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St. Mary The Virgin, Down St. Mary, Devon

OUR COVER PICTURE

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HILLTOP villages are a characteristic of North Devon; Down St. Mary stands on top of a gentle hill over 450 up above the valley of the Yeo near the Exeter-Barnstaple road. It is an entirely rural parish of rich red farmland, and the population has drifted somewhat from the old village to Morchard Bishop on the main road.

The church was almost entirely rebuilt in the 1870s—much of it rather badly—but there is a magnificent screen, and the church's great treasure is a fine Norman tympanum above the south door carved with a primitive but immensely spirited rendering of Daniel in the Lions' Den.

Until 1900 the tower—the oldest part of the building apart from the tympanum—contained three bells as it did before the Reformation; one of these was a pre-Reformation bell which was described as "illegible," and the other two had been recast, one by Thomas Pennington III of Exeter in 1672, and the other by Thomas Bilbie the Younger of Cullompton in 1754: the last two are the tenor and fifth of the present six.

In 1900 the ring was augumented to a five with the addition of two trebles by Mears and Stainbank; the new frame was built by Harry Stokes of Woodbury—a two-tier frame in the very narrow tower.

In 1935 the village raised £70 to commemorate the Jubilee of King George V with a treble to make the six, and ringing in Down St. Mary really got going. Under the leadership of Joe Towt, the village wheelwright, learners were brought along—including three brothers of the name of Wright—and in 1936 the band entered for the first of their competitions.

After the war ringing had hardly been properly re-established when it was found that the foundation-timbers of the oak frame had rotted. For two years ringing came to a standstill, but in 1949 enough money had been raised to rehang the six in a new iron and steel frame and to recast the medieval fourth. The work was done by John Taylor's, and with a really good six the band came into its Golden Age. Some years ago now, the certificates entirely covered the walls of the ringing-chamber, and now there are so many that the cost of framing all of them would be prohibitive. A corner of the church beside the font has been taken over by the band's impressive display of shields and cups.

Just where lies the secret of the Down St. Mary band is hard to say; the village has only 300-odd inhabitants, but it keeps two regular bands going, and this means a steady supply of ringers to fill the gaps in the first team. Undoubtedly a great deal of their success is due to the three pillars of the first team, Tom and Ralph Wright, the treble and tenor ringers, and Harry Dockings, the fifth man, who is the organising genius behind the team and makes all their arrangements. With three exceptionally gifted ringers who are prepared to go anywhere and give up any amount of time to ring, the others follow suit. Whispers have been put about sometimes of "poaching" from other towers; but it is much more likely that these are due in part at least to jealousy of a band that can command such loyalty that people will be prepared to travel long distances to ring with them—and on Sundays as well, for Mary-Down bells are rung for *all* services on Sundays, and generally by the first team including those who don't live in the parish: Harry Dockings lives in Morchard Bishop just across the valley, and another member comes from Chulmleigh.

Perhaps another factor is that their own bells are not easy to strike to the standard that really good call-change ringing demands. With three hung above three, and the windows above the upper tier, there is a slight time-lag with the 2, 4 and tenor in the lower, and these bells have to be kept infinitesimally close by the ringers inside if they are to sound right outside. Practically every peal they ring is recorded and analysed, and Tom generally picks the brains of the judges at every competition to find out where the marks were incurred: this is the real perfectionism which lines a belfry with certificates.

The bells are a pretty, musical little six with a tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs. The two old bells are inscribed as follows:

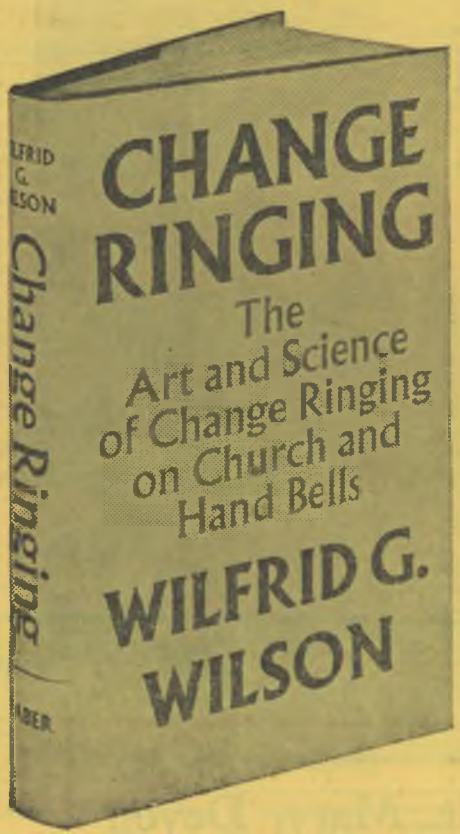
5th: Mr. WILLIAM : ROACH : CH : WARDEN : THOs : BILBIE : IUNR : 1754.

Tenor: IOHN : WHITE : WARDEN : T P : 1672.

The tenor is a maiden bell, and a very good casting.

The Down St. Mary record so far this years is as follows: 27 competitions entered; 18 firsts, 8 seconds and one 7th. That's the competition record; how many services they have rung for I don't know, but service-ringing comes first with this band; will all our readers be ringing at 7 a.m. on Christmas morning?

J. G. M. S.



Change Ringing

The Art and Science of Change Ringing on Church and Hand Bells

WILFRID G. WILSON

"The need for a modern textbook on change ringing fit to put into the hands of the latest recruit and acceptable to the progressive ringer has been felt by instructors for a long time, particularly during the last twenty years as the Exercise re-established itself after the war and the ban on ringing. The wait has been worthwhile, for Faber's invitation to Mr Wilfrid G. Wilson has resulted in a volume on the theoretical and practical aspects of our art as valuable as any yet written . . . Here is a book to be recommended most strongly"- *The Ringing World*

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INNER STORY

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD'S OUTSTANDING RECORD

11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major

A PEAL THAT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

FOLLOWING a request by the Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham for a long length of Glasgow Surprise Major, John Segar, of Skegness, produced a 7,500 in May, 1967. This started a chain of correspondence between Mr. Segar and Mr. Roderick Pipe, resulting in Mr. Pipe producing, in July, a 9,280 on a variation of a five-part plan, which was checked and proved by both Mr. Segar and Mr. Peter Border. Immediately following this, Mr. Segar, having satisfied himself that 9,280 was the maximum possible on a five-part plan, turned his attention to a three-part plan, and obtained a 10,080. Quite independently, Mr. Border also decided that a three-part might be more fruitful and produced a 11,424 in three equal parts, following, a week later, with the 11,872.

All of these gentlemen are satisfied that in Glasgow (a) the maximum possible in full courses is 12,096 (54 courses) and (b) 11,872 (53 courses) is the maximum possible to construct from these 54 courses, even with the use of singles.

THE ARRANGEMENTS

When Mr. Pipe had obtained his 9,280 the Guild's Ringing Master took steps to arrange a date, the band and a tower within the Diocese of Birmingham. The Vicar of Yardley kindly gave permission for the attempt, although no long lengths had previously been attempted there, but much to the dismay of the Ringing Master and the Vicar the composers kept producing more changes. The Vicar did not feel that he could give permission for the 11,872, bearing in mind the residents of an old people's home and of a housing estate near to the church.

Attention now turned to Edgbaston Old Church, situated in a salubrious suburb, where again no long length attempts had taken place. With the full co-operation of the local Ringing Master, Clifford Barron, the facts of the matter were placed before the Vicar and Rural Dean, Canon Greville Norburn. After full consideration Canon Norburn agreed, provided that the peal should start at noon, that additional shuttering be placed on the louvres and that an attempt be made to gain publicity for the event.

The bells, a handy 10 cwt. Taylor 1927 ring, are a little harsh in the immediate vicinity because they swing into four triangular shaped openings (30in. x 30in.) at the top of the louvres. The louvres were already covered with insulation board, so the openings were also covered, at a material cost of £2 10s., with ½in. insulation board which, to the writer's ear, softened their harshness and improved their overall effect.

PRESS COVERAGE

To achieve publicity, a Press hand-out was carefully prepared giving the facts of the forthcoming event in terms sensible to non-ringers and sent to the editors of the Birmingham monopoly dailies ten days previously. The Press responded excellently with numerous articles both before, during and after the peal and a photograph of the band practising. The B.B.C. also gave excellent coverage with two radio broadcasts on the day of the peal, including an interview with Clifford Barron, and a recording of the bells on the following Monday. Colour television cameras took pictures of the church and of the ringing during the first two hours of the peal, including a close-up of the conductor, Roderick Pipe, and this film was shown at the close of the national B.B.C. 1 News at 10 p.m. on the same day.

It was possible for the film to be taken as Edgbaston has a ground-floor ring, in fact the floor of the ringing room is four steps below the level of the nave. The bright arc lights, necessary for colour, being switched on and off proved a slight distraction to the ringers, which could have been very serious if the umpires, after an argument, had not stopped the cameramen from coming right up to the ringers. As it was, the camera and lights were only 20 feet away.

To ensure that the band was in "practice" three normal length peals were rung at Shirley, Netherton and Birmingham Cathedral in the ten days preceding the record; all the members of the record band rang "inside" in at least two of these peals, the compositions were all taken from various parts of the 11,872.

THE PEAL

Noon approached and Edgbaston Old Church was a hive of nonchalant inactivity with about 15 wellwishers assembled in addition to the ringers, umpires, Vicar and the Press. As the ringers had sought publicity, they had to curb their impatience to get started with the peal and allow the Press and radio men time to photograph the bells and record their interviews. Into changes at 12.12 p.m. and "nerves" resulted in a false start of almost two leads, in full sight of all the wellwishers, etc. Into changes again at 12.15 p.m. to settle down at a fairly slow speed (2 hours and 52 minutes for a 5,056) to ring good Glasgow against the distractions of the television cameras. The church was kept open throughout the peal and numerous ringers and non-ringers, including the Vicar on three or four occasions, came in to see how the ringers were getting on.

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At the end of the first part the pace suddenly quickened (2 hours and 47 minutes for 5,056) and this smarter pace, although not quick for the bells, was kept up until the end of the peal. Much of the success of the peal rested with the tenor ringer, Clifford Barron, who regulated the ringing at this steady rate, and the conductor, Roderick Pipe. There were no serious mistakes and Roderick was able to correct the small trips which did occur almost instantaneously. Regrettably, Peter Border was unable to ring as the time of the start did not allow him to return to Coventry for the 60th anniversary dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

The umpires, Susan Smith and Christopher Hughes, who sat at a table in the church, had a very cold task. By a freak of acoustics, the bells being much louder in the church than in the ringing room, they were not able to hear the majority of the bobs, nor could they see the conductor's mouth. Fortunately they found that they could see Roderick's chest, which rose dramatically immediately before every bob. They comment that "the ringing in the first part was good although a little unsettled, probably due to the interruptions caused by the TV arc lights. At the start of the second part the speed suddenly quickened and the ringing settled down to a very good standard, which was retained until the end of the peal."

At the end of the peal, watched by about 15 to 20 onlookers, the bells were immediately lowered. Polite applause led by the Vicar then broke out, much to the surprise and great appreciation of the ringers. The Press were again in evidence interviewing the ringers but soon all were able to refresh themselves with cups of tea thoughtfully provided in the vestry by the beadle and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood.

COMMENTARY

One of the delights which the ringing of a record peal engenders is the amount of participation by people other than the ringers. This participation, by the ringers who advised and helped in erecting the shuttering, by the umpires, by the 40 or 50 ringers who came to hear some part of the peal or who were there at the beginning or end, by the Vicar and his parishioners and by the general public who were kept so well informed by the Press, was in this instance quite extensive, much to the satisfaction of the organisers, Clifford Barron and Alan Ainsworth. By all accounts, this sense of anticipation was much more in evidence in the early days of ringing whenever 5,000's were attempted. It may be that this group participation, together with the sense of achievement, justifies the continued attempting of record peals, especially in an area like Birmingham where 5,000's are rung regularly. Edgbaston, in a populous area, well served by transport, and where the ringers can be seen in full view, seems to be better suited in this sense than an isolated country tower. Perhaps this is the first occasion that a record peal has been attempted in these circumstances.

So it is with these thoughts that the St. Martin's Guild set their sights on some other record. An attempt on the existing Royal record of 16,920 rung at Worsley, perhaps?

J. A. A.

11,872 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
By PETER BORDER

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6ths place bobs.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,380 Bob Doubles: Lorna Brock (first quarter) 1, P. V. Cranham 2, Carol Andrews 3, D. Brock 4, M. B. Tyers (cond.) 5, D. Scott 6. For Harvest Festival.

KENT MOURNS FOR TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. ALFRED G. HILL

Mr. A. G. Hill, whose death on November 25th at the age of 65 has already been briefly reported, was a vice-president of the Kent County Association and is best remembered for 35 years' devoted service as Lewisham District secretary.

