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AN EXCITING YEAR

THIS is the last issue of 1967, and unquestionably the most exciting year since the Editor took over the journal just after the termination of the second world war. The year started in an atmosphere of uncertainty: there was the thrill of the Mancroft issue of the previous month, the uncertainty of whether there would be even a committee to direct affairs and the belch of criticism erupting here and there, adding to general unpleasantness. This criticism had a salutary effect. It resulted in boldness on the part of the committee in authorising in the first place 20 cover issues for 1967, which gave the Editor not only a more attractive paper but that extra space to improve the variety of contents.

The excitement reached a fever point at Nottingham. It became apparent during the momentous debate when only one side of the picture was revealed, against carefully prepared and unexpected speeches of criticism, that there was still an atmosphere of antagonism and that the improvements already introduced had in no sense silenced the opposition.

Already the census, the brain-child of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe, had been filled in, and this important document, from the Editor's point of view when analysed by July, gave an unexpected glint of encouragement showing that 70 per cent of the readers were satisfied with the issue that accompanied the census.

There was, however, an important minority of 17 per cent which was dissatisfied. While some of the ideas included in the return have already been introduced, the Editor could not ignore some of the accusations made against him:

"The Ringing World is very dull. Get professional advice on presentation and circulation. I know of one ringer who is in Fleet Street; his opinion is unprintable here."

Another reads: *"Standard deplorable—commission articles."*

"Kowtowing to people who have been ringing for 50 years or more and who have inflexible views of life and ringing."

"Ruthless editing of turgid prose of some contributions and of the large number of vicious letters."

"More judicious editing," and, next breath, *"less editing of articles."*

"Go back to the format of Trollope."

Naturally there were desires for the replacement of the Editor and his failings were elaborated. The great advantage of all these criticisms, as far as the Editor was concerned, was that they were anonymous. Only Mr. Beresford and his assistants know who said this or that. The Editor has no desire to know; it would in some cases break his confidence in the average reader. But it is something that calls for humbleness in spirit despite a

lifetime in journalism, and the friendship with many Fleet Street newspapermen.

This denouncement called for greater vitality and variety in pages and contents. From Nottingham cover issues were the rule until August and then from the second week of September until the last two issues of this year. When the committee met early in 1957 it was thought that 20 cover page issues were the maximum that could be produced without incurring loss. Messrs. Beresford and Pipe wanted a shilling "Ringing World" forthwith. This was strongly opposed by the Editor, who regarded it as bad psychology to plan a sales drive and at the same time increase the selling cost.

But there was evidence, as month succeeded month, that more and more readers were being attracted to the journal, and taking advantage of this movement the Convener gave his sanction to continue covers from September onwards, even if a loss up to £250 was incurred. The gratifying thing for the Editor was that when the committee met earlier this month the hon. treasurer, in consultation with the auditor and Mr. Jeater, was able to announce that the accounts up to the third week of November indicated an estimated balance of over £150.

The main contribution came from an increase of £784 in postal subscribers. In 14 issues the sales had passed the 6,000 mark, the highest being 6,111 on October 27th. The Editor gave consideration as to means of promoting a sales drive and came to the conclusion that the best contact with potential readers was where ringers assembled—at meetings and other gatherings. District secretaries on the whole have co-operated splendidly in selling or disposing of copies and this has meant a substantial addition to sales.

In one case a friendly suggestion was made by placing copies in newsagents' shops on sale or return. The problem is that there are probably more newsagents than ringers. The percentage of returns to sales is limited and the amount of clerical work in checking and forwarding accounts would absorb much money and need a bigger staff. To deal with this work and to help with stencilling the Editor engaged a clerical assistant for eight hours a week.

Now there has been a lot of confused thought on the relationship between the Editor and "The Ringing World" committee. The committee is not an editorial committee going into the day-to-day details of the working of the paper and its contents—that is the responsibility of the Editor. There are times when he consults the committee and others on points that arise and technical problems; also members of the committee help in the contribution of articles and features, but the legal onus rests with the Editor. To suggest that the committee cut this or that article or left out a particular letter is wrong. There is, however, a loyalty on the part of the Editor to the committee—and if practical their suggestions are carried out.

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How to Make Your Ringing Meetings Worth While

Responsibilities of the Ringing Master

BY MAURICE THURMOTT,

(Ringing Master of the Western District, Yorkshire Association)

(Ringing Master of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association).

"Ringing meetings are a waste of time"—this is meant literally with the emphasis on the word "waste"—and can, I feel, be applied to very many meetings.

The interpretation of "waste" in this context is that the time spent is not being used as fully as it could be and Ringing Masters must take full responsibility for this state of affairs.

Too often meetings, while convivial occasions, leave ringers feeling dissatisfied. There are youngsters who have sat all the afternoon listening to the "experts" ringing advanced methods, and the experts who grumble—"all afternoon that wretched Ringing Master called for Plain Bob and Kent; we had only one decent touch of spliced and that was ruined by the treble, he missed every dodge in 5-6 down!"

BALANCE

I accept that this is an over-generalised view of the problem, but its purpose is to isolate and bring into prominence the importance of "balance" in the selection of methods so that the time available is used as constructively as possible.

It is very easy to say that "balance"—which I define as being a sequence of ringing giving all levels of ability equal opportunity—is the "key," but obviously the major problem is how to attain it.

Broadly, one can say that "balance" may only be achieved if the Ringing Master knows the interests—I was tempted to say "desires," but this is open to misinterpretation!—and capabilities of the ringers present, and this knowledge may be classified as "communication."

Preplanning of ringing—meaning the prior consideration of the possible sequences of methods—whilst an attractive idea, has obviously only a limited value since usually one has little advanced knowledge of the numbers and abilities of people likely to be at a meeting.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Having briefly considered these two major factors in the organisation of ringing—namely "balance" and "communication," it is apposite to look at the personal qualities needed by the Ringing Master.

I do not subscribe to the theory that the Ringing Master should of necessity be capable of conducting Spliced Royal or even for that matter be able to ring it! Of more importance is that his ringing ability should command respect and for obvious reasons he should be able to conduct the standard methods. My personal view is that the "art" of conducting at meetings is in the delegation of this responsibility to others!

"Personality"—a popular and over-used word—is exhibited by the more extrovert of Ringing Masters, but this attribute is entirely unnecessary. The "control" of ringing should be as unobtrusive as possible, but this must not be confused with indecision.

On occasions it is vital that the Ringing Master should tactfully but firmly handle

problems without giving offence. These problems fall into many categories, but probably two of the commonest are:—

- (1) Inexperience of ringers—for example, the young lady ringer catching hold to ring a 20 cwt. tenor because "she rings the tenor at home."
- (2) The determination of the Ringing Master of what is an acceptable standard of ringing at any particular time.

"PULLING TOGETHER"

One factor which emerges from this is that the Ringing Master should establish rapport between himself and the ringers—another term for this might be "pulling together." This reminds me of a story told of an annual District meeting where tower captains were reporting to the Guild president on the state of ringing in their particular tower.

One worthy climbed to his feet and—in a non-Yorkshire accent—declaimed: "Well, sir, we meets regular like, and our band be making progress and we pulls together"—at that point there came a voice from the back row: "Aye, and it b—well sounds like it, too!"

To summarise this section we have three key words dealing with the organisation of ringing: "Balance" by "communication" exercised by "control."

Having established this basic pattern for organisation we now look at the purpose of meetings and the various types encountered.

POPULAR MEETINGS

Firstly meetings provide opportunities for social contact, personal advancement and the promotion of ringing generally. Secondly there are two main types of meetings, (i) the "popular" meeting as typified by the District monthly or Association quarterly, and (ii) the "practice" meeting.

The "popular" meeting needs a varied programme of ringing tailored to the usually continually fluctuating company of ringers.

Its organisation should be based on the following principles:—

- (i) The first piece of ringing in any period should be of the highest quality possible, commensurate with the ringers available, so as to set a standard of striking.
- (ii) The handling of ringing for the less experienced should be by rounds, call changes and plain hunting as appropriate, consisting of very short periods interleaved between the other methods at frequent intervals.
- (iii) As a basis, ringing should never take place on a less number of bells than there are in the tower—depending obviously on the number of ringers present. The only exception is probably a 12-bell tower where 10-bell ringing would be acceptable.
- (iv) Psychologically it is bad to follow a very good piece of ringing by a very poor performance of a similar type. For example, to follow an excellent course of Yorkshire by a poor course of Double Norwich (or vice versa!) gives an unfavourable impression, whereas call changes—although probably as badly struck—are acceptable because a high

standard, whilst desirable, is not expected in quite the same way!

(v) Expect a high standard of ringing—you might one day get it!

Practically, the Ringing Master will spend his time asking individuals what they would like to ring, planning the programme accordingly and standing with anyone needing a watchful eye on his performance. Occasionally he may ring himself when the bands for a particular method are either one short or weak.

SOLID HARD WORK

Practice meetings are very different. People have come either to practise particular methods or to gain tuition generally. Whilst a friendly atmosphere is essential, the whole approach should be one of solid hard work. As methods are rung, persons sitting out should not spend their time chatting to friends, but should be following the work of one of the bells or "putting the polish" on the methods they themselves have been learning at home.

Also ringers should be encouraged to overcome their natural diffidence in attempting methods which they may consider beyond their capabilities. It is a "waste of time" to ring Bob Major when a person knows the method and with encouragement and practical help can ring a plain course of Kent Major.

The sequence of ringing is not as critical as in the "popular" meeting, since of its nature the variety of methods will be limited. However, in accepting this approach, the Ringing Master should be flexible enough to ring a short touch of spliced for the core of ringers who may have travelled 40 miles to help the local area members to practise Plain Bob and Grandsire.

THE ADVERTISEMENT

The advertisement of meetings is generally the secretary's job but, in the case of practice meetings, the Ringing Master should ensure that the methods for practice are included. Care in selection is necessary to attract the ringers at whom the practice is specifically aimed.

If one accepts that an Association should take responsibility for the promotion of ringing in its area, then the Ringing Master is in a unique position to take the initiative.

The opportunities of "popular" and practice meetings to give help can be extended by the organisation of individual help if it is wanted. This latter point is critical since, whilst many people may need help, it is only with those who want help that endeavours of this sort can succeed. Obviously direct help to towers has to be tactfully handled since any suggestion of interference or patronisation would naturally be resented.

All schemes of assistance should not be considered as being permanent—as experience is gained, the bands being helped should not only be able to "stand on their own feet" but be able to start helping others.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 3rd, 1280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. E. Blisset 2, Miss B. M. Boyle 3, C. Sangwin 4, E. H. Langley 5, H. Heard 6, H. Trewin 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation and for Patronal Festival; also congratulations to A. E. Blisset on his 70th birthday and to J. Hockridge on the birth of his first grandchild.

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THE MATCHBOX STRIKES AGAIN

MEMBERS of George ("Matchbox") Bonham's peal tour held their reunion in St. Neots at the beginning of December. George had laid on accommodation, four peal attempts and a visit to the St. Albans ringers' social. The hotel was cold, three of the four peals rung might have been better, and as for the social . . . Nevertheless everyone enjoyed the week-end immensely.

Those too ill and infirm to go to work on Friday stayed in St. Neots on Thursday night or else arrived on Friday morning at Trumpton, the first tower. Here we met Andrew Slade, for whom the prospect of a peal of Bristol was enough to get him to set out cycling from Cheshunt at 6 a.m.! The bells are effortless to ring, and a very good peal, including three "firsts," was rattled off in fair time.

In the afternoon we rang at St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge. Although a reasonable peal of Lincolnshire was rung, one felt that justice had not quite been done. However, 100 per cent., so back in good heart to St. Neots for a slide show of previous tours, cauliflowers and Philip Mehw's different-sized feet, at the Bellamy abode.

Saturday morning a new "match." Jonathan Porter, was welcomed to the "box." Everyone was looking forward to the noble, heavy eight at St. Neots Parish Church, where Yorkshire was to be the method. Before the peal, David Rothera and George were pulling up their bells, the former having difficulty getting his to strike.

David: "Keep your bell quiet. Bonham, I can't hear mine when you're ringing yours."
George: "Oh well, this won't be a very good peal."

The peal was rung, and had all changes come up as well as Queens no one could have been disappointed, but it was generally agreed that the ringing had been too quick.

George's usual timing had left us little time to get to Aspenden for an attempt at Pudsey. The bells are a little ground-floor job with a long draught. As "Go" was called, everyone collapsed in mirth at the sight of George ambulating off in search of his sally, causing the first change to fire up. Sallies proved very elusive during the peal, but we scored, and indeed some parts were very good. Straight off to St. Albans for the social.

Hence it is not surprising that Sunday ringing consisted of Bob Doubles on the front five. Cobwebs were removed by a walk round the town, meeting Mr. Bonham senior, a larger version of the same basic model. One or two were then off to King's Lynn, while the rest went to Littleington, where Bob Minor was all one felt capable of ringing.

This was the end of the week-end, the party splitting up in Royston. Thanks are due to the incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells, to George for his organisation, and everyone else who helped to make the week-end a success.

LUCIFER.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Over 40 members and friends attended a successful annual general meeting of the North and North West Branch at Halwill on November 18th. The Rev. E. J. Welch conducted the service and welcomed the members, and the Rev. J. Richards gave the address. The ladies of the church provided an excellent tea.

At the business meeting the Rev. Shephard-Walwyn was re-elected chairman, Mr. R. Pearce secretary and treasurer, and Mr. C. Sangwin Ringing Master. Messrs. Queen, Shephard and Vince were appointed to the General Committee.

Sixteen new members were elected—eight from Shebbear College and eight from Westleigh. The evening ringing was enjoyed at Holsworthy.

Handbell Honours for Australia's Gift



THERE are plenty of variations of 'Waltzing Matilda,' Australia's 'National Anthem,' around—but few people from Down Under have heard it done with handbells. So the annual giant Christmas Pudding Presentation at Australia House on December 6th could start a new craze."

Such were the opening words of the Australian Trade News Sheet handed out to the Press when this ceremony took place on December 6th. The honour of playing this tune went to the boys of the De Brome Handbell Ringing Society, whose leader, Mr. C. T. Richards, had been approached by Mr. H. Rogers, Master of the London County Association. The request originated from the padre of St. Clement Danes' Church, which, being adjacent to Australia House, has close links with the activities that take place there and provided carol singers for this occasion.

Although the presentation of the 160 lb. Christmas pudding from the High Commissioner of Australia to the Lord Mayor of London has been established over the past 12 successive years, this was the first time handbells had been rung, and the boys in the accompanying photograph are to be commended for the excellent performance that they gave on the 15 handbells used.

The boys in our picture (left to right) are: H. Wilson, P. Kerry, J. Lee, A. Waite, R. Mitchell, P. Ireland, G. Hill and R. Milham.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District

The November meeting of the Mansfield District was held at Eastwood on the 25th and during the afternoon the very fine eight attracted ringers from as far afield as Leeds and Leicestershire. Unfortunately, owing to a wedding, ringing was adjourned for a while, leaving very little time before tea. Visitors, however, were given priority and the newlyweds, at least, were fortunate, as they emerged to the sound of Grandsire followed by three leads of Treble Bob.

The service in the modern and well-planned church, so recently completed, was a pleasant experience and afterwards, at tea, the Rector, the Rev. D. E. Goodman, together with the Rev. John Ruffle, were sincerely thanked for an extremely thoughtful order of service and address.

During the evening District members were well catered for and methods rung varied from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. We look forward to a return visit before very long.

Next meeting: District annual, Mansfield, January 27th. D. J. B.

AN EXCITING YEAR—continued.

From the beginning of January there is to be a wage increase in the printing industry; there is also an increase in the price of paper due to devaluation. As a first step towards getting additional revenue, the price of all notices will be increased with the next issue to a minimum of 5s. and 2d. a word instead of 1½d. beyond 30. The price of displayed notices at 7s. 6d. an inch will remain. The position will be reviewed at the next committee meeting in March.

Two things will enable a staple selling price to be maintained—the continuance of the present rate of circulation increase and donations accompanying peals and quarter peals. We have been warned about new postal charges. These will have to be passed on to postal subscribers, but it is to be hoped that the basic selling price will remain firm. Much, however, depends on the new production charge for wages and paper; that figure cannot be finalised until the economic position of the country is on a firmer foundation.

The letters received of late encourages the Editor to think that the improved paper has greatly increased the percentage of satisfied readers. The many new contributors have infused a freshness of outlook and we go forward into 1968 with a good heart, conscious that certain difficulties that shook "The Ringing World" and its Editor to the very foundations have been overcome and that those at the head are now braced up to meet the problems ahead.

The Exercise and its handmaiden, "The Ringing World," has been richly blessed in the past 56 years and it is with a thankful acknowledgment of the goodness of an unseen hand throughout the past years that we enter into 1968 with courage ready to fulfil the duties and responsibilities placed upon us as faithful servants of His Church.

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Letters to the Editor

RULES GOVERNING RECORD LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—It has been my intention for some time to write on the subject mentioned by B. J. Woodville, namely the failure to comply with Central Council rules before attempting new record lengths.

I do so now to point a weakness in the wording of these rules. Section I does not say the figures must appear with the notice seven days previously. It is Section III which deals with the figures without mentioning any date for publication. With two possible meanings, one can say A. Ainsworth is in order and T. G. Petts and S. Humphrey are not. It appears my 18,368 of Yorkshire has been beaten on paper and I have been waiting since July to see the figures as required by the rules.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

Skegness, Lincs.

NEW EIGHTS

Dear Sir,—When I am not ringing peals, etc., I get a great deal of pleasure out of listening to Radio Caroline on my radio.

To my amazement, last Sunday a record called "The Bells of San Francisco" came on the air. I myself did not know there was a ring of eight bells in San Francisco, but it is plain for all to hear—eight bells ringing through this pop record.

Could this be another instance to which the Rev. Peter Bond refers in his letter (page 874), of a new ring of bells having been installed without letting the ringing populace know about it?—Yours sincerely,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

DORSET TOWERS

Dear Sir,—As the Rev. Peter Bond mentions a Dorset tower—Halstock, by the sound of it—in his letter (December 1st) appealing for news about bell restorations, here is a list of the "new" and "unringable" towers in that county:

Augmentations and restorations: Thorncombe, five to eight; Melbury Osmond, Milborne St. Andrew and Stourpaine, five to six; Halstock, rehung in new frame; Gillingham, rehung in existing frame; Beaminster and Yetminster, restoration in hand.

Bells at present unavailable for ringing due to state of fabric: Milton Abbey and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, long-term; Frampton and Powerstock, short-term.

Bells unavailable for ringing due to bad or antiquated belihanging: Cerne Abbas, Corfe Castle, Hinton Martel, Mappowder and Sandford Ocas.

That leaves Cheselbourne, where the bell-frame and fittings are in a state of total collapse; Folke, where the bells are still on the church floor; Kingston, where the clappers are (? partially) missing and supposed to be being overhauled locally; and Toller Whelme, a "chime" of five steel bells capable of being rung full-circle.

Branksea or Brownsea Church has four bells and not five, as given in "Dove."

This information is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete at the time of writing. I hope that it will be of use to anyone interested in Dorset or arranging an outing there.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

St. Margaret's, Middlesex.

DOUBLE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—The survey of Double Major methods by W. J. Cooper-Bailey introduces a series of methods with an interest of their own which has interested me for some time. As I obtained Table "a" in an hour or so a couple of years ago I expect the computer took only a few seconds! (other than programming, etc.).

I have found several interesting facts: Firstly, plain methods with right places only. (Remember there is one such Minimus method!) There are three R.P. Double Plain Minor methods and still three Major, while at the Royal stage only five, not a very large increase (excluding those with unusable l.h.'s).

There are no odd-bell Double methods with one hunt bell, as these contain an even number of leads and therefore both turning points must be together, i.e. at h.l. or l.e. However, as all right place plain even-bell methods extend to the next odd number by adding a hunt bell, we have the same number of Double methods as above, viz.: One Double Doubles method (out of three pure Doubles methods), three Triples (out of 11), three Caters (out of 32), five Cinques (out of 70-odd), etc.

Double Minor methods on the T.B. principle are not worth considering as 5ths place is necessary without the treble; also, a single change is necessary if the 2nds place is situated as usual.

Turning to T.B. type Major methods, there do not appear to be any right place Double methods in either the Treble Bob proper or Delight classes but I find two out of 20 Double Exercise methods.

Mr. Cooper-Bailey has covered the Surprise class in his Table "b" but I do not see any point in including those methods with more than two places either side of the treble, other than because two of them have been rung already.

The note on intrinsic falseness (Case II) and Table "c" would, I believe, be unnecessary without them. There are 31 perfectly good methods without them and once we allow two such changes per h.l. we will soon have methods with four or more! If one wants a stagnant method to splice in for variety or musical effect there are some perfectly good ones to choose from (e.g. Derwent) without having lots of places in a row. But that is only a personal opinion.

The extension of Double methods poses more problems, some of which appeared in "The Ringing World" of January 6th, 1967 (which would appear to uncover a loophole in the Central Council report on extension) and which the compiling of tables of methods greatly helps to solve.

Anyway, I will leave further tables for the computer people to compile!—Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. STRUCKETT.

Haslemere, Surrey.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—I write to congratulate Mr. Roger Bailey and his band on their achievement in raising the Surprise Minor record to 70 methods in seven extents.—Yours sincerely,

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Claydon, Ipswich.

TREATMENT OF VISITORS

Dear Sir,—Regarding complaints about bad reception to visitors, Mr. Kenneth Lewis's friend did not meet with sheer rudeness at Washington; he was the victim of unfortunate circumstances, which is far different. The Washington tower (and no superlative can add to my "laudatory" letter regarding its magnificence—Frank Price and George Pipe will bear me out) ringers are pleased to meet ringers from "the Old Country" (evidence of this is in the visitors book) and only a few weeks previous to my visit to that beautiful edifice five visitors from England rang with them and were received, as I was, at face value (not literally). Your friend, Mr. Lewis, was a victim of an unfortunate circumstance and not rudeness, and I hope to be received again in a few months' time as I was before.

My District chairman was on holiday in Plymouth, Devon, and was made welcome and rang in all the method towers he visited in the city; however, he went to the only call change tower and was completely, repeat completely, ignored, and at 9.15 p.m., when the bells were lowered, the company left with no "goodnight"—not one word! He has been a peal ringer for 23 years, conducting as well all the way up the scale. Exquisite rudeness!

My Deputy Ringing Master was sure a friend would manage to arrange for him to ring at Westminster Abbey; he has rung at most of the London towers. His friend was told by the tower captain that the rule was that "no visitors in any circumstances" and added "Please don't turn up, and avoid any embarrassment." Visitors are not countenanced by this exclusive band but, strangely enough, visiting bands may ring on their own if fortunate enough to get the chance, which is a problem rarely solved. Both my chairman and Deputy Ringing Master are members of a well-known Society (circumlocution, Mr. Lewis?) and prolific peal ringers, too!—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. BEAVIS.

Andover.

Note.—The rule about visitors at Westminster Abbey was not made by the ringers. They have to obey the dictates of those above them.—Ed.

THE SECRET IS BELL CONTROL

Dear Sir,—I do appreciate the straight words of the Leicester Guild Ringing Master. He is one of the few of our fraternity who take a view and dare to state it. I am with you, sir, and may I say that the Leicester Guild is not unique in itself for, believe me, there are others.

We have read a lot about bell control, which I think is one of the biggest factors in campanology, and this is the reason for my letter. I feel that 75 per cent. of our fraternity have not given this enough thought. Many times I have seen ringing and heard the sound of bells and I imagine that had there been an egg attached to the back stroke rest in very many cases it would still have been there as whole as ever.

To all our people I mention this feature, for the sooner the pupil can control his bell at hand and back, the sooner your statement of the many people interested in self-glorification will fade away, for they would greatly appreciate the value of it.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezeand.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued**OLD DAYS RECALLED**

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Mr. P. Amos on his article concerning coins on bells. His mention of Haselbech Church was of great interest to me as it was here in 1905 that I learned to handle a bell on the old four. I was then a garden boy at Haselbech House, where there were three gardeners living in a bothy. As it was a very quiet place we were glad to join the ringers, who were under Mr. Bert Faulkner and a younger brother.

We also stoked the boiler to heat the church and sat around the fire in the stokehole playing ha'penny nap. At times we had a quart of "black and tan" stout, costing 4d., and a packet of Woodbines for 1d. Sometimes we all went to a practice at Naseby (a heavy five with a tenor reputed to weigh half a ton). They had a call change band and used to play simple hymn tunes like "Now the day is over" in whole pulls. I have never heard that done since. The very good sixes at Kelmarsh and Maidwell were also visited.

When the bells at Haselbech were augmented to a ring of eight I was head gardener at Donningham Priory, Newbury, Berks, and a ringer at St. Nicholas', Newbury. In that year (1933) the ringers at Newbury raised funds to pay for the two trebles to augment the old Wells eight to the lovely ten. I wrote to Miss Ismay, of Haselbech Hall, and told her what we were trying to do at Newbury and received a cheque for 10s. I raised £10 10s. towards that fund and carved the memorial tablet because we had no funds to buy one. — Yours faithfully,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading.

HANDBELL PEAL IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Brian Woodruffe's letter regarding the extension of Cardiff into Monmouthshire in 1937 is misleading.

The Bill was strongly opposed in the House of Lords by Lord Kagan, whose pro-English sympathies were very well known, because he did not want any part of Monmouthshire to be brought within any future "Home Rule for Wales" arrangement. Cardiff's counsel argued that there was very little in this point since, historically, Monmouthshire had always been claimed as a part of Wales, but to overcome the difficulty a clause was inserted providing that "nothing in this Act shall alter the boundary between the county of Glamorgan and the County of Monmouth." In other words, although Rumney is administered by Cardiff for the sake of convenience, it remains a part of Monmouthshire.

That this is still the position has been shown only recently. Commenting upon the traffic chaos after the snow, and quoting a Monmouthshire County Council spokesman, the "South Wales Argus" reported that "two of the County's major roads were completely impassable for several hours, the main road between Newport and Cwmbran and the Newport to Cardiff road at Rumney Hill." The spokesman continued, however, that the trouble at Rumney Hill was not the County Council's responsibility and was being dealt with by Cardiff City Council.—Yours faithfully,

Newport. LESLIE BAINHAM.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, H. Deacon 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Monica Phillips 1, H. Deacon 2, Sylvia Knight 3, L. Payne 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, D. Dury 6.

N.Z. First Resident Surprise Band

The band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, on November 18th. This was the first peal of Surprise by a band resident in New Zealand.

The ringers are (left to right): Back row, N. F. Reeve, J. H. G. Gardner, Dr. Ronald J. Johnston, Dr. R. G. T. Bennett. Front row, Dr. P. J. Perry and R. H. Idle (conductor).

Five of the band had had quite a lot of experience of ringing in Britain with competent hands. The photograph was taken by Peter Parry, who could not take part in the peal because he was "guarding" his hands for a forthcoming organ examination.

SUFFOLK VETERANS MEET AT LEISTON

WHAT more appropriate venue for the annual get-together of Suffolk worthies than St. Margaret's, Leiston! For nearly 40 years this tower made history in name and deed—Gabriel Lindoff, Richard Stannard, the remarkable eight Bailey brothers, Jim Rumsey, Charles Sampson, George Wilson and a host of others. Surprise Major at its very best under that extraordinary conductor Charles F. Bailey, who apart from calling 100 consecutive peals of Surprise on Leiston bells, accompanied many of Stedman Caters and Cinques with his own brethren.

And so on Tuesday, December 12th, with peal boards recording those vintage years from 1888 to 1928 looking down on us in Leiston belfry, ten of Suffolk's veterans met for their annual ring, tea and reminiscences. And how they enjoyed themselves! Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, Double Norwich and Oxford Major, with an average age of over 79 years.

Tea was taken in a quiet room ("We don't want any o' that Rock 'n' Roll") decorated for the festive season and lit by lamps and candles—just right for the old 'uns to relax and chat about bygone days. Tales of famous ringers who had visited Ipswich and surroundings over the last half-century; ringing in London; our own men who had passed on: the Catchpoles and the Motts, Tillet, Brundell, Garrett and Souter, Winney and Grimes, the Borretts and the Wightmans and a score of others.

Gilbert Goodship produced the menu of the 1932 Croydon ringers' gathering, covered with autographs of great names of the Exercise, College Youths, Cumberlands and provincial Guilds alike. There were photographs in that delightful sepia colour of the camera's early days, and George Symonds' imitation of John Rogers calling Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields 60 years ago. "His chest started to swell when the Tribble was in sixths place; by the time she was in 4ths he'd got his wind and then . . . 'Boooooorr . . . BBB' to turn the big bells!"

Everyone made a little speech and the youngest, Leonard Last, thanked Jim and George Pipe for making the arrangements for the afternoon and providing the tea. Jim (who qualifies himself in eight years' time!) expressed his privilege at being able to organise such a pleasant annual gathering and read good wishes from four who were unable to be present—James Bennett, Ernest S. Bailey, Charles Beecroft and Charles Fisher.

Handbells were enjoyed and concluded a happy afternoon.

The company: George Symonds (92 years 5 months), Frederick Crapnell (85-9), Charles Sedgley (80-10), Gilbert Goodship (79-3), J. S. Gordon Haggard (77-6), George Finch (77-3), Harry Hall (77-2), Willoughby Maulden (76-7), Percy May (72-4) and Leonard Last (71-1).

G. W. P.

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JOINT MEETING AT NORTH WINGFIELD

Despite the wintry weather some 40 members and friends were present when the Derby Diocesan Association (Chesterfield District) and the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association held a joint meeting at North Wingfield on December 9th. After a short ring in the afternoon on the 18 cwt. octave, the Rector (the Rev. N. Joyce) conducted a ringers' service. Later he presided over the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea in the school rooms.

Presenting his fifth annual report, the Chesterfield District secretary (Mr. M. Phipps) was pleased to record continued good attendance at meetings, the election of over 20 new members for the second year in succession and a most successful ringers' party at Old Whittington, which realised £16 towards the Cathedral Extension Appeal. Particularly pleasing was the affiliation of yet another new tower—Eckington—bringing the total to 16, which was a record for the District.

Following a detailed report on the District's ringing activities during the last year by the retiring Ringing Master (Mr. D. Davis), the officers for 1968 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. Arkwell (Old Bampton); vice-chairman, Mr. J. Timons (North Wingfield); secretary, Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield); committee, Miss M. Yarnold (Staveley) and Miss S. Heeley (Wingerworth); Ringing Master, Mr. G. Newman (Old Whittington). Four new members were elected, namely: Miss A. Clark (Chesterfield), Mr. R. Treblcock (Dronfield) and Mr. G. Freeman and Miss P. Booker (North Wingfield).

M. P. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST H. SIMPSON

The Exercise is very much the poorer by the passing of Ernest Simpson, of Saltaire, Bradford, who died in St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, on December 8th, aged 85 years. Although completely deaf he continued ringing right up to the end and was only in hospital a matter of hours. His wife predeceased him in July last, a blow from which he hardly recovered, as they had been very happily married for almost 56 years.

Ernest commenced his ringing career in the Lavenham district of Suffolk and came to Bradford prior to the first world war, settling down in Shipley and ringing at St. Paul's Church, where he was tower captain for over 40 years until the bells were declared unsafe for ringing. He then joined the Cathedral band at Bradford and continued there until about 1959. By this time he was becoming very deaf and as travelling was rather difficult he joined the nearby tower at Bingley, where he continued right up to the end—although by now he was completely deaf.

He was a very able conductor and rang most methods. His peal list includes many Surprise methods and he was just as at home on twelve bells as on six. He will be particularly remembered for his interest in young ringers and was never happier than when putting them through their first 720's and, later, their first peals. He must have taught many hundreds to handle a bell and always gave them encouragement and an urge to tackle new methods.

After serving in the Army during the first world war he came back to Shipley and was a great source of strength to most of the towers in the area, where he attended practice nights on many nights during the week. Surprise methods were just becoming popular and Ernest did sterling work in helping many to master the intricacies of Cambridge, Superlative, London, etc.

Now another of the "old school" has passed on, but he will be fondly remembered by many for a long time

F. R.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASH, SOM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, R. P. Selway 2, F. Sandby 3, S. W. White 4, E. T. P. Field 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grand-aire Triples: F. E. Scoones (first of Triples) 1, A. W. Beard 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, C. Tarry (first quarter) 8. For Matins.

CALDICOTT, RUTLAND.—1,260 Doubles: A. Scholes (first quarter) 1, J. Woolley 2, L. Atton 3, R. Russell 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Reginald Priestnall to this parish.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: F. O. Huckstepp 1, Sylvia Knight 2, D. Manger 3, H. Deacon (50th quarter this year) 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (50th quarter as cond. this year) 6.

HARPFORD, DEVON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grand-aire Doubles: N. Salter 1, G. Travers 2, T. Travers 3, W. Webb 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Woodbine and Merchant's Return): S. Lunn 1, B. Ellis 2, R. Hoyle 3, I. Roberts (cond.) 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Hoyle.

LYMPNE KENT.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MORTLAKE, LONDON.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Knockolds 1, Sheila Wright 2, Angela Wells (first Doubles) 3, A. Bentley 4, C. Stevenson (cond.) 5, L. Freeman 6. First attempt 1, 2, 4, 6. First quarter by an all-Mortlake band for at least 28 years. For Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Dec. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. C. Parker (first on eight) 1, B. E. Saunders 2, J. Linnell 3, B. Care 4, R. K. Russ 5, R. A. Reeves 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, G. C. Paul 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Wyatt (first of Minor) 1, Janet Woodman 2, Cherry Withell 3, H. Badger 4, I. Ross 5, J. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung after dedication of the new organ and the rehung bells.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-aire Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, P. C. Sindon 2, Pamela Court 3, H. Deacon 4, C. Wyld 5, B. Johnson 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Pamela Court 3, R. Birch (cond.) 4, B. Johnson 5, P. C. Sindon 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Royal: G. W. Debenham 1, J. D. Dugan 2, Frances Dodds 3, C. Forster 4, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 5, R. W. Darvill 6, H. V. Fros 7, C. E. Slade 8, S. E. Ewer 9, B. C. Johnson 10. Rung in congratulations for the birth of a son (Peter William) to C. E. and S. Slade.

SWANAGE DORSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grand-aire Doubles: D. T. Smith 1, Kathleen Fuller 2, H. Faikner 3, D. Roy Fuller 4, W. A. Damer (cond.) 5, R. Damer 6. A tribute to Mr. S. Round, vergar of this church, on his 80th birthday.

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Three Peals in Northern Ireland

ALREADY the details of the three peals in Northern Ireland by Jonathan S. N. Porter's party during their week-end in November have been published, on page 880.

A month after the event G. E. T. tells the story of this second visit to Ireland this year, the previous trip being last April. Seven of the band assembled at Hendon, a sea crossing from Heysham being planned. An incident en route was the stopping of Martyn Jordan's car by the police—not for speeding, but for the waste paper throwing by his passenger!

HANDBELLS UPSET CONCENTRATION

Only three berths had been secured by Jonathan. Lots were cast and the lucky ones were Dave Roberts, Bob Dennis and Martyn Jordan, the remainder settling in the lounge. It was a calm crossing, the last leg being through Belfast Lough, where handbells were brought out. Only a half-course of Stedman Triples was accomplished when the captain sent word that his concentration was being disturbed. And no wonder! The four concerned had chosen the "bridge" of all places as a ringing room!!

After docking at 7 a.m. there was a picturesque train journey to Bangor. The afternoon attempt that day was at Holywood, where John Lindsey, of Carrickfergus, joined the party, and a successful peal of Rutland Surprise Major was conducted by Jonathan. A disturbance towards the end was later discovered to have been caused by an enthusiastic organist trying to gain admittance to the church. At Bangor that night Mr. and Mrs. Porter kindly entertained the band to supper,

and the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra provided the final entertainment of the day.

Saturday dawned bright and we arrived on time at Dundela, where Harry Brown, "a Yorkshireman in exile," joined up for a fairly fast peal of Cambridge Royal. For Harry and John this was their first of Surprise Royal, and they performed very well. Later, over a Chinese meal, the Archdeacon of Bangor extended his good wishes.

RACE AGAINST TIME

The peal at Bangor (Spliced Surprise in eight methods) could not be started until after shopping hours. There were just four hours in which to ring the peal and travel 13 miles to catch the boat in Belfast. At the end of the first part there were anxious looks. It had taken 33 minutes, and at that speed the boat would have been missed. However, Jonathan speeded things up and the peal was finished in under three hours. The journey to Belfast was not without excitement; seven were packed into a land rover and it was not long before a puncture was discovered. A lightning wheel change enabled the boat to be caught with five minutes to spare.

It was again a calm journey, and after breakfast at Lancaster, through the good services of Mr. Rainford, the ten bells at the R.C. Cathedral were sampled. An extra peal at Worsley, arranged by Jeff Brannan, came to grief through a broken rope. Delays were experienced on the M.1 through several multiple crashes, and Hendon was not reached until 10 p.m.

Our thanks to Jonathan, incumbents and Irish friends for making the party so welcome.

ST. LUKE'S, "CHELSEA", OUTING

Perhaps St. Luke's, Chelsea, is a misnomer, as the party organised by Mr. Frank Udall on September 16th included ringers from other towers such as Battersea, Clapham Common, Deptford, Isleworth, Putney and Rotherhithe.

The tour was one which appealed to ringers and non-ringers alike. First tower was St. Thomas of Canterbury, Salisbury, and, while ringing under the supervision of Michael Wycherley took place, there was ample time for others to visit the Cathedral or wander around the city, which is still largely medieval. Lunch was taken at the N.A.A.F.I. Club.

The journey to Wimborne was through some of the wilder parts of Dorset and past the ruined church at Knowlton. Tradition has it that Knowlton's bells were stolen in the 18th century by some people from Sturminster Marshall, who, being hotly pursued, dropped the bells in the River Stour, from which they have never recovered. The glorious ring at Wimborne Minster is one of the finest products of Gilett and Johnston, and here, under the supervision of Frank Udall, rounds, Grandairs, Stedman, Kent and Cambridge were rung.

The Murduck family, from Kingsclere, met us at Romsey, and tea at the Victoria Restaurant (highly recommended) preceded ringing on the bells of quality at the Abbey. The bells were described by different enthusiasts in the party as "mellow," "husky," "meaty" and "grand." Ken Rider looked after the ringing, which included a good half-course of Yorkshire. We were late arriving at Alton, but under Bob Cooles' direction several methods, including Bristol, were rung in the limited time available.

To all in all it was a thoroughly successful day. To all who helped to make the outing such a success, especially Frank, the coach driver, the clergy and those who welcomed us, our sincere thanks.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTES.—On Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major 1. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, D. Osborn 3 A. Newell 4 N. Handley 5 S. Adams 6, R. Sireton (cond.) 7, D. Oliver 8. By the Rudington Sunday service band.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The Whitechapel Guild rang their first quarter of the academic year—Grandsire Triples—on November 25th. It was conducted by Richard S. Dirksen and included four first quarters.

A reunion of Washington ringers is planned for December 27th and 28th, when they hope to be joined by Geoffrey Davies, Eric Roberts and Derek Sawyer. The event will culminate in an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters on the morning of December 28th.

With such an encouraging prospect, we in this country wish the Washington Guild every success and happiness in 1968. May the new entrants to the Exercise be imbued with the same enthusiasm and determination that was displayed by the pioneer teams.

Stedman Cinques will be heard from Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, prior to the morning service on Sunday, December 31st, at 11 a.m., on Anglia Television and other channels.

The service on A.B.C. Television on Christmas Eve will be televised live from Manchester Cathedral at 11.55 p.m. It is hoped that the Cathedral bells will be heard before the service.

Mr. Alan Ward informs us that regarding the 25th anniversary celebrations of the victory of El Alamein (see page 892), the ringing was at St. Mary's, Prestwich, Lancs, and not at Prestwick.

Regarding the recent peal by Post Office engineers to mark the 21st anniversary of the opening of the Post Office Central Training School at Stone, Ray Balls, of the Telephone Manager's Office, Regent Street, Cambridge, would be pleased to hear from other Post Office engineers interested in peal ringing.

Mr. R. E. Manton informs us that the peal of Major at Melton Mowbray on December 8th by the Sunday service band was the culmination of several years' hard work by those participating. This included a series of quarter peals and a previous peal attempt which came to grief at the halfway mark.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Dorchester Abbey on December 1st (page 921) was rung for the Oxford University Society and not for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as published. The error is regretted.

The quarter peal at St. Mary's, Brixham, was the first for over 30 years. It was conducted by Brixham's "junior ringer," "Plain Bob" Edden.

May we remind the 728 readers who said in the recent census they would undertake to get one new subscriber that January 1st is a good time to start. About 360 have fulfilled their obligation.

Easthampstead, Berks, has now had two cases of fathers calling first quarters for their offspring. First came Graham Scott and now we hear of Sue Rance taking their first step in her ringing career. This makes encouraging reading.

The quarter peal rung at Mortlake on December 2nd was believed to be the first on the bells by an all-local band since the 1930's. There were four ringers attempting their first quarter, and one her second. Good progress has been made in the last 12 months, and the thanks of the band go to ringers at Putney and Barnes for their patient help.

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BENTLEY COMMON SAY FAREWELL TO POPULAR VICAR

Gratitude was expressed by the Bentley Common ringers at their annual supper attended by over 60 guests on December 2nd to the Rev. and Mrs. Parry, who were leaving the parish during the coming week. The tower master, Mr. R. J. Brown, thanked the Vicar for always allowing the ringers free use of the bells and for words of encouragement if a particular piece of ringing had been exceptionally well struck. He (Mr. Brown) only regretted that this, due to the quality of the ringing, happened all too infrequently.

In his reply the Vicar said the ringers at Bentley were a great asset to the church—not only as loyal bellringers but as good church members, and they were also his very good friends.

Later in the evening, after various games and some hilarious entertainment by the local band, one of the younger members, Miss Catherine Hardy, presented a clock to the Rev. and Mrs. Parry of behalf of all the Bentley ringers. The evening then concluded with everyone singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Unfortunately the plan to ring two farewell quarter peals on Advent Sunday did not materialise. The attempt at Bob Minor in the morning came to an untimely end (very late nights and morning quarters do not mix). The second attempt, for Evensong, in three methods of Doubles with the tenor covering, was successfully brought home, much to the joy of all the band.

TWO QUEEN'S GUIDES

Two Nottinghamshire girls, Helen Simpson and Winifred Fotherby, received their Queen's Guide badges on December 7th, an occasion worthy of mention at any time but in this instance more so.

Winifred rings now at Eastwood, