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IT IS CHRISTMAS

The Rev. E. G. ORLAND,

President of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild

THE ancient Romans had their festival of Saturnalia. A time of wild revelry and licentious indulgence, to celebrate the turn of the year and to welcome the new light brought by lengthening days. The early Christian Church used this pagan feast with its idea of "welcoming the light" to give us the festival of Christmas. celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the true light of the world.

Now, it would seem, the wheel has turned the full circle and we have the Christian festival of Christmas being "taken-over" by a secular world which has little or no interest in the real meaning of Christmas, but a great financial interest in an "Xmas" spending spree. Look in any large department store, where everything is designed to give us that nice. homely, log-fire, mid-winter feeling of family warmth and comfort. All those "Christmas" cards with the robin redbreast—poor thing who must sit in the barn to keep himself warm—and the stage coaches and scenes well covered with snow—to remind us of the "good old days." It's Saturnalia all over again, but modern advertising and sales techniques are subtle enough to maintain a thin smear of religious sentiment to serve their commercial interest, so away at the far end there will be the small section of "Religious" Christmas cards with the odd, sometimes very odd, stained glass window; the Biblical text (in old Gothic type, of course) and the bells. which appear in all odd shapes, sometimes hung on coloured ribbon, and at others attached to choir boys, who are always depicted supposedly wearing the ringer's uniform of cassock and surplice (with lace)!

We have long since accepted the fact that our art will be caricatured through ignorance, and no doubt the remedy for this is in our own hands with better "public relations," but more important still, what about Christmas? Can we be surprised if the mind of 20th century man is confused on this subject? It would be most illuminating to see the replies to a public opinion poll on the real meaning of Christmas. We do, however, have at least one opportunity of hearing the thoughts of one well-informed person, for in the Epistle for Christmas Day the unknown author of the Epistle to the Hebrews tells what Christmas meant to him. He sees the birth of Jesus Christ as the turning point in all the affairs of the human race. God had spoken, not in words, as did the Old Testament prophets, but in terms of human life. This was no ordinary child; at Bethlehem God became man, and we now see what God is like. That is not all. for this picture of divinity is shown to us in human perfection, and with this ideal we see ourselves for what we are (which is quite different from the "image" we would wish to present). We are not, as we thought, the "good" who deserve to be called the children of God, but the "bad" who need the gift of God's Son, and Christmas is the time when we give thanks to God for having regard to our human situation and having given the most precious gift of Himself to meet our need. All the nicely wrapped presents we give to each other at Christmas are given out of love and regard for our friends and relatives; must we leave God out of our giving? We may never fully understand the depth of His love.

"God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son" (St. John 3, 16 N.E.B.).

No one can make a greater sacrifice than the gift of an only son. God gives so to us; should not our offering in return be something which costs us a very great deal; in fact, nothing short of our whole being—*"Ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice"*? Yet how many of those who give and receive presents this Christmas will even spare a passing thought for the great gift God has given to them. Only a minority will be in church on Christmas Day for this to be communicated to them by word and Sacrament, but the majority will be within the sound of the church bells being rung, and such are the powers of association in the human mind that their sound will turn even the most worldly from the revels of Saturnalia to some vision of the Divine Child.

But what if such opportunity is missed because bells are unringable through neglect or, worse, if there are no ringers to ring the bells hanging in good order and waiting to give out their much-needed message? When we ring on Christmas Day, or at any other time, we are not graciously offering our immaculate striking and our thorough knowledge of intricate methods just for the furtherance of the art and our own satisfaction. We are offering back to God all the skill and ability He has given us, for this is "Ourselves" being given in response to His gift of love.

Those who hear the Christmas message of the bells may not be able to distinguish between good striking or bad, much less between Bob Major or 8-spliced, but devotion and dedication have the most peculiar ways of communicating their message, and to all who will take part in this great Exercise we send our best wishes and pray for His blessing upon all our work during 1968.

HOW RONALD DOVE STARTED

Day-Dreamed of Towers when Recording Beer Sales

"HOW did you set about it?" is a question I am sometimes asked, and I suppose the correct answer would be that I didn't, although I would be flattered to be given the credit for the spontaneous and unaided compilation of the "Guide" down to the world's premier tenor depicted on the front cover.

It is exactly forty years ago since the first notes were collected from which "Dove" eventually grew, and now when I am asking for amendments seems a suitable opportunity to comply with the suggestion which Mr Edgar Shepherd made in an article entitled "The Good Companions" that I might say how the idea originated. I invariably enjoy articles from the pen of E. C. S. and in complying with his wishes I do so more from gratitude for his literary style.

At the time it all started I had been ringing two years and with diligence had aspired to Grandsire Doubles "inside," so it could not have been on merit but was more likely to have been because nobody else would take the job that I had been made Burton District Secretary of the old Midland Counties Association.

The district had been moribund for some time and there was no exact information as to which towers claimed allegiance to the M.C.A. whose lavish report, price sixpence, while containing a wealth of information on all other matters was of little help in this respect.

This borderland district touched on the fringes of Derbyshire and Leicestershire and covered a narrow strip of Staffordshire sandwiched between the territory of the Stoke Archdiaconal (later the North Staffs) and the Archdeaconry of Stafford Societies, although in an excess of zeal the youthful district secretary was not above carrying out an occasional bicycle sortie on isolated towers over the Warwickshire border in search of converts to the M.C.A.

KELLY'S DIRECTORIES

There chanced to be in the office, where I spent those wasted hours not occupied in ringing, a full set of Kelly's Directories which stated the number of bells in church towers so, with Kelly's as a basis, I set to work to list all the towers in the four counties where there were reputed to be five bells and upwards.

Finding greater interest in ascertaining the number of bells at the parish church than the previous month's beer sales at, amongst other places, the "Vermuyden," Goole—which name sticks in my memory, in return for which information a grateful brewer rewarded me twenty-five shillings a week less the statutory "Lloyd George," etc.—I enlarged the field of my "researches" to cover the rest of the country.

Kelly's had not kept abreast of the times nor were they meticulous in their descriptions, and to them a tower contained eight bells if it possessed a chime of tubular bells as I learned on the first occasion that I was "consulted" when I advised the Overseale ringers to go to Parwich on their outing to the Peak district.

Joe Cotton should have been suspicious when the Vicar gave him permission to use his "carillon," but I would have loved to have seen them running for it to the accompanying strains of tubular bells.



MR. R. H. DOVE

FIRST THOUGHTS, 1930

The thought of publishing first arose in or about 1930 when I was on the Croydon Bell Foundry staff, for I recall visiting Leigh on Sea in that year to make enquiries concerning the French bells which had been installed at the R.C. church there. These bells were the subject of a report in "The Ringing World" not long ago.

I have reason to believe that the thought was prompted by my frequent reference to a handy little book published by Mowbray's entitled "The English Church Union Guide for Tourists," which indicated by a series of codings the type of services at churches of Catholic tradition and the presentation of the London section at the beginning of the alphabetical section is exactly as in Mowbray's guide.

Although I was dealing constantly with proposed bell restorations the need of a revision never seemed to have occurred to me, and it was some years later at Loughborough that my friend John Fidler made the true if not the most encouraging observation. "It will be out of date the day you publish it."

With the literal truth of this in mind I started to collect data for a fourth edition from the day when the third went to press, and as there now appears to be some call for a new edition, especially in view of the widespread boundary changes which have taken place in recent times, I would welcome any genuine amendments, but only GENUINE ones, please.

I am aware that Washington bells have been hung—surprising how many think this could have escaped my notice—and once and for all Beddington tenor DOES weigh 18 cwt. 14 lbs. and I refuse to trouble the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to check it for the fourth time.

To the one who wrote specially solely to report the "mistake" in the third edition which shows Daventry as a cackhanded eight, whereas they are a righthanded ten I can only apologise that clairvoyance is not among my limited attainments.

MEANT WELL

News that certain Hampshire bells are dirty may give rise to interesting speculation but is otherwise of little value, still less is the contribution from South-West London which contradicts the readings of Messrs Taylors' scales by adding 5 cwt to Chicheste. tenor and lopping a couple off Maidstone, and as the same contributor feels that Saint Eanswythe has had the patronage of Folkestone Parish Church for long enough and that one Saint Banswythe should now have it, little credence can be given to his other corrections, but I suppose he meant well.

School teacher ringers must number some hundreds yet not a single one knew that Madras is no longer in India or, if they did, they were too idle to appraise me of the fact so that I might have spared the feelings of the angry Pakistani student who demanded that all unsold copies be withdrawn for the stigma to be removed

I would be less than honest were I not to acknowledge the contribution of others not only in the matter but in suggestions For instance, my original intention was to publish only an alphabetical list with the various appendices, but when on a ringing week in Yorkshire I showed my manuscript to Pat Cannon he told me at once that unless towers were shown in county form he for one would certainly not buy a copy and anticipating that others might be of the same opinion I set to worth forthwith.

GROUP CAPT. LISTER'S SUGGESTIONS

The inclusion of practice nights on the usefulness of which opinions differ. was the outcome of the suggestion of Group Capt. Lister, the writer of the leader on the issue of May 13th, 1949, which stressed the need for a guide, but others of his suggestions, Sunday ringing times, name and address of tower captain, etc., whilst suitable for inclusion in an annual report, were not practicable in the case of a publication where a revision was unlikely for some years

Capt. Lister envisaged the Central Council undertaking the work, and we were told that the Literature. Press and Broadcasting Committee had the matter under consideration, but whether it was that the committee felt unequal to the task or whether it considered the project of no importance is a matter of conjecture, but whatever the reason the matter was so low down on the Council's list of priorities that it was not even mentioned at the meeting at York, as had been foretold.

It is a false premise that no service however small can be rendered to the Exercise save under the ægis of the Central Council, and judging by the expressions of horror I received when a correspondent to "The Ringing World" suggested that the Council should appropriate "Dove"—there were references to "Nationalisation" and "take-over-bids" which were much in news at that time—it is obvious that the Exercise on the whole is satisfied with things as they are

Corrigenda and addenda, please, therefore, to:

R. H. DOVE.

26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, on Dec. 3rd, 1,272 Carlisle Surprise Minor: D. C. Henderson 1, M. J. Hiller 2, Catherine A. Salter 3, J. R. Rowson 4, A. K. P. Poole 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6. Rung by the Abingdon School S.C.R. for Confirmation Service, held at the School Chapel.

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OBITUARY

Association Secretary who became Mayor

ALD. ARTHUR EDWIN SHARMAN

News of the death of Alderman Arthur E. Sharman, of Dunstable, which occurred on November 25th, will be received with deep sorrow by his many ringing friends.

Born at Great Cransley, Northamptonshire, on March 30th, 1882, he was the eldest of ten children, of whom three brothers and three sisters survive him.