His predecessor in this important office was Thomas Groombridge senior, a dominant personality who ruled the affairs of the District with a rod of iron. Alf Hill, in his own special way, was no less a figure than his predecessor, but was of a shy, retiring nature and did not wish to take on as part of his duties as District secretary the control of the ringing at meetings. This resulted in the creation of a new office of Ringing Master, which for the next few years Thomas Groombridge occupied. There were in the District at that time other strong characters who contended that the creation of the office of Ringing Master was outside, and therefore contrary to, the rules of the Association, and their opposition centred round the late William Jeffries, a big man with a deep voice and forceful manner, who never seemed to tire of describing the actions of the District as "illegal."

Unwittingly Alf Hill became the storm centre of the controversy that raged at District business meetings. It was at this strenuous time that with calm dignity he endeared himself to all in the District who had the privilege of knowing him, whether protagonists or embarrassed neutrals. Alf had the gift of frankness without rancour, of straightforward dealing and a great friendliness for any who cared to penetrate his shy exterior. He was a master of the written word and at the District annual meeting each October he produced a report of the year's activities that was a masterpiece in the manner of its presentation and the detail of its content.

Older members will recall with pleasure the presentation to Mr. Hill in 1945 of a gift from the District in recognition of his outstanding 21 years' service as its secretary. Fortunately the ship of state had by that time sailed into calmer waters and the "legality" debates were things of the past. At about this time Alf saw the need to promote the social side of ringing and arranged a series of District socials, where the catering was organised in a lavish manner by Mrs. Hill, their charming son and daughter and other members of their family and friends, in the Church Hall of Christ Church, Erith.

It was at this church that he put in a lifetime of sterling work. The bells were installed by Warners during the first world war and, through some hanging defect, they have never gone well in spite of their fine tone. Indeed there have been occasions when the seventh has been regarded as almost unringable. Such disadvantages did not deter Alf from his triumphant duty as a Sunday service ringer and it is in this respect that he has proved that a quiet man, with unpretentious ways, can inspire and lead others by his own example of selfless service.

When in 1959 Alf handed over his task as District secretary to Miss Mary Andrews the Association was pleased to honour him by making him a vice-president. As a member of the committee for some 40 years he had seen much coming and going and he had a precise and accurate recollection of all the major events and decisions of that time. He knew the rules thoroughly and was always right in his facts when he made his quiet intervention in any debate. He was a source of great encouragement to the present general secretary, who recalls with pleasure that Alf took part in his first peal some 31 years ago.

The funeral service at Christ Church, Erith, took place in an atmosphere of quiet dignity before a large and representative gathering of family and friends. The Kent County Association was represented by the general secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby, and Mrs. Corby and numerous past and present committee members and friends from the District including Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, a friend of 70 years' standing, Mrs. E. A. Barnett represented her husband, a fellow vice-president of the Association, Mr. F. J. Cullum and Mr. H. E. Audsley, both past masters, represented the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, together with Mr. A. G. Mason, all of whom had known Alf Hill for over 40 years. The service in church was followed by cremation at Eltham.

Mr. Hill leaves a widow, son and daughter-in-law, daughter and son-in-law and various grandchildren, for whom great sympathy will be felt. P. A. C.

AN APPRECIATION

The sudden death on November 24th, at the age of 65, of Mr. Alfred G. Hill, captain of the band at Christ Church, Erith, came as a great shock both to ringers in North Kent and to members of the committee of the Kent County Association, who heard of it as they assembled for their annual committee meeting only a day after the funeral of another of their vice-presidents, John Willis.

A most modest and unassuming man, Mr. Hill was essentially a "local" ringer. I think all his peals—about 150— were rung in Kent, all but one (the first by the present Master of the College Youths) on eight bells, and the vast majority at three towers only two or three miles apart—St. John's and Christ Church, Erith, and Crayford. They included a variety of methods up to four-spliced Surprise, among the latter the first for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 1935.

Peal ringing was, however, only incidental to his ringing career. The aspect of it for which all who knew him will remember him was his long period of 35 years as secretary of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association. For a year, I believe, he understudied his predecessor, the late Thomas Groombridge senior, before being elected to office in 1924, when he was 22 years of age. After his retirement in 1959 the Association made him a vice-president. Throughout his term of office he missed hardly a meeting, if one at all, and the same applied afterwards. On meeting days it was always his concern that everyone else should enjoy themselves, both in the belfry and outside it; so much so that in my earliest ringing days I thought he was not a practical ringer because I never saw him on the end of a rope.

His annual reports were a joy. They covered every aspect of ringing in the District in extraordinary detail, enlivened by touches of humour that, until one got to know him, one might have thought he lacked. His use of the English language was masterly. One of his reports—that of 1938—so impressed a non-ringer present that, to quote from "The Ringing World": "Mr. Lack thereupon undertook to prepare 100 copies for free distribution to interested members." I still come across my copy every so often and reread it with nostalgic interest.

Throughout his ringing career he was associated with Christ Church, Erith, as an ordinary member, as secretary and then as captain. Loyal to it in prosperity and adversity, he had his reward in recent years when there was a local band capable of ringing Bristol for Sunday services. One hopes that they will carry on with his example to inspire them.

To Mrs. Hill who, though not herself a ringer, supported him at meetings and other ringing gatherings, to their son, John, himself a ringer at Christ Church for the past 20 years or so, and daughter, Mary, we extend our deepest sympathy. E. A. B.

Mr. JOHN WILLIS

Members of the Kent County Association will be grateful to the Editor of "The Ringing World" for his memoir of Mr. John Willis, a vice-president of the Association and a leading personality since his retirement to Folkestone in 1945 at the end of a long teaching career, mainly in Huntingdonshire.

When at Charing in his young days he taught in school George H. Spice, who became general secretary of the Association soon after Mr. Willis' return to the county and since his retirement from that office has been a fellow-vice-president. Mr. Willis also knew Percy Spice in school at Charing but did not actually teach him.

In those days Canterbury was a reasonably strong centre of ringing and there was in the area a competent peal-ringing band, particularly of Stedman. Mr. Willis took part in various peals and his name appears on a board in Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, in connection with a peal rung in 1902. It is not known whether he took part in any peals during his time away from the county and he did not ring any on his return.

His great service in these last 22 years has been in other directions. On his return to the county he took the Association unto himself and in the early years of his retirement he and his charming wife were to be seen at all county gatherings and many District meetings and other functions as well. Alas, in later years Mrs. Willis was bedridden and John Willis devoted his whole life to nursing her, but in spite of this severe strain his interest in the Association and all its affairs never wavered and he went to great trouble to arrange for the care of his wife so that he could get away to attend meetings.

ILLUMINATED PRAYER CARDS

He was a great penman and in addition to his work for the Biographies Committee of the Central Council already referred to, he gave to each belfry throughout the county an illuminated prayer card of the Association prayer. He was a very generous man and his hand was often in his pocket to meet various expenses that would otherwise have fallen on Association funds. Such acts were never ostentatious and when, as was his custom, he gave a small present to the organisers of dinners and meetings and similar functions he always made it appear that the gift was from the Association.

He had a fine presence and it was no doubt the schoolmaster in him that enabled him to remember the names of all the members. When he was in the chair it was only very occasionally that he was at a loss for the name of a proposer or seconder—no small feat in a county the size of Kent. Until the last year or two, by which time his own health was beginning to fail, he was a first-class chairman, able to despatch the business with great promptitude without in any way curbing the essentials.

The funeral service took place at Charing Crematorium, conducted by the Vicar of Charing, the Rev. Peter Robbins, himself a keen ringer and the son-in-law of Mr. George Spice. The hymns "Praise to the holiest in the height" and "Unchanging God who livest" were accompanied on the chapel organ by Mr. John Cooper, and at the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the beautiful Folkestone handbells by T. E. Sone 1–2, E. A. Barnett 3–4, W. H. Dobbie 5–6, and P. A. Corby 7–8.

During Mr. Willis' last illness the Folkestone ringers were assiduous in their visiting and care for him; Alan Berry, the Ashford District secretary, deserves the grateful thanks of the members of the Association. He and a goodly gathering of ringing friends from various parts of the county were present at the funeral to pay their last respects. P. A. C.

RECORD ORDER FOR 2,400 BELLS

Mini Liberty Bells to Mark Bicentenary

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry has received the largest single order ever placed in the history of bell founding. It involves the casting of 2,400 bells to mark the bicentenary of the American Revolution as part of a £750,000 project.

Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, in 1752, cast the Liberty Bell for the Province of Pennsylvania. This bell was destined to become one of the symbols of freedom and was rung 24 years later for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The Liberty Bell Foundation, an organisation concerned with the historical aspects of the bicentenary, has ordered a limited edition of scale reproductions of one-fifth the size of the original bell The bells are to be offered for sale privately within the United States, and delivered immediately they are cast. The total number cast in any one year will not exceed 288.

Each bell will be mounted on an oak base hand-carved in the style of the period and bearing two inscribed plaques of silver. They will be numbered from one to 2,400, representing the months from the American Revolution. The owner's name and home town will be engraved on the silver plaques. One will read: "By order of John Doe of Philadelphia, in commemoration of the Bicentenary of the American Revolution, 1776–1976." And the other: "Cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, to the original design of the Liberty Bell cast by them on the same site in the year of Our Lord 1752."

Each bell will weigh approximately 20 lb. and stand 13½ inches high with the base. There will be attached to each bell a navy blue silk tassel to enable it to be rung correctly.

The bells will be distributed from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry by private arrangement with individual Americans. The purchase price of £270 is inclusive of all costs and is payable in advance to the Liberty Bell Foundation.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

THE 13th annual meeting of the Guild took place in London on November 18th. For this occasion four towers had been arranged and ringing began shortly before 2 o'clock at St. John's, Waterloo Road. About one half of the party arrived within the next hour, and then a move was made to the University of London H.Q., St. Olave's, Hart Street. This was uneventful save that the Master left his outer garment at Waterloo, and the keys were not available at St. Olave's, where the East Anglian contingent were waiting, chilly but cheerful. Gaining access after 20 minutes' delay, the enlarged company hardly did justice to this light eight, and by 4.15 the Guild had moved round the corner to St. Botolph's, Aldgate. The standard improved here, despite the greater problems of handling, and a course of Superlative was brought reasonably round. Finally, the Guild were fortunate to spend an hour at St. Michael's, Cornhill. For some of us, rounds were the limit of ambition, but with the help of one or two "youthful" friends both Stedman and Grandsire were achieved. Cinques went well for Grandsire also, but not, unfortunately, for Stedman.

Dinner was taken once again at the George Inn, Borough, where a full house of 30 members and guests ate the usual good—and sustaining—meal.

The Master, D. J. Neal Smith, began the business meeting by referring to the death of the president earlier in the year. The minutes of the 1966 annual general meeting were approved, as was the hon. secretary's report on the year, including the financial statement. Election of officers followed: President, J. B. Williamson; Master, P. A. F. Chalk; secretary, D. L. Gullick. One new associate member was elected, Miss Anne Blundell.

For the future it was suggested that the Guild visit the president's homeland, the Isle of Wight, for its May meeting. The ways and means of a week-end were explored, and a measure of support expressed.

The president indicated concern that broadcast services, on both radio and TV, were not preceded nowadays by ringing. He felt that whenever there were bells they should be broadcast, and that for the information of the uninitiated some information about them and the method should be announced. The secretary was instructed to convey these views to the Central Council.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all concerned in arrangements, notably Messrs. John Mott and Jack Phillips. Touches in rounds were rung both on bells of normal dimension and the president's special light six (tenor 2 oz. approx.)

OBITUARY

Mr. Ernest E. S. Johnson

The passing of Ernie Johnson on November 26th, 1967, at the age of 64 after a long and painful illness, has removed from the Essex Association not only a keenly enthusiastic and competent ringer but also a man of many and varied talents.

With a considerable knowledge of music, his tenor voice made a welcome change to the monotonous unison singing at ringers' services and his signwritten peal boards grace many belfry walls. As a young man he played both football and cricket for many years and this curtailed to some extent his ringing activities.

In the early 1950's he joined the young and enthusiastic peal ringing band that was growing in the Chelmsford area and practically all his peals were rung with this company during the next few years. Ill-health finally forced him to give up but right to the end his interest remained and with "Ringing Worlds" he received from his old friend Frank Claydon he kept up with the news.

Altogether Ernie rang about 130 peals, his first being Bob Major at Feering, conducted by the late William Keeble, and his last London Surprise Major at Thaxted on November 17th, 1962. Perhaps his most enjoyable ringing was the series of Spliced Surprise Minor culminating in a peal of 30 methods at Fryerning in March, 1958, which was his 100th peal.

A man of great kindness and generosity, he was, above all, reliable and conscientious. Even during periods of indifferent health he would travel considerable distances on his motor cycle in all weathers rather than let anyone down.

At the funeral service on November 30th a small group of ringers bade farewell to a loyal and trustworthy friend. We thank God for his life's work and remember with gratitude the friendship we had the good fortune to share with him. May he rest in peace.

J. E. G. R.

Mr. George Thompson

The sudden death of Mr. George Thompson, of Scunthorpe, came as a great shock to his many ringing friends. Although 76 years of age, George still rode his bicycle and was a familiar figure in the town.

For many years he had been a member of St. John's, Scunthorpe, but he still retained an interest and affection for Barrow-on-Humber, where as a young man he learned to ring. He was not a prolific peal ringer—probably about 12 in the standard methods.

