours would have them. Very pleasant tone inside and even better outside. "Go" is quite reasonable if kept at a slow pace.

Ogbourne St. George.—The heaviest ringable five in the county (18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E flat). In a steel frame and on ball bearings, by Gillett and Johnston. Very pleasant ring although again must be rung slowly to be appreciated.

Chisledon.—Very pleasant, mellow six; had a ring here by following the East Grinstead (Sussex) ringers, who kindly left us a few minutes' ringing time. It is a bit of a shock to find ringers from your Branch and neighbouring towers turning up so far from home, but apparently there is a strong relationship between East Grinstead and Corston, Bath.

Wroughton.—Another heavy ring; again slow ringing gets the best resulks. Precise handling is needed because of wooden beams in the tower that come down close to the ropes. Restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1955.

Broad Hinton.—Ground-floor six; very pleasant indeed. These bells are tuned C sharp, B, A, G sharp, F sharp, E. It must be rare to find a bell of not quite 9 cwt. in the key of E.

Grateful thanks to all those who made this trip so happy and to all the local people who had a ring with us we can only say we hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

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Fareham - Striking Champions Winchester & Portsmouth Guild

The Fareham team which won the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild striking contest at Alresford:—

Front: Miss R. Kemp, Miss G. Boyd, Mrs. C. Lanegan, Mrs. R. Sturgess.

Back: J. Draper (reserve), J. Ball, A. Sturgess captain), A. Scott and F. Fagg.

Ten bands took part and Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the Master of the Guild, presided. The judge, Mr. C. H. Kippin, in summing up the contest, said he noticed an improvement in the ringing, particularly in the leads, giving a higher standard of ringing than in past years and a very close result.

The winning team, Fareham, rang Grandsire Triples, which the judge declared was good ringing from beginning to end. Ringwood, last year's winners, were second, ringing Stedman Triples.

Lancashire Association Dinner

ONCE again the Lancashire Association held its annual dinner on the last Saturday in October at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, and once again we were pleased to welcome a group of well-known visitors from as far away as Swindon and Cheltenham.

During the day the visitors, together with some Lancashire stalwarts, sampled a variety of towers, starting at 9.30 a.m. with the recently augmented ten at Accrington (which earned unanimous praise) and ending at Preston just prior to the dinner.

At 7.30 p.m. promptly the company of 95 sat down to an enjoyable meal in an atmosphere of comradeship and conviviality. The guest speaker this year was Alexander J. Martin, that well-known personality from the Wirral, who, in his own inimitable manner, kept the company highly amused with his witty remarks and irrrepressible humour.

After paying tribute to the progress which the Association had made in the field of Spliced Surprise ringing, he reminded us that we must never overlook the fact that all bells were installed in towers for the purpose of ringing for the Sunday services—and that this must always be our main concern. Furthermore, he pointed out, it was essential for ringers to participate fully in the life of the Church, and they should never be content to confine their interest to the tower. The comradeship and conviviality which traditionally followed a peal or any other meeting of ringers was, he maintained, a necessary and vital aspect of ringing. It produced and strengthened that close fellowship amongst ringers which was not to be found in other walks of life—not even in other branches of Church life.

NORMAN SMITH'S BREAKTHROUGH

In his reply the president (Canon A. Hodgson) thanked Alex for his entertaining yet sound remarks—with which he himself was in complete agreement. He, too, paid tribute to the advances in all-the-work Spliced Surprise peals of Major, Royal and Maximus which had been rung by the Association as a result of Norman Smith's breakthrough in the field of composition. He also thanked the officers and committee of the Association for their zeal, good sense and unstinting efforts in maintaining and promoting the aims and activities of the Association; and urged all ringers to play their part in giving of their best in time and talent, not only in peal performances, but also in service ringing and in the training of learners. The young ringers of today were more advanced in the art than any previous generation of young ringers, but this could only have come about through the efforts and patience of those who had taught them. It was to be hoped that they in their turn would be prepared to play their part by devoting time and talent to the training of the future generation of ringers

The evening concluded with a most successful dance.

It was unfortunate that the event had coincided with some other functions, and therefore that some expected faces were absent. It is to be hoped that when word reaches them how enjoyable it was, they will see to it that they are not missing on the last Saturday in October, 1968.

PRINCE CHARLES WITH CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

19th BIRTHDAY RINGING

A few weeks ago a verbal invitation was sent to Prince Charles, through his tutor, inviting him to see the ringing for his 19th birthday on November 14th. On November 7th a telephone message was received by Mr. Jim Quinney to say that the Prince's tutor would bring the Prince along to Great St. Mary's Church at 12.30 p.m.

November 14th arrived and the verger, Mr. George Clark, met the Prince, who was accompanied by his equerry, Squadron Leader David Checketts, and escorted him to the Vicar's study. The Vicar, Canon Hugh Montifiore, then escorted His Royal Highness to the ringing chamber, where the steeplekeeper, Jim Quinney, was waiting to welcome the Prince.

There were 14 ringers assembled and they were introduced individually by Jim Quinney. The first was the Ringing Master, Mr. Frank Haynes, who, on behalf of the ringers present, gave a very warm welcome to the Prince. Other ringers presented were Richard Youdale (Master of the Cambridge University Guild), Percy Hayden-Pigg (84 years old), Major Freeborn (80), Ernest Hibbens (78), John Rank, Chris Daws (Trinity College), C. Muncey, jun., H. Muncey, sen., Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, V. Nutton, H. Foster, Dr. Hilary Muirhead and Ian Quinney. The Prince shook hands with all the ringers and chatted informally.

After the introductions Prince Charles rang the priest's bell as a signal to start the ringing of two courses (bobbed) of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by Mr. Frank Haynes.

Whilst the ringing was proceeding the steeplekeeper escorted Prince Charles to the bell chamber to see the bells turning, and then on to the tower roof. After seeing the sights of Cambridge with the Vicar, the Prince returned to the ringing chamber to hear the last two leads of Grandsire Cinques. The bells were then fired 19 times, representing the Prince's 19 years.

The ringing finished, the Prince signed his name in a new visitors book provided for the occasion and all adjourned to the Vicar's study, where champagne was served, and the ringers were able to talk to the Prince informally. This was a truly memorable day. As the Prince left the church to return to Trinity College a course of Stedman Caters was rung.

J. Q.

Note.—The record books dated 1724 were on show in the belfry.

Letters to the Editor

OXFORD GUILD MEMORIES OF 36 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I have been for many years an "unringable ringer" and many of the feats of today have passed me by.

Perchance two copies of "The Ringing World" (September 22nd and October 6th) have come my way, and as one of the "ringers of yesteryear" who was "out of the picture," I was reminded of the occasion which comes back very clearly after 36 years.

I suppose some would warrant that a lot of fuss had been created over a mere 5,000 Stedman Cinques, but I am clear in my own mind that whatever heights Oxford ringing attained in the years that followed this particular bell certainly was the gateway to it.

I believe that for the great majority of the band it was "first on 12 bells," and "first of Cinques as conductor" and besides this it finally laid the bogey that after the great days of J. W. Washbrook at the beginning of the century Oxford ringing was finished—certainly it had had bad times, but thanks to W. H. B. Wilkins at St. Ebbe's and Victor Bennett at St. Giles' a nucleus of keen young ringers was being created, and Walter Judge found enough material on which to build up a band, mostly local, capable of a peal of Stedman Cinques, and its achievement after one or two attempts was said at the time to be one of the most important peals ever rung in the tower.

The photograph is, of course, a bit of window dressing, as neither his Worship nor the two councillors had ever handled a bell, and were gently warned that if they pulled the ropes they would go up through the little hole in the ceiling!

Alderman Brown did ring a little and was a great lover of the Oxford Society, serving as president during his mayoralty and also during the Society's bicentenary year—1933. By coincidence, the alderman died on August 25th, 1946, which was the day the Oxford Society rang the 12,663 Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral.

Perhaps these facts might be of interest to your readers, especially to those who have visited the "City of Dreaming Spires" and shaken a few of them on occasions.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD A. POST.

Oxford.

TERYLENE ROPES AT BEDFORD

Dear Sir,—Following a previous conversation with your correspondent, M. Peterson, of Edinburgh, we have used pre-stretched terylene ropes in the Bedford area for some six months and the results are eminently satisfactory. Two bells at Elstow and two at St. Paul's, Bedford, have been selected. The new material has spliced easily, shown no sign of wear at all, and seems to travel more easily through the series of rope guides and chutes at these two towers.

It is, of course, immensely strong, hence a thinner circumference of rope is adequate for even quite heavy bells. We endorse the comment that it is unsuitable for tail-ends, but have not had trouble with the rope slipping wheel.—Yours sincerely,

MARTYN MARRIOTT.

St. Paul's, Bedford.

GOOD REASONS FOR DISAPPOINTMENTS

Dear Sir,—I am sure that the ringers of our cathedrals need no defence against the remarks of Mr. Beavis ("Ringing World," November 3rd) and to demonstrate that our friends in Washington, like the rest of us, can fail, I give the following details:—

In January this year a young member of our tower informed me that he would be able to visit Washington in August and would like to ring there if possible. On the advice of Mr. G. W. Pipe we wrote to Mr. Wayne Dirksen on January 22nd, giving details, and his son, Richard, replied on January 31st giving very useful information and stating "for even if my father cannot guarantee you a ring, he can definitely arrange for you to visit the tower and would love to meet you." As suggested in Mr. Dirksen's letter, a note reminding him of the intended visit was sent on July 19th and a reply received, dated July 31st, in which ringing times were given and looking forward to meeting him on Sunday, August 13th. This letter came from Mr. Fanfani's secretary.

With this information in his possesesion my young friend went to the Cathedral on Sunday, August 13th, at 12.30 p.m. and inquired there and was directed where to wait. David Moore, of Birstall, who had been before, joined him and both waited. After some time they made further inquiries and finally tried to ring Mr. Fanfani but there was no reply. They finally left at 4 p.m. and did not hear any ringing up to that time.

I did not intend to publish this but since Mr. Beavis' laudatory letter I am moved to write to you in particular as my friend has been a most loyal and helpful colleague for many years and felt very keen disappointment at not even being able to see the bells at Washington. I may say also that he had gone to considerable trouble to rearrange his itinerary to take in Washington, which was to have been the high spot of his visit.

Finally, may I emphasise that we realise that obviously a mistake occurred and that there was no ringing and this we accept, and I am sure that if Mr. Beavis were to go into the matter of his friend's refusals from certain towers he would find that there are good reasons for them.—Yours sincerely,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

A HOAX

Dear Sir,—The peal card of Minimus found by Mr. Collis at Tilton-on-the-Hill (page 814) is undoubtedly another hoax.

According to the perpetual calendar in "Whitaker" July 11th, 1897, was a Friday!—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

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The same view is held by William Shepherd, of Addlestone, who writes: "The author of the joke could not have known much of William and Bob Pye, who never lived in London, or of the fact that in 1897 they rang few peals before joining the Middlesex Association in 1898."

OBSERVATION BELL IN STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—Most peal compositions are set out with the tenor as "observation" bell, or, in the case of Triples, the seventh, rather than any other bell. This is understandable in the case of Major, where transposing a peal composition to make another bell "observation" would undoubtedly adversely affect the music of the peal.