After spending some years of his early manhood in the Leeds area of Yorkshire he settled in Dunstable in 1914, and here he spent the remainder of his 85 years.

He joined the Bedfordshire Association in 1914 and was secretary of the Luton District from 1919 to 1935, becoming general secretary of the Association in 1921, a position he held for 17 years. From 1940 until the time of his death he was a vice-president.

As in ringing, so in local government, his great ability soon brought him into prominence and he served on Dunstable Town Council for many years, being Mayor of the borough from 1940 to 1943. He was elected to the aldermanic bench in 1939. In addition to his many other activities he was for 20 years a member of the management committee of the Luton and Dunstable group of hospitals.

As a bellringer he served the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable, with great devotion for 53 years, and at this historic church on November 29th the Rector, the Rev. H. E. R. Charles, officiated at the pre-interment service. Among the large congregation were members of the Town Council, the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers and many other organisations, and as the cortege left the church touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the half-muffled bells.

APPRECIATIONS

The death of Arthur Sharman deprives the Bedfordshire Association of one of its most distinguished members.

For over 50 years he rendered devoted service and was always a mentor and an inspiration to his fellows, not only as a bell handler and striker but as a method ringer and conductor.

An indication of his potential ability appears in the first entry in his peal book—a peal of seven different extents of Minor, rung at Thorpe Malsor, a few miles from his birthplace, and conducted by his brother Horace, who lost his life in the first world war.

In his earlier days peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were an achievement and he rang no less than 21 of the former and 22 of the latter, but his favourite method was undoubtedly Double Norwich, of which he rang a total of 43 peals. (Incidentally, he never rang a peal of Doubles.) He was particularly proud of the peal of Stedman Caters rung at the Imperial Institute, Kensington, for the Royal Cumberland Youths, on April 23rd, 1924.

Of his total peals (189), 107 were rung for the Bedfordshire Association, 31 of them at his own tower, Dunstable Priory. Many of these peals were rung in company with such stalwarts of the Bedfordshire Association as Miss Evelyn Steel, Edmund J. Hobbs and Pearl Inskip, to all of whom his death will be a severe blow, breaking, as it does, a treasured link with earlier days.

Ringers of Arthur Sharman's calibre are rare in any generation, and his exemplary conduct both in and out of the belfry will remain a worthy memorial to one who brought an air of distinction to any company.

But the great eminence he attained never changed him, and he remained a man of simple faith and sincerity. His genial smile will be sadly missed by the hundreds of people among whom he lived and were privileged to call his friends.



As we proudly remember his many fine qualities we pray God may grant him a holy rest and peace at the last. A. E. R.

HIS PEALS

Minor: 26 (conducted 14); Triples: Grandsire 11 (9), Stedman 18 (10), Major: Plain Bob 14 (11), Little Bob 1 (1), Double Oxford 1 (1), Kent T.B. 8 (5), Oxford T.B. 2 (2), Double Norwich 43 (23), Cambridge S 21 (2), Superlative S. 22 (9); Caters: Grandsire 5 (3), Stedman (8); Royal: Plain Bob 2 (2), Kent T.B. 7 (2).

Total 189 (conducted 94).

I was indeed sorry to hear of the death of Arthur Sharman. It was in 1921 that I left my native village of Charing, Kent, to start life in the "outside world" as a compositor at Dunstable. If ever ringing was a help to a lad leaving home it was to me. I met Arthur Sharman on my first Sunday at Dunstable, and the miles Arthur and I cycled (he with one fixed pedal owing to a war wound) is nobody's business. I shall never forget cycling to Biggleswade with him to make up the band for a peal of Double Norwich (my first in the method) conducted by George Cross. I rang 28 peals with Arthur over the years, and I have always been thankful to him that my first year away from home was a very happy one.

A. V. GOOD.

Hemel Hempstead.

MR. JOHN HENRY MYHILL

The death occurred during the latter part of October of Mr. John (Jack) Henry Myhill. Although he had not taken an active part in the art during recent years, he had nevertheless completed some 40 years as a ringer at Springfield, Essex.

He was the last of the band that was formed between the two world wars, the capabilities of this band being such that they were able to ring a 720 of Minor nearly every week.

He was an honorary life member of the Essex Association and his departure will be sadly felt by some of the older members of the Association. Among many friends at the funeral the Essex Association was represented by the general treasurer, Mr. P. J. Eves. P. G. B.

MR. OSCAR GARNHAM

An Appreciation.

Garboldisham, Norfolk, has lost an active and faithful servant in the sudden and unexpected death on December 5th of Mr. Oscar Garnham at the age of 72 years. He leaves a widow and son.

Oscar was village carpenter, steeplekeeper, clockwinder and chorister for many years. His family came from South Lopham, and at the age of seven until his death he was a member of the choir.

As a bellringer he was always quiet, wise, unassuming and reliable. Although he never rang a 5,040 he had taken part in many 720's and was a faithful servant to the Exercise. As a craftsman and woodworker he leaves many memorials to his work both around the village and in the church. It is thought that about half the woodwork, such as the altar-front, screen, prayer desks and some pews were built by his father and himself in the last 100 years.

One of his frequently produced wood masterpieces is his wooden Norfolk tunnel mouse-traps—operated with a trip, the principle involves a heavy lump of beech falling on to the tempted mouse in the tunnel. These are in constant use in the church to this day and many visitors have cast incredulous glances at the simple piece of apparatus.

Oscar will be sadly missed in the locality—a man who had no enemies and was loved by all. P. J.

CONDITIONS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Buswell's letter (page 874) may I state that quarter peal ringing was not the subject in question, but can be used to illustrate the same point.

Of the quarter peals rung, Lympne rang 42, Smarden 18, Biggin Hill 9 and Maidstone 9 for Sunday service alone. Another small section of East Kent ringers was responsible between them for nearly 100 quarter peals. This illustrates that nearly two-thirds of the mentioned quarter peals were rung by a very small section of the Association members, albeit a different section than the peal ringers to some degree.

As regards peal ringing, one has only to come into East Kent to appreciate the apathy to the subject amongst the majority of ringers. The Canterbury and Ashford Districts comprise a large area of Kent, but the number of peal ringers is very small, as I have discovered in trying to arrange peals. Fortunately there are the few peal ringers who keep these areas alive in this respect Some ringers are prepared to ring the occasional peal, but it is not these people who put Kent at the top of the list—it is those making regular attempts, mainly from Mid and North Kent.

The Kent County Association has many peals to its credit, but the praise should be directed to where it is deserved, in proportion to the efforts made. How some ringers of East Kent have the audacity to stand together boasting of peal successes and apparently healthy state of affairs in peal ringing, when they have contributed nothing, I do not know. It is significant that it is these same people who praise themselves on the excellence of their own Districts. There has not been a meeting in East Kent since October 21st and will not be one until 1968! If this is regarded as good I would suggest that these people examine the more organised and conscientious Branches of other Associations where there is a monthly practice and meeting, not a meeting every quarter-year and an occasional by-meeting.

In view of my experiences and figures which can be quoted, I agree wholeheartedly with Derek Carr ("Ringing World," page 834).—Yours sincerely.

JAMES HEDGCOCK.

Christ Church College,
Canterbury.

Letters to the Editor

"PRIORITIES IN DAMNABLE DISORDER"

Dear Sir,—I am quite certain that Mr. Amos is wrong. I think that the people whom he castigated in "Beware! The Latest Ruse" are wrong as well.

The kind of chauvinistic ranting which attributes no responsibility for India's plight to a country liberally sprinkled with vast mansions built from Indian profits is so completely unrelated to Christianity that it doesn't deserve serious attention; as long as people have not enough to eat, or have inadequate medical services, or have no homes, Christians in England, well-fed, welfare-stated and well-housed, can never be happy about it, and the Church as a body can never be bamboozled into thinking that "Charity begins at home" is anything but the standard excuse for self-centred meanness.

But, having said that, I do not believe that Church buildings are an unnecessary luxury; they, and all the things that men do for them, are the fulfilment of a fundamental need—for worship to be expressed tangibly and audibly and in a costly way. For most people worship would be incomplete if it did not manifest itself in some such way; God does not need cathedrals; we do not need cathedrals to worship in—you could worship in a cinema or a hay-barn—but we do need cathedrals to worship with. And the same is true of bells.

The silly thing about all this argument is that it is about an abstraction—should the money go to York Minster or Oxfam, to the bells or refugees, to the death-watch beetle or shelter? There is not any either/or about it. The total annual expenditure of U.N.I.C.E.F. is equivalent to the sum spent by the nations of the world on armaments every four and a half hours; the amount we spend on gambling every year would maintain every cathedral in the kingdom with plenty to spare for the parish churches; you could go on endlessly in the same vein. The only reason why anyone, like Mr. Amos or his opponents, thinks these needs are alternatives is because as a world, as a nation and as individuals we've got our priorities in damnable disorder.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.).

Newton St. Cyres, Devon.

BELFRY BEHAVIOUR

Dear Sir, — Your correspondent, C. G. Browne, if he lives in a rural area such as this, has my sympathy as no doubt he and his band need outside help. If this is impossible, surely the practical thing to do is to ring Bob Doubles for Sunday services and go for Plain Bob Minor on practice night. Of course to use the phrase "Stand if you can" is all wrong. "Stand" is the right term and accepted by all ringers.

Your writer gives the impression that the ringers lose complete control of their bells as well as the method. To be courteous at the right time and place is a nice thing but, as all ringers are aware, there is seldom time to use long sentences when ringing, especially when necessary to get things right as soon as possible. If a conductor feels he has been exceedingly rude, owing oft-times to disappointment and frustration, and offers his apologies, surely the band cannot be so unkind as not to agree and accept the apology.—Yours sincerely,

T. A. PALMER.

Aldbourne.

CLOSING HOUR OF MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—I was very surprised to see in the December 1st issue that the Guildford Guild meeting at Wonersh was so enthusiastically supported. When a party of ten ringers arrived, including myself, at about 7 p.m., the ringers were just leaving the tower, rather early, one would think, for a Guild meeting. As the party I was with contained five visitors from the Bath and Wells area, the gentleman with the key was asked if he would kindly allow us to have a ring. His reply was that he wanted to get off, and so he went, leaving us in the churchyard. "The Ringing World" notice of the meeting did not give a finishing time, so perhaps the Guild had arranged to finish at 7 p.m. If so, I feel that this should have been published in the notice to warn any prospective visitors to arrive in plenty of time. —Yours sincerely,

M. J. UPHILL.

London, S.W.

OUTING REPORTING

Dear Sir,—As one of the Ringing Masters whose tower was visited by the band from Rutland in November, I was rather annoyed to read in the report of that outing ("Ringing World," December 1st, 1967) that our bells at Humberstone are "of disappointing tone" and "not unduly difficult to handle."