A peal was rung half-muffled to his memory at Barrow-on-Humber, ringers from Scunthorpe and Barrow taking part. J. C.

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Letters to the Editor

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—I believe that the C.C. ruling on record peal lengths is that the composition, date and time of the respective attempts must be published in "The Ringing World" at least seven days prior to the attempt. May I ask why no compositions have been published for:—

(i) 6,048 Lincolnshire S.M. at Gressenhall, Norfolk, on July 27th, 1967. Conductor: T. G. Pett.

(ii) 19,936 Yorkshire S.M. at Loughborough on July 1st, 1967. "Composition next week." Conductor: S. Humphrey.

Are we to presume that both these attempts proved unsuccessful, as neither peal nor comment appeared subsequently in "The Ringing World"?

(iii) 11,872 Glasgow S.M. at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on November 25th, 1967. Conductor: J. A. Ainsworth.

Also, the conductor of the recent attempt (November 4th) for 20,160 Plain Bob Minor, F. C. Price, asks specifically that no attempt be made to call or inquire after the progress of the peal. Why such hide-away measures? In the interests of handbell ringing and the Exercise, this attempt for the greatest number of changes on handbells should have taken place in a building where ringers could come and go at will in order to listen to the peal. What would A. H. Pulling have said to such secrecy?

Perhaps the above-mentioned conductors would care to comment on what they haven't done.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

STRENGTH OF STAYS

Dear Sir,—Reading your reports of injuries and worse received in recent months by experienced ringers, I have expected to see in your columns certain observations from better qualified people than I. Since nothing has appeared to date, I venture to offer the following:

(1) These accidents appear to result from broken stays.

(2) The **speed at which the stays failed** appears to have taken experienced ringers by surprise.

If these statements are true, it follows that so long as bellhangers fit wooden stays, local steeplekeepers must be careful in their selection of timber for replacements.

In the course of a misspent life I have made and fitted many bell stays, experimenting in different varieties and grades of timber. In my opinion the timber that gives longest life and **longest warning** of impending failure is long grained, slow grown English ash. If the ash can be split with beetle and wedge (as wheelwrights used to make delicate cartwheel spokes), the performance will be better still, since the fibres run the length of the stay.

Avoid the ash offered for sale by large timber importers; this is often Japanese sen, good for some things but not bell stays. Avoid kiln-dried ash; this may be stress graded, even A.I.D. approved; the last piece I saw used as a bell stay lasted two weeks.

Therefore, steeplekeepers, remember good ringers are in short supply. Make sure you are not the indirect cause of another lost subscription.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD PRICE.

Kimpton, Herts.

MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir, — I am trying, on behalf of the C.C. Records Committee, to collect the details of the first occasions on which the various Minor methods were included in peals. Mr. Whiting, the librarian of the Beeston Library, and I have between us been through back numbers of "Church Bells," "Bell News," "The Bellringer" and "The Ringing World," collecting this information, and further details have been obtained from the Central Council's records of peal beards and from such books as Morris' "History and Art of Change Ringing."

I am pretty sure that we have available the reports of all peals of Minor rung since 1911, when "The Ringing World" first appeared, but there were almost certainly many peals rung before that date which never appeared in any of these sources. For example, it is suspected that not all the peals of Minor rung between 1907 and 1911 (particularly those of Surprise Minor by the Sunderland band) appeared in "Bell News," while only the long lengths rung in the early 1800's by the Wath-on-Dearne, Darfield, Bingley and other Yorkshire bands were commemorated on peal boards.

I would consequently be extremely grateful for any information your readers might have on any such peals. Sources I have in mind are old peal books (particularly of the old Yorkshire and Suffolk companies), personal scrapbooks, Association and Guild reports prior to 1911, and old peal boards. In the case of printed or manuscript records, it would be particularly appreciated if these could be borrowed and such material would be promptly returned after examination. For the rest, details needed are the date and place of the peal, the methods rung and the source of the information. I would add that my interest is by no means limited to methods with so-called "regular" lead-ends.

As some guide to the potential interest of any particular peal—and perhaps for general interest—I append a short list of some of the commoner methods with the earliest dates I have so far found them included in peals.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

Cambridge S.	1737	Oxford T.B.	1737
Carlisle S.	1793	Plain Bob	1749
College	1882	Primrose S.	
College Bob IV	1892	(1702 version)	1815
Double Bob	1760	Reverse Bob	1779
Double Court	1749	St. Clement's	1909
Double Oxford	1837	Sandal T.B.	1896
Durham S.	1826	Single Court	1760
Evening Star	1808	Symphony	1808
Kent T.B.	1815	Tulip	1808
Killamarsh T.B	1892	Violet	1808
Lond. Sch. T.B.	1815	Wells S.	1793
London S.	1749	Westminster S	1883
Morning Ex.	1737	Woodbine D.	1879
New London	1815	York S.	1737
Oxford Bob	1780		

Beaminster Dorset, ringers had a try out of their bells, now back from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, last Friday. Thrilled with the job, Mr. J. T. Barrett writes that less than £200 is now required to balance the £4,000 cost.

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MORE ABOUT TILTON-ON-THE-HILL HOAX (?)

Dear Sir,—I would not be prepared to dismiss out of hand, as your correspondents Messrs. Barnett and Shepherd have done, the possibility of the record in Tilton-on-the-Hill belfry of a peal of Minimus in 1897 as being a hoax before looking again at one or two other facts.

For many years there has been a record of this peal at Tilton, and a reference was made to it in "The Ringing World" as to its accuracy, and there were at that time no comments from readers. The last time I saw this card it was in a dirty state and the words were almost unreadable. It would appear that someone, in an attempt to preserve the record, has typed out the details and made two errors; first the date, which should be the 12th and not the 11th if it was on a Saturday, and secondly the name of George James should, of course, be James George, whose name was on the original.

Did these men visit Tilton? There was certainly a family of Pyes in the village at the turn of the century, and James George was a very frequent visitor to Leicestershire all through his life, and stayed with my father at Barwell on many occasions.

The comment that the Pye brothers never lived in London but are described as coming from there on the card is only one of many instances of ringers describing themselves from the place where they sometimes(?) ring and not where they live, and in this case it would be human to impress the locals that they came from the Metropolis rather than perhaps some lesser known location where they lived.

These are all possibilities, but I do not know whether the peal was rung or not. Is it true to say that it is only of recent times that peals of Minimus have been recorded in Association records? There were then, as now, four bells at Tilton.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

MR. JOHN WILLIS, DECEASED

Dear Sir,—The undersigned members of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council wish to share in the expression of regret and sympathy at the passing of Mr. John Willis.

John had been a very busy and valued member of this committee since 1952 and there is much evidence that he, together with Len Stilwell, had done a mammoth task in writing up the details of many deceased members of the Council and keeping details of other members up to date. He was certainly the right man for the job because his handwriting, his tidiness and method, his application and patience were all highly suited to the task. Within five years John had rightly earned the Council's confidence in being elected an honorary member for past services.

We must follow the example set by John Willis and do our best to carry on his good work.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.
W. PARROTT.
W. H. VIGGERS.

FIRST DOUBLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEAL

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 20th (page 750) under the heading "The Bells of York Minster," it is stated that the first double-handed handbell peal of Grandsire Caters ever to be rung was completed by five Minster ringers on March 12th, 1877. I wish to point out that in possession of the Walthamstow ringers is a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Caters rung in London on July 26th, 1863. I enclose a copy of the wording of this peal board and would be pleased if any of our ringing historians could give any information regarding the peal and the Royal London Peal Band. The conductor could be the Joe Waghorn whom the writer remembers as an elderly gentleman in the early years of this century.

Should the board be of interest to any collector of such things, or the London Societies or, perhaps, the Central Council, the present owner would be very pleased to present it to them.—Yours truly,

H. RUMENS.

Salisbury.

THE TABLET

This tablet was presented by Mr. John Brown of the Ranelagh Arms Tavern, Roman Road, Old Ford, to the undermentioned band of handbell ringers who on Sunday, July 26th, 1863 rang at the above House a true peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS comprising 5579 changes in 2 hours and 48 minutes.

Performers

J. Waghorn	1–2
J. English Jr.	3–4
J. Sinclair Jr.	5–6
H. Lefever	7–8
W. Sinclair	9–10

The above peal is the quickest on record. It also contains the 60 8/9's and the 60 978's which is the whole to be obtained with the bells in course. Called by J. Waghorn and composed by Professor W. Todd, musical director to the Royal London Bell Band.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The towers of Roos and Withernsea together with the rehung bells at Patrington attracted 36 members and friends to the November quarterly meeting of the District.

Visitors from other areas were warmly welcomed by the vice-president, Mr. Alan Sheppard, and included the Association's general secretary, Mr. W. F. Moreton, and treasurer, Mr. C. Moxon, Miss A. Johnson, of Wakefield, Messrs. E. Hudson, A. Bashforth and E. Metcalf, of the Northern District, Mr. and Mrs. D. Baker and friends from Leeds University.

After the service in a very cold St. Patrick's Church, Patrington, a buffet tea was served in the Hillyard Arms.

The main business was perhaps the adoption of the suggestion, by the District secretary, of joint meetings with the Selby and Beverley and District Societies. After some discussion it was agreed to hold the first of these with the Selby District in February.

Publicity was given about the week-end course at Grantley Hall in December, and Mr. Tom Robinson, of Patrington, spoke of the sad decline of ringing at Patrington and appealed to any visitors to call and give them a hand. He also respectfully requested that visiting ringers should leave the ropes as they found them.

Ringing ranged through standard methods to Yorkshire and Pudsey Surprise at Patrington in the evening. R. D.

SEVEN TOWERS AND 160 MILES

September 30th began in the pouring rain in the north of England but 18 ringers and friends kept a long-standing arrangement to have a day's ringing tour before the dark nights heralded the onset of winter. Parties from Flookburgh, Cartmel, Hawkshead and Ambleside left their Lake District haunts at 8.30 a.m. to rendezvous at Giggleswick Parish Church for their first appointment at 10 o'clock. The ringers toiled as the older friends drank warming coffee in the nearby pub, and 40 minutes later saw a convoy of cars almost swimming its way to Skipton Parish Church. Lovely bells there, let us acknowledge it—but we regrettably marred our plain courses and rounds by breaking a stay—these things do happen, even to the best of us!

Over the Pennines to St. Peter's, Harrogate, with a sandwich lunch somewhere on the road and, behold, the rain gave way to sunshine! And then the thrill of Ripon Cathedral, and the first experience for some of the party of a ring of ten. (And by no means the first experience for some of the party of taking the wrong road out of the town!)

Masham Parish Church next, where the local party rightly insist that you do not pronounce Masham to rhyme with bash 'em, and then on to Bedale with a touch or two before tea. Middleham Parish Church last of all, as the dusk was gathering, and we really enjoyed this one—ringing, we felt, not badly at all. Pity it was dusk as we left, because the return home via Wensleydale and Kendal is a joy to the eye no less than a sweetly-rung peal is a joy to the ear.

Our sincere thanks are offered to the clergy and ringing bands of all seven churches for a splendid day. Our unbounded admiration for the oldest member, who climbed and rang in every tower—he is 86!. J. W. G.

A "FIRST" IN THE DINNER LINE FROM EXETER

ST. LUKE'S College Society of Ringers, Exeter, marked the completion of its first year by a dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Exeter.

The Master, Mr. J. H. Longridge, in his report, said the Society, after at least two evictions, had a tower of its own and eight splendid bells therein to work on. He recalled with some sentimentality the two tower "grabs" of the year—one of which failed to materialise and the other which ran into a choir practice and had to end with ten minutes' "ringing" on "three bells and three buckets" and no tail-ends except, of course, for knots, which would have been useful to catch hold of if there had been no stays!

He concluded in serious vein by telling the company of the successful recruiting campaign at the beginning of this academic year, which resulted in doubling the membership overnight.

The Rev. T. G. Grigg, chaplain to the College and Society president, pointed to their heritage as ringers, and in an absorbing speech contrasted the present members of the Society with their contemporaries—members of other College Societies and clubs. How many of them could boast of having been at their club's first dinner? He hoped that, as churchmen, they would not forget their priorities and always remember in whose service they were. The company then rose to toast "The Society."

An education lecture ensued, delivered by Mr. G. P. Smerdon, who examined in the light of Freud what inner urge drove people to ring bells. What was the force which possessed them to lock (or, in the case of a recent quarter, tie) themselves in "womblike belfries for hours on end, handling passing sallies and holding fast on to tail-ends?" Was it, he begged, a subconscious desire to recover lost childhood, to return to the protection of the womb?

Footnote—A most successful "first" in the method.

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IRISH HAPPENINGS

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD IN SURREY

THE autumn tour of the D.U.G. (past tense of infra dig) took place in the Guildford Diocese and for many of the party it celebrated the end of this year's exams, hence the gas.