In the case of Triples, however, this criticism is hardly justified, so one is led to ask: How is it possible to transpose a composition of, say, Stedman Triples, to make another bell "observation" without making it false?

Suppose we wish to make, for example, the treble "observation" bell. Pick out any course in the composition where you wish to start and suppose that the backstroke change of the seventh's full lead (having gone in "quick") is 7563412.

This will correspond in the "treble-observation" peal to 1234567. The peal is then rung from that point in exactly the same way with exactly the same calls, and rounds will undoubtedly occur after 5,040 changes. All we have done is cyclically interchanged the bells in the following manner:—

"7th Observation"	"Treble Observation"
7	1
5	2
6	3
3	4
4	5
1	6
2	7

This correspondence is one-one in the sense that gives any change, say, 4176523 in the "7th observation" peal, there is one and only one change corresponding to it in the "treble observation" peal, namely 5613274 and vice versa.

To prove we have derived a "true" peal, suppose it were false and obtain a contradiction. Suppose there were two identical changes, say, 513742 occurring at different points in the "treble observation" peal. The corresponding change (which is unique), 4761235 would then occur twice in the "7th observation" peal in the exactly corresponding positions. Since the "7th observation" peal is known to be true, we have obtained a contradiction. This simple device is commonly used in Doubles and Minor, but would appear to have been neglected by Stedman Triples conductors to judge by the fact that Thurstans' four-part peal is still almost invariably rung "seventh observation."

I would be very interested to hear of any snags that I have overlooked which make the above seemingly trivial proof invalid.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN F. ROYAL.

Exeter College, Oxford.

SPLICED TERYLENE ROPES

Dear Sir,—I must write in agreement with M. Peterson's letter in your November 10th issue on page 814 with reference to splicing of man-made fibres to bell ropes.

I, too, at Birstall, have experimented with pre-stretched terylene spliced to the top section and find this successful but have had various complaints about the handling if used in the tail-end On making inquiries, I find that mountaineers who use nylon do not have this difficulty, so maybe bellringers in time will get used to the feel of these new fibres.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. MORLEY.

Birstall, Leics.

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Beware! The Latest Ruse

By P. AMOS

DO you agree that the Church should sell its bells to provide money for the under-developed countries?

Do you agree that everyone (at the suggestion of the Roman Catholic Cardinal Heenan) should sell their silver plate, jewellery, etc., for the same purpose?

It all sounds the policy of hysteria!

But I am more influenced by what was said in "The World at One" programme a few days ago by that well-known churchman and politician, Mr. Quinton Hogg, Q.C., M.P., and probably I was not the only person to write and congratulate him upon it.

No one could say that he is anti-missionary and I would certainly not have it stated of myself, either; but let us keep a sense of proportion!

If our bells are to have a place in helping to remind outsiders of the Church and all that it stands for in proclaiming the Gospel to every creature, then in themselves they do serve a missionary purpose and it would be foolhardy to suggest otherwise, except from the most biased.

Despite the good work done over many decades to put them in good ringing order, to draw youth into the art, there still remains a number of churches—and not all of them in poor circumstances or in hamlets— where the bells are a total disgrace and not fulfilling the purpose for which they were installed, I will name (if I may) just two out of several I know and have come across in my travels—Braybrooke (4), Northants, which have had nothing done for them since 1806! The frame is so decrepit, the headstocks so rotten, wheels in bits and pieces, canon straps so eaten away with rust that the whole must, sooner or later, crash under their own weight.

Despite being told of this, its priest-in-charge replies that "while there are under-developed countries and hungry Indians, the bells must remain untouched."

I had a similar story told me by the Vicar of Church Brampton (4), Northants, whose bells, although in a reasonably good frame for five, have had nothing done to them for exactly 100 years—1867. And the other steeple I had in mind where conditions are identical to those at Braybrooke is Wymington (5), just inside the north borders of Bedfordshire. Here, no sooner you enter the church you come face to face with a "free will" offertory box (if "free will" it can be rightly termed?—I would call it "parson's will"), which states "all moneys given to this church are used at the discretion of the Vicar, and none can be allocated to any specific purpose." This in effect means to say that if someone wanted to put a cheque for £100 in it (or whatever sum they wished) to start off a fund to rehang these five bells the Vicar would refuse it or, alternatively put it to some other use at his own dictates—perhaps to send it to India, whose plight is mainly due to over-population.

Sell our bells for them—in their ignorance to do little for themselves? I do not share that view, and neither did the Rt. Hon. Quinton Hogg Q.C., M.P., although he did not specifically mention bells. But he did come out with it very forcibly that we had already done more than our share to help these under-developed countries, and he asked—what have we received for it? Nothing but sneers and insults and kicked out! And, like myself, he added—it is high time we made them do for themselves instead of (my own words) using Britain as a doormat.

We should tell all these "unringable parsons" those very words and not heed to their latest parrot-cry—to sell our bells, silver plate, jewellery, etc. We should stop being clergy's yes-men! Britain is itself in need of missionaries in its own land, when one looks at the crime rate figures! Only two days ago I read in a local newspaper that bogus "rating officers" had forced their way into a house, robbing an old, lone lady of 85. And at Wellingborough a youth of 16 snatched a handbag full of money from a blind woman who he could see was carrying a white stick.

SILVER TANKARD FOR EVESHAM VETERAN

Fifty years ago Mr. Geoffrey Hemming, of Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, Worcs, then a boy of 15 years, rang his first bell at Evesham Bell Tower, where he is now Ringing Master. To mark his "half-century," on November 8th he was presented with a silver tankard by the Mayor of Evesham, Councillor Tom Smith (right),

The Rev. A. Webb (centre), the Vicar of Evesham, himself a ringer, introduced the Mayor, who said: "Mr. Hemming first rang on November 9th, 1917, and has rung for every major event since—victory peals, Royal weddings, State funerals (including Sir Winston Churchill's) and local civic functions except when it was prohibited during the second world war."

In December he hopes to ring his 500th peal and on Boxing Day to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first peal. With loving care he looks after the bell tower. He played a big part in the planning of the technical details when the old ten bells were melted down in 1951 and the present 12 cast, which are now reckoned to be amongst the finest rings in the world. [Photo by F. Reynolds.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Dragon Doubles: S. Buck 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, L. R. Porter 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First quarter in the method. Rung for Education Sunday. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Page 1, R. H. Jones 2, S. Buck (first "inside" 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The poor weather, together with the fact that it was Guy Fawkes night, was probably the reason for the lack of success of the monthly meeting held on November 4th at Pirton. After 40 minutes the only three ringers present left and thereafter there were never five people present at any one time to ring the anti-clockwise five. In consequence of this the bells were never raised.

Next meeting: Royston, on December 2nd, subject to confirmation. Let us have a better attendance there, please! M. R. W.

5,088 PICCADILLY SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

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Rev. John Scott's Tribute to Somerset Ringers

THE second annual dinner of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, preceded by ringing on the 12 at St. Mary's Church, was held at the County Hotel, Taunton, on October 28th, and the excellent fare coupled with the efficient service in tasteful surroundings set the standard for a most enjoyable evening for the company of 170, who travelled from all parts of the county.

At the top table the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, was supported by the officers of the Association, and the Diocese was represented by the Rt. Rev. F. H. West, Bishop of Taunton, Bishop D. J. Wilson, of Wells, and the Ven. G. F. Hilder, Archdeacon of Taunton. Special guests included the Rev. J. C. M. Scott and Mrs. Scott and Mr. W. H. Coles.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. W. H. Coles proposed the toast of "The Church." He reminded those present that despite 30 years' residence in London his connections with his home county of Somerset were as strong as ever. Speaking to the toast, he said that without the willing co-operation of the Church their Association could not prosper, or even exist, and for this they should be thankful. He hoped the Church would forgive any shortcomings which they, as ringers, had. Mr. Coles spoke of the fine traditions of the Bath and Wells Association and asked younger members to ring true to those traditions, first and foremost for service, and afterwards for pleasure.

BISHOP'S CHILDREN RINGERS

In his reply, the Bishop of Taunton recounted how he was often guided to obscure country parishes by the sound of the bells. He was a great supporter of ringers and was glad to say that his two children had taken up the art at his home tower at Dinder. He was always sad to come across a silent belfry, but Somerset was lucky to have most of its bells rung regularly. He recalled the words of the Master on the subject of ringers attending services: "Never try to make ringers churchgoers; make churchgoers ringers." These, he thought, were wise words indeed, coming from a Rector whose father and grandfather had both served the Church in Somerset in the same capacity before him.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, in proposing the toast of "The Bath and Wells Association," said how pleased he was to be able to speak as a life member. He recalled many happy days spent as locum at Closworth, Radstock and Hardington Mandeville, and of the way in which the bellfounders of each county had enriched the other. Purdue and Bilbie cast bells for Devon, the latter setting up a branch at Cullompton, whilst Cockey, of Devon, had cast bells for Somerset.

Mr. Scott referred to the welcome which the Association had extended to the Central Council at Bath and thought that certain meetings of the Council stood out from others; both Bath and Bristol came into this category.

"Your Association has a good Master," he concluded, "and you produce members who are both careful and faithful ringers who value good striking. I could not wish to pay a better tribute than that."

In his reply, the Master complimented Mr. Scott on his TV feature, which had been screened the previous night. He was proud to belong to and serve the Association, and thanked Mr. Scott for his kind remarks. In congratulating the committee who organised the dinner, he emphasised that no transport had been arranged for those who exceeded 80 milligrams!

FREEMASONRY OF RINGERS

The final toast, to "The Visitors," was proposed by Mr. M. J Horseman, of Clutton. All of them he said, were part of the triangle comprising the clergy, the visitors and the visited! The freemasonry of ringers was such that a visitor to a strange tower was invariably made to feel that he was the very person they had been waiting for, and this unique friendship was something to prize "We tended to forget that although the clergy almost always allowed us to use their bells on request, we were not always generous with our contributions to the churches we visited." Mr. Horseman paid a special tribute to Mr. Scott, praising his constant work to present the meaning of ringing to the general public, in which he was most successful. He also stressed the influence of the various members of the Coles family on Somerset ringing.

The Archdeacon of Taunton replied and said he always thought that the life of a parish revived when its bells were rung again after a period of silence Whilst he admired the skill of the peal ringer, he reminded the company that it was the faithful Sunday service ringer, in many cases unknown except in his own tower, who mattered most. "I wish you all prosperity and blessing," he said.

The speeches were followed by a programme of slides and a commentary recorded and presented by the Rev. J. C. M. Scott, assisted by his wife, and we had the pleasure of seeing and hearing some of Devon's finest call change bands in action. Further informal entertainment was provided by Ray Arscott and members of his handbell team.

Judging by the support for the event, it looks as if the Dinner is likely to become a permanent feature in the Association's annual calendar. J. B.

SUSSEX COUNTY SECRETARY NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION

A feature of the Western Division meeting at Lyminster on November 11th was the large number of new members (26) elected. All these were regular Sunday service ringers and we understand that there are likely to be quite a few more prospective ringers undergoing tuition who will become members when they are able to take their place in the Sunday service bands.