Maybe I am rather over-sensitive, but by my standards it is rather discourteous for a visitor to act as a disparaging critic of the bells at towers he has visited. It is rather like a society columnist in a newspaper reporting "I went to tea with Mrs. Hyphen-Smith the other day and did not like her chocolate cake." Mrs. Hyphen-Smith would like it no more than I do!

Might I suggest to A. C. B. that in future he writes his reports of outings with the maxim that "if you can't say anything pleasant it is better not to speak at all" in mind.—Yours faithfully,

JUDY A. M. COX.

Humberstone, Leics.

"UNGRACIOUS"

Dear Sir,—In our undergraduate days, Mr. Speed and I certainly had differences of opinion, and it is 20 years since we last met. During this time—indeed, longer—I have been a regular reader of "The Ringing World," and it strikes me as ungracious and vituperative, not to say humourless, to name him publicly and to say that "he has never progressed beyond his undergraduate days" (whatever that may mean), in the light of the fruits of his able mind, freely given to the Exercise over many years.—Yours faithfully,

K. S. B. CROFT.

Shirley, Southampton.

LOOKING BACK

Dear Sir,—The name of L. W. Jacques, signature to a letter on page 874 of "The Ringing World" reminds me of my Army days while stationed in Blackpool. I wonder if Len remembers our handbell ringing in the vestry at St. John's nearly 50 years ago, with Harry Pasmore. I have a record of two 720's on June 28th and August 13th, 1918, which we rang together, Private Pasmore conducting.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Brenchley, Kent.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Dear Sir,—The epidemic of Foot and Mouth Disease which has so badly hit Shropshire and Cheshire has now spread to the Peak District of Derbyshire. Among the infected areas are Ashbourne, Bakewell, Matlock and Chesterfield. Two cases just outside Darley Dale were confirmed on December 6th, followed by a further two in the vicinity on December 7th, and two more the next day with several suspects.

This particular virus is one, I understand, which can be carried in clothing and in the treads of motor tyres. The disease has an incubating period up to three weeks.

The National Farmers' Union and the Peak Planning Authority have appealed to the public to keep out of the infected areas, and since the first outbreaks the response from the public has been encouraging.

In consultation with several officers of the Association, we feel that we, as ringers, should play our part in efforts being made to minimise the risk of spreading the infection. I am therefore appealing to organisers of ringing tours over the Christmas and New Year period to retrain from visiting the infected areas. I understand that at least one tour is contemplated, and I would ask those responsible to call it off. In doing so, I know that it would be appreciated by the farmers—especially those who are ringers.

There is no intention to suppress ringing for service, practices or even peals—it is up to the good sense of ringers concerned.—Yours truly,

B P. MORRIS,
Hon. Secretary,
Derby Diocesan Association.

IDENTIFICATION OF HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter by Mr. J. Smith in the issue of December 8th requesting information about the set of 10 handbells, tenor size 18 in G, may I suggest that the initials cast on the crowns of the bells should read "W. B. and S." (and not M. B. and S" as quoted), thus identifying them with William Blews and Sons, bellfounders, Birmingham, c. 1854–1886, who produced many sets of handbells, generally of excellent tonal quality.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK R. BARNETT.

Malvern, Worcester.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT RUMNEY

Dear Sir,—The claim that the "First 12-bell peal in Wales (excluding Monmouthshire)" has been rung must be related to facts, which are:—

Monmouth is a diocese in the disestablished Church in Wales.

Rumney is a parish in the Diocese of Monmouth.

The Rumney ringers belong to the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

Rumney has been embraced in the extended boundaries of the Cardiff Corporation but still remains on the wrong side of the Rumney river than to be elsewhere than in Monmouthshire.

The most recent "A.A." Road Book confirms that the Rumney river continues to be the boundary between Monmouthshire and Glamorgan.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Porthcawl.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

THE NATIONALITY OF MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the correspondence on pages 793–4 and 894 in connection with the handbell peal which was rung at the end of August at 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff.

On first reading the footnote to this peal my immediate reaction was to feel that the hoary old fairy-tale of England's claim on Monmouthshire was again being trotted out.

However, on reflection, one wonders whether the leading protagonist in this matter, ably supported by a certain mentor, deliberately set out to provoke the type of reply which we have seen from Messrs. Simon and Stickland, of whether, being ignorant of the true situation, it was felt necessary to make recourse to a piece of irrelevant subterfuge in order to satisfy a geographical claim. The reference to the inclusion of Rumney in the Cardiff rating area certainly lends support to such a view.

I am surprised at Brian Woodruffe's reply, for he has made his letter both controversial and somewhat offensive. If he has not already done so he should read for himself the 1536 Act of Union which created Monmouthshire (or, to give it its Welsh name, Gwent) out of "Lordships Marches" within the "Country or Dominion of Wales," and did nothing whatever to make it an English county.

The "Encyclopædia Britannica" expressly states that the Act did not take Monmouthshire out of Wales. No English Act of Parliament has ever been passed to take Monmouthshire out of Wales, and even if such an Act had been passed it would have had no validity without the consent of the Welsh people, which has never been given.

In the circumstances the offending paragraph in the peal report was totally unnecessary and it is a pity that a lead was not taken from those Welshmen who almost two decades previously called the first 12-bell peals at St. Woolos', Newport, and rightly claimed them as the first in Wales.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Hemel Hempstead.

PROMISE REDEEMED

Dear Sir, — When Robert W. Smith (my nephew) was taught to handle a bell at Ibstock by Arthur E. Rowley, his grandfather promised him £1 when he could ring changes. Robert left Ibstock when he could only ring rounds and came to live at Sapcote, where he has learned change ringing. So Arthur came and took part in Robert's first quarter and was able to present the £1 to him afterwards.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Sapcote, Leics.

SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have watched with interest the progress of the various bands in the field of Plain Major on handbells and see that a University band has recently broken the record for Spliced Major on handbells ("Ringing World," page 802). I should be very interested to see the compositions for the recent peals of Spliced Plain Major by the various bands.

I believe the record for Plain Major is 55 methods, at Accrington, in 1961. I wonder if any of the handbell bands have considered amalgamation to increase this number, or even a handbell attempt for the record.—Yours faithfully,

MIKE HUNT.

Wood Green,

Barclays first Bank to "Ring the Changes"



The bells of the Guild Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, rang out cheerfully over City rooftops for an hour or so one rainswept evening not long ago. Inside, the belfry was warm and bright and echoed with "bellringers' talk" of other towers and other times. There, making Bank history, had gathered a band of Barclays' bellringers (nicely balanced, four girls, four men) to produce their own ancient and delightful form of musical expression.

They had come up from Brighton, Eastbourne, Hatfield, Watford and St. Albans to join with London colleagues in ringing a few "touches" each lasting some 10 to 15 minutes. Peter Harper, of Barclays' High Street, Watford, branch acted as captain. Some were relative novices whilst others—Martin Harbott, of the Bank's Battersea Park Branch, in particular, with some 25 years' ringing years behind him, were more experienced. But all are keen and devote many of their out-of-bank hours in practice and performance.

In our picture (from left to right): Janet Percy (Terminus Road, Eastbourne, branch), Martin Harbott (Battersea Park branch), Coral Spiller (Economic Intelligence Department, Head Office), Peter Harper (High Street, Watford branch), Gillian Martin (High Street, St. Albans, branch), Richard Vaughan (North Street, Brighton, branch), Barbara Goodspeed (Hatfield Aerodrome branch) and Timothy Willis (Chief Foreign branch, London).

ROPE LENGTHS AT MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—Why is a sally three feet long, when it need only be six inches? The obvious answer is, to allow people of varying heights to catch it with ease. Why is it, then, that some people don't realise that not everyone is six feet tall, and so tail-ends need to be a reasonable length, too?

While attending a recent by-meeting in Kent we were asked on our arrival what we could ring and Cambridge Minor was called for. Now we are both about five-feet-two, and as we pulled off it must have been as obvious to everyone else as it was to us that we could not reach at backstroke. Ringing was stopped almost at once and one of us supplied with a very small box. We resumed ringing with no better results and the Cambridge was an absolute fiasco, as neither of us could keep our bells up, let alone dodge properly!

Very disgruntled, we sat down, as, being visitors, it was not our place to complain or advise, especially as there were ringers in charge who seemed capable and experienced.

There were about 50 people there, many of them youngsters no taller than us, but after 15 minutes' continued "grotty" ringing we realised that nothing was going to be done to alter the rope so, it being pointless to stay, we went home. It was a pity to waste those lovely bells, which could have been rung enjoyably and well.

Please, in future, meeting organisers, adjust your ropes to a reasonable length to give the shorter ones a chance.—Yours sincerely,

ANTHEA SPARSHOTT.
PAUL EBSWORTH.

Canterbury.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters (on the back ten): J. Hoath 1, Jane Chapman 2 Liz C. Duncan 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. Hawkins 5, A. J. Slade 6, R. Durrant 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 9, J. E. Murfit (first of Caters) 10. For Confirmation.

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FATHER CHRISTMAS WELCOMES CHELTENHAM RINGERS

Cheltenham had a festive appearance for the Branch annual general meeting on December 2nd. Father Christmas (the Mayor) arrived in state and the elaborate Christmas lights were switched on.

This had nothing to do with ringers except to make parking very difficult, but the Parish Church bells were in use at the appointed time.

A former secretary, the Rev. J. H. T. Homfray, conducted a short service, and a Bishop's Cleeve ringer Mr. A. Lawrence, was the organist.

Since last the Branch met at the Parish Church, Church House has been equipped as a social centre, and it was made available for the tea and meeting Ladies of the band and wives had prepared tea, a meal enjoyed by some 35 ringers.

The chairman (Mr. W. A. Farmer) presided at the business meeting and welcomed especially Miss M. Bliss, the Association chairman. He reviewed briefly the condition of bells at Branch towers, saying how pleased they all were to find Winchcombe bells nearly completed. The Association had contributed £75 to this project.

Service ringing was good at most towers, but there were several where there was none. In most cases this was because of local difficulties, but the officers kept them under constant review. The secretary (Mr. H. Read), reporting on the 12 meetings of the year, said that attendances were higher than for many years.

The 1968 programme was decided in outline. This will include a Branch striking competition, the winners to go forward to the next stage in the Association competition. A Cotswold Ringing Festival was proposed by the Association Ringing Master, and this would be held in June.

A return was made to the tower, where some Cambridge Royal sounded very well.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The South Wales District at its November meeting at St. Mary's, Swansea, elected a record number of 12 new members. These were from Marcle, Bridstow, Micheldean, Monmouth, Chepstow, Penhow, Newport, Swansea, Pembroke and Tenby.

The Rev. David P. Davies, lecturer in theology at St. David's College, Lampeter, and a former ringer at Swansea, kindly took the service.

The meeting was most enjoyable. All were warmly welcomed by Mr. Johnny Williams.

If possible, the January meeting will be held at Brecon, with Talgarth and Mitcheldean as alternatives.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT SOCIAL

Due to the increasing number of younger members, the St. Albans District of the Herts County Association decided this year to depart from the December dinner and hold something a little less expensive. Saturday, December 2nd, saw the result—a supper with entertainments to follow at St. Peter's Institute, St. Albans

Just over 50 members and friends arrived—it was good to see the longer-standing members turned up as much as the many young faces. On arrival everyone was presented with a plate of "bangers and mash," followed by cakes and biscuits.

Fred Ellis, of Wheathampstead, was first to start the ball rolling, with some conjuring tricks. It was a surprise to find it is still possible to keep 50 ringers quiet, but Fred certainly managed. John Ewer then took over as M.C. and assorted games followed. Then while everyone pulled up a chair to recover, four figures emerged dressed in smocks of various shapes and sizes, and hats to match, and proceeded (after a few warming-up stories) to sing (?) a couple of songs to familiar tunes but with words adapted to the Herts County Association and its members! Congratulations to all four, they were certainly a great success. It took quite a while for the laughter to die down

More laughter followed when eight ringers tried "walking changes" with a handbell each. It was more like a homemade dancing session, the two attempts ending up in complete chaos, although it was rather late in the evening—and the nearness of the beer next door was no help!

Before we knew it, it was time to be out of the hall, and the evening was brought to a close with a course of Grandsire Caters rung on handbells It is hoped that everyone, particularly the younger members, had an enjoyable evening, and thanks go to all those who organised and put so much effort in making the evening a success. J. A. F.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The meeting on December 9th was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Tonbridge. Tea was taken in the Vicarage, and Canon T. C. F. Bewes, who had conducted the service, took the chair for the business meeting, with about 30 members present Three new ... were elected.

The chairman announced that very few tickets were left for the annual dinner on January 13th (at 17s. 6d., and not 7s. 6d. as published in "The Ringing World" on December 8th)

Withyham was chosen as the venue for the meeting on February 10th.

After the votes of thanks ringing continued till 8.30 p.m. R. J. E.

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RUNG IN MOST TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Would you be so kind as to allow me to correct the figures given in "Belfry Gossip" (page 897) of the number of different towers rung in by myself. The figures 3,138 represent the overall total reached by the late James H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who, I believe, passed away about September, 1950. I had equalled this figure before the end of 1966 and since then have rung in a further 51 towers, making my own total 3,189.

This figure includes towers in every county in England—the three Ridings of Yorkshire, the three county divisions of Lincolnshire and the majority of the counties of Wales. It also includes every tower in Britain which has, or has had, a ring of 12 bells. Two of these—Christ Church, West Bromwich, and St. Bride's, Fleet Street London—no longer have this distinction, the first having been reduced to eight, and the latter having no replacement of the ring destroyed by enemy action at the end of 1940.

The list does not include any four-bell towers, and in no case have I walked into a tower, raised a bell on my own and claimed to have rung on the ring! The ten four-bell towers I have rung in are recorded in an abridged form on a separate piece of paper. I can obtain their dedications from the "Crockford" in our local library whenever I choose to do so.

Mr. Shepherd was never a "tower grabber" in the sense that it is understood today. Wherever he rang he made a point of measuring the diameter of the tenor in inches and their fractions and putting the same on record. He recorded the rings of bells on which he rang, a recast ring or an augmented one being put as an addition to the list. He would never go out of his way to visit a four-bell tower, although five of these are recorded in his list, together with the diameters of their respective tenors. One of these—Preston, near Weymouth, Dorset—has since been augmented to six.

To give Mr Shepherd his due, he never numbered the towers in which he rang. During the weeks that his records were in my possession it took many hours of my time to sort things out and produce the exact total of his towers as no less than 93 were recorded a second or a third time. I will not go into details concerning the way I managed to do this, but will pass on details to anyone who may be interested.

With regard to the tower record of Clive M. Smith, I have been on a number of tours in different parts of Britain with him since 1953, and it is in no small measure due to his activities that my tower list is as large as it is today Wherever we went we had good ringing. The rough stuff was never tolerated. I last met Clive in July, 1966, when he told me that his tower list was estimated to stand at 3,150 The list would be difficult to check, as it was compiled in either alphabetical or county order and not chronological order, as mine is. Perhaps one of these days we shall get to know exactly who has rung in the greatest number of towers—ever.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A STOTE.

Note.—The error in the published total is regretted.—Editor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

The venue for the meeting on December 2nd was to have been Royston, but the bells were not available and we went to Norton instead. For the second month running the weather was bad and a poor turnout was again experienced. During the evening our numbers were boosted by passing peal ringers to the giddy heights of 12, and a plain course of Cambridge Major was successfully rung.

Once again we appeal for a better attendance at our next meeting (the District A.G.M.) at Hitchin on January 6th, 1968, when a new District secretary must be elected. M. R. W

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

Ilchester Branch Progress

On December 2nd the Ilchester Branch held its annual general meeting at St. John the Baptist's Church, Yeovil—the home tower of the vice-chairman, Mr. T. J. Setter.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. David Nye, who in his address thanked all bellringers for their service and in particular pointed out how appropriate this meeting was, coinciding as it did with the beginning of the Church's year, when a new beginning might also be made by everyone.

After tea the meeting took place, at which officials were elected for the coming year: Chairman, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton); vice-chairmen, Mr. T. J. Setter (Yeovil) and Mr. Gilbert Rendell (Hardington Mandeville); hon secretary and diocesan representative, Miss M. M. Legget (Coker Hill, West Coker); Ringing Master, Mr Gordon Rendell, 4, South Street, Montacute; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Turner (Hardington Mandeville).

The company stood in silence to honour the memory of Preb. R T. Beechey, late of Montacute and an associate member.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. Gilbert Rendell on his 50 years as a ringer at Hardington Mandeville, he having instructed over 200 pupils, and also to Mr. Robert Parker, of High Ham, for having rung over 50 quarter peals.

The hon secretary reported a very successful year during which five new towers had become affiliated, and the membership had increased to 211. Twelve towers had been visited for meetings and the average attendance was between 30 and 35.

New members elected were: Preston Plucknett, Mr. David Hammonds; Hardington Mandeville, Master Raymond Turner, West Coker, Messrs Martin E. J. Bailey, Nigel V. Bailey, D. Eglen, A Evans, D. Groves, M. Wyatt and Miss C. Thompson. Mudford, Rev. E. D. White (associate) and Messrs. G. Hunt, G. W. Goverd, P. Flagg, K. Deacon, R. Robinson, O. Rood. Tintinhull, Messrs. T Marshall, E. Read, J. Toose, L. Leach, B. Whitlock, R. Bond. Yeovil, Mr. C. Narramore. Non-resident life members, Mr. and Mrs. G. Boyce, Bournemouth.

Certificates of membership were presented to Mrs. Una Rendell, Miss Jackie Guppy, Messrs. K. Caller, G. Parkin, D Eglen, A. Evans, A. L. Guppy, F. Foot, R. Andrews, A. Hill and the Rev. G. E. Mullard.

Towers for 1968 will, subject to consent, be Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Drayton, Odcombe, Trent, Pitney Somerton, Huish Episcopi, Ash-in-Martock, Hardington Mandeville, Tintinhull, Kingsbury Episcopi and East Coker.

A Branch dinner was fixed for Shrove Tuesday at the King's Arms, Montacute, at which the Archdeacon will be present, and a half-day ringing outing in the spring.

Votes of thanks were extended to the Rev David Nye, the organist (Mrs. Watts) the tower master (Mr. T. J. Setter), all retiring Branch officials, all incumbents, tower masters and tea officials, especially the ladies responsible for the tea at this meeting.

Ringing on the beautiful heavy ten (40¼ cwt.) during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Messrs. W. E. Turner and Gordon W. Rendell. M. M. L.

Taunton Branch's New Chairman

The annual general meeting of the Taunton Branch was held at Milverton on December 2nd, where the fine ring of eight, restored in recent years, was put to good use. The Rev. J. Biddell (Vicar) conducted the service and the tea was prepared by local ladies in St Michael's Room nearby.

Mrs. E. M. Williams, vice-chairman, presided over the business meeting, and at the outset the resignation of the chairman, the Rev. D. Morey, Vicar of St. Mary's, Taunton, was received with much regret. A silent tribute was paid to three members who had died during the year—Messrs. Coles, Seeley and Branchflower— and also to Mr. Jack Pugsley, of Minehead.

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Reed), in his report, spoke of a successful year in the Branch, of renewed activity in the towers at Ash Priors and Lyng, a Branch outing in Devon, well-attended practice meetings and a conspicuously successful Association dinner in the County Hotel at Taunton.

Mrs. Williams was warmly thanked for her able chairmanship during the year in Mr. Morey's enforced absence. Nine new members were elected from towers in the Branch and the following officers appointed for the ensuing year: Chairman, the Rev Michael Odlum (Vicar of Sampford Arundel); vice-chairman, Mrs. E. M Williams; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. H Reed; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Arscott, assisted by Mr. K. Beale; representative on the General Committee and Press correspondent, Mrs. E. S. Powell. Wilton, Taunton (St. James'), Hill Farrance and Ruishton were suggested as meeting places for 1968, subject to approval.

A collection was made towards the Association's gift of a bell to a church in Trinidad and a reminder given of the Branch Striking Competition to be held on April 27th, 1968. M. P.

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MARGARET LEWIS' STEEPLECHASE

On December 9th recent falls of snow and bitter winds did not dampen the spirits of about 15 of Margaret Lewis' old friends, who braved the elements and rang at seven towers in Hampshire to celebrate Margaret's 1,000th tower.

After assembling and ringing at Froyle, we moved on to the pleasant six at Warnford, where two courses of Reverse Stedman Slow Course Minor were rung to celebrate this as Margaret's 100th tower. The four bells at Droxford came before lunch and handbells at Soberton Heath.

After lunch we negotiated perilous country lanes and rang at Hambledon and on the eight bells at East Meon, where it was snowing hard when we left. On the way to Hawkley the cars got stuck at the bottom of a steep hill and all the able-bodied had to get out and push. It was a very short ring at Hawkley, and then more pushing of cars up two more hills before a short ring at Alton. We returned to Margaret's flat at Farnborough for a meal before going home. Our thanks to Margaret, local ringers and members

A. M. F.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. G. H. Spice, who is in the Middlesex Hospital for tests and observation, is not seriously ill and would welcome visitors.

On behalf of the band who rang a peal at Kingswinford on November 25th Mr. Eric Speake desires to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. Kitson for their hospitality.

We are asked to state on behalf of Totton Grammar School Ringing Society that the peal at Upham, reported on page 863, was not the first in ten Minor methods for the Society. (See page 863.)