Officially the tour was to begin at 2 p.m. prompt at St. Mary's, Guildford, but Jonathan Barry—leader (?)—Charlie Reede and David Taylor, armed with one of Helen's foolproof maps, set out in the wrong direction from Guildford Station. Was the map upside down? By 2.15 they had visited two churches and baffled three citizens of Guildford. Suddenly the sound of bells made further map-reading unnecessary. However, as the bells were "obviously" being raised it seemed a good idea to walk slowly.

As this was the first proper gathering since we went down in May, ringing was somewhat delayed Antony Vere Hodge who had left (his fungi behind in) Oxford to join us was taking his first look at the new Dublin band. His conclusions remained unannounced. Before we had really settled down on this anti-clockwise six we found ourselves hustled through the attic and up the hill to the Mother Church. Holy Trinity's sixth kept the most exuberant members quiet—temporarily, at least. Here Mr. White and Janet Cleave, who had been unable to stay in St. Mary's long enough to meet the "Dublin party, joined us on this musical eight

It was not long before it was time for tea, which heralded the end of a very exhausting afternoon for some of us, particularly for those who had spent the night on the boat, the morning on the train, lunchtime walking in London and the early afternoon exploring Guildford!

The highlight of the day's ringing was at Guildford Cathedral (tenor 30 cwt.) that evening, where we attacked the bells heartily. The ringing varied in standard but we were tremendously impressed by the "go" of the bells. Our thanks go to the Guildford ringers who allowed us to join their practice.

The following morning found us at Crondall (six bells), where we had an enjoyable ring, particularly as two local ringers joined us for a short while. It should perhaps be said at this stage that Elizabeth Hall, Charlie Reede, Cecil Sanderson and Antony Vere Hodge slept at the Huberts', whilst Jonathan Barry, Alice Jamieson, Michael Owen and David Taylor slept at the Winnetts', as this narrows down the field considerably from Geraldine's point of view.

From Crondall we went to Ash (a light tripping six, tenor 9 cwt.). Brooke Lunn (ex-Dublin University) joined us for Stedman and Cambridge. After ringing, Peter Smart, tower captain and Guildford Diocesan Guild Ringing Master, guided us to a good picnic spot. Immediately we had started lunch, shooting squads attacked the ranges on either side of our refuge.

For the afternoon's ringing at Farnham we included a couple of courses of Oxford Bob Triples in our repertoire. Then on to Frensham Parish Church, which to Irish eyes is typically English and very beautiful. It looks much better across the river! It was harvest week-end everywhere, which gave all the churches an autumn glow.

That night we were at Grayshott, Geraldine's home tower, where nothing seemed to go right, due to mental aberration. We finished off Saturday in grand style at Graysnott Vicarage. Sufficient to say that the party continued until late, ending with Bishop St. John Pike capering around in the kitchen helping the ladies to wash up. A fellow Irishman, he had come to meet the "Dubliners."

Sunday was a remarkably easy day. The Winnett household turned out to ring for harvest festival at Grayshott, whilst the Hubert household joined Mr. White and Janet in ringing for Matins. The plan was that the two parties should converge at Poor Jack's for lunch, but the Winnetts', with Jonathan at the helm, took a wrong turning at the Barley Mow, a local landmark and beauty spot, and were slightly delayed. When Britt Elland's Surrey home was passed at high speed Michael was stoutly indignant; he wanted to look at the lake.

HOSPITALITY

We sat down to lunch (15 in all), having been joined by Dr. and Mrs. G. Furters and two of their children. George, a Trinity graduate, down from Berkshire, had been able to join our activities over most of the week-end. Helen's younger sister, Lizzy, joined the party as well. A proposal that Helen should include some of Lizzy's mini-skirts in her luggage was passed with acclamation.

On Sunday evening we rang before and after the harvest festival at Haslemere in the company of the Haslemere ringers; we had a very enjoyable evening indeed. We then returned to the Winnetts' for a marvellous dinner. That this marked the end of the tour proper did not have much of a damping effect, and sufficient to say the party again continued until late, with Cecil serenading us on Canon Winnett's private organ. Unlike the organ, Cecil never ran out of wind.

The following morning we all said our goodbyes. Both Mrs. Hubert and Mrs. Winnett were rash enough to say "Come again." Don't worry, we shall. Finally, Geraldine would like to know who played havoc with her bed and who tied such a knot in her nightdress. Maybe it was in return for a ghostly alarm clock which mysteriously moved without human assistance during the black hours of darkness.

The following morning the problem of how to travel to Wales was eventually decided in 45 minutes outside Reading Station. The events of the next 48 hours must, from lack of writing space, be passed on by word of mouth.

"PLAIN COURSE."

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Drogheda Win Lindoff Cup

THE annual general meeting of the Eastern District was held at St. George's Church, Dublin, on November 25th. The attendance included members from St. George's, Dublin, John's Lane, Dublin, Dublin University, Christ Church Cathedral, Drogheda, Arklow and Blessington. The Northern District was represented by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, and the Southern by Mr. J. H. Elles.

The election of District officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. J. McManus; Ringing Master, David H. T. Taylor; Deputy Ringing Master, Miss Helen M. Hubert; treasurer, R. Henly; secretary, P. W. Brown; assistant hon. secretary, A. S. Doak. The representatives on the Executive Council of the Association are: Mr. G. McGregor (vice-president), Mrs. F. E. Dukes, R. Henly and P. W. Brown.

During the afternoon the contest for the Gabriel Lindoff Cup was held, when four teams competed. The judges—G. H. Ellis and Mrs. F. E. Dukes— awarded the cup to St. Peter's, Drogheda, with 120 faults; the holders, St. George's, Dublin, were second with 133 faults. In third and fourth places were Dublin University (who rang Grandsire Triples) and St. Mary's, Blessington.

Subsequently about 40 ringers made good use of St. George's bells in spite of two stays and one rope breaking. Methods practised were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman as well as rounds and call changes.

It should be mentioned that both Dublin University and Blessington competed for the first time, and the Ringing Master of the Drogheda team in proposing a vote of thanks to the judges, Rector and ringers of St. George's, complimented these two teams and regretted that one of them did not win the cup. The Blessington team has recently been re-formed, thanks to the efforts of Charlie Reede, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Derek Taylor, of Christ Church Cathedral. Dublin University ringers deserved great praise for attempting Grandsire Triples when they could quite easily have rung call changes. All other teams rang "stoney."

The Drogheda team included four boarders from the Drogheda Grammar School, one of whom, Patricia Meredith (13), commenced ringing in February last and is now one of the conductors in the tower, along with Caroline Hack (15), who was also in the team. The remainder of the team were John Wolf and Ivan Mathers, from the Grammar School, Miss Eleanore Buttimore, Messrs. R. Henly, W. Bovenizer and Fred E. Dukes.

A quarter peal attempt of Grandsire Triples was made at New Alresford after the wedding of Leslie Tremeer and Prisca Hornby on December 2nd but failed to come round after the band had rung in the allotted time. A peal of London Surprise Major was attempted in the afternoon but, unfortunately, this also failed.

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A STEDMAN "CALCULATOR"

By ROBERT E. HARDY

SOME years ago I was shown a cardboard calculator by Mr. S. Burton, of Leicester, which enables twin-bob touches of Stedman to be composed. I understand that Gabriel Lindoff was its originator. How it works I confess to being in ignorance, but it can successfully provide touches of one up to (I believe) 39 courses long. I have never yet produced this maximum, but 10 to 15 courses can be produced readily, so that quarter peals can be composed by its use.

To make the calculator, take a piece of stiff cardboard or paper about 4in. x 3in., and divide the 4in side into 1in. columns. Further divide the middle two into ½in. columns, and write into these the figures shown, together with the headings S, L, H and Q (note that the pair H and L appear reversed in comparison with the order they actually occur in the method). The figures in the L and Q columns must be written in black, and those in the S and H columns in red, or some other distinctive colour.

in the order S, H, L, Q, look in each column in turn for the figure you chose to start with until you find it in red; ignore the black figures. The red figure indicates a bob pair at the relevant position, e.g. a red figure appearing in the L column means bobs at L. Note this on your piece of paper. Now take the other figure of the two in the "red" column and continue as before, looking for it in the other columns in red once more. When you find it, again note a bob pair and again take the other number of the pair. Continue in this way until the original starting point is reached, and you will then have noted on your piece of paper a touch of Stedman. Should you have chosen a red figure to start with, change to the other number of the pair at once, thus opening the touch with bobs at S.

This explanation may seem a bit hard to follow, so here are a few examples. The flaps labelled A, B, C, D, E and F in the diagram have been folded open, all the others are covering the underneath numbers.

	S		L		H		Q		
	1	15	1	7	1	9	3	6	
	2	3	13	20	2	10	2	10	
A	4	14	14	19	3	18	9	14	D
	5	16	2	6	4	11	8	16	E
	6	10	11	17	5	17	7	15	
B	7	18	15	18	6	14	1	18	
	8	12	3	10	7	20	5	12	F
	9	19	4	9	12	15	17	20	
C	11	20	12	16	8	13	14	19	
	13	17	5	8	16	19	11	13	

The other blank columns on the outsides of the sheet are now folded across so that they cover the columns just written. These "covers" must now be divided into ½in. columns, and the same figures and headings written in them, but with the colours reversed, i.e. S and H in black and L and Q in red. This means that for each pair of figures in any column there are, underneath, the same figures, but having their colours reversed.

Now comes the tricky bit. The "covers" must be cut along between each horizontal line of figures from the edge of the "cover" as far back as the fold. This results in a total of 20 small flaps each carrying four figures, e.g. the flap A on the diagram carries 4, 14 (black) and 14, 19 (red). By lifting any flap, the same figures appear beneath, but with the colours reversed.

The calculator is now ready to use, but is rather fragile. It is therefore a good idea to protect the numbers and reinforce the folds by using sellotape. I found that it was best to cover the whole thing with this before making any cuts.

A piece of paper is needed to use the calculator, and should be headed with four columns, S, H, L and Q (in that order). Open any flaps you like on the calculator, and choose any number in the S column as a starting point. Working across the columns

Example 1.

In this example I have written down the actual numbers occurring in each column, and the changes occur where red numbers have been encountered. The touch that ensues is also given. The starting figure is 1.

S	H	L	Q	S	H	L	Q
1	1	7	15			x	x
15	15	15	7				x
18	3	10	2	x	x	x	x
2	2	6	3			x	x
3	18	18	1		x		x

Example 2.

This time start with the red 4 revealed by open flap A This means a bob pair at S, and the number looked for in the other column is 14. In fact it is black in all of them, which returns one to column S again for another pair of bobs. Two bobs at S is a well-known two-course touch.

Example 3.

The starting figure is 9. The touch evolved is as follows:—

S	H	L	Q	S	H	L	Q
9	9	4	19			x	x
19	19	19	4				x
14	14	14	14	x			
4	11	17	20	x	x	x	x
11	4	9	9	x	x	x	

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. J. Garner-Hayward, secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, had a nasty fall last week, fracturing his arm and bruising his face.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have now reached a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 18 methods. This was conducted by Dennis Beresford at All Hallows', Tottenham, on November 23rd.

We did Richard W. Yates, who is reported as ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lillingstone Lovell on November 17th, an injustice recently. He is not 12, as was then printed, but only 10; his 11th birthday is not until December 18th.

Arrangements for the 40th anniversary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, which starts next January, was the main business of the Andover quarterly meeting, with Mr. G. K. Dodd in the chair, at Goodworth Clatford. Two new members were elected and Andover bells were available in the evening.

Congratulations to John E. Harrold (14), of Wigston Magna, on his successful first attempt for a peal, at Leicester Cathedral, on November 27th. He was ringing "inside" to Cambridge Royal and, according to the conductor, Herrick B. Bowley, he rang his bell very well. It was also a happy evening for his father, T. Edward Harrold, who was ringing the seventh.

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CHRISTMAS DAY BELLS

For 25 minutes before the Queen's recorded Christmas Message to the Commonwealth is broadcast on all B.B.C. radio services at 9.30 a.m. on December 25th, listeners to Radio 4 (Home) will hear rings of bells from eight churches and cathedrals ending with the traditional recording from the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

Robert Hudson briefly introduces these bells, which this year come from:

St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow;
St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, Co. Down;
Church of the Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, Staffordshire.
St. Mary's, Abergavenny;
St. Helen's, Darley Dale, Derbyshire;
St. Mary's. Willingdon, Eastbourne, Sussex;
Exeter Cathedral.

The Queen's Christmas Message will be repeated on Radio 4 at 1 p.m.

P.O. ENGINEERS' SECOND PEAL

On June 14th, 1967, a band of P.O. telephone engineers rang a peal of Minor at Swynnerton to celebrate the 21 years' existence of the P.O. Training School at Tarnfield, near Stone, Staffs. On November 25th a second peal, this time Bob Major, was arranged by Roy Balls and duly rung at the neighbouring church at Eccleshall.

Some of the difficulties of the arrangements will be realised when it is known that the band came from towers so far apart as Gresford, Cambridge, Leeds, Grantham, Gloucester, Nottingham and Eccleshall. Many thanks are due to the Vicar, who met the band in the tower after the peal, and the local captain for providing tea to those members who had to pause on their homeward journey.