The ringers were entertained to tea in the Vicarage after the Association's form of service, which was conducted by the Vicar.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, the Vicar and his wife and helpers were thanked for their splendid hospitality.

Among the topics discussed at the meeting was an intimation from the general secretary, Mr. Percy, that he did not intend to stand for re-election next year as he thought a change was desirable. It was also suggested that a new design for the Association's badge should be considered.

A proposal was also reported that officers of the Association should hold office for a limited period, and members were informed that a sub-committee had been formed to produce the annual report at, it was believed, a reduced cost. These last four points had been discussed by the general committee and members were asked to think them over and give their committee members some guidance at the annual Divisional meeting. at Chichester in February.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY WHITAKER

Mr. Percy Whitaker, of Meagill Rise, Otley, Yorks, who died in hospital on November 1st, aged 57, who will be greatly missed among bellringers throughout the North of England.

He was a renowned member of the Yorkshire Association since 1945 and had rung in 16 peals for the Association, but most of all he was notable for the devoted service he rendered to Otley Parish Church for about 40 years, Until a few years ago he had been Ringing Master and towerkeeper, and many bellringers, past and present, owe their success to him; his tuition was always patient and untiring. He was also closely connected with the bellringers of St. Oswald's Church, Guiseley. He had a musical and inventive mind and had composed many peals himself.

Mr. Whitaker will be remembered as a kind, modest person, always willing to help. He leaves one sister. E. R. F.

MRS. JOAN TURNER

An Appreciation

I was grieved to read in "The Ringing World" of the death of Mrs. Joan Turner, of St. Mary's, Twickenham.

One could not say that she was well known in ringing circles but she was one of those loyal, conscientious and kindly persons who are the backbone of local bands up and down the country I came into contact with her many times, particularly with the arrangements of Association meetings at Twickenham, when she was always happy to arrange tea and make the visitors welcome.

For this and all her patient, devoted service at St. Mary's we of the Middlesex Association are grateful.

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

MR. JOHN PUGSLEY

The sole surviving founder member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead, Somerset, died on November 6th, aged 95 years. His services to the Dunster Branch were outstanding and for more than 30 years he was Branch Ringing Master. To SS. Michael and Andrew's Church, Minehead, he gave a life of service in various capacities.

Among the quarter peals rung to his memory were:—

Minehead.—On November 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. V. Young 1, R. F. Arscott 2, H. Purchase 3, A. H. Reed (cond.) 4, G. Sparkes 5, F. Casley 6, F. J. Bulley 7, W. J. Nurcombe 8, H. W. Lloyd 9, W. Middleton 10. Rung half-muffled.

Wiveliscombe.—On November 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Gunter 1, H. V. Young 2, F. Casley 3, G. Maidment 4, R. Pickering 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. Rung half-muffled.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with very deep sorrow that members of the Bath and Wells Association, and especially the Dunster Branch, heard of the death of that veteran of change ringing, Mr. Jack Pugsley, of Minehead.

He started ringing at an early age and was a founder member of the Minehead Guild and a life member of the Dunster Guild (1883). He was, I believe, the last surviving founder member of the Bath and Wells Association and attended the first meeting of the newly-formed Association at Taunton on July 5th, 1890. In 1955 he was made an honorary life member of the Association.

He was a keen peal ringer in his early years; his first peal was in 1891. Several of his peals were rung by a mixed band from Dunster and Minehead, the two Guilds being closely connected under their instructor, the Rev. J. U. Todd.

Mr. Pugsley was a member of the band which rang the first peal of Caters on the Minehead bells. He was elected Ringing Master of Dunster in 1930 and tower captain at Minehead in 1931. He held both these offices until compelled to relinquish them on doctor's orders in 1960. Jack was a very close

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friend of the late George Stacey, who was secretary of the Dunster Branch for over 50 years.

Mr. Pugsley was held in high esteem by those fortunate enough to know him personally, being of a friendly and cheerful disposition with a keenness for ringing that endeared him to all. He had given a lifetime to the art and reached the ripe old age of 95 before being called "Home."

Many of his friends attended his funeral at the church he had served so faithfully. Half-muffled touches were rung after the service and a last tribute was paid to him by members of the Association by ringing a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters on November 11th.

The Association has lost a devoted and highly respected member and it is now up to us to perpetuate his memory by following the example set for us in the years ahead.

A. R. T.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE REDUCE DISTRICTS TO THREE

WITH 90 years of history behind it and the programme of celebrations over, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association turned to more mundane matters when it held its annual general meeting on October 21st in Chester-le-Street, possibly the first annual meeting to be held there.

One item in the business meeting brought the election of 31 new members, the bulk of them young ringers, to add to the feeling of confidence that the Association will still be in good shape for the centenary. Four of the new members—the Misses E. and M. Ranken and Messrs. C. and J. Richardson— are following in the footsteps of a ringing parent, Mrs. Margaret Ranken and Mr. Matthew Richardson respectively. With a membership of about 200 such an increase is appreciable and this will help to improve the financial position noted in the treasurer's statement and which had given some concern to the committee earlier in the day.

Chester-le-Street is central and accessible so it was not surprising that over 80 people were present at tea. The congregation was of this size for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. Spurr. The president read the lesson, and Mrs. Mary Hall, one of the local ringers, played the organ.

GOOD SUPPORT FOR CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

The president, Mr. W. Tyson, was in the chair for the business meeting which followed the tea in the Church Institute. Reports were presented on the year's activities, and those of the Ringing Master and secretary described the programme of events in celebration of the 90th year of the Association. These had all been well supported and successful. While no teaching course had been held at Lumley Castle, there had been special meetings for learners arranged by the Districts and they had been very well attended.

The peal report as presented recorded only 19 peals (including one on handbells) against 48 the previous year. Nevertheless, 66 ringers had taken part, much the same as in the previous year, and four ringers—Miss A. H. Whaley and Messrs. P. M. Park, A. Taylor and K. M. Talbot—had scored their first peal. The leading conductor was Mr. M. Maughan with six. The peal of New Durham was the first on tower bells.

The treasurer's statement showed a decline in the overall balance in hand from £67 19s. 8d. to £54 9s. 4d., the General Fund having fallen by over £18, while the Bell Restoration and Education Funds had improved. The main reasons for the decline in the General Fund had been the increase in the cost of printing the annual report to £55 and expenditure on letter headings, which is not likely to recur for a few more years. Investigations are proceeding to find a cheaper method of producing the report.

The election of officers showed very few changes and those re-elected were: President, W. Tyson; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, E. N. Harrison; Ringing Master, K. Arthur; editorial secretary, K. W. Cheeseman; auditor, F. Ainsley.

Mr. J. Anderson wrote to tender his resignation as a trustee on account of ill-health. Mr. T. Cooke felt that it would be better to have two people who were living nearer to each other and withdrew from his own position as a trustee. In view of the short notice of these resignations it was decided to appoint Messrs. Arthur and Harrison to act until such time as the committee met again to consider the matter further. The District officers were confirmed as follows:—Northern: Chairman, S. Hewitt; secretary, D. Martin. Southern: Chairman, T. Cooke; secretary, Miss J. Warwick. Eastern: Chairman, W. Maughan; secretary, Miss M. A. Thow. Western: Chairman, C. T. Lamb; secretary, W. Davidson.

A year ago the committee had received favourably a suggestion that the number of Districts should be reduced to three and it had instructed the Ringing Master to formulate detailed proposals and to discuss them with each of the Districts in turn. The proposals of Mr. Arthur had met with approval in the Districts and so there was little discussion when it came to the introduction of the formal motion to amend Rule 12 to give effect to those proposals. The motion was carried unanimously. The three Districts will be known as Northern, Central and Southern. It is anticipated that the District officers already elected for the Northern and Southern Districts will continue and that the Central District will elect its officers at its first meeting.

Meetings were arranged for 1968 as follows: Social, Chester-le-Street, January 6th; Half-yearly, Consett, May 11th; Annual, Newcastle, October 5th

After votes of thanks expressed by the president, congratulations were offered to R. Alder Gofton, of Whitley Bay, who was 90 on that day, and to Wilfrid F. Moreton, who had scored his 1,000th peal at Darlington when ringing to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Association.

D. A. B.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch on November 4th at Totnes, with Mr. W. Simmonds in the chair, was marked by electing six new members from Torre, one from Brixham and four non-resident members prior to a peal attempt.

Ringing in the afternoon was under the supervision of Mr. K. E. Fursdon, Branch Ringing Master, and consisted of Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples and Plain Bob Major. The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Samuel, conducted the service, and evening ringing was at Berry Pomeroy.

Next meeting: Annual, Buckfastleigh, with Dean Prior.

DEVIZES BRANCH HOLD FIRST RINGING CONTEST

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch at St. Margaret's Church, Corsley, on November 4th, took the form of a striking competition, the first ever held in the Branch.

Nine teams from the following towers competed: St. Michael's, Melksham; Christ Church and Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon; St. Denys', Warminster; SS. Peter and Paul's, Longbridge Deverill; St. Margaret's, Corsley; St. Mary's, Potterne; St. Michael's, Urchfont; and St. Mary's, Market Lavington (represented by six boys from Dauntsey School). The judges were the Rev. Roger Keeley (Marlborough) and Mr. W. Luton (Swindon).

After the competition a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. T. N. Solomon), with Mrs. Ayres as organist. The Rector, in his address, welcomed the ringers, saying that ringing was a vocation and an art which could be used both for pleasure and for the work of the Church.

Over 60 sat down to a delicious tea provided by the Corsley ringers and their friends, and afterwards the judges gave their comments. The competition winners were: 1 Warminster (Stedman Doubles) 11 faults; 2 Melksham (Plain Bob Minor) 14; 3 Corsley (Grandsire Doubles) 24; 4 Urchfont (Grandsire Doubles) 32. The three Ringing Masters had provided a shield for annual competition, and Mr. N. G. Knee was very pleased to accept it as captain of the winning team. The chairman (Mr. C. F. Andrews), of Melksham, in presenting the shield, hoped that the competition would foster the desire for better ringing in the area, and that losing teams would be inspired to take the shield from Warminster next year.

Ringing took place during the evening under the direction of the Ringing Master of Melksham, Bob Purnell, who was also responsible for all the competition arrangements. He is to be congratulated on the smooth running of the event.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Michael's, Bray, are losing a faithful ringer in Miss Juliet Hall, who is leaving for a post in the Belgian Congo.

Mr. Frederick J. Cullum has rung 379 peals at St. John the Baptist's, Erith, and has thus surpassed Mr. A. Cutler's record.

Councillor Fred Bennett rang in the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Ossett, Yorks, on November 4th to mark his election as Mayor. A happy year of office, Mr. Mayor!

The Bingham District had a very successful meeting at Gedling on November 12th and it was crowded most of the time. Canon C. H. R. Watson gave a very good talk, and the tea prepared by local ladies was excellent.

Queen Mary Surprise Minor was rung on Fawley bells as the veteran Atlantic liner left on its last journey. It is a sign of progress at Fawley under the leadership of Mr. L. D. Smith, as only four of the band had rung a plain course in the method before.

It was a new experience for some of a party of ringers from Furness and Lake District Branch who visited seven Yorkshire towers on September 30th. The towers were at Giggleswick, Skipton, St. Peter's, Harrogate, Ripon Cathedral, Masham, Bedale and Middleham.

After an absence of almost three years, the name of Mr. Garry W. Mason, of Leicester, appears in the peal columns again, with a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung at Enderby, Leicestershire, on November 11th, conducted by his brother, Kingsley.

Thirteeen of the band at Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics (a six-bell tower), have rung quarter peals for services this year.

Sales of "The Ringing World" for the past four weeks have each exceeded 6,000. The best was 6,111 copies.

As well as ringing at 10.15 a.m. on the second Sunday in every month, Blofield, Norfolk, bells now ring regularly at 5.45 p.m. for Evensong. Visitors would be welcome.

Mr. Tony Lurcock claims to be the only reader of "The Ringing World" in Finland. His cheque for two guineas to a recent appeal was much appreciated.

Twelve-year-old Richard Yates, son of Mr. W. A. Yates, has added Stedman to his repertoire. He rang his first quarter of Triples in that method at Wicken.

Congratulations to Stephen R. Munday, the son of Mr. F. A. Munday, on conducting his first peal—one of Plain Bob Major—at Bradford Cathedral on November 11th.

After a lapse of four months, St. Peter Mancroft bells are again ringing following repairs to the tower. Owing to cancellation of peal attempts, no new applications for peals can be considered for 1968.

"The 'Ringing World' has been a real eye-opener to many Church people who had no idea there was so much in ringing and that there was such a family spirit among ringers."—A Kent parson who had a special number on sale in his church.

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A HOSPITAL ROMANCE

The wedding took place on Harvest Festival Sunday at her home Parish Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, of 20-year-old Miss Christine Mason, a third-year nursing student at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, and Mr. Peter Brian Arnold, third and youngest son of Mr. C. I. Arnold, of Manor Home Farm, Dibden, Hythe, Hants.

The couple met when the bridegroom was admitted to hospital after a driving accident while driving one of his father's coaches which overturned. He was tended by the bride, who was on duty in the casualty department.

Christine was formerly first holder of the office of vice-captain at Coton Parish Church tower when the position was created and given to a junior member of the belfry as a gesture of appreciation and encouragement to the younger ringing element. She was also a handbell ringer, and during the reception at home use was made of a heavy set of handbells bequeathed to Coton Church by another patient she nursed while serving her cadet course at a Nuneaton general hospital.

The bride was welcomed to her own wedding by merry ringing on Coton bells, which later gave the newlyweds a rousing send-off into married life. Ringers acted as ushers, bridesmaids and photographers, while Mr. A. H. Beamish, captain of Coton ringers and president of Coventry Diocesan Guild, drove the bride to church and back home with her husband. On leaving the church she was traditionally greeted with a kiss from the family chimney sweep, who was carrying a brand new brush.

Peter, who is 24, made Christine his wife with the wedding ring which had belonged to his late mother, on whose grave the bride's spray or orchids and freesias was afterwards laid.

A well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar and Rural Dean (the Rev. Michael Mansbridge), who later proposed the toast of "The Visitors," colloquially referring to Southampton guests as "Hampshire Hogs," of whom he himself was one in origin, he said. Coton's captain gave the toast of "Bride and Bridegroom."

The bride wore a floor-length boutique gown in heavy white nylon with a guipure lace bodice, a chiffon overskirt with matching lace hem, and a flowing tulle veil with scalloped edges and a rounded border of lace.

She is the younger daughter of Mr. Stanley Mason, a multiple grocers' branch manager and chairman of Coton Church C.E.M.S. Branch, and Mrs. Evelyn Mason, a journalist and teacher of commerce.

After a weather-shortened honeymoon car tour of Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Arnold went to their future home, The School House, Longdown, Marchwood, Southampton.

A SANGUINARY EXPERIENCE

A cut on the hand of the tenor ringer, Bertram J. Coggins, during a peal of Mablethorpe Surprise Major at Witney on November 9th caused the sally and the rope-end to be soaked with blood, which also sprinkled the floor. Afterwards the rope was taken away to be boiled!

The peal was also memorable for D. Kay Adkins as it completed his alphabet to Surprise Major methods and was his 50th with Terence J. Hester and 75th with Frederick W. Soden. It was also Christopher C. Clarke's 250th peal.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

With our renowned genius for the ridiculous, Reading University ringers chose what was to turn out to be the foggiest day of the year for the winter term outing. As if this was not enough the situation seemed to be descending to the macabre when the minibus failed to arrive—no doubt falling into the Thames on its way. But once again we rose to the challenge—amazingly four members have struggled from the depths of poverty to reach the state of possessing motor cars.

Despite the tremendous meteorological hazards, the four-car convoy reached Abingdon, where we rang quite good Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

We struggled through the murk to the suitably peculiar six at Cumnor. Though difficult to ring (for us), the one member of our Society who is not tone deaf assured me the bells sounded quite good. The excellent heavy eight at Dorchester was visited next and despite sub-zero temperature Cambridge Major was well rung. The last tower contained the light eight at Warborough, where the ringing fell below our normal high(?) standard. A social two hours followed. M. G. I.

SOUTHAMPTON RINGING SCHOOL'S FIRST PEAL

The first peal by the Totton Grammar School Ringing Society—one of Minor in 10 methods—is the outcome of regular quarter peal attempts which have brought a number of members up to peal ringing standard. There were four people ringing their first peal in this attempt. but the conductor, Mr. Derek C. Jackson, informs us that it is hoped to achieve some more "firsts" in the next few months. The peal was a "welcome back to ringing" compliment for the tower captain, Mr. L. D. Smith, who rang the tenor so well after his recent operation in a Southampton hospital.

KIDLINGTON, OXON, BELLS

Living next to the 14th century St. Mary's Church, Kidlington, is Mr. Maurice Holmes, and he has written to the parish magazine complaining of the bells—"a discordant, crashing, jangling assonance." It goes on, he states, every Sunday between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m., late on Saturday nights and sometimes early on Sunday mornings. The activities of the ringers have "grossly violated the peace, privacy and convenience of people living at the end of Church Street."

The Vicar, the Rev. Ian Beacham, who is editor of the magazine, replies that the noise made by the bells is "a hazard which goes with the privilege of living in such a delightful part of the parish."

St. Mary's Church, he adds, has a fine ring of bells and the hospitality of the belfry is often extended to visiting ringers. In order to ring well the ringers have to practise, but there is a definite policy of restricting ringing within reasonable limits.

SEVENTH GENERATION OF RINGERS

David R. Williams, who rang his first quarter peal at All Saints' Church, Gresford, Derbyshire, on November 1st, was of the seventh generations of Williams ringing at this church. His father, Mr. E. M. Ray Williams, was ringing the fourth bell. This must surely be a record in family ringing.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD DINNER

Dear Sir,—I would refer to the third and fourth editorial comments which preceded the report of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's annual dinner ("Ringing World" issue of November 10th).

The inference from the statement commenting on Mr. G. W. Pipe's speech is that he attended our dinner, as a guest, and then proceeded to tell us how we should organise ourselves. Such an inference could not be further from the truth. From previous correspondence with myself, George Pipe knew of our desire to examine critically our present structure, with a view to reorganise in an attempt to improve recruitment, training and better utilisation of our resources. The suggestions made by George Pipe were a constructive and helpful effort, on his part, to indicate to us what paths of thought and investigation might prove most fruitful to us in our task ahead. At no time did George Pipe set the Suffolk Guild up as the "Utopia" of ringing organisation which we would do well to emulate; he merely likened some of our difficulties to those of the Suffolk Guild.

To regard Mr. Chapman's remarks about "The Ringing World" Committee as a "threat" is nothing more than mere newspaper sensationalism. However, it is true and right that if any elected committee of any organisation does not carry out the wishes of the governing body, then they should be replaced by people who will make a determined effort to implement the desired policies. Mr. Chapman's opinion is that the present committee members are ignoring the Central Council's desires and if, in 1969, the majority of Council members are also of this opinion, then they should and will be replaced.

If the editorial comments to which I have referred are examples of "drawing conclusions" by the Editorial Committee, then I wonder how many wrong conclusions this band must have reached in the past.—Yours faithfully,

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary,
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Note.—The two paragraphs in the introduction to the report were written by the Editor. and not by the Committee. There is no criticism of Mr. Pipe's conduct or suggestion that his presence was not helpful to the Peterborough Guild after his experience of the Suffolk Guild reorganisation. The speech of Mr. Chapman was clearly a warning or threat to the Committee. The decision on publication rests with the Editor and most weeks there are letters which he considers should not be published. The Editor, however, gives heed to the policy directives from the Committee—Ed.

CARY BRANCH AUTUMN MEETING

About 15 towers were represented and visitors from Plympton, Devon, were welcomed at the Cary Branch autumn meeting on October 28th. The Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Hayward) conducted the service, the Rev. D. C. Barker was organist, and Mr. H. G. White (tower captain) read the lesson.

The chair was taken by the Rev. G. S. Robinson at the business meeting, which followed tea. Seven new members were elected from Barton St. David, Milborne Port and North Cadbury, and reports were given on the recent Branch outing, the Corporate Communion and the half-day ringing school.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

David E. House .. .. Treble
Martin D. Cubitt 2
David Cubitt 3
Derek Jewell 4
Richard A. Hunt 5
William T. Cook 6
Gwilym Salmon 7
Christopher H. Rogers .. 8
S Clarke Walters 9
Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter (C.C.C. No. 14). Conducted by W. T. Cook.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BATH, Somerset.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C.

Arthur H. Reed .. .. Treble
Adrian P. Beck 2
Philip H. D. Jones 3
John Hartless 4
Philip N. Tubbs 5
Frank L. Harris 6
H. David Mackay 7
Ronald G. Beck 8
Edward J. Chivers 9
Ronald N. Marlow .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

BATH, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bathwick.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

J. J. Parker's 12-part.
*Andrew Swatton .. .. Treble
George J. Hawkins .. 2
†David C. Hawkins .. 3
Robin S. M. Stubbs .. 4
†Edward H. Goater 5
Alan Wrigley 6
Kenneth G. Harrison .. 7
†Peter J. Devrell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

RUISHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, six methods/variations, viz.: Three Stedman, four Reverse Canterbury, three Clifford's Pleasure, three April Day, four Plain Bob, one 240 and 23 extents Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

Brenda M. Bindon .. Treble
*Mervyn R. Arscott .. 2
†Leslie H. Arscott 3
Robert Parker 4
Raymond F. Arscott .. 5
Keith E. Beale .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal "inside." † 25th peal and 25th for the Association. Most methods/variations on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Jack Pugsley, of St. Michael's, Minehead, aged 95, the last founder-member of the Association.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWANBOURNE, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In eight methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

James G. Newman .. .. Treble
Ronald J. Sharp 2
Robert L. Piron 3
Martyn J. Marriott 4
Rodney H. French 5
John W. Sinfield .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Oct 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Patricia A. Etchells .. Treble
Anthony J. Beaumont .. 2
*John Jessup 3
Derek F. Yates 4
Jeffrey Brannan 5
Michael W. Crowder .. 6
C. Kenneth Lewis 7
Frank Osbaldiston .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb.