Three generations of the Cull family rang in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Goring, Oxon, on November 26th. Carol (aged 14) was conducting her first of the ten quarters she has rung. Her brother, Malvin (aged 12), has six to his credit, including Grandsire Triples.

A beautiful snow scene with SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Eye, forming a background is the Christmas card of our esteemed contribuor Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixtowe. This picture won a three guinea prize offered by the "Suffolk Mercury" last February.

The peal, conducted by Michael Pilgrim, rung at Blaenavon on November 25th was the 1,500th peal recorded for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

Mr. R Allinson points out that the quarter peal of Queen Mary Surprise Minor (page 864) rung at Fawley, Hants, was in fact 720 Queen Mary and 540 Plain Bob.

The North and North-West Branch of the Devon Association send their congratulations to the Bridgerule band, who obtained second place in the Stratton Ringing Festival on December 2nd.

Mr. F. Hector Bennett asks for the composition of Mr. Frank Blagrove's peal at Dorney, Bucks (page 882). It was seven different extents of Plain Bob Minor, each without singles.

Bentley Common, Essex, planned two quarters as a farewell to their Vicar (the Rev D. O. R. Parry), who is moving to Little Waltham. Unfortunately the quarter of Plain Bob Minor for Matins failed owing to a miscall. Each band was almost entirely different.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

MEMORIAL TO REDRUTH CAPTAIN

On Sunday, November 26th, at the morning service at Redruth, Cornwall, the Rector, the Rev. J. Ruscoe, dedicated a memorial plaque which has been erected in the ringing chamber to the memory of Percy Richard Cromwell Williams, who died earlier this year. The plaque is of brass and records the fact that Percy Williams was captain of the tower from 1938 to 1967 and a churchwarden from 1946 to 1967, and that it was erected by his fellow ringers. At the bottom are the words "Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy House."

SHEBBEAR NOW UP TO STANDARD

Shebbear College, North Devon, again appears in our quarter peals columns, the last time being in June, 1966; in that term most of the strength of the Society left. Mr. J. L. Queen, housemaster of Pollard House, informs us that the Society is again up to standard, ringing methods from Plain Bob Doubles to Cambridge Minor in practice. An exceptionally good bunch of younger boys on their way up bodes well for the future. The Society is indebted for much help and encouragement from Stratton ringers.

BANSTEAD'S VETERANS

At Banstead, Surrey, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on December 2nd to mark the long service to the tower of two of its members and as a 70th birthday compliment to one of them—Mr. H. N. Pitstow, who has rung at this church for 41 years. The other, with one year's service less, is Mr. Albert E. Cheesman Both these veterans took part in the peal.

"NORTH WEST"

An attractive quarterly newsletter for the N.W. District of the Essex Association, entitled "North West," is being edited by A. L. J. Hopkins, B. J. Cousens and C. H. R Hopkins, and its special feature, "Looking Back," by Robert C. Heazel, tells of the Essex Association since June 10th, 1946, when he allowed his name to go forward as general secretary.

Under the guidance of Dr. Spencer Phillips, items of reform and reconstruction were carried through and "everyone worked with a will." After 17 years as Master, Dr. Spencer Phillips retired and it was in 1953, the Coronation year, that Mr. Heazel became Master. There was ringing in every tower and the presentation of a loyal address in connection with the Coronation. It was an important year in the life of the Diocese—the 1,300th anniversary of the coming of St. Cedd to Essex. The Association rose to the occasion and the bells of every town and village through which the Archbishop of Canterbury passed rang out their message of welcome.

A start has been made with Elizabeth M. Barber's system of proficiency grades and the first two cards (copied with minor alterations from Miss Barber's article) have been prepared and given out at a learners' practice at Wendens Ambo. The experiment is being watched with interest.

"A Day in Town" amusingly reports on a visit to the Science Museum to see the Carter Ringing Machine. "Masterpiece," by the District Ringing Master, reviews activities. This is a newsletter of interest.

BROKEN STAY GIVEN PROMINENCE

"The Western Morning News" of December 4th features a stay breaking during the Truro Guild striking competition at Stratton on December 2nd. The bell was being rung by Leigh Hooper (13), a pupil at Shebbear College.

The report reads: "An eye-witness said the boy was lucky not to have been pulled up with the rope, which was 'like a savage snake' whipping around the tower until it became tangled in the roof."

The breaking of a stay is not uncommon. Leigh Hooper acted as he was taught and avoided being carried up to the roof. Such reporting suggests danger in ringing, particularly the heading "Bell Stay Breaks: Escape for Boy"

The competition was attended by more than 200 ringers from Devon and Cornwall.

THE ARCHERS' HANDLING

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council has received a reply from the editor of "The Radio Times" regarding his protest at the picture of bellringers that appeared in "The Borchester Echo." The letter states that "The Borchester Echo" is a separate publication from "The Radio Times," though it is published by the B.B.C. from Birmingham.

In reply to the letter, Mr. Shepherd states: "Seeing that 'The Borchester Echo' is an annual production, it is rather difficult to see how my protest can be publicly acknowledged.

"I may perhaps be allowed to add, as a rider, that great care is needed in reporting on bells and bellringing, especially in regard to the art of change ringing. It is a difficult subject, embracing intricate mathematical considerations, and with a terminology puzzling to the layman. The practice of the art is so intimately connected with the worship of the Christian Church that great discretion is advisable whenever the subject is treated on television, radio or in print."

Mr. Shepherd has now heard from the Editor of "The Borchester Echo" stating that a number of readers had pointed out the error in the bellringing picture. Next time he promises to consult a campanologist.

BEGINNERS AT CRANFORD

The beginners' practice held at Cranford and Harlington, Middlesex, on December 9th, was the third such practice within eight months. Despite the appalling weather, a small but enthusiastic group of ringers had over three hours' ringing, in which each learner was given a chance to ring something new several times. The general response to these privately organised meetings has been most favourable and it is hoped to hold them at three-monthly intervals.

DEPUTY HEADSHIP FOR JACK WORRALL

Mr. J. R. Worrall, who is at Kent School, Hostert, Germany, writes that he is still a fervent reader of "The Ringing World." His stay in Germany is likely to last some time yet as he has recently been appointed deputy headmaster of Windsor Boys' Comprehensive School, Hamm. This is a boarding school in the British Families Education Service. Jack takes up his new appointment on April 1st.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF BELLRINGING

It is a well-established fact that unless constant recruitment of bellringers is maintained the result will be almost certainly another silent tower. Our experiences at Cawthorne, in Yorkshire, are worthy of examination, and a few facts and figures will assist in the assessment of our efforts.

Since the ban was finally lifted in 1943, 22 beginners at Cawthorne have rung an extent of Minor (720 changes), a feat which is universally adopted rightly or wrongly as a standard of proficiency.

To date, of these 22 ringers, 13 have left the village and of these four or five are still ringing, which is bound to give us a little satisfaction; of the remainder, six are still ringing at Cawthorne more or less consistently, so with the two remaining pre-war ringers it is usually possible to man the bells for the two Sunday services, although at Evensong the attendance is poor. However, the position regarding method ringing and striking is not as good as it appears to be for of the six post-war ringers only one can be regarded as really proficient, so the ringing is elementary.

Regarding age groups, we have had considerable success with adults who are more stable in character attend consistently and can be relied upon more than the teenagers, who have little idea of reliance. As we have very comprehensive records at Cawthorne in the ringing chamber we can extract interesting facts which are useful to assess progress. Can other towers give their experiences so that a complete survey can be presented of the state of recruitment, methods of coaching, wastage, etc., during the post-war period? N. F. M.

ALL SAINTS', WEST BROMWICH

At the annual meeting of the ringers of All Saints', West Bromwich, on December 6th, held at the home of Mr. J. R. Cotterill (churchwarden), the rules of the Society were redrafted. Regarding membership, the classification of honorary membership was approved The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Parker), who presided, and ringing curates are ex-officio honorary members.

The meeting unanimously elected Mr. Albert Mills as its first honorary member. He has been a regular ringer at this church since 1896 and was captain for some 60 years. Unfortunately ill-health has kept him away for several months, but he still takes a keen interest in the belfry.

The meeting concluded with an excellent buffet meal generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Cotterill.

FIRST CHRISTMAS AS A SIX-BELL TOWER

St. Margaret's, Drayton, Norfolk, is planning great things this Christmas, the first that the church has had six bells. Apart from ringing for most services, the New Year will be heralded in in the traditional manner—half-muffled at the end of 1967 and the bells open in 1968

Since the hallowing last February, West Drayton bells have been in constant use in addition to Sunday ringing The church was host to the Norwich Diocesan Association for the annual striking competition, and two peals have been rung. The tower has 17 ringers including several young beginners Unfortunately there is still £375 outstanding on the £1,600 cost of the bells. Donations to meet this deficit should be sent to the Rector.

TOWER BELL PEALS

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Bro Eric Cook, M.M., Lodge of Harmony 580, West Lancs. 6
Bro. Joseph Thornley, M.M., Farnworth Lodge 5301, E Lancs. 7
Bro. Ronald Kenrick. M.M., Perfect Ashlar Lodge 5246, West Lancs. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Bro. Ronald Kenrick.

Rung to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KEWSTOKE Somerset.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 23 methods. being two extents each of St. Faith Slow Course, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St Botolph, New Grandsire, New Antelope, Stedman, St. Bartholomew, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Union, New, Huntspill, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course and Grandsire and one extent each of Antelope, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

B. [illegible] M...s .. .. .. Treble		Stanley Lewis	4
Raymond Jones	2	John Walton	5
John Coombs	3	*Jesse R. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal. First peal in 23 methods by all the band.

WOOKEY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
15 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Leonard A. England .. Treble		*John C. Sheppard	4
George Prescott	2	Victor G. Roberts	5
Sidney G. Smith	3	William A. Prescott ..	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St Paul.
On Mon., Dec 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr 6 lb. in D.

K J Darvill (St. Cath's) Treble		R H. J Yoxdale (Emmanuel)	6
G H. Jones (St. John's) ..	2	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) ..	7
R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	3	V Nutton (Selwyn) ..	8
C M. Tuckett (Queens') ..	4	E N. Thomas (St. John's)	9
D S. Bishop (Caius) ..	5	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) ..	Tenor

Composed by R. W Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth Darvill.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MADELEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

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

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

William H. Watkin .. Treble		Frank R. Morton	4
*David Allman	2	John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	3	†A. Doreen Edwards ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal "inside" † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G

Percy Stone	Treble	Hubert G. Summer	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Frank W Perrens	3	James L. Garner-Hayward	7
John W. T Taylor	4	L Michael Callow	Tenor

Conducted by John W. T Taylor.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Denis R. Carlisle	6
Gordon A. Halls	2	Ian Friend	7
John S Dean	3	John K. Smith	8
Clive A. Thrower	4	Michael J. Fellows	9
Brian A. Tomlinson	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composition Traditional. Conducted by David W. Friend

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat Dec. 2, 1967 in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb in E.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
David W. Friend	2	Denis R Carlisle	7
Alec Humphrey	3	Clive A. Thrower	8
Richard Wilcox	4	Burley P. Morris	9
Geoffrey Bridges	5	Harold Taylor	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood Conducted by Gordon A Halls.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon Dec 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith Treble		F. Martin Stanway	5
Timothy Wylie	2	Barrie Bateman	6
*Susan E Davis	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
Alex Richardson	4	Ronald H. Bullen	Tenor

Composed by H Johnson. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal on eight bells.

WEST HALLAM Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt

Anne Browne	Treble	Gordon Faulks	4
Bernard Greasley	2	David Marshall	5
*Frederick Ward	3	Alec Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by David Marshall.
* First peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Wed., Nov. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb

Thomas Sewell	Treble	Kenneth W. Cheeseman ..	4
Eric N Harrison	2	Kenneth Arthur	5
William Tyson	3	Denis A. Bayles	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
First peal on these bells since their restoration in February, 1966.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Gurney Fox, who has been appointed Vicar of Warkworth, Northumberland.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Nov. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr 8 lb in F sharp.

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

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Derek E. Sibson
* First peal of six-spliced Surprise Major

ALDERSHOT. Hants.—At the Church of St Michael the Archangel
On Tues., Dec. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

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

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of seven-spliced Surprise Major.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

One 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*E. Charles Biggs	Treble	C. William Nutt	4
*James Ward	2	Thomas Cooper	5
*†Leonard J. Walters ..	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Charles and Mrs. Charles on their retirement.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Cambridge, 1,472 Superlative, 992 London and 768 of Bristol, with 99 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt

Katherine S Hardy ..	Treble	†Michael D. Frost	5
*Julia A. Fellows	2	Gerald Penney	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Roger Baldwin	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by H G Cashmore. Conducted by Gerald Penney
* First peal of four-spliced Surprise † First of Spliced Surprise.

KIMPTON Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb

Eric Edmondson	Treble	John G. Cull	4
*Diane Angell	2	Thomas J. Southam	5
Julia A. Fellows	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUDHAM Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb in A flat

Harold Evans	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
*Tony Lewis	2	†D. Paul Smith	7
Margaret E. Fort	3	Ian H. Oram	8
Richard Hayes	4	Thomas Cullingworth ..	9
Doris E. Colgate	5	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of London Royal. † First of London Royal "inside."

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,248 each of Rutland and Superlative, 1,152 Yorkshire and 720 each of Langley and Xenia, with 206 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Richard Hayes	2	Robert W. Hinde	6
Alexander Waddington ..	3	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7
Martin L. Howe	4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	Tenor

Composed by R. G. Crosland Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Believed to be the first peal of Surprise rung without bob, singles or any other call other than changes of method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 14 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

Ernest J. Ladd	Treble	John E. Warner	5
*Kenneth J. Rider	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	John W. Smith	7
*Lynn Warner	4	Percy J. Spice	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung in memoriam J Willis and A. G. Hill, late vice-presidents of the Association.

WINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr in E.

Olive D Tester	Treble	Malcolm Barden	5
Judith M Corby	2	John A. Howard	6
Martin L. Howe	3	Richard Hayes	7
Simon A. B. Wigg	4	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Composed by C. K Lewis. Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Hilary A. Thick	Treble	David Wilson	5
Jennifer Brown	2	Christopher P. Starbuck ..	6
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Christopher J. Easton ..	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band.

KILNDOWN, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

George Waghorn	Treble	Alan V. Bromley	4
Frederick J Lambert ..	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Robert T. Lambert	3	Reginald E. Lambert ..	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pattenden.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch)
PENWORTHAM Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

Dennis H. McCormick ..	Treble	John Ascroft	4
Philip Wilson	2	Neil McCormick	5
*Phyllis Turner	3	Jeffrey Simcox	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H McCormick.
* First peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

BAMPTON, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

Joseph Whalley	Treble	†David Bradshaw	3
*Robert Moore	2	Kevin M. Price	4
Thomas E. Metcalfe ..	Tenor		

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Doubles in the method. † First of Doubles.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AYLESTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brooks' variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

W. Arthur Riddington ..	Treble	*John Watkins	5
*Robin A. Gilliver	2	Russell S Morris	6
Tony Natt	3	A. James Poynor	7
*K. Paul Gilliver	4	*Andrew S. Hayden	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to commemorate the ruby year of the rehallowing of the Diocese, the 21st anniversary of the foundation of the Diocesan Guild, as a welcome to Miss Lisa Penelope, born November 1st, 1967, on the Festival of the patron saint of this church.

WANLIP, Leics.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Dec. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. NICHOLAS DOUBLES

42 extents (four callings) Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

H. Christine Younger ..	Treble	Julian M. Morley	4
E Alan Jacques	2	B Stedman Payne	5
Roger I. Kendrick	3	J C. Shirley Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Roger I. Kendrick.
First peal in the method by all the band. First peal as conductor.
Rung on the patronal festival to mark the publication of the new Church Guide and as a welcome to Lucy Amelia, second daughter of the tenor ringer.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Dec 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Michael W. Crowder ..	Treble	C Audrey Harrison	5
Harold Judd	2	W Arthur Crowder	6
*William Bains	3	Jack Bray	7
Ronald Chafer	4	Frank Lord	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Thompson.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Fri., Nov 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation of Brooks'. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
William J. V. Conduct	2	John K. Smith	6
Margaret Woolley	3	Derek P. Jones	7
William F. Woodward	4	Norman W. Cotton	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church off SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sun., Nov. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald	Treble	*Thomas E. Spight	6
H. William Barrett	2	*Martin Cubitt	7
Peter M. Adcock	3	†Leslie F. Bailey	8
David Cubitt	4	Trevor N. J Bailey	9
*Desmond P. Mortlock	5	Henry Tooke	Tenor

Composed by William E. Bason. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † 50th peal for the Association this year. First of Plain Bob Royal as conductor. First peal on the bells since the old eight were recast and rehung with two trebles added.
Rung for Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLINGDON Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Patricia A. Copas	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	6
Dennis Knox	2	William Birmingham	7
David C. Brown	3	Michael J Palmer	8
John Hill	4	Frank T Blagrove	9
Anthony K. Fortin	5	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composition Traditional. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov 17, 1967 in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

George W. Holland	Treble	William A. Yates	3
Richard W. Yates	2	Raymond A. Vickers	4
J George Shellard	Tenor		

Conducted by William A. Yates.
Rung for the christening of Mark Christopher Stopps.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr 25 lb.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
*Stephen B. Bell	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Christopher C. Stokes	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Barrie Hendry	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No 1.) Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal on eight bells.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb in D.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
*Delia M. Langton	2	Robert R. Churchill	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Christopher C. Stokes	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal of Major "inside"

UFFINGTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat,, Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, 4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Stephen Bell	4
*P. Ann Smith	2	*Frank Sismey	5
*Geoffrey Davis	3	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung to commemorate the 20th wedding anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Fri., Oct. 20, 1967 in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, viz.: (1–12) Stedman, (13–20) Plain Bob, (21–22) Grandsire, (23–32) St. Simon, (33–38) St. Martin and (39–42) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Malcolm J. V. Chown	Treble	Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3
Richard J. Danby	2	Barrie Hendry	4
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Tenor		

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent St Clement's Bob, two extents Oxford Bob and four extents Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
H Geoffrey Wells	2	Frederick Derry	5
Maurice W. Harrison	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
Rung as a last tribute to a friendly and helpful ringer, Frederick Salter, aged 74 years, who passed to a higher life on November 12th, 1967.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Nov 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
*John R. Pratchett	3	Peter Beresford	7
Simon Humphrey	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of six-spliced Surprise Major.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

J. Dennis Holden	Treble	*Christopher J. Bennett	5
*Ivan A. Sheffield	2	Richard B. Dorrington	6
*Alan J. Fletcher	3	Eric E. Speake	7
*Stephen T. Yates	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
STRATFORD ST. MARY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

Jennifer M. Andrews	Treble	Edward E. Davey	4
W. Keith Whittell	2	Neville F. Whittell	5
Alan R. Andrews	3	Ronald W. Steward	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R Andrews.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BANSTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Elizabeth Layton	Treble	Albert E. Cheesman	5
Roydon Davies	2	David E. Parsons	6
Gillian Parsons	3	*Michael P. Moreton	7
Harold N. Pitstow	4	Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Composed by D. N. Layton. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* 200th peal of Surprise. Believed to be the first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.
Rung to mark the 40 years of A. E. Cheesman and 41 years of H. N. Pitstow as ringers at this church, and as a 70th birthday compliment to the latter.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being one extent each of St. Simon's Bob, Eynsham Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Leonard's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob, two extents each of of Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob and All Saints' Bob, three extents each of April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Southrepps Pleasure Bob, and 10 extents of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*Christopher Pack	Treble	David L. Wilcox	4
Roger B Pike	2	*Albert H. Green	5
*Miriam M. Green	3	Gerald B. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
MATHON Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Michael V. White	Treble	†Martin Smith	4
*Jenny Simons	2	John Clements	5
Robert W. Cole	3	R. George Morris	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The York Minster Society)
ESCRICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Sedman H Steel	Treble	R Joy Watkin	5
Jane Carruthers	2	Bert Sutton	6
Michael D. Staniforth	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
George Pluckrose	4	A. W. Alan Leggett	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by A. W. Alan Leggett.

STAVELEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 or 22 lb. in E flat.

John D. Cooper	Treble	John S. Seager	5
Patricia Rogers	2	Richard Farnsworth	6
*Carole A. H. Patey	3	*Clive N. Longden	7
*Michael J. Austin	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal in the method.

(Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild)
LONGWOOD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Ian Roberts	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
David Williams	2	Alan Newbould	6
Steven Lunn	3	Arthur Rogers	7
*Brian Ellis	4	Richard Senior	Tenor

Composed by H. Rostron. Conducted by Ian Roberts.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Townend, a ringer at this church for 35 years.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.
On Mon., Dec. 4, 1967 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt 4 lb. in D.

Patricia Rogers	Treble	John S. Seagar	5
*Carole A. H. Patey	2	Ian Dear	6
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	Clive W. Longden	7
Richard Farnsworth	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal in the method "inside."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

J. J. Parker's 12-part.			
*Roy Palfreyman	Treble	*Ian F. T. Cooper	5
†Gill J. Colleypriest	2	†R. Gordon Wilkinson	6
Philip R. Mason	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Rev. Roy Hallett	4	*Philip C. Berrow	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to David and Marion Pike on the birth of their daughter, Samantha

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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—In A2, Angel Court, Trinity College.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

C. M. Tuckett (Queens')	1–2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5–6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	3–4	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	7–8
R H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by Alan Scholfield.

CAMBRIDGE.—In 44B, Churchill College.
On Tues., Dec. 5th, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	1–2	R. S. Bradley (Clare)	5–6
D. S. Bishop (Caius)	3–4	*R. L Underwood (P'house)	7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by David Bishop.
* First peal "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Dec. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 2,752 Plain Bob, 832 Double Bob, 512 each of Reverse and Little Bob, and 240 each of Gainsborough L.B. and Wellington L.C., with 271 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

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 75th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Wed., Nov. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C

*Bernard F. L. Groves	1–2	*Christopher T. Osenton	7–8
*Trevor A. Cross	3–4	Edward J. Beer	9–10
*Frank J. Matthews	5–6	Stuart Sandford	11–12

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Stedman "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE LITTLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

First peal in the method by all. This peal contained 300 calls.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SYSTON, Leics.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently. Tenor size 13 in E.

Mary C. Poyner	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4
B Stedman Payne (cond.)	5–6		

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Dec. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse (cond.)	7–8

* First peal of Triples "in hand."

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbrooke Square, W.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent Cambridge S., 10 Plain Bob, one Spliced St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, 2,880 Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1–2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Simon Humphrey 5–6

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbrooke Square, W.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Westminster Surprise, Fryerning S., Allendale S., (2) College, Rodbourne College, Wavertree College, (3) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's College, Buxton College and Childwall College, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's College, (7) Plain Bob, with 47 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1–2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Simon Humphrey 5–6

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.

On Mon., Dec 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1–2 | Timothy G. Pett 5–6
Simon Humphrey .. .. 3–4 | Richard A. J. Bower 7–8

Composed by Rev H E. Bulwer. Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.

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

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.

On Tues., Dec. 5, 1967, in 1 Hour and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven varied extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1–2 | Richard A. G. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Simon Humphrey 5–6

Rung on the Feast Day of the martyr John Almond, who was hung, drawn and quartered for his priesthood at Tyburn 355 years ago.

24,120 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

To be attempted on December 23rd, 1967, at Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

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* Repeated, calling for the last course.

S Wrong, 4ths, In, S Home, gives 324567890.

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†S	Before	—	324567089

† Repeated, calling for the last course.

S Wrong, 4ths, In, S Home, gives 234567890.

QUARTER PEALS

WEDDING QUARTER PEALS

Rung on Dec. 2nd, wedding day of Leslie Tremeer (Ringing Master) and Prisca Hornby (District secretary), both of Winchester District.

NEWTON VALENCE, HANTS. — 1,260 Doubles (four methods) Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, K Sansom (cond.) 5.

SELBORNE, HANTS. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hatherly (cond.) 4 K. Tipper 5.

BURITON HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: V. Walder (first quarter) 1, Jane Dando (first "inside two methods), bridesmaid to Prisca 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, D. Brown 6.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 3rd. 1,320 Superlative Surprise Minor: E G. H Godfrey (cond.) 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Amanda Powell 3 Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H Macve 6. For Matins. First in method by all the band.

1,260 Spliced Minor (four methods): Penny Cocks 1, Carol Cousins 2, I. Wiltshire 3, E G. H. Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Confirmation Service.

1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1. Amanda Powell 2 I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace (100th quarter) 4, R Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Advent Carol Service.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W Lynas 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, J. G. Rich 4, R. S. Jolly (first of Stedman Triples) 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, D. J. Bleby 7 B R. Cox 8. Rung for morning service and as an engagement compliment to Graham Rich and Lavina Murphy.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON. — On Nov. 28th 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. N. Longridge 1, Glendon Stock (first in method) 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, P Henry 4, Christine Abbott 5, G P. Smerdon 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, M. S. Turner (first quarter) 8. To celebrate the engagement of Frances Rowe and Martin Lock, and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

FARNHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, T. Camp 5, D. J. Cheeseman 6.

FULHAM, LONDON. — At the Church of All Saints, on Dec. 3rd. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Julie E. Spurgeon 2, Deborah Bishop 3, S. P. Darvill 4, M. J. Uphill 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. S. Bishop 8. For Evensong.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Livingstone 1, T. J. Winderam 2, R. L. Preston 3, R. M. Preston (cond.) 4, T. C. Winderam 5, P. T. Fisher 6, J. Preston 7, D. M. Graham-Service 8. For Evensong.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): T. G. Bleatham 1, C. F. Longridge 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, M. J. Corry 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. F. Collins 6.

LAPLEY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia Sturrock 1, N. White 2, M. Mulvey 3, J. P. Burton 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Eastmead 1, M. Davey 2, A. Binstead 3, A. C. Eastmead 4, J. Davey 5, K. Butler (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Willis, vice-president of the Kent C.A.

PURITON, SOM. — On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/var.): G. Marchant 1, J. P. Hill 2, G. Nabb (first as cond.) 3, C. T. Clarke 4, R. D. Short 5, E. L. Pope 6. First in five methods 2. 3.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE. — On Nov. 19th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Ruth Gordon 1, J. Wood 2, A. Holroyd 3, R. Harper 4, G. S. Lee 5, S. Armeson 6, N. Donovan 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8.

SWANWICK DERBYS.—On Dec 3rd. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, D. A. Hanbury 2, D. J. Walters 3, B Dye 4, K. Taylor 5, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 6 First quarter 1, 2, 3, 5. For Sunday School prizegiving.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret A. Large 1, W. Rogers 2, V. J. Benning 3 R. A. Large 4, L. T. Pope 5, P. J. Dye 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, D. W. Woodcock 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Willis and Mr. Alfred G. Hill, both vice-presidents of the K.C.A.C.R.

USK, MON. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss G. Richardson (first quarter) 1, R. Shea 2, G. Knights 3, F. A. Hobbs 4, R. S. Clench 5, S. G. A. Kear 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, C. Richards 8. For Evensong.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Rosemary White 1, A. Bainham 2, Frances Fairbank 3, L Bainham 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, N. White 6, M. J. Mulvey 7, J. P. Burton 8, G. W. Hughes 9 C. R. Bainham (cond.) 10. First of Treble Bob Royal for all except 9th. For Remembrance Sunday.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On Nov. 26th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: D E. Cobb (cond.) 1, Caroline Cole 2, R. E. J. Dennis 3, A. J. Slade 4, Laura Grindrod 5, June Whitcher 6, D. Hawkins 7, R. Durrant 8, I. L. Dear 9, M. C. Austin 10, J. S. N. Porter 11, R. J. Chapman 12. First of Stedman Cinques 2, 5, 6, 7, 8. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov 26th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first of Kent) 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 4, L. H. Pink 5, C. T. Brown 6. Rung in memory of William J Hiscock, captain of Wareham ringers (1943–1959), who died on Oct. 30th, aged 76.

WARMINSTER WILTS — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Frampton (first quarter) 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. Knee 7, R. Holly 8. To welcome the Rev. A. T. Johnson, M.A., inducted to the living at Warminster and Upton Scudamore on Dec. 1st.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire and P.B Doubles: David Pearce (13, first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5 T. White 6. A birthday compliment to Mary White, tower captain.

ALTON, STAFFS. — On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major Gillian Boswell-Smith (first T.B.) 1, N. White 2, G Pick 3, J. L. Humphreys 4, M. J. Mulvey 5, J. P. Burton 6, P. R. Johnson 7, C. Bainham (cond.) 8. First Oxford T.B. for all except seventh.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, R. F. Snepperd 5, G. J. Roberts 6, G. Duncan 7, L. J. Burton 8. For the wedding of Elizabeth Sealy to John Willcocks. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Erin Triples: P. A. Lock 1, G. J. Roberts 2, W. Simmonds 3, K. Fursdon 4, C. York 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. First in the method for all the band. Rung for the retirement of Thomas J. Roberts, master blacksmith and last of a line at one time in the employ of the late Rev. Baring-Gould, Lewtrenchard, Devon.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. S. Bryant 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first in three) 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott 6. For Advent Sunday.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major Elizabeth Stewart 1, Violet Relf 2, J. E. Spree 3, W. W. Ring 4, G. Stewart 5, E. Clifton 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, M. W. Marshall 8.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, A. R. Jones (cond.) 2, I. Morgan 3, D. Morgan 4, D. Robinson 5, R. Henman 6. First of Minor 1, 3, 4. For St. Andrew's Day.

BRAMFORD SPEKE, DEVON. — On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. H. Baldam 1, G. P. Smerdon 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, D. J. Atkin 4, P. Henry 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor 2, 3, 4.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples G. A. Packer 1, Mrs. Y. Herbert-Jackson 2, B. Harris 3, W. Kerr 4, J. Scott 5, A. Doreen Edwards 6, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 7, G. Edwards 8. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Dec. 3rd, 1,325 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 3, E. W. Razzell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, C. M. Foster 7, N. S. Brown 8, N. G. T. Steere 10, A. Brown 11, I. M. Parry 12. For Evensong.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK. — On Nov. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major Patricia Daynes (first of Major) 1, Hilary Webb 2, D. G. Adams (cond.) 3, S. Marshall 4, K. S. Hohl 5, R. Wiles 6, G. T. Bunning 7, G. P. Adams 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Martin, on Nov. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Mortimore 1, Jill May 2, T. B. Porter (first Caters "inside") 3, Jill Oakshott 4, K. Burgess 5, W. Parrott 6, D. May (cond.) 7, T. Skilton 8, P. Munday 9, J. Oakshott 10. First on ten bells 1, 3, 10. For Confirmation Service; also an engagement compliment to T. B. Porter and Alison, and best wishes to Rev. C. Banfield, curate, returning to New Zealand.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 3, G. Herbert 4, H. Ivings 5. For morning service and the birth of Rachel Clare Daniels.

GLASTONBURY, SOM. — On Nov. 26th, at the Church of St. Benedict, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. A. England 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott 6.

GORING, OXON. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tull 1, Carol Tull (first as cond.) 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, M. H. Hodgkinson 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving 7, F. J. Hiscock 8.

GRETTON, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Naylor 1, R. S. Russell 2, C. J. Groome (cond.) 3, J. C. Hudson 4, J. M. Thorley 5. For Evensong.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elsie K. Hart 1, Mary G. Gage 2, Joan Hooton 3, H. G. Hart 4, A. C. Martin (first Stedman) 5, R. A. Gage 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, R. Ridley (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation Service.

HASLEMERE, SURREY. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Struckett (first Triples) 3, C. Quick (first Triples "inside") 4, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 5, D. W. Struckett 6, H. A. May 7, R. G. Barford 8. For Confirmation Service.

HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Coningsby (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, J. Sanderson 3, R. Collins 4, J. Gipson 5, B. Couzens (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Andrew's Day at St. Andrew's Church.

QUARTER PEALS

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. P. Yates 1, Christine Abbott 2, C. D. Yates 3, Angela C. Hughes 4, N. Mallett 5, J. N. Longridge 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, R. Rundle 8. Rung for Christine Abbott's 21st birthday, for the engagement of Martin Lock and Frances Rowe and as a welcome to Roger Cole, born Nov. 24th.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, J. P. Hull 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. M. Walker 8. For Advent Sunday Carol Service.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Thorogood 1, R. W. Balls 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, A. Hurst (cond.) 5, A. Kennedy (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Parker (first quarter) 1, Felicity Cooke (first Triples "inside") 2, Gwen Bidgood 3, M. Pilgrim 4, P. A. Williams 5, C. P. Quartley 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, F. W. Corney 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, R. A. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Family Communion.

MAIDWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Hunt 1, Judy Morris 2, R. H. Martin 3, A. S. Good 4, E. W. Martin 5, J. Haines (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Judy Morris.

MERRIOTT, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Turner 1, R. P. Selway 2, A. W. Best 3, V. J. Farthing 4, S. W. White 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Webb (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Norton 2, Miss J. Ibbott 3, Mrs. S. Parkin 4, N. Parkin 5, Miss O. Powell 6, H. Stead (cond.) 7, W. Beebe 8. For Coventry Guild's 60th anniversary.

OCKHAM, SURREY. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles (eight callings): Anne Matthews (first quarter) 1, D. Lodge 2, J. A. Collier 3, Janet E. Cleeve 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung for Matins. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. A. Collier 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, C. M. White 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, D. J. Tubbs 5. First in 11 methods 1, 2, 3, 5. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt as a farewell compliment to Janet Cleeve (tower captain of Guildford Holy Trinity and St. Mary's) on her departure to Glasgow.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Minor (six methods): N. Orchard 1, Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues 2, J. R. Leary (cond. methods) 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, P. J. Daniel 5, J. R. Pratt (cond. bobs) 6. By O.U.S. for morning service.

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ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Gibbons 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, G. Button 6. To mark the commencement of the Rev. G. E. Jarrold's eighth year of ministry in Rougham, and in honour of the birth of Rachael Clare to Audrey and Edward Daniels.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 12th 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Valerie Paice (first quarter) 1, C. Forster 2, Frances Dodds 3, J. D. Duggar 4, Thelma-Lynn Willis 5, K. J. Darvill 6, C. E. Slade 7, R. W. Darvill 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, H. V. Frost 10. For Remembrance Sunday.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Smith (first quarter) 1, Rita M. Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, A. E. Rowley 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,500 Doubles (13 methods): W. Barwell 1, W. Simpson 2, A. Humphrey 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. E. Colgate 1, Miss J. M. Pearce 2, R. V. Fuller 3, P. J. Simmonds (first in the method) 4, L. P. Turley 5, A. J. Corby 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, A. Pearce 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Turley.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS. — On Dec. 5th 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. P. Blenkhorn 1, Mrs. J. E. Firm 2, W. Bains 3, F. T. Lacey 4, M. Lings 5, D. Micklethwaite 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, P. Lacey 8. In memoriam George Thompson.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: M. J. Bray (first quarter) 1, R. H. Toop (first quarter) 2, A. N. Hine (first Doubles) 3, P. R. Denton 4, W. M. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, A. C. Rivett (first quarter) 6. For Matins and as a compliment to J. L. Queen.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS. — On Dec. 3rd, at St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: J. Cooper 1, Elizabeth M. Snell 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Carole Patey 4, Kathleen Higgins 5, M. Austin 6, I. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longden 8. By University of Sheffield Guild for Evening Mass.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss K. Froggatt and R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini and Mrs. C. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. D. Bradley and R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SILVERTON, DEVON. — On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Glendon Stock 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, D. J. Atkin (first in method) 3, Christine M. Abbott 4, G. P. Smerdon 5, P. Henry 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, C. George (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Christine Abbott.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. D. C. Finch (first S. Royal) 1, F. R. Scott 2, D. P. Hilling 3, K. R. Davenport 4, D. C. Brown 5, G. R. Shedden 6, R. K. Russ 7, L. G. Pearson 8, W. Birmingham 9, J. K. Ward (cond.) 10. First Cambridge Royal + 5, 7. Rung for the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to St. Andrew's Methodist Church (within earshot of the Parish Church bells).

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,239 Stedman Caters: Muriel Reay 1, Susan Smith 2, Verona Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. F. Edwards 5, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6, T. J. Warner 7, V. Green 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 30th, 1,305 Erin Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Rosemary J. Cotton (first on 12) 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, M. R. Wycherley 7, H. W. Rogers 8, C. M. Meyer 9, A. S. Bishop 10, L. Goodall 11, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 12. For St. Andrew's Day.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods: R. Schofield 1, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 2, L. Stringer 3, P. Beckett 4, P. J. Atkins 5, G. Weston 6. Rung for the ordination at Lichfield Cathedral of Rev. Phillip Jeffries, earlier in the day.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Pearce 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce (most methods "inside") 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung as a farewell to Maureen White, now working in Brussels.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, R. Threadgold 2, Rev. J. B. MacGowan (first of Minor) 3, Mrs. J. Poulter 4, M. J. Hunter (first of Minor "inside") 5, F. W. J. Roper (cond.) 6. For the 80th birthday of B. Redgewell, a former ringer at this church.

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BIRTH

THORLEY.—To Paddy and Martin, at the Rutland Memorial Hospital, Oakham, on December 11th, 1967, a daughter, Amelia Deborah Maud, a sister for Katharine and Penelope. 2956

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HOUSE—DAGLEY. — The marriage of David and Janet will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 30th, at Watford Parish Church. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 59, Caernarvon Road, Norwich. 2942

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DAWSON. — The address of George A. Dawson is now 130, Canterbury Grove, W. Norwood, S.E.27. Phone number is 01-670 8033 (home). 2950

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CANCELLED PRACTICE

ST. STEPHEN'S, ST. ALBANS.—Practice on Friday, December 2nd, cancelled; carol-singing with handbells instead. Visitors welcome. Meet at church 7.30 p.m. Practice on Friday, December 29th, as normal. 2960

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone and Tonbridge Districts. — Christmas Social at Chiddingstone Village Hall, December 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) on sale from District secretaries. This will be preceded by a football match between the Districts at Tonbridge at 2.30 p.m. 2953

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—A formal dinner will be held on January 20th, 1968, in Cardiff. Anyone interested please write for further details to: Miss S. Harber, 12, Ely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. 2910

JOHN WILLIS MEMORIAL

A fund has been opened for a memorial to the late

John Willis

(vice-president of the Kent County Association).

All donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

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

Happy greetings for Christmas and New Year to all ringers, old and new. Also a special "thank you" to all who inquired, wishing me well in health again after my critical time spent in Burnham-on-Sea Hospital and the Royal Hospital, Weston-super-Mare.—HECTOR G. BIRD, Konkers, East Brent, North Somerset. 2947

To all my ringing friends, best wishes for a happy Christmas and a melodious New Year —E. T PAUL FIELD, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends from Iris and Richard Manton, 11, Elms Road, Melton Mowbray.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION DINNER

Saturday, December 30th, at Sheffield

The ringing arrangements are as follows:

Clay Cross	1.45–2.30
Chesterfield	2.45–3.30
Dronfield	3.45–4.30
Dore	5.00–6.00

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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next annual meeting, Lydney, Glos, on Saturday, December 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Meeting at 5.30. Notify for tea before December 27th.—F. E. Wilson, Branch Sec. 2916

LADIES' GUILD — Central District — Meeting, December 30th, at Wood Green. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing in evening 2959

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Meeting, Barwell, Saturday, December 30th. Eight bells. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street (Tel. 2521) by Wednesday previous.—V Watts, Dis. Sec. 2929

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, December 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Foskett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham. 2940

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, January 6th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Leaver Jagger Green Dean, Holwell Green, Halifax. Practice method: Pudsey Surprise Major. 2957

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hensingham on Saturday, January 6th: Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss J. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by January 2nd. 2958

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting, Braintree, January 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss J. Quilter, 93, South Street,, Braintree. Black Notley (5) open in evening. 2962

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Brenchley (8), Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss C. A. Sone, 6, Falmouth Place, Five Oak Green, Tonbridge.—R. W. H. H 2954

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch — Annual meeting at Poole, Saturday, January 6th Bells (10) 2.30 and 7 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr I. Davis, 16, Verulam Road, Poole, by Wednesday, January 3rd. 2875

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 6th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 2939

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LATE NEWS

Six members of the Southend and District Guild will be taking part in the programme of carols by the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square on Christmas Eve. They are booked to play half a dozen or so carols on handbells from 5.45 p.m. until 6.20 p.m.

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SO we organised an outing. Mind you, there was very little organisation and, after a while, any resemblance to an outing disappeared also. Nevertheless, N.U.S.C.R. ringers are not easily deterred, and the following is a thoroughly biased account of some of the activities of December 2nd.

The first stop was at Quorn, where we enjoyed a pleasant three-quarters of an hour on the recently rehung bells, although it was unfortunate that the electricians, who were working in the church, caused a black-out during our last touch . . . And so to Lutterworth, where the Master successfully fired up a course of Plain Bob Major, and Rosamund's handkerchief was put to good use muffling the model bell in the corner of the belfry. After being dragged away from such an excellently kept tower, we proceeded to Rugby to try to find some lunch (etc.!).

Suitably refreshed, we besieged the Church of St. Andrew, starting with its south-eastern tower containing eight fine bells. The change from this heavy eight to the light five in the west tower proved difficult. It was not until we had finished and descended the tower that we discovered one of our number, Stephen, had been locked out.

En route to Bilton we got lost; this can only be attributed to considerable confusion amongst the committee members! Nevertheless, we arrived and, ringing on the light six, worked up an appetite for tea which had been arranged for at the church bazaar. Then to Aylestone, where both Yorkshire Surprise Major and Erin Triples were rung.

The next hour proved more eventful than the rest of the day put together; aiming at Narborough we missed, and all that was necessary to redirect ourselves was to reverse the coach down a dual carriageway with the traffic speeding past on both sides! There were mixed reactions to the bells of Narborough, and Paul's acrobatic antics at the end of the tenor rope never ceased to amaze the local ringer. Rosamund resented the long walk between the church and the coach and brightly suggested that she should be carried. . . She soon changed her mind!

The last tower of the day was at Enderby, where the ringing was concluded with a fast, well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by an even faster adjournment up the hill to the nearest hostelry. The final highlight of the day was the expression on Martin's face as his glass of barley wine was consumed by the rest of the party. .

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