Rumour has it that a peal of Royal will be next on the programme. It would be interesting to know how many telephone engineers there are who are also bellringers.

TOWER CAPTAIN A BRIDE

When Joan Gilbert, of Fishtoft, and Alan Payne, of Gosberton, well-known members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, were married at St. Guthlac's, Fishtoft, on October 7th, the bells were rung in several towers in the District, indicating the popularity of the couple. A peal attempt was lost at Sibsey in the morning but one was successfully rung at Sutterton in the evening; a quarter was rung at Deeping St. Nicholas, and the local band, of which Joan had been captain, rang for the ceremony. There were many ringers among the large congregation to witness the service conducted by the Rev. M. P. Brackenbury, of South Ormsby, the Rev. E. B. Barlow, Rector of Fishtoft, and the Rev. A. J. Sangster, Vicar of Gosberton.

The bride had chosen an empire line gown in white wild silk with a full-length veil. She was attended by her sisters and Alan's small niece. In glorious sunshine the couple left the church under an archway of confetti-filled handbells!

Over 100 guests were at the reception at the nearby Manor House Club, after which the happy couple departed for a Lake District honeymoon.

As a mark of appreciation of his faithful services to Gosberton, the ringers presented Alan with a candlewick bedspread. Fishtoft P.C.C. made Joan a gift of a chandelier. They have made their home at Manthorpe, near Bourne, and they will be very much missed at both towers they have served so well. E.C.

GUILDFORD GUILD'S 40th ANNIVERSARY

The 40th anniversary celebrations of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will take place during the second week-end in February. There will be a dinner on February 9th, at which the president of the Central Council and Canon Felstead will speak, and this will be followed by a dance and ringers' cabaret. An advertisement will appear shortly for tickets.

Anyone visiting Guildford for the dinner and wishing to ring a peal or be helped with accommodation should write to D. A. R. May, Oatlands, The Street, West Horsley, Surrey, stating requirements.

A CRASH OF THE LAST CENTURY

We expect that in 1898, when the tower of St. Nicholas, Feltwell, Norfolk, but in the Ely Diocese, fell down it was a good news story. The five bells came down with the tower and have stood in the church ever since. Now we learn from "Contact," the Ely Diocesan Gazette, that a faculty has been obtained for selling the three broken bells for scrap.

The big tenor bell has been sold to the new Church of St. Mark, Gabalfa, on the outskirts of Cardiff. Finally, the beautiful pre-Reformation bell of the period 1424 to 1513 has been given to Ely Cathedral for safe keeping. It is the only bell in England, still intact, dedicated to St. Etheldreda.

VETERAN CUMBERLAND'S SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Turley, of Sevenoaks, on their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Turley is the son of Mr. P. G. Turley, a veteran member of the Cumberlands, who has been a ringer at Sevenoaks some 60 years and has been responsible for teaching his sons to ring. Len is the only one still living in Sevenoaks and he and his father are both valued members of the local band, who were delighted to have the opportunity of ringing a quarter peal in honour of the occasion. Mrs. Turley also came along and was present in the church during the ringing of the quarter.

KIDLINGTON BELLS

Mr. Maurice Holmes was misquoted in "The Oxford Mail" and Kidlington Parish Magazine regarding the length of time Kidlington bells are rung. This was also forwarded to "The Ringing World" and published. Mr. Walter F. Judge, captain at Kidlington belfry, writes that Mr. Holmes based his main complaint on a quarter peal rung after Evensong on Harvest Festival Sunday. Visitors are always welcome at Kidlington. Sunday ringing is 9 to 9.30 a.m., 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Practice, Saturday 7 to 8 p.m.

"IRREGULAR MAJOR METHODS"

(See page 876)

Owing to a delay in the post there were certain corrections not made in Mr. S. Humphrey's article on "Irregular Major Methods."

In para. 2, line 9, for "co-incidal" read "co-incidental"

Under heading "Musical Qualities," para. 2, line 3, for "regular" read "irregular."

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION STRIKING CONTEST

On November 25th the Bedfordshire Association held its first annual striking contest, at Tempsford. For the past eight years the Luton District had staged their own contest, the prize being the privilege of holding the Newing Cup for the year, but through the generosity of the St. Giles', Totternhoe, ringers, the Association now has a handsome trophy to be competed for by the two most successful teams from each District (Bedford, Luton and Biggleswade) as an annual event. This trophy, to be known as the St. Giles' Cup, will, it is hoped, be the means of encouraging better striking generally, and certainly the standard of striking at the inaugural contest held great promise for the future.

Totternhoe have made rather a habit of winning their District's contest, and it was no real surprise to find them top of the judges' list for the St. Giles' Cup, though the competition was quite keen. But there was a certain "poise" about the Totternhoe effort which their competitors could not quite attain, though Maulden (2nd) and Goldington 3rd) made a strong challenge.

After an excellent tea the party, some 50 strong, listened to the judges' remarks and cheered heartily as a member of the Totternhoe band received the St. Giles' Cup, which, as the president (Mr. A. S. Ruston) remarked, already bore the appropriate inscription!

A most enjoyable and encouraging event closed with the Association's president thanking Miss L. Ellison and Messrs. D. Hamond and R. Churchill, District organisers, and Mrs. S. Smith, who so efficiently organised the final contest, and finally making a small presentation to each of the judges, Messrs. H. Peacock and F. Baker, in recognition of their service in adjudicating so thoroughly.

The "supporting cast," Elstow, Potton and Luton, hope for better things in future.

TUITION TEASERS No. 10
"ROPESIGHT"

Q. How should one attempt to teach "Ropesight?"—A. F.

A. The short answer is **don't!"** The full answer—theoretical and practical—is given in a forthcoming article entitled "Good Huntin'!" A. Y.-B.

By ringing the seventh to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, on November 18th, Mr. C. M. Movley has "circled the tower." It was also his 25th peal.

Mr. Frank Cheal has retired after 20 years as "Ringing World" representative for the Rochester District Branch of the Kent County Association. Thank you, Frank. His promise to write items of interest in retirement is gladly accepted.

Ringing in Guildford has had a setback by the departure of Miss Janet Cleeve, who has of late been tower captain at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's. Janet has gone to Strathclyde University as an assistant scientific officer dealing with the breeding of fish. She hopes to continue her ringing at Glasgow Cathedral.

RECORD PEAL

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM, Edgbaston.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 6 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 11872 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

6ths place bobs. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

George E. Fearn	Treble	John A. Anderson	5
James R. Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
James Insley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Norman J. Goodman	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
Umpired by Susan E. Smith and Christopher J. Hughes.
The longest length of Glasgow Surprise Major yet rung.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Nov. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Roger G. Havard	6
David J. Llewellyn	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Edmund Morris	3	Charles P. Quartley	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Peter S. Bennett	9
Trevor M. Roderick	5	M. Jack Pryor	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*Peter J. W. Hardwick	Treble	*John G. Hobbs	5
George J. Hawkins	2	David C. Hawkins	6
*Christine J. Mitchell	3	†Peter J. Devrell	7
†Andrew Swatton	4	*Brian Sarll	Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples "inside."
Rung by the local Sunday service band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Rosemary A. Spicer	Treble	*Frank R. Morton	5
*†Rosemary E. White	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
*Richard C. L. Brown	3	Basil Jones	7
*Norman P. J. Cossey	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Richard C. L. Brown.
* First peal in the method and on the bells. † First of Surprise Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Spicer.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent St Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Victor Neal	Treble	Ashley C. P. Pugh	4
A. Gordon Lawrence	2	Stuart W. Bracegirdle	5
David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert H. Booth, for many years tower captain at Davenham, who died on November 10th, 1967.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations: Two extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David Allman	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Leon A. Perry	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	William Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Scott.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Geoffrey A. Edwards.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Judith A. Suffolk	Treble	Leonard Trevor	5
William J. Day	2	Richard Liggins	6
G. Arthur Bell	3	James Draycott	7
Dorothy E. Beamish	4	Hubert E. Ashley	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the Guild and as a compliment to the president (Arthur H. Beamish) who is captain at this tower. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, six methods/variations, viz.: Seven extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Carol A. Hedges	Treble	Julian G. Edgson	4
Joan M. Cheney	2	Aubrey G. Eveleigh	5
Philip M. Edgson	3	*Anne Rigby	Tenor

Conducted by Aubrey G. Eveleigh.
* First peal. First peal in more than one method for all the band.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the Guild.

NUNBURNHOLME, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Bob, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall Bob, (5) Plain Bob (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Delphine E. L. Holman	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	4
Ian M. Robinson	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Alan H. Bridges	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Alan H. Bridges	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
Michael Maughan	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
James Crowther	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

C.C.C. No. 22. Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

*†Andrew J. Slade	Treble	*Dennis Ellisdon	7
Alan F. Thirst	2	§Colin G. Wright	8
‡Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	John C. Slater	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Robert J. Chapman	10
*†Ian L. Dear	5	Donald E. Cobb	11
Michael C. Austin	6	Michael B. Jefferyes	Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First real of Stedman Cinques. † 25th peal together. ‡ First on 12 bells. § First of Stedman.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.
On Sat., Nov 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Leslie Barry	Treble	Frank Reed	5
*Ralph T. Hazell	2	*David E. L. Pobjoy	6
Peter Wycherley	3	*Patrick H. Allen	7
Austin T. Wingate	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. (C.C.C. No. 99.)
Conducted by George T. Cousins.
* First peal of Major.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WEARMOUTH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A sharp.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frank Reed	4
D. Kay Adkins	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Peter Pearce	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St Margaret of Antioch.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of an extent. Tenor 8 cwt. 17 lb.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Roger Fry	4
Rev. Royston G. Bryant	2	Brian Bladon	5
*Ronald Peckham	3	Anthony R Peake	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	John A. Collier	5
Jill M. May	2	Dudley P. Elsmore	6
*Judith M. Collins	3	Roy Collins	7
Alan D. Elsmore	4	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Thomas Cullingworth	2	Arthur S. Richards	7
D. Paul Smith	3	†Tony Lewis	8
Margaret E. Fort	4	Ian H. Oram	9
Peter S. Muchlinski	5	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside." † First of Cambridge Royal.
The band extend congratulations to Philip A. Corby, general secretary of the Association, on his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

BEXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	5
Frederick J. Cullum	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Arthur S. Richards	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
Rung by members of the Lewisham District as a tribute to Alfred G. Hill, for many years leader of the band at Christ Church, Erith, District secretary 1924–1959 and a vice-president of the Association; and to John Willis, also a vice-president, both of whom died the previous week.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Judith M. Corby	2	John W. Smith	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Tony Lewis	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Frederick J. Cullum	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung in memoriam Alfred G. Hill, for many years secretary of the Lewisham District and a vice-president of the Association.

ERITH, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part Tenor 17 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	D Paul Smith	5
Cyril Brett-Smith	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Michael G. R. Zobel	3	Stanley Jenner	7
*Philip R. Down	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Alfred G. Hill, a vice-president of this Association, Lewisham District secretary from 1924 to 1959, and a ringer at this church for nearly 50 years.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Philip J. Simmons	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Philip A Corby	6
*Richard A. Hunt	3	†Harold Evans	7
Trevor N. J. Bailey	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.
Rung in memoriam John Willis and Alfred G. Hill, vice-presidents of this Association.

STEPNEY, London.—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Richard L. Jones	5
John Pladdys	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Robin R. Churchill	7
Audrey R. Alexander	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

BOBBING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

George A. Naylor	Treble	Graham Wood	4
*Pamela A. Tomsett	2	John E. Clark	5
†Richard J. Bushell	3	Brian E. Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Nicholas J. Chesson	Treble	Peter D. J. Beal	4
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
David P. Leworthy	3	Brian E. Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
Rung in appreciation of the past services of Rev. Leslie Wilkinson, late Rector of this parish, on the day of his induction into the living of Ash-with Westmarsh, Kent. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)
LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Lawrence Walmsley	Treble	James E. Sumner	5
John Ellison	2	Jeffrey Simcox	6
Geoffrey Cunliffe	3	Stanley Walmsley	7
John Ascroft	4	Bernard Moss	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Stanley Walmsley.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.

(Preston Branch)
SAMLESBURY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Fri. Nov. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

*Pam Foster	Treble	Edward Houghton	4
Pat Gardner	2	Tony Gardner	5
Jeffrey Simcox	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by J. Simcox (two extents) and R. Barnes (five extents).
* First peal.
Rung for the 67th anniversary of the first peal on the bells (November 17th).

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	Treble	G. Harry Bray	6
A. James Poynor	2	Laurence Greenhow	7
Roger J. Starbuck	3	John E. Cook	8
*Tony R. Natt	4	Peter J. Staniforth	9
John E. Adams	5	C. Peter Davis	Tenor

Composed by F H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 21 cwt.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Harry Bray.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard Grant	Treble	Shirley Burton	6
*John E. Harrold	2	T Edward Harrold	7
Murray A. Coleman	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Jack P. Kesterton	4	E Alan Jacques	9
W. Arthur Riddington	5	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal and first attempt (aged 14). Tenor 25 cwt.

KIBWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Nov 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Raymond H. Martin	Treble	Laurence Greenhalgh	5
Alastair M. Elliot	2	G Harry Bray	6
James H. Pannett	3	Edward W. Martin	7
Edward Guy Slater	4	John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings) Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Raymond H. Martin	3
John Hunt	2	Edward Guy Slater	4

Edward W. Martin .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

John Walden	Treble	*Philip C. Pitchford	6
John Freeman	2	†John H. Parker	7
Beryl N. Reed	3	‡Arthur Pashley	8
Walter Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
H. Leslie Pask	5	†Frank Kennington	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Caters. † First in the method. ‡ First of Stedman Caters. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PENTRE, Rhondda, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

James Clatworthy	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden ..	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
Alan Tubb	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Charles P. Quartley	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by Anthony R. Kench. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Trevor M. Roderick ..	Treble	*Paul Reading	5
Susan Harber	2	*†John F. I. Turney	6
*Geoffrey Stephens	3	*Charles P. Quartley ..	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Heywood. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 50th peal.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Charles Quartley.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Gordon H. Lane	2	Frank Chambers	6
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	3	Robert L. Piron	7
*Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Rev. M. C. C. Melville.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
John K. Smith	2	*Frank Chambers	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by C. K Lewis. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes .
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt 4 lb. in E.

Mary G. Gage	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Michael J. Church	6
*Roger A. Gage	3	*Walter G. Knight	7
H. George Hart	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John Hill.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Willesden.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

*Donald A. Randles ..	Treble	Peter R. Harris	5
Arthur W. Haslop	2	Denis A. Frith	6
Raymond W. Balls	3	Patrick H. Allen	7
Ronald R. Warford ..	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal. Rung by a band of Post Office telephone engineers.

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*Jacqueline M. Quickfall	Treble	Roy Worrall	5
†Norman Sherratt	2	David J. Midgley	6
Harold Dowler	3	Gerald Parsons	7
T. Felicity Ashford ..	4	†Raymond J. Ballard ..	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal on eight bells. † 75th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to Gerald Parsons and Christine Johnson on their recent engagement.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HADDISCOE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 240 (Pitman's) and 14 extents Grandsire and 26 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Stephen F. High	Treble	Trevor N. J. Bailey ..	3
Thomas J. Brock	2	Ralph W. Bickers	4

Michael J. Parker .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HACKINGTON IMPERIAL BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Sara K. D. Woolley ..	Treble	D Kay Adkins	6
Ronald K. Russ	2	Anthony K. Fortin ..	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	William Birmingham ..	8
Kenneth R. Davenport ..	4	Frank Reed	9
Alan R. Pink	5	Christopher C. Clarke ..	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal of Royal in the method.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr 8 lb. in D.

Christopher H. Rogers ..	Treble	†David E. Rothera	5
Ian L. Dear	2	Alan R. Patterson	6
*Colin G. Wright	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of 10-spliced. † 25th of Spliced Surprise Major.

DORCHESTER, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E

Philip J. Daniel	Treble	Peter H. Mackie	5
J. Paul Coad	2	Jeremy R. Pratt	6
Roger E. Burbery	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
John R. Leary	4	P Gerald McIlhone	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
25th peal as conductor.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Bertram J. Coggins	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Frank Reed	5
Peter J. Heritage	3	D Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Pearce	Treble	D. Kay Adkins	4
Frank Reed	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Terence J. Hester	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal of Minor in the method by all the band.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 28 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Claybrooke, Lindum and London and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Cambridge, Chester, Coddenham, Cray, Eastcote, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 154 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher C. Stokes	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Barrie Hendry	2	Richard F. B. Speed	6
Alan A Paul	3	Roger W. Smith	7
Graham C. 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 and for the Guild.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*Julian C. Parker	Treble	Roger W. Smith	4
Graham C. Paul	2	Christopher C. Stokes	5
Delia M. Langton	3	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* First peal.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: Two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Stanley F. Webb	Treble	Brian R. Danby	4
*Iris R. D. Webb	2	Edward C. Garrett	5
*John S. W. Townley	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.
* First peal
Rung entirely by Daventry Branch members to celebrate the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ashwell, of Staverton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
PAINSWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 75 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	7
*Gillian M. Hunt	2	*D. John Hunt	8
*James W. Belshaw	3	David J Purnell	9
James Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
John R. Insley	6	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Londinium.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., Nov. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6ths place bobs Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5
John R. Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
*Richard J. Tibbetts	3	John A. Anderson	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Glasgow.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6th place bobs. Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Edward W. Colley	Treble	James Insley	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

ASTON.—At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt 3 qr. in D.

Allen Short	Treble	Edric J. Franklin	5
*Miss Susan Chew	2	Richard C. Ingram	6
†Mark Androlia	3	Terry Hampton	7
John Conduct	4	‡Donald T. Finnemore	Tenor

Composed by Annable. Conducted by Donald T. Finnemore.
* First peal "inside." † First of Bob Major. ‡ First of Bob Major and first as conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob.

Frederick S. Slatford	Treble	David G. Massey	4
*Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Eric J. Hitchins	5
Norman G. N. Knee	3	Charles F. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Charles F. Andrews.
* 50th peal of Minor. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson for the ringer of the third bell.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
KINGSWINFORD Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Derek K. Knowles	Treble	‡Arthur Kitson	5
*Morley P. Tobin	2	Eric E. Speake	6
Roderick J. Lees	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
†Margaret A. Swain	4	Harry Griffiths	Tenor

Composed by D. Hoare. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. ‡ First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the fifth and Mrs. Kitson on their 16th wedding anniversary.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents in three methods, viz.: Two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Penelope Sedgwick	Treble	*Clifford W. Bowen	4
*Angela Bagnall	2	Clive M. Smith	5
*Cyril T. Collins	3	Michael W. Fairey	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.
* First peal in three Minor methods.
Rung as a compliment to Marlene and Bernard Townsend on the birth of a son, Andrew John.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 18 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Aldenham, Lincolnshire, Painswick and Pudsey, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Simon Humphrey	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Edwin A. Barnett	6
Yvonne Edwards	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal of 18 Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Society.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten different callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

F. William Midwinter	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
J. Edward Brown	2	Philip C. Pitchford	5
Derek J. Tysoe	3	Frederick Derry	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the Fallen of two world wars, also as a token of respect to the conductor's parents, and to Mrs. A. E. Brown, grandmother of the ringer of the second bell, who died recently, aged 85 years.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. NEOT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Neot.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Wilfred C. Boucher	4
George E. Mudge	2	Rev. A. S. Roberts	5
Alan Carveth	3	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
First peal on the bells

LOSTWITHIEL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents Stedman, eight Reverse Canterbury, eight Plain Bob, three April Day and 20 Grandsire. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

D Roy Bould	Treble	Anthony J. Davidson	4
Robert A. Southwood	2	Alan Carveth	5
Rev. A. S. Roberts	3	Anthony Locke	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
First peal on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Bruce Warren.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
TITCHFELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Mary E. White	Treble	Roger Baldwin	4
William F. J. Cope	2	*John A. G. Ball	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	3	John H Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal in more than one method "inside."

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Nov. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5600 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

6ths place bobs. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Robert Edwards	Treble	James Insley	5
John A. Anderson	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
John R. Insley	3	J Alan Ainsworth	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Edburgha.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Robert Edwards	Treble	*Peter Robertson	5
Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
James Attwood, jun. ..	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Roger W. Powell	4	Gerald C. Hemming ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Rutland. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, being 1,320 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,200 London (No. 3) and Lincolnshire, with 75 changes of method.
Tenor 39 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	J Henry Fielden	6
*Iris M. E. Lemare	2	*Ian G. Campbell	7
*Susan Jackson	3	*Neil Donovan	8
†Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Stuart Armeson	9
John J. L. Gilbert	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. † First of Spliced Surprise.

DEEPING ST NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B and (7) Plain Bob Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Christopher J. Groome ..	Treble	Frank Taylor	4
Katharine M. Thorley ..	2	Keith R Davey	5
J Martin Thorley	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
The conductor's 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Nov. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT, OXFORD AND WINDSOR T.B. MAJOR

Gloucester variation. Tenor size 12 in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten
First peal in this variation, and contains 2,112 changes of Windsor, 1,728 Kent and 1,440 Oxford, with 144 changes of method.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5032 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 4,160 Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob and 368 Little Bob, with 176 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

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

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Tues., Nov. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Frank J Matthews	1–2	†Trevor A. Cross	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	†Stuart Sandford	7–8

Composed by A Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major. † First of Oxford "in hand."
First of Oxford T.B. Major as conductor. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebeland.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

George E. Feirn	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
*Michael W. Crowder ..	3–4	Philip Barnes	7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal of Little Bob "in hand." Tenor size 17 in A.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks (first of Treble Bob) 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Carol Cousins 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 York Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Carol Cousins 3, Amanda Powell (first in method) 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: H. L. Williamson 1, R. C. Kift 2, Julia Collinge 3, Mrs. G. Collinge (first "inside") 4, Mrs. B. van Asselt 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to the Rev. Tony Naden before his departure to W. Africa as a missionary.

BREASTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Stewart 1, P. N. Mackley 2, R. M. Day (first of Minor) 3, J. M. Rice (first of Minor) 4, D. R. McLean 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung by N.U.S.C.R.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Helen E. Gilbert 1, P. J. Gibson 2, Linda M. Groves 3, M. P. Inskipp 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Brinkworth 1, Janet Atkey 2, Edna G. Pannell 3, A. J. Scott 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, E. A. Pannell 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. G. Goringe (leader of the local band) and Mrs Goringe.

COLWICH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. Leadbeater (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. J. Fleter (first of Kent) 2, S. T. Yates 3, C. J. Bennett 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. N. Scott (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Joan A. Rance 2, F. C. Price 3, K. R. Davenport 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For morning service.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Richardson 1, A. Richardson 2, I. Campbell 3, Wendy Ferguson 4, P. Taylor 5, L. Tubb (cond.) 6, W. Harwin cover. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to Wendy, who celebrated by ringing her first quarter in the morning.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rowley 1, D. A. Green 2, H. Hill 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, R. A. Gilliver 6. For the institution and induction of the Rev A. G. Chappell as Rector.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Lynds 1, H. J. Page 2, D. R. Fallick 3, T. A. Tarrant 4, W. C. Perry 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6. A 91st birthday compliment to both F. Davis and F. Hewlett, at one time active King's Somborne ringers.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Holliday (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, A. Mynott 3, B. Horrell 4, J. Gipson (cond.) 5, W. Newman 6. For Confirmation Service.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Whittaker 1, Miss M. Johnson 2, J. Birdsall 3, M. Brook 4, A. Spivey 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. First quarter Bob Minor for all except 5.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Henson 1, J. Pilgrim 2, J. Miller 3, F. Jones 4, P. Blight 5, H. Dale 6, G. Clift 7, D. Stainsby (cond.) 8. In memoriam Mr. F. A. Salter, interred this day.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Latham (first quarter) 1, T. M. Evans (first "inside") 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, A. M. Donaldson 6. Rung in honour of the appointment of Mr. John Thorn as Headmaster of Winchester College.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and P.B.): Ann Richardson (first quarter) 1, R. Brain (first "inside") 2, M. Giddings 3, R. Giddings 4, C. Hardy (first as cond.) 5. First of Grandsire by all this teenage band. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: Janet Hallett 1, M. Hallett 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, P. Bedford 4, J. Laken 5, A. House 6, R. Tomlin (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—At the Abbey, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lynds 1, W. R. Gilks 2, H. J. Page 3, D. R. Fallick 4, T. A. Tarrant 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, P. S. Gale 8. Rung prior to two consecutive morning services: H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh attended the latter.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. George (first in method) 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, A. R. Cope 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. Half-muffled following the funeral of Captain A. Johnston, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.).

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): S. Hope 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kempe 3, S. K. D. Wooley 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, R. Newby 6. 75th quarter for the conductor, also his 40th in this tower.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Williams 1, R. Jones 2, H. Hooper 3, J. Coombs 4, S. Lewis 5, D. Gay 6, J. Walton 7, C. Avery 8. First of Triples 2 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Peter Butler (first quarter) 1, Philip Butler (first "inside") 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Stephen Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Martin Gay 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. M. Donaldson 1, N. G. Hughes 2, Katharine Maundrell 3, A. J. Mason (cond.) 4, B. R. M. Johnson 5, R. W. T. Slack 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

CHARMINSTER, DORSET. — 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. J. Gill 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, C. W. Tidwell 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Venn 1, Josephine Pole 2, Moya Britchford 3, J. Britchford 4, W. Woodgyer (cond.) 5, P. Venn 6. Half-muffled.

KEELE, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Leona Roper 1, Valerie Rushforth 2, Fiona Lemmon 3, J. Tandy 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5, P Gosling 6. Half-muffled

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Miss H. M Toms 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, D. J. Goodman 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. Also a birthday compliment to Miss H. M. Toms.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Rayner 1, Glynis Poppleton (first "inside") 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton 6. Half-muffled.