Margaret Wright .. .. Treble
Ann Hardman 2
C Kenneth Lewis 3
Derek Yates 4
Frank Osbaldiston 5
Edward Jenkins 6
Jeffrey Brannan 7
Basil Jones .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb in G.

Rosemary A. Spicer .. Treble
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2
*Sandra C. Spooner 3
†Rosemary E. White .. 4
John R. Scott 5
†Jeffrey Brannan 6
‡Frank R. Morton 7
§Keith Rowley .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Edward Taylor. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal attempt. † First in the method. ‡ 150th for the Guild. § First on eight bells.

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Brian Harris .. .. .. Treble
Derek F. Yates 2
Frank Osbaldiston 3
Richard C. L. Brown .. 4
C. Kenneth Lewis 5
*Basil Jones 6
Jeffrey Brannan 7
*Edward Jenkins .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan
* 400th peal together

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Felicity Ashford .. .. Treble
Raymond Bollard 2
Derek Yates 3
Jeffrey Brannan 4
David Midgley 5
Roy Worrall 6
William H. Dowse 7
*Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*Sandra C. Spooner .. Treble
Richard C. L. Brown .. 2
Rosemary E. White .. 3
Rosemary A. Spicer .. 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
John R. Scott 6
Frank R. Morton 7
Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Major and in the method. The composition was rung with In's instead of Before's in the first two parts.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*David Allman .. .. .. Treble
John E. Brough 2
William F. Gibbons .. 3
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
Frank R. Morton 6
John R. Scott 7
*Gordon K. Green ..

Composed by S. Biddleston. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Michael (Stoke).
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Robert W. Sherriff .. .. Treble
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 2
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 3
Anthony R. Crowther .. 4
Raymond D. Hart 5
Peter C. Randall 6
*Andrew K. Putnam .. 7
Geoffrey Pratt .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt
* First peal of Major Rung fully muffled.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Oct. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Single Oxford and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Colin M. Shaw .. .. Treble
*Jennifer Brackenbury .. 2
Joyce Chadwick 3
Robert J. Tanner 4
John Moore 5
John V. Chadwick .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.
* First peal First peal as conductor.

BREADSALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being 2,160 and four extents. (C.C.C. Nos. 134, 133, 132, 121 and 120.) Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp

A. Colin Banton .. .. Treble
Susan E. Thompson .. 2
*Bernard Greasley 3
†Richard Wilcox 4
†Arthur F. Hall 5
Clive A. Thrower .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the Fallen in two world wars.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
TEDBURN ST. MARY, Devon—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

Sidney F. Skinner	Treble	Clive G. Bryant	4
D. Roy Bould	2	John N. Longridge	5
Frank D. Mack	3	Norman Mallett	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Gillian R. Cleaver.
Long length brought round

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comprising 38 courses, rung alternately in the backstroke, tittums, handstroke, inverted tittums and semi-inverted tittums.
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Claire Hudson	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	7
Ruth E. Havard	2	Philip Rothera	8
*Josephine Quilter	3	Ian R. Panton	9
Susan Rothera	4	Peter J. Brown	10
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5	S. Clarke Walters	11
Andrew S. Hudson	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Believed to be the only peal of Stedman Cinques rung with five different alternate courses.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 24 methods, as follows: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (3) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

David I. Cobb	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.
On Wed., Oct. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	Emlyn F. Hancock	6
Patrick J. Bird	2	Michael J. Hobbs	7
Francis C. Mogford	3	James R. Taylor	8
Gillian M. Hunt	4	D. John Hunt	9
Diana M. Chapman	5	Philip M. Gray	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. M. F. Woodhouse, Rector, who has been appointed Archdeacon of London and was this day installed as Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Martyn W. Harbott	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Gerald Penney	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	*Michael D. Frost	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal in the method. 325th peal on the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Rushall, All Saints, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and Little Aston. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Andrew J. Hatcher	Treble	W. John Clayton	3
†Bryan Giddings	2	Robert A. Hatcher	4
‡John W. Hope	Tenor		

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal. † Most methods to a peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. Beverly-Davies and Mrs. Davies on their retirement to Wiltshire.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Nina B. Thomas	Treble	Julian Duggan	6
Katherine S. Hardy	2	John E. Ewer	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
Christopher S. Slade	4	Michael D. Frost	9
Robert E. Hardy	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law-James. Conducted by John E. Ewer.
First peal as conductor
Rung to welcome Anthony, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Duggan.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PICCADILLY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth R. Dunstan	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	2	*Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
Christopher W. Woolley	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
David E. Rothera	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* 50th peal of Surprise. First peal in the method.

PICCADILLY SURPRISE MAJOR
56—38, 14—12—38—12—38—14—78. l.e. 12. 14258367.

HARPENDEN, Herts.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Roger D. R. Brown	Treble	A Stephen Taylor	5
Stephen P. Darvill	2	John E. Ewer	6
Antony R. Carter	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
John A. Booth	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.
First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the birth of a second son, Edward Peter, to Sheila and Roger Brown.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*David E Rothera	Treble	S Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3	Roger Baldwin	7
†Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* 150th peal. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

KING'S LANGLEY, Herts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Martyn L. J. Jordan	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Brian J. Woodruffe	2	Gerald Penney	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	Roger Baldwin	7
David E. Rothera	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.

BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
mx. 34—58, 14—12—38.12—14.38.16—12.38

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*Walter Ayre	Treble	†Francis M. Byrne	4
†Edwin J. Upton	2	‡Keith Sheppard	5
*Augustin V. Good	3	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* 250th peal together. † First of London "inside." ‡ First of London.
Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy with the families of those bereaved by the tragic air disaster and the Hither Green railway accident.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Richard Hayes	6
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	†Frederick J. Cullum	7
John W. Smith	4	Herbert E. Audsley	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 850th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Philip J. Simmonds	Treble	John A. Howard	4
Judith M. Corby	2	Harold Evans	5
Derek Slater	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
First peal in the method by all the band Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

John Lunham	Treble	Keith Walpole	5
Martin Snape	2	Ronald Kenrick	6
Dennis Jones	3	*Edmund Rothwell	7
William E. Court	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

(Preston Branch)
GOOSNARGH, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	James Hodgson	4
Lawrence Walmsley	2	*Neil McCormick	5
Margaret Crossthwaite	3	James E. Sumner	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of William Billington, chief ringer at this tower for many years, who was interred here on Tuesday, November 7th, 1967.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGGLESCOTE, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung for the 21st anniversary of the Guild.

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

John Bramley	Treble	*Alastair M. Elliott	5
G. Stedman Morris	2	Frank C. Price	6
Robert B. Smith	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
*Ronald D. Hughes	4	Frederick T. Bindley	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the "coming-of-age" of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and as a compliment to the president on her birthday.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 UTTOXETER SURPRISE MAJOR

Roland T. Wakefield	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.
Rung for the birth of James Philip Hay Kanter, a grandson for the ringer of the 3rd. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Roland H. Cook	Treble	R Brian Mills	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
G. Barry Brown	3	Denis A. Frith	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by C. H Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.
Rung with the bells half-muffled on Remembrance Day

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
FOLKINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

Charles Wilkinson	Treble	Cecil Wade	4
Cuthbert T. H. Bradley	2	Harvey E. Burrell	5
John E. Allen	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James A. Musson.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Wilkinson, who has been a service ringer at the above church for over 50 years.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Plain Bob, four 240's and 32 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

Raymond J. Mayle	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	D. Walford Davies	5
William T. Petty	3	D. R. Lynn-Jones	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the church.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HESTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Nov. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Aidan E. Butcher	Treble	Peter A. Ruch	5
*Patricia A. Searle	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
William H. Coles	3	John Hill	7
Michael B. Tyres	4	Richard F. Prime	Tenor

* First peal Conducted by John Hill.
Rung immediately before a service at which the Bishop of London preached, marking the closing of the Centenary Year Festival.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being 120 each of St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Bluebell, Daffodil, Longparish and Harbury, 640 each of Winchendon and St. Martin, 1,200 each of Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire, 1,440 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Geoffrey R. Marchant	Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford	4
Brenda J. Martin	2	Leonard R. Porter	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Richard D. Bing	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr 19 lb. in E.

Harry White	Treble	John H. Napper	6
John W. T. Hibbert	2	Brian R. White	7
Norman H. Leslie	3	Frederick C. White	8
J. Roger Mitty	4	Francis A. White	9
Dennis A. Leslie	5	Edwin Drewitt	Tenor

Composed by Clement Glenn. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Fallen.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Audrey R. Alexander	2	Robin R. Churchill	6
Roger D. Bailey	3	C. Martin Press	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by John Pladdys.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	John C. Baldwin	5
Roy H. Jones	2	David L. Wilcox	6
Harry E. Wells	3	*William L. Gilks	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Robert B. Blond	Tenor

Composed by J. H. Barrett Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5038 VINTRY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Stanley F. Webb	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	7
Richard F. B. Speed	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	Graham C. Paul	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method.

VINTRY SURPRISE ROYAL
30—30, 14, —12—, 30, —14—, 30, —36 —, 50, — 14—, 90.
l.h. 12. 426385079.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 20 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Watford, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

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

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Most Major methods rung to a peal by all the band except Mr. Speed, and for the Guild.

BELTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Stephen B. Bell	Treble	John G. Mitchell	4
Ronald Russell	2	Christopher J. Groome	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	J Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung in remembrance of the Fallen.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb in B. flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	James Insley	5
George E. Fearn	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	David J. Purnell	7
John R. Insley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

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

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Nov. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Harold Stevenson	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung half-muff'ed on the eve of Remembrance Day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
DILHORNE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Ivan A. Sheffield	Treble	*Stephen T. Yates	4
*Alan J. Fletcher	2	Richard B. Dorrington	5
*Christopher J. Bennett	3	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt in D flat.

*Sharon Page	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	6
Edwin R. Goate	2	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Olive L. Rogers	3	J. Ian Margetts	8
Norman P. J. Cossey	4	Rev. Peter N. Bond	9
Frederick C. Gunton	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to both Olive and Harold Rogers, frequent and welcome visitors to this tower.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Mon., Oct. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, C.C.C. 1, 2, 10, 21, 23, 25 and 27.

*Tony Spurling	Treble	Arthur F. Ballam	4
Toni M. Rogers	2	†John A. Underwood	5
*Chris R. Nunn	3	Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
* First peal. † 100th peal of Minor.
Arranged for the christening of Simon Hugh Rogers, son of Janet and Robin Rogers, and for the birth of Scott Ballam, grandson of the ringer of the 4th bell. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	†Brian J. Bull	6
*Rev. Michael Hart	2	John R. Pratchett	7
Alison M. Mann	3	Michael J. Uphill	8
†Simon Humphrey	4	Alan E. Bagworth	9
Alan R. Patterson	5	G. William Shanks	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Brian J. Bull	Treble	*John R. Pratchett	5
Alison M. Mann	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Derek E. Sibson	3	*Michael J. Uphill	7
Christopher F. Mew	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

*Malcolm S. Loveday	Treble	†Brian J. Read	6
Albert W. Bond	2	Douglas P. Snoswell	7
†Caroline Mackie	3	†David L. Nibbs	8
Raymond J. Talbot	4	James M. Hills	9
Peggy E. Smith	5	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by W. Tucker. Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.
* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor. Rung in memoriam Mrs. L. Stilwell.

PULBOROUGH Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Derek E. Sibson	Treble	*David D. Smith	5
*Alison M. Mann	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*Christopher B. Fynes	3	Tom Page	7
*David J. Tubbs	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of five-Spliced.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. Tim Stilwell.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Robert N. Harris	Treble	F. J. Cullum	5
Jean F. Woolford	2	F. I. Hairs	6
R. Jean Osbon	3	H. E. Audsley	7
*J. A. D. Woolford	4	J. T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by H. E. Audsley.
* First peal in the method Rung for Remembrance Day

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt in E flat.

John H. Hunt	Treble	†George Love	6
*Mrs. Helen A. Haines	2	Geoffrey J. Gammon	7
Charles E. Bassett	3	Alan A. J Buswell	8
†Betty J. Daysh	4	Andrew Howard	9
Raymond Haines	5	Arthur E. Hoodless	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Caters † First peal on ten bells.
Rung for Remembrance Day.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Andrew Taylor	Treble	Jack Weaver	5
Howard E. J. Smith ..	2	John Chesterman	6
*J. Jeffery Hill	3	Michael W. Brown	7
*Richard C. Wilson	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

(Totton Grammar School Ringing Society)
UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain, (2) Double Oxford and Pinehurst, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Buxton (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Plain, Double and Fulbeck, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Catherine A. Roberts ..	Treble	*Richard H. Roberts ..	4
*Susan V. Banks	2	†Derek C. Jackson	5
*Elizabeth A. Banks ..	3	†Lionel D. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
* First peal. † First in ten methods. First by Totton Grammar School Ringing Society. First in ten Minor methods for the Guild on tower bells. First as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

Fred Bennett	Treble	Eric Robinson	6
*Margaret White	2	Irvin Slack	7
David S. Lockwood ..	3	*Michael Johnson	8
*Alan Clifton	4	Rodney Stephenson ..	9
†Patricia Lockwood	5	†Ian North	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to Councillor Fred Bennett, tower captain of the above church on his appointment as Mayor of the Borough of Ossett.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 GUISELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter Scholfield	Treble	Frederick A. Munday ..	5
Iris Lemare	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
Ernest J. Padgett	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

GUISELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—1458—12—36—14—58—16—78. l.e. 5738264.
f.c.e.,s 24365, 43265, 32465, 46253, 32546.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing and London and 320 each of Ashtead, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Eastbury, Pudsey, Superlative, Radlett, Rutland, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley ..	7–8

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1967, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in the following seven extents: (1) Evening Exercise, College Little Bob, Single Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, College Single Bob, Windsor Single Bob II, Plain Bob, London Delight and Double Bob, (2) Grandsire, (3 and 4) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) College Little Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob, with 44 changes of method. Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6
First peal in ten methods by all.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

*Jack L. Millhouse 9–10
Composed by George H. Cross Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal "in hand."

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
KINGSTON, Surrey.—In the Mature Students' Common Room, Gipsy Hill College.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Jennifer Brown	1–2	†Simon Humphrey	3–4

Chris. P. Starbuck (cond.) 5–6
* First peal "in hand." † First of Minor "in hand." First as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov 5th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. Bennett (first of Treble Bob) 1, Carol Cousins 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Meve (cond.) 6. For Matins.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: H. Poyner (cond.) 1, Christine M Wright 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, K. Hilton 4, B Birkett 5.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. M. Hamilton 1, K. J. Perrin 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, A. E. Jones 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Carter on the anniversary of their diamond wedding.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on Oct. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. J. Sampson 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, H. Muncey 3, T. Newlands 4, D. Rennolds 5, S. Brown 6, P. Bergdahl 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4 and 7.

BROADHEMPSTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Simmonds 1, R. J. Edden 2, R. F. Shepperd 3, G. J. Roberts 4, W. J. Harvey (cond.) 5, S. G. French 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Lillywhite (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Mrs. S. G. Brown 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, Miss J. Marshall 5, G. Davis 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. A compliment to Angela Luckings and her grandmother, Mrs. A. Hawkins, on the occasion of their 21st and 80th birthdays.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back 5): J. Musselwhite 1, Mrs. D. Foster 2, Judith Midgley 3, Pamela Sturdy 4, M. Simpson (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate Canada's Centennial Year.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rose T. Davies (first quarter) 1, Valerie Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, Charlotte M. Harris 4, Janet E. Blake 5, J. A. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. F. Hoad 8. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Parsons 1, Hilary A. Thick 2, Gillian Green (first "inside") 3, Valerie Howard 4, Janet E. Blake 5, R. F. R. Parsons 6, J. A. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, Gillian Boyd 2, Jennifer Tyack 3, Renee Sturgess 4, Christine Lanegan 5, Rosemary Kemp 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, F. E. Fagg 10. For Evensong.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Goodyear (first attempt) 1, D. King 2, G. Warner 3, R. Wimlett 4, J. Wimlett (first as cond.) 5, G. Dowling 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS. — On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Scotney (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Ross 2, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 3, R. Horton 4, R. Jordan 5, R. Sharpe 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. B Bell 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, R. Parker 2, G. W. Rendell (Jnr.) 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, W. E. Turner 6.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. W. Tidwell 1, J. W. Marshall 2, E. H. Amey 3, R. A. Bryant 4, R. H. J. Mears 5, P. R. Board 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears 8.

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

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Raithby 1, M. E. Chilton 2, D. Vincent 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, P. Raithby 5, C. F. Briggs 6, A. E. Chilton 7, H. Stevenson 8, J. W. Raithby 9, H. P. Mabbott 10.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Durrant (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Durrant (first "inside") 2, Margaret Egglestone 3, L. J. Parry 4, L. P. Brain 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

PRESTON, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss B. Moss 1, A. J. Slade (cond.) 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, D. Cull 5, R. Voss 6. To welcome the new Vicar, Rev. H. F. Orchard.

SOBERTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Gillian Boyd 2, Christine Lanegan 3, Rosemary Kemp 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, F. E. Fagg 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, S. A. Scott 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hawkins (first of Minor) 1, Kay Whittiker 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, J. H. Thompson 4, I. P Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6. A 1st birthday compliment to William Burt.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: Mrs. F. M. Edmonds 1, J. C. Parker (first attempt) 2, J. S. W. Townley 3, D. Robinson (first as cond.) 4. First of Minimus by the entire band.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. King 1, G. Warner 2 M. Lynn 3, J. Wimlett 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, H. Harvey 6, R. Wimlett 7, W. Mulford 8. Rung for morning service and as a compliment to W. Mulford on retirement from Taskers of Andover.

BILSTON, STAFFS. — On Oct. 8th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Fletcher (first Treble Bob) 1, S. T. Yates (first of Kent) 2, C. J. Bennett (first of Kent) 3, J. Wellings 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 6. Rung as a tribute to Councillor H. Humphries and the Bilston Council for their help in obtaining a house for Mr. W. Hindsley of the local band.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S J. Christian (aged 10, first quarter) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, M. J. Howes 4, Rev. L. R. Pizzey 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct 29th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Miss P Bond 1, M. H. Whittell 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, D. J. Derrick 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, For Evensong.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Russell 1, D. Fowles 2, G. Marchant 3, Wenda R. Fowles 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, G. E. Shedden 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. A farewell with best wishes to Miss Juliet Hall, a faithful member of the tower, who is leaving for the Belgian Congo.

BRISTOL.—At St Mary Redcliffe, on Nov. 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. P. Hancock 1, Jennifer Murrell 2, S. Turner 3, W. Abraham 4, S. Badman 5, R Sweet 6, D. Helliwell 7, K. Rider 8, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 9, S. Gillett 10. Rung to the glory of God and in thankfulness for the life of Sir Foster Gotch Robinson and his work for the church.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Higdon (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Sherrell 2, J. R. Dunford 3, W. Tiley 4, J. Nicholls 5, A. C. Lawrence 6. A compliment to Miss M. Higdon, ringer at the tower, who was married this day.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Everard 1, A. D. Fellows 2, F. Williams 3, R. Rudd 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. Pugh 6.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, Miss P Moss 3, S. Lilly 4, R. Mitchell 5, E. J. Briden 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Philip Moss, ringer at this church, cremated this day at Amersham Crematorium.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARKS. — On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's): A. K. Putnam 1, A. J. Boyd 2, J. Lockner 3, D. P. Ebsworth 4, R. D. Hart 5, P. C. Randall (cond.) 6.

CORFE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Travers 1, N. Salter 2, D. Salter 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Snell 6.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, D. Salter 2, T. Travers 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5 J. Real 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Nov. 5th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: K. Taber 1 R. Davies 2, G H. Humphries 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. Fisher 5, N. S. Brown 6, I. M. Parry 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8, N. G. T. Steere 9, A. J. C. Brown 10. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): Jean Herbert (first quarter) 1, D. J. M. Cox 2, M. C. May 3, J. H. French 4, G. S. E. Winter 5, J. M. Hollyman 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, Lesley French (first quarter) 8. After Confirmation service. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley French (first on a working bell) 1, Betty Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, P. R. Everest (first in method "inside") 5, G. S. E. Winter 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, D. J. M. Cox 8. For the Festival of All Saints.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jacquie Hedges 1 Carole Francis 2, Beryl Platt 3, Teresa Langdon 4, D. Langdon 5, J. Towers 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, Trudy Newcombe 8. First in method 1 and 2. For the Patronal Festival and dedication of memorial to Preb. S. G. W Knight.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (3 methods): I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, H. Ivings 3, G. Herbert 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. Rung for the Confirmation service at Barnham.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st. 1,260 Queen Mary Surprise: R. H. Roberts 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D Smith 4, R. Allinson 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. Rung following the final departure of R.M.S. "Queen Mary" from Southampton Water.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bainbridge 1, S. Waters 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, R. Martin 4, Jane Foster 5, H. Carter 6, B. J. Howard (cond.) 7, J. M. C. Lysons 8. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P., Past Master of the Essex Association, and churchwarden and ringer at this church for over 40 years, on his 85th birthday.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norwich and Cambridge): P. E. Wells 1, M. J Dyer 2, R. F. Baker 3, A. J. Davey 4, G. E. Bonham 5, H. S. Peacock 6. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Frank Sherman, ringer and tower keeper for the last 55 years.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHS. — On Nov. 1st, 1,422 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Williams (first quarter) 1, Norah M. Randles 2, P. K. Goodhew 3, E. M. R. Williams 4, G. H. Randles (cond.) 5, D. A. Randles 6, T. S. Randles 7, E. Evans (first on eight bells) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. — At the Cathedral, on Nov. 5th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: M. Novell 1, R. Gee 2 Margaret Chapman 3, Beryl Simpson 4, M. Church 5, P. Hunt 6, W. Hunt 7, T. Chapman 8, H. Reed (cond.) 9, S. Reed 10. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct 1st, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: B. Whatley 1, T. R. Garratt 2 P E. Wells 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, D. F. Murfet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor: T. R. Garratt, B. Whatley 2, E. J. Thoday 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, D. F. Murfet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (Netherseale and Cambridge): J. R. G. Spicer 1, T. R. Garratt 2, D. F Murfet 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HEVER, KENT. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. Miss P. Longhurst (first quarter) 1. R. Sherlock 2, R Everest 3, P. Everest 4, R. Hayes (cond.) 5, N. Butcher 6. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Longhurst. For All Saints' Day.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G Snell 1, D. Salter 2, W. Webb (cond.) 3, L. Stevens 4, T. Travers 5, J. Leal 6. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Webb 1, D. Salter 2, P. Henry 3, T. Travers 4, C. Webb 5, L. Stevens 6. First Bob Doubles 4 and 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Tilling (first of Major) 1, E. R. Rapley 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, T. G. Fox 4, G. Charlton 5, J. Smith 6, M. Reed 7, G. K. Dodd 8.

HUNTINGDON —At All Saints', on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, B. Whatley (first "inside") 2, T. R. Garrett 3, J. R. Hough 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also birthday compliment to ringer 2. Also on Nov 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: J. R. G. Spicer 1, B. Whatley 2, T. R. Garrett 3, J. R. Hough 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For evening service.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Stone 1, J. P. Hull (first of Minor) 2, Anthea S. Bruce (first of Minor "inside") 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, M. J. Green 5, D. M. Wilkins (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Stone (cond.) 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, Margaret R. Chapman 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, P. J. Walker 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Savage 1, J. P. Hull 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. J. Walker 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus "in hand": G. Gray (first quarter, aged 12) 1–2, G. Lucas 3–4. First length by the Barstable Grammar and Technical School Change Ringing Society. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus on the front four with tenor covering: P. Monk 1, K Lucas (first "inside" on tower bells, aged 8) 2, W. White (first quarter) 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, D. Stott (first quarter) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells by a local band.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6. For family service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, J Hedgecock 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. R. Johnson 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, S. T. Yates 3, J. Wellings 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, S. G. Pick 6, T. L. Holden 7, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 8. First on eight 2 and 3.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Minor (St Clement's/Plain Bob): W. Moore 1, Pauline Hilliard (first in two methods) 2, P. H Langton 3, A. Palmer 4 T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, D. Feek 6. For family service.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Fuller (first in the method) 1. A. Johnson 2, A. Keen 3, D. Lee 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Rev R Keeley (cond.) 6. For the christening of Stephen Francis Keeley.

MELTHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,392 Spliced Oxford, Kent, Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: Susan Greenwood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Greenwood 2, D. Greenwood (first as cond.) 3, W. Byram 4, J. Greenwood 5, R. Senior 6. A wedding compliment to Stephen Littlewood, tenor ring at this church, and Miss Christine O'Connor, chorister.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. E. Godfrey 1, Faith Riley 2, Janet Blackbourn (first "inside" 3, Flora Stocker (first as cond.) 4, A. Nunn 5, W. T. Godfrey 6. First in the method for all the band. To congratulate Canon MacBeth of Brockenhurst on his appointment.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,254 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Fletcher 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, S. T. Yates 3, C. J. Bennett 4, J. Wellings 5, S. G. Pick 6, R. B. Dorrington (cond. 7, P. G. K. Davies 8. First on eight 1 and 4.

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Egglestone 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, D J Derrick 3, J. M. Lawrence (first "inside") 4, C Starbuck 5, H. W Egglestone (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Jeffry Lawrence and Jean Scaplehorn, married this day at Kingston upon Thames.

OXFORD —At the City Church of St. Martin and All Saints, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. I. Allnatt (cond.) 1, A. R. Pink 2, F A. H. Wilkins 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, R. E. Burbery 5, W. C. Porter 6, P. J. Heritage 7, R. A. Vere Hodge 8. Rung to usher in the Festival of All Saints.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAMORGAN. — On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Minor (London and Cambridge): C. Ricketts 1 T. P. Edwards 2, G. Stickland 3, P. S. Reading 4, C. Quartley 5, N. Simon (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the induction of the new Rector (Rev. Cyril Edwards)

RADLETT, HERTS. — On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Lynne Woodward (first quarter) 1, G. Dodds (cond.) 2, R. Clouston 3, N. Woodward 4, J. Southey 5, D. Major 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Willis (first quarter) 1, Thelma-Lynn Willis 2, Frances Dodds 3, J. D. Duggan (cond.) 4, H. V. Frost 5, C. Forster 6, J. E. Ewer 7, C. E. Slade 8. For Evensong.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. J. Hagger 1, K. W. Whittell 2, P. May 3, E. Lockwood 4, R. G. Kersey 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Muriel Steward and Alan Pearson, married this day.

STOCKLAND, DEVON. — On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, D. Salter 2, T. Travers 3, P. Doble 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Joyce 6. For evening service.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Clark 1, S. Rowe 2, L. G. Gates 3 Mrs. A. Medley 4, M. J. Medley 5, J. Weaver (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Weaver, parents of the conductor.

UPPER WESTON, BATH.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods) 7-6-8 covering: M. Wilshire 1, Mrs E. Pothecary 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, P. J. Devrell 4, R. L. Coles 5, N. Wilshire 6, G. Pothecary 7, M. Messer 8. Fung for Festal Evensong at the Patronal Festival at which the tower was rededicated by the Bishop of Taunton after major restoration.

USK MONMOUTHSIRE. — On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Owen 1 A. Wrigley 2, W. Hurford 3, A. Swatton 4, P. J Devrell 5, S. A. Read 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. C. Hawkins 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 4.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne M. Carpenter 1, J. R. White 2, A. E. Fullbrook 3, H. V. Booker 4, P. G Davies 5, I. P Stoter 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, H. White 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Eltham (first quarter) 1, Beryl Baldwin 2, H. White 3, K. Leach 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, P. G. Davies 6. For Evensong.

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EYLES. — On November 12th, 1967, to Graham and Ruby, of Lyndale, Box, Wilts, a son, Stephen Jorn, a brother for Pauline. 2771

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BISHOP.—As from November 20th, 1967, Deborah and Tony will be living at 14, Worple Avenue, Wimbledon, London, S.W.19. Phone: 01-946 3288. 2773

MARRIOTT.—The address of Kathleen and Martyn is now: 7, De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Telephone Bedford 61839. 2768

PERSONAL

"Let reason go before every enterprise, and counsel before every action. The countenance is a sign of changing of the heart.—Ecclesiastes xxxvii, 16 and 17.

B. G. N.—Please contact M. J. M. sometime. 2769

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PUBLICATION DATES

Issue of December 22nd: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 15th. Despatched Wednesday, December 20th

Issue of December 29th: Last time for Notices, Thursday, December 21st. Despatched Wednesday, December 27th.

MISCELLANEOUS

APPLEDORE, KENT. — Ringers' Service, Sunday, November 26th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 and after service. All are welcome. 2782

DANBURY, ESSEX.—Rededication of new ring of eight bells by the Archdeacon of Southend, Sunday, December 10th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome. 2770

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The Peter Crook Memorial. In view of Peter Crook's services to ringing and his many years as an officer of the Association, the Branch have decided to arrange for a memorial at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. Will any ringers wishing to be associated with the memorial kindly forward their donation to Mr. J. F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Smithills, Bolton.—J. E. Andrews, Sec. 2738

ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The Guild now practises every Friday night at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors very welcome. All inquiries to Mr. R. Sugden, Airlie Hall, Airlie Place, Dundee. 2717

THE LATE MR. T. R. DENNIS

It is proposed to erect a memorial stone in Longstanton Churchyard. The Ely Association invite donations from his many ringing friends. Donations may be sent to the Ely Association's District Secretaries or to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2764

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Ilminster, Saturday, November 25th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, meeting, etc. Names for tea. Please reply to Hon. Sec., Puckington, Ilminster.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2744

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton, November 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 2763

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening meeting at St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells from 5.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Vicar and ringers of Great Dunmow (8), the bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, November 25th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All members welcome.—G. Blake. Hamlet Hill, Roydon. Harlow.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice, Coalbrookdale, November 25th. Bells (10) 6.30–8.30.—Joan Bennett 2783

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Rickmansworth, November 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 2743

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A.G.M. at Swaffham (8), November 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after meeting. I give notice that I shall not be seeking re-election. due to working on Saturdays and transport difficulties. Names for tea to S. H. Wakefield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 2755

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Berks Branch.—Practice, Steventon, November 25th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Corderoy. 2711

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Marlow, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2704

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridport, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 2727

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Eastwood (8), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to the District Secretary, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2753

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Wetherden (6), November 25th at 6.30 p.m. Also at some place District Committee meeting at 7 p.m.—H. W. H. L.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual meeting at Bures, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 2663

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch. — Corporate Communion at Bathampton (6) on Wednesday, November 29th. Bells available 6.30–7.30 p.m. and after service. Service 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Alan F. Lee, Branch Sec. 2752

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Practice meeting, Selby Abbey, Thursday, November 30th, 7–9 p.m. Methods: Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal. Please note: It is hoped to ring nothing less that the above. — R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2776

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. — A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton. 2757

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual general meeting at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Yeovil (10 bells, tenor 40–3–23), December 2nd. Ringing 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells 7–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil, by Wednesday previous. Also Branch Supper, Shrove Tuesday, February 27th, 1968; details from Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec., Coker Hill, West Coker. 2724

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual general meeting at Thornbury, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Most essential—names for tea be sent to Mr. S. Poole, 8, Eastland Avenue, Thornbury, near Bristol, by November 29th.—R. H. Driver, Branch Sec. 2775

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Milton Regis, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Wood, 161, High Street, Milton, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 2734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting at Wigston Magna, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to Miss Jean Whait, 115, Aylestone Lane, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by Wednesday, November 29th. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 2716

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting, Fulney, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich C.B.M. and Bristol S.M. 2735

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Wigtoft, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall . Names for tea to Mr. James Baily, Hipper Lane, Wigtoft, Boston, by November 27th.—R. Reynolds, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting at Tamworth, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (10) from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 2785

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stoke (St. Peter ad Vincula) on Saturday. December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Burton, Barn Cottage, Milton Road, Bagnall, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 2784

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Dereham, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to David Adams, Greenways, The Grove, Dereham, by Wednesday previous. Special method. London Surprise.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting at Steeple Ashton (6), Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Burbidge, 5, Church Street, Steeple Ashton, Near Trowbridge, Wilts. 2718

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Public meeting at Hampreston (6), December 2nd. Bells available 7.40–9 p.m. —J. A. Robertson. 2746

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Goole, December 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Mrs. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Gools, before 30th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2786

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Lambeth on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing at Lambeth from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at the Borough 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. M. Mann, 125a, Putney Bridge Road, S.W.15 Tel. 874–2449. 2700

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Annual District meeting, St. Paul's Church, Sketty, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will follow. A committee meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Hoare. 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 2746

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Meeting. Breamore, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, Hulse Hall, 5 p.m. Fordingbridge after meeting. Names for tea essential to Mrs. N. Dymott, Roundhill Cottages, Whitsbury, Fordingbridge (Phone Breamore 343), by November 30th.—L. F. Cobb. 2781

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting at All Saints' (10), Worcester, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business at 5.30 p.m. in the Golden Lion. High Street. Tea 3s. 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than Wednesday. November 29th. No names, no tea.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 2748

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Next meeting, Skelton-in-Cleveland (8), Saturday, December 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. by Thursday, November 30th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 2779

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monthly practice, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, N.1, Tuesday, December 5th, 7–8.30, instead of Kensington. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 2778

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

MANN.—To Heather and Tony, of Lot 14, Dance Drive, Middle Swan, Western Australia 6056, on September 23rd, 1967, a son, Patrick Alexander; weight 9 lb. ½ oz. 2802

DEATH

MARSHALLSAY. — On November 17th, 1967, in Christchurch Hospital, Frederick John, dearly loved husband of Marcia. 2803

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHILCOTT. — The address of John and Eileen Chilcott is now: 13, Farm Lane, Tonbridge, Kent. Tel. Tonbridge 4926. 2801

GOODSHIP.—The address of Gilbert R. Goodship is now: Laurel Cottage, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 2798

MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BANBURY

Applications for peal attempts during 1968 should be addressed to the undersigned on or before December 15th, 1967.—Clifford J. Wightman, Hon. Sec., 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 2790

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Learners' practice at West Clandon on November 29th, 7.30 p.m. —M. M. 2804

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Secretary is now: Mrs. C. Evans, 17, Ashton Road, Kingsland, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. 2792

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—Second Ringing Festival, Saturday, December 2nd, from 10.30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Stratton, Bridgerule, Kilkhampton, Holsworthy (8's), Week St. Mary, Marhamchurch, Poughill, Launcells, Poundstock, Whitston Pyworthy (6's), Pancrasweek (5) Tea at 4 o'clock in Church Room. Service at 6 p.m. Numbers for tea to H. Trewin, Marhayes, Broadclose Hill, Bude, or ring Bude 2911. 2793

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting, Elstow, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Come and ring John Bunyan's bells.—C. M. Payne. 2788

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Cockburn, 5, Kielden Way, Grange Estate, Gosforth, NE3 ZLP. 2799

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, December 2nd Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Wells Surprise and Single Court. 2805

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available: Westbury (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m., Stoke Bishop (6) 3–4.15 p.m. Service at Stoke Bishop 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Henbury bells (8) available 7.30–9 p.m. Everyone is asked to make an effort to attend. —Ann J. Burcher, Hon. Sec., 166, Thingwall Park, Fishponds, Bristol. 2800

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., Cheltenham, December 2nd. Parish Church (12) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Church House. Names for tea by 30th.—W. A. Farmer, 15, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham. 2795

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. Norton bells (8) 6.15 to 8.30 p.m. Royston not available. District Committee meeting, December 5th, 8 p.m., at 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. Tel. Bedford 57045. 2796

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Darwen on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Blackburn Cathedral approx 6.30 to 9 p.m.—Brian A. Tomlinlinson, Branch Sec. 2787

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Shoreditch (12), Saturday, December 2nd, 3–4.30. Tea at Shoreditch 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8) 6–7.15. St. Martin-in-the Fields (12) 6.30–8. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 2809

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at West Hoathly (6), December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Carol service 4.15 p.m. Carols will be accompanied on handbells. Tea 5 p.m. 6 p.m., Mr. E. A. Barnett will give a talk on "Place Notation." Ringing will continue in the belfry for those not interested in the talk. Names for tea to me, Mrs. Jean Osbon. 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E. G. 23815), as early as possible. Everyone will be most welcome. 2789

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ilkeston Branch) and SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting will be held at Melbourne (8) on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m., with a break and short service and tea approx. 5.30 p.m. Afterwards tower open until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. R. Chisholm, 138, Boulton Lane, Alvaston, Derby, DE2. OFG, not later than December 5th. 2774

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.30. Ringing, Heavitree, 6.30–8.—G. Skinner. 2553

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. to Mr. S. F. High, 1, Long Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, by Wednesday, December 6th.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 2777

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting. Nether Heyford, Saturday, December 9th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, Northampton, by Monday previous. — F. W. Hancock. 2807

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llandovery, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Warburton, Iet yr Eithin, Llanwnda, Goodwick, Pembs. 2808

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting and further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Archer, 8, Morville Drive, Wellington, Salop, by December 2nd without fail. 2791

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Annual District meeting at St. Margaret's, Ipswich (8), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30–4.30. Service followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. South East members, make this a 100% attendance. put over your ideas and vote your officers. All wishing for tea please book with Mrs. J. Munnings, 42, Beechcroft Road, Ipswich, not later than Wednesday, December 6th.—W. Lockwood 2806

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Giggleswick (8) on December 9th at 6 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott. 2710

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A Progress Report

THE publication of the article "A Squarer Deal for the Learner" has led to developments more rapid and far more interesting than had ever been envisaged by its author. This being the case, here is a report of the progress so far achieved.

I was fully expecting the article to be passed over in silence at home; but during the days immediately following publication a considerable amount of St. Albans comment came my way—some critical, some encouraging, all in various ways helpful. This was fine; but what should my next step be? I had no clear plan of campaign beyond a vague notion that it might be advisable to attempt to get the scheme adopted at Central Council level—not that I had any idea of how best to accomplish this.

Then came a letter that was to prove a turning point. It was sent by Miss H. M. Allcard, who rings at Droxford, in Hampshire, and it expressed great interest in the scheme. In this letter she also mentioned the fact that she is a riding instructor. Now I was at the time frustratedly searching among classified advertisements for a vacation job with horses. Thus I came to be in the temporary employ of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Whitmore, of Shedfield Grange, from which, in the intervals of looking after a delightful small boy, a kindly old Welsh cob and a trio of demanding small dogs, I was taken out night after night by Miss Allcard in search of fresh towers to conquer.

The Hampshire ringers gave me an unforgettable fortnight; I returned home the richer by nine towers and a quarter peal and, more important, by the experience of much good ringing on many good rings of bells and in truly wonderful company.

Home again, I was finally dissuaded from going straight to the Central Council by Radlett's long-suffering tower captain, whom, I'm afraid, I kept talking on the subject for some considerable time after the practice had ended. He suggested that, before contemplating plans on a national scale, it might be wise first to introduce the scheme to a definite and restricted area; accordingly I prepared a bulletin (comprising a syllabus of tests and certain explanatory notes), and of this bulletin sent one copy to Radlett and six to Miss Allcard for distribution to selected towers in that area of Hampshire in which I had lately been ringing.

What have been the results so far? They could best be described as scattered, but hopeful. Curdridge and Bishop's Waltham have expressed a desire to take part in the scheme; Radlett has done likewise; Droxford has expressed approval, with qualifications; Mr. E. W. Colley, of Bishop's Waltham, has asked for his own copy of the scheme, and I am awaiting his comments; Mr. J. Pitfield, of Curdridge, has sent me his most valuable observations on the tests; I have been informed on more than one occasion of lengthy and thorough discussion arising directly from consideration of the controversial points raised in the "Squarer Deal"; and the latest news I possess is that a copy of the bulletin has found its way to Farnborough, Hants. (I also have a shrewd suspicion that another copy of the bulletin is in hiding somewhere in the ringing chamber at Blewbury, Berks, where I'm pretty sure I dropped it prior to a peal of Stedman; this is not, I can assure the Blewbury band, a subtle attempt at propagandising!).

What does the scheme entail? I shall be occupying far too much of "The Ringing World's" space if I give full details in this report; but here at least are some answers to leading questions, most of which were actually put to me during the course of discussion.

(i) What is the scope of the tests?

From chiming to spliced, including full testing in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent, and taking in all numbers up to Royal. The tests are arranged in four classes, from D to A; in each test there are ten test-items.

(ii) Won't it involve too much paper-work for tower captains?

No; all the tower captain has to do is to sign and date each satisfactorily performed test-item.

(iii) Won't it be difficult to avoid a tremendous variation in standard?

To a certain extent a variation in standard is inevitable; but I have tried to provide for a reasonable minimum standard of attainment in the bulletin under the heading "Conditions for Tests." Briefly, these are: (a) not more than one candidate (two in the case of items on Test-cards B and A) to be tested at any one time; (b) no candidate to require or to be offered any assistance during testing); (c) no test performance to be accepted as such which fires up or which has to be brought round by main force—whether or not it is the candidate who is at fault.

(iv) Won't the proposed tests widen the gap between, on the one hand, those who habitually ring on five and/or six bells and, on the other, those who favour the higher numbers?

Emphatically no; the tests are so constructed as to encourage the learner at each stage to ring on varying numbers of bells—and thus, in towers other than his own. To clarify this point: Test D introduces ringing on eight; Test C ranges from Doubles to Major; Test B includes Caters; and Test A Royal.

(v) Who decides when a learner is ready for testing—the learner himself, or his instructor?

Without doubt, the learner himself. It is for him to inform the instructor that he feels ready to be tested in any one item—though I need hardly add that it is for the instructor to decide whether or not to allow this claim.

(vi) How can the scheme benefit isolated, struggling bands?

This is an extremely difficult question, since the success of the scheme depends so largely on close co-operation between bands. However, I think that "test meetings" would go a long way towards overcoming the problems faced by isolated towers. These meetings would be held at towers with easy-going rings of bells especially for the benefit of learners wishing to pass, or practise, particular test-items. Attendance at such meetings would be restricted, e.g. to a Class B test-meeting only those ringers who were either working for their Class B or in possession of their Class B could come.

Where do we go from here? I'm firmly convinced, in view of all the support and encouragement I have had, that the Graded Tests scheme has a future; that it can do much to facilitate teaching, stabilise the standard of ringing and provide uniformly better conditions for learning. I would like to see the scheme in the hands of the Associations; but, clearly, Association officials cannot be expected to show much enthusiasm for the task of supervising the running of a scheme as yet totally untried. The bringing into operation of a number of pilot schemes is the only practicable solution; and this entails the assistance of a fair number of bands. Therefore I am openly appealing to all those ringers who have any interest in the furtherance of a scheme of graded tests.

If you have already received a bulletin, and would like to run a graded-test scheme in your tower, please contact me for test-cards, stating how many you would like and in which grades.

If you have not yet received a bulletin, and would like a copy, please contact me to receive, free of charge, a copy of the third edition of "Graded Tests—an Experimental Scheme."

If you would like to criticise or comment, please write either to me or to "The Ringing World."

The address to write to:—

Before December 9th: **Miss E. M. Barber, Somerville College, Oxford.**

After December 9th: **5, St. Peter's Close, St. Albans, Herts.**

In conclusion, I should like to thank most warmly all those who in any way contributed to the formulation of the scheme. Especially I would like to thank those who wrote to "The Ringing World" with praise or criticism; and, by name, Mr. Gerald Penney, who asked me some searching questions, Mr. Roy Jones, who argued with me for hours, Mr. Pitfield, for his very cogent observations, Mr. R. W. M. Clouston for his invaluable advice, and last, but by no means least, the indefatigable allies from Droxford—Miss Allcard and Miss Wade.

N.B.—In the original version of the bulletin there is an error, which, though it has no doubt been spotted, I would better point out. For "Bob Doubles, P.C., Affected at Calls," please read, of course, "Bob Doubles, Touch, ..."

ELIZABETH M. BARBER.

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