RUCKINGE, KENT. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. D. Butler (cond.) 1, Miss E. A. Todd 2, A. Binstead 3, B. G. Butcher 4, A A. Birch 5.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lorna Brock 1, Patricia Searle 2, Carol Andrews 3, D. Brock (cond.) 4, M. B. Tyers 5, V. Davis 6. Half-muffled.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P Skinner 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, E. Fosberry 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Maple 6. Half-muffled.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia M. Sims 1, Sylvia P. Sims 2, D. R. Bould 3, J. C. Mitchelmore 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6. Half-muffled.

ALDWINCLE, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Hope 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kempe 3, S. K. D. Wooley 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Cooper (first quarter) 1, K. Sansom 2, Mary Sutcliffe (first "inside") 3, D. M. Hughes 4 W. Willans (cond.) 5, M. E. Cass (first quarter) 6.

BOTTISHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Dilley 1, A. Martin 2, W Osbourn 3, E. Rank 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At. St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Joanna Wigg 1, R. Philpott 2, R. Price 3, J. Price 4, R. Hutchings 5, C. Conway 6, D. Grimwood (cond.) 7, C. Gratton 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON. — On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker 1, E. J. Whiting 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, P. S. Abbott 4, P. R. Godfrey 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP. — On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. E. Speake 1, S. T. Yates 2, C J. Bennett 3 S. G. Pick 4, G. W. Reynolds 5, J. D. Holden 6, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 7, P. R. Johnson 8. First of Surprise Major 2 and 3.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Enid Hammond (first of Caters) 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, R. H Newton (cond.) 3, Marion Kemp 4, B. J. Read 5, R. I. Vaughan 6, D. P. Snoswall 7, D. L. Nibbs 8, A. W. Bond 9, R. I. West 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Marion Kemp.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mandi McCallion 1, Christine Webb 2, M. I. Platt 3 Gillian Brearley 4, J. Stallard 5, M. A. Gilbey 6, A. J. Cox 7, P. N. Murgatroyd (first on ten) 8, M. G. R. Zobel (cond.) 9, F. J. Keddie 10. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss D. E. Marshall 1, J. W. Marshall 2, T. F. Collins 3, R. A. Bryant 4, P. F. Romney 5, P. R. Board 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, C. W. Tidwell 8. Half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the two World Wars.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS. — On Nov. 18th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: E. R. Venn (cond.) 1, W. F. Judge 2, Mrs. E. Mordaunt 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, J. W. T. Hibbert 5, Pamela Powell 6, G. R. Mordaunt 7, P. J Heritage 8, E. J. Smith 9, F. A. H. Wilkins 10, N. I. Allnutt 11, B. R. White 12.

COSELEY, STAFFS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major. I. A Sheffield 1, S. T Yates 2, A. J. Fletcher 3, Barbara M. Pickering 4, C. J. Bennett 5, S. G. Pick 6, R. B. Dorrington 7, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 8. First T.B. Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

QUARTER PEALS

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne E. Deebank (first of Triples) 1, Lynda M. Deebank 2, Catherine Ticquet (first "inside") 3, M. F. Edwards 4, L. L. Willis 5, D. L. Hooper 6, J. H. Lane (cond.) 7, A. G. Ensor 8. Rung half-muffled following the memorial service to the late Christopher Rowland, M.P. for Meriden.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Beal 1, P. Jackson 2, C. Roberts 3, P. Cockrill 4, N. Chesson (cond.) 5, P. Wilkinson 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Roberts 1, N. Chesson 2, R. Abrahams 3, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 4, P. Beal 5, F. Searle 6. For Communion.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Knight 1, A. Binstead (first of Major) 2, Miss P. Court 3, R. A. Birch 4, K. D. Butler (first of Major "inside") 5, P. C. Sinden 6, J. H. Davy 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Ivings 1, W. Ivings 2, R. Rose 3, D. Reeve 4, C. Hancock 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Culpin 8.

EXHALL, WARWICKS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. D. Harrison 1, Miss R. E. Havard 2, J. Lochner 3, G. P. Hammond 4, R. D. Hart 5, W. A. Stote (cond.) 6. A farewell to John Woodward (local ringer) and his wife and children on emigrating to Australia.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Gregory 1, D. Floyd 2, Mrs. S. M. Norgrove 3, Miss F. M. Bird 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For the Patronal Festival.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: B. Johnson 1, L. Mannering 2, Miss V. M. Dye 3, Miss R. J. Sinden 4, D. Manger 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Half-muffled in memoriam John Willis.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Nov. 19th, 720 Spliced Ipswich, Cambridge and 600 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, T. R. Garrett 2, P. E. Wells 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: D. Knox 1, R. Biggs 2, A. K. Fortin (first on 12) 3, A. H. Clutton (first on 12) 4, A. Newton 5, R. J. Snack (first on 12) 6, D. M. Francis 7, S. M. Bailey 8, D. A. Cornwall 9, M. J. Best 10, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 11, L. A. Timms 12.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, Mary Christian 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, J. Hollands 4, A. J. Munnings 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. A 26th birthday compliment to R. L. K. Whittell.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Iris E. Piper 1, Mrs. F. Ross 2, Miss E. Moss 3, Rev. F. Ross 4, R. H. Jordan 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6.

HORDLE, HANTS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Lewis 1, Rosemary Simpson (first quarter) 2, Faith Riley 3, Flora Stocker 4, A. Nunn (cond.) 5, Janet Blackbourn 6. First by an all-local band on the bells. For dedication of new choir vestry.

HUNSLET, LEEDS. — On Nov. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. G. Dodson 1, R. Beresford 2, J. J. Durham 3 Suzanne J. Withers (first of Major) 4, G. Cooper 5, J. P. Ottaway 6, G. J. Jones 7, P. J. Crosthwaite (cond.) 8. By Leeds University Campanological Society in honour of the birth of George Oliver, son to Rev. Malcolm and Julia Stonestreet.

HUNTINGDON.—At the Church of All Saints, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Whatley 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, T R. Garrett 3, J. R. Hough 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Spicer on their 40th wedding anniversary.

LEEDS, KENT. — On Nov. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. House 1, F Gant 2, P. Sloman 3, B. Sadler 4, C. Pain 5, D. Sloman 6, F. Lufkin (cond.) 7 H. Furminger 8, M. Hallett 9, F. Scoones 10. A birthday compliment to M. Hallett.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Milnes (first of Triples) 1, D. Gebbett 2, M. Rigby (first of Triples) 3, Catherine Reed (cond.) 4, Freda Cannon 5, J. Machell 6, D. Hollis 7, P. Royds-Jones 8. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Royds-Jones 1, R. Grant (first of Triples) 2, Catherine Reed 3, J. Machell 4, Freda Cannon 5, D. Gebbett 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, M. Rigby 8.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles. F. M. Bowers 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L Lidgey (cond.) 3, A. Ruth Aston (first of Stedman) 4, W. R Curfis 5, T. R. Hart 6.

LITTLE HADHAM, HERTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Glazebrook 2, R. Hayden 3, K. Westwood 4, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 5. For the Deanery Eucharist.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Nov. 26th 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: O. Wright 1 Mrs. M. Slater 2, Caroline Cole 3, C. Pain 4, F. Gant 5, C. G. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon 7, J Slater 8, M. Austin 9, J. S. N. Porter (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Long 1, M. L. Howe 2, I. Russell 3, S. A. B. Wigg 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, M. Barden (cond.) 6.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Bryant 1, Susan Rayner 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. John's Church, on Nov 19th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S Elliott 1, S. Woodward 2, B. Palmer 3, A. Dempster 4, P. Bruce 5, C. Ottoway (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Elliott 1, P. Bruce 2, S. Woodward 3, D. Parsons 4, C. Ottoway 5, B. Palmer 6, M. Edwards 7, A. Dempster (first as cond.) 8. First of Major by Newcastle University Society. Both by the Society for Evensong.

NOTTINGHAM.—At. St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosamund M. Rawlings 1, Ann Harris 2, Caroline Stewart (first Grandsire) 3, P. N. Mackley (first Grandsire) 4, F. E. Jones 5, D. R. McLean 6, I. V J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Nichols 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Beryl M. Twigg.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 19th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Meyrick 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. W. Lewis 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, J. N. Diserens 5, B. Shingler 6, N. J. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from John Carter's "Odd Bob"): A. E. Diserens 1, A. D. Sansom 2, N. J. Diserens 3, R. M Heyworth 4, D. E. Rothera 5, F. R. Scott 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, A. E. Bagworth 8. For Evensong.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): A. Binstead 1, Miss P. Court 2, P. C. Sinden 3, K. D Butler 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, J. H. Davy 6. First of Kent 1, 4 and 5.

SHEFFIELD. — At St. Marie's Church (R.C.), on Oct. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: Patricia Rogers 1, Carole Patey 2, Kathleen Higgins 3, S. Cole (first Yorkshire) 4, J. Eborall 5, R. Tibbetts (cond.) 6, I. Dear 7, C. Longden 8. For Evening Mass.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. S. B. Croft 1, Joy F. Butler 2, J. S. Croft 3, C. J. Butler 4, A. Jackson 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6. A 16th birthday compliment to Joy F. Butler.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 19th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: D. M. Boniface 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, P. N. Felton 4, Deborah Bishop 5, S. P. Darvill 6, D A. Hewitt 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer 9, C. I. Richards 10, J. W. Smith 11, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pickett 1 and 6, Miss J. Perryman 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, A. Stokes 4 M. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Constance Goddard on being made a Commissioner to the Guides.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At All Hallows Church, on Nov. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Cuthbert (first on eight) 1, R. G. Brown (first on eight "inside") 2, W. A. Theobald 3, M. Louise Taylor 4, W. A. Hughes 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6, R. A. Hunt 7, J. C. Slater 8. For Evensong.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Cambridge S.M.: T. W. Hesketh 1, C. J. Jones 2, J. Hedgecock 3, J. R. Ridley 4, D. R. Jones 5, M. E. Snape 6, T. S. Hovridge 7, J. K. Walpole (cond.) 8. After losing a peal of Stedman.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Woodward 1 Susan Harrison (first as cond., aged 12) 2, Jane Mason 3, Amette Bradbury (25th quarter) 4, A. Baldock 5, D. Woodward (first quarter) 6. Average age 16 years 10 months. Rung for a service of music in aid of the organ restoration fund.

WEST MALLING, KENT. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter 1, S. Taylor 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, E. S. J. Hatcher 5 P K. King (cond.) 6. Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch A.G.M.

On the cold, foggy afternoon of November 25th about 30 members met at Bridport for the annual meeting of the Branch, eight towers being represented. Also present were Mr. A. Scott and visitors from North Dorset, Kent and Devon, who were welcomed. Ringing continued until the Guild service, which was conducted by Canon Hinton (Rector), and an excellent tea was provided in the Church House, prepared by the local ringers and lady helpers.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. W. Powell (chairman). The hon. secretary's report was read and adopted, as were the accounts, which proved very satisfactory. Membership numbers 110 with two more towers still to reply.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell; vice-chairman, the Rev. O. L. Wilmott; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Davis; Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. D. W. Bishop, H. Keeley and F. Knight; committee, Messrs. J. T. Barrett and D. Ellery.

Mr. C. W. Powell reported that the committee had met to consider a suggestion for a memorial to Canon C. Carew Cox and Bert Elsworth. He said the members of the band who rang the peal of Stedman Triples at Lyme Regis on the day of Canon Cox's funeral were willing to bear the cost of a peal board for that tower. The proposal in regard to Bert Elsworth was that a peal be rung at Bradpole and recorded in the tower. The Ringing Master was asked to arrange the peal.

Quarterly meetings for 1968: Bradpole, Beaminster, Melbury Osmond and Lyme Regis. Practice meetings: Symondsbury (January 10th), Netherbury (February 14th) and Broadwindsor (March 13th), all subject to confirmation. A. D.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Chew Magna (8) on December 2nd. Ringing took place prior to the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball) and afterwards tea was served in the Church Hall.

A feature of the meeting which followed was the attendance of only 21 members; one wonders why there is such widespread apathy in the Branch nowadays that less than ten per cent. bother to come to an annual general meeting. It is unfair both to the host tower which prepares, the officers of the Branch and those members who do come.

Owing to the illness of the secretary, Mr. D. G. Yeo, the position was filled by the general secretary, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, with the Vicar acting as chairman. The following were elected as officers for 1968: Chairman, Mr. H. W. Knight; secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. G. Yeo; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Derrick; Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Brain and Mr. S. Smith; Press, Mr. J. Brain.

Three new members from Wrington and one (unattached) from Abbots Leigh were elected Other proposals approved were the 1968 striking competition to be held at Butcombe and a further joint meeting with the Frome Branch later in the year.

A collection was made in aid of the cost of providing a bell for Trinity College, Trinidad, a project in which Bishop Wilson, of Wells, had asked the Association to help.

After votes of thanks, ringing continued at the Parish Church until 8.30 p.m.

Next quarterly meeting: Easton-in-Gordano with Portbury (March); practice meetings: Clevedon (All Saints' and St. John's) (January); Dundry (February); all subject to permission. J. B.

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RILEY. — To Richard and Audrey (née Knight), a daughter, Heather Jane, on Friday, November 24th, 1967 (a sister for Paul), at the R.A.F. Hospital, Wegberg, Germany. 2908

STIRLAND.—To Bryan and Hazel (née Hancock), of Peasedown St. John, Somerset, a daughter, Lucy Mary, a sister for Christopher and Kate, born November 29th, 1967, weight 10 lb. 14 oz. 2914

TOWNSEND.—To Marlene and Bernard, at East Lodge, Freeford, Lichfield, on November 23rd, 1967, a son, Andrew John, brother for Jonathan. 2906

ENGAGEMENT

KIPPIN—WALTERS. — The engagement is announced between Heather Anne, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs M. H. Walters, of Harlington, Middlesex, and Robert Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, of Farnborough, Hampshire. 2904

IN MEMORIAM

TOMLINSON.—In loving memory of my devoted husband, Norman, who fell asleep December 16th, 1963. Always in my thoughts. —Phœbe. 2921

RETURN THANKS

WILLIAMS.—On behalf of the family I wish to express my sincere thanks to the ringers of Redruth Parish Church in placing a brass plate in memory of Percy's 30 years' service with them.—Annie M. Williams.

PERSONAL

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song."—Isaiah xii, 2.

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SUFFOLK GUILD CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Don't miss it—be with it. Where? Victory Hall, Bramford. When? December 16th, 7 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments as usual. Come and join your friends. Tickets at the door 5s. (Children 2s 6d.) 2819

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Berkswell, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to the Rev. G. Dingle, The Rectory, Berkswell. Meriden bells available from 6.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. 2902

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby, on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 2856

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—T. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2885

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch. — Meeting, Chalford (6) on Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to V. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos. 2929

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge (6), Saturday, December 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans. Tel. 57344.—R. E Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2831

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—A.G.M. at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Parkinson. 2913

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Fulmer, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2871

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A number of items on the agenda require your attention. Please make a special effort to attend. Names for tea, please, to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by December 13th. 2847

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Tuesday, December 19th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome. — C. H. Rogers. 2884

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—There will be a pre-Christmas get-together evening at St. Mary's, Warwick (10) on Wednesday, December 20th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Call changes to Caters, rounds to Royal. All most welcome.—R. W. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Wednesday, December 20th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting at 8.30 p.m. 2909

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Neston, December 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 2926

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—The District A.G.M. will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, January 6th, 1968. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea until 8. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 57827. 2918

JOHN WILLIS MEMORIAL

A fund has been opened for a memorial to the late

John Willis

(vice-president of the Kent County Association).

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Alan P. S. Berry, Ashford District Secretary, 7, Queen Street, Folkestone.

The memorial will take the form of something practical in ringing. — A. P. S. B. 2936

Christmas Greetings

Greetings to all fellow ringers everywhere, for Christmas and for 1968. May we and our art go forward from strength to strength.—GILBERT THURLOW, Norwich. 2875

To all our readers, new and old, a Christmas of happiness and goodwill. May 1968 be a year of peace and contentment the world over. —The Editor and Staff of "The Ringing World."

The Rev. PETER N. BOND sends sincere greetings and good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas to all ringing friends wherever they may be, especially to fellow Cumberlands. 2874

LES BRETT, of Framsden, sends seasonal greetings to ringing friends near and far, to and excellent neighbour and pal, Alan, for most friendly company during recent months. 2920

To all my ringing friends, best Christmas wishes and good ringing for 1968.—GEORGE R. FINCH, Marlesford, Suffolk. 2897

Best wishes for Christmas to ringers around the world, and a warm welcome to those visiting Sydney in 1968.—TOM AND MARGARET GOODYER, Sydney, Australia. 2917

Wishing all ringers the best of health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year. A special thought for ringing friends and members of Portsmouth and Sussex Guilds.—Mr. and Mrs. HARDING, Catherington. 2922

Christmas greetings to all members of the Sussex County Association, remembering at this time those who can no longer ring by reason of illness or infirmity.—From REG JOHNSON. 2896

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The committee of the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers would like to wish all its members and friends a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. 2911

A very happy Christmas to all ringing friends both here in the U.S.A. and at home in Britain.—From GEOFF MARCHANT. 2900

Sincere Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends, especially in Kent, and to members of the Ladies' Guild.—From E. M. MITCHELL. 2925

Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and happy New Year to all ringing friends, especially fellow members of the Surrey Association.—From Miss BRYONY MOORBY, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. 2919

To all our ringing pals we have met in the past, the joys of a happy and bright Christmas and a hopeful New Year.—N. S. T. G., Nailsea, Somerset. 2907

A happy Christmas and good New Year ringing to all ringing friends in the U.K.—BILL PITCHER, 7/287 Melbourne Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5006. 2559

To all friends, old and new, far and near, greetings for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs CHARLES J. SEDGLEY, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 2912

A happy Christmas and peaceful 1968 to all ringing friends and the Editor with those who assist in "The Ringing World."—William Shepherd, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey. 2933

Christmas greetings and all best wishes for the New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be, at home or abroad.—EVELYN STEEL, Biddenham. 2928

To all our ringing friends—**Everywhere**—including California, New Mexico and Southern Rhodesia—**Our** "Ringing World," the Editor (Mr. T. W. White) and staff—and **all** who have made such a wonderful job of it, thank you. Warmest greetings and best wishes for Christmas and a pleasant and profitable New and succeeding years. Our grateful thanks for the many happy times and years. Good ringing.—FRANK AND ADA STENSON. 2915

Greetings to all ringers and readers of the paper. — Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST WEATHERBY, 1428, St. Marengo Avenue, Alhambra, California. 2827

LATE NOTICES

RETURN THANKS

SHARMAN.—The family of the late Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable, express their sincere thanks to the members of the Bedfordshire Association for the lovely floral tribute sent, and to the members who attended the service and also rang half-muffled after the service at the Priory Church. 2937

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HUMPHRIES.—The address of Richard O. Humphries is now: Lyncroft,, The Avenue. Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. 2932

ROAF.—The present address of Dermot and Caroline Roaf (and Eleanor, James and Virginia) is: 27, St. Margaret's Road, Oxford. Telephone (unchanged): Oxford 59467. 2931

The address of Diana and John Hayns is now: 33, Craddocks Avenue, Ashtead, Surrey. Tel. Ashtead 5280. 2934

MEETING

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Surprise practice at Ashtead, Tuesday, December 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Methods: Lincolnshire, London, Yorkshire, Pudsey. 2935

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LATE NEWS

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The ringers taking part are Alan McFall, Neil Bennett, Robert B. Smith, Gerald Moorhouse and Brian J. Woodruffe.—Yours faithfully, BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
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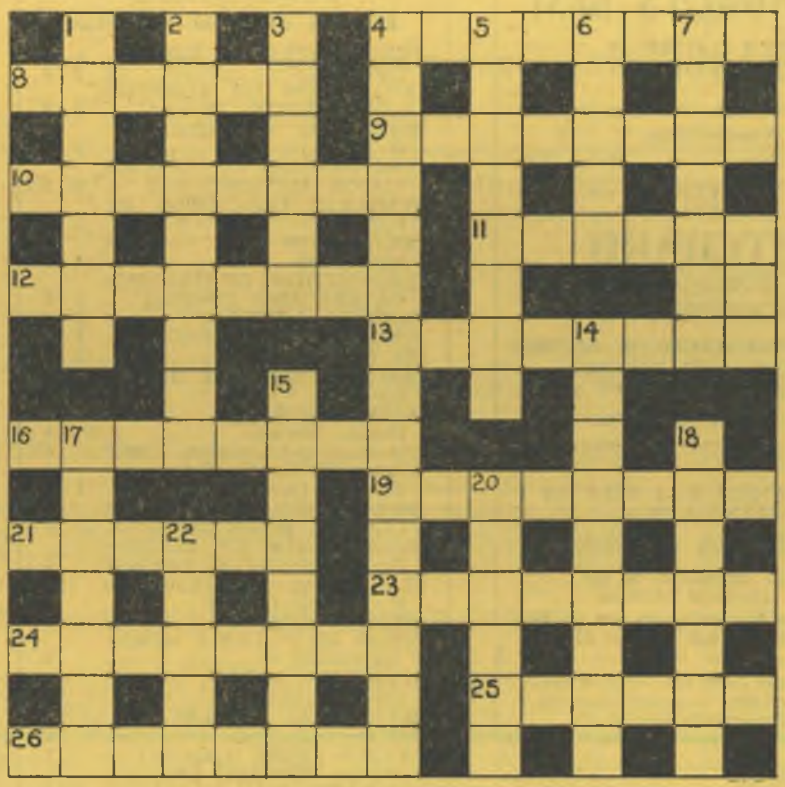

CLUES

ACROSS

4. These three usually have the same birthday (8).
8. Burlesque imitation of a literary work (6).
9. Strangely these are not soldiers (3-2-3).
10. If the sally is low, do this to the rope **before** you do it to the bell (4, 2, 2).
11. Puts into circulation (6).
12. Recent arrival (8).
13. The Ringers' Diary could help one to become this (8).
16. President ran ceremony showing the way in (8).
19. These do not take sides when there's a clash (8).
21. Single court could provide these (6).
23. Large German sheep-dog (8).
24. There are eight bells here whether you have the Leics or Yorks version (8).
25. Committed one of the deadly sins (6).
26. One can have a ward in this (8).

DOWN

1. Ripened (7).
2. Peal compositions may be his material (9).
3. This shows a regular arrangement for my test (6).
4. Sensitively the last word after a fit of rage and before the reckoning (15).
5. Often sought by ringers (3, 5).
6. Their absence from towers is often bemoaned (5).
7. Reset as annoying things (7).
14. Profitable (9).
15. Secretaries like this for tea (4, 4).
17. Ringers usually want this double (7).
18. Possibly a red herring in the first place (7).
20. Descriptive of the efforts of many ringers (6).
22. It is just deliberate firing (5).

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"URANGWOT" — Another Teaser and a Diary Prize

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"I quite enjoy them, don't you?" I replied, hoping I wasn't starting something between the trio of ringers and myself.

"Oh, so do we, but you know there are a lot more interesting statisticusses about peals than our friend, Parson Felstead, reports."

"I'm sure there are," I said, "but, like so much else in ringing, who is to ferret it out and write it up for 'The Ringing World?' That is the problem."

Charlie interrupted me to ask what I would have, and having got a shandy on the way when he learned that I had come by car (I thought when I saw Charlie with a half!), I went on, "Well, what sort of thing had you in mind for these other interesting statistics and why doesn't one of you put pen to paper? I am sure Tom White would be delighted to receive your article."

When I nodded in Joe's direction with this suggestion he looked completely blank and that sparked off the first point of interest. Joe is very deaf in his right ear and Charlie pointed out that whenever they had gone for a peal of "spliced" Joe had always had to wait until he saw where the conductor was going to ring so that he could have his good ear on the conductor's side.

"There were nowt wrong with his eyes though," butted in Bob, "and he always kept a good watch on the treble, 'specially when it were being rung by a female!"

"Well," I said, "that's quite interesting, but you must admit that it would make no more than a mention in 'Belfry Gossip.' You couldn't make an article out of that!" They all hastened to tell me that there was a good deal more than that and I sat back to listen to the details.

It seems that before I arrived they had been reminiscing about some of the peals of Spliced Surprise Major in which they had all taken part and they observed that three of them had taken exactly the same time, 3 hours and 12 minutes, although each had contained a different number of methods.

Joe, the mathematician of the party (I recognised his scrawl up beside the dartboard), had discovered the remarkable coincidence that in these three peals if the time in minutes were divided by the number of methods rung the figure obtained was the same as that obtained by multiplying together the numbers of the bells rung by Joe and Charlie in that particular peal.

Joe and Charlie had never been separated on these occasions by more than one ringer. Bob added that he had called all three peals and he had rung the same bell throughout. I was also told that on each occasion the product of another pair of bells was the same as that for Joe and Charlie. Neither Joe nor Charlie rang the same bell twice in these peals.

"Very interesting indeed to hear these statistics," said I, "but the more important thing is the striking. What was that like?" "Pretty good throughout," replied Bob, "but 'specially in that 'un where I were ringing between those two jokers."

"Everybody must have kept their minds on the job then," I added. "Old Joe kept his eyes on the treble ringer all right," chorused the other two. "I guess it must have been a female," I sighed. "Yes, same dame each time," said Bob.

I was waiting for them to tell me how Joe's mathematical inclinations with his eye for figures had unearthed some relationship between the vital statistics of the lady and those of the peals, but I was disappointed to find that none had emerged.

By this time even the drinking-up time had run out and we had to make a hurried exit in response to the landlord's entreaties. Outside we turned in opposite directions and my preoccupation with dodging a car that was reversing delayed my attempt to dash over and ask them how many methods they had rung in those three peals and which bells they had rung on each occasion. In the darkness and against the noise of the engine I could not attract their attention and they moved off. It will be a few weeks before I am back in their area so I shall just have to try to work it out in the meanwhile. If anyone can help me, please drop a line to the Editor, marked "Urangwot." ("Ringers' Diary for first correct solution.)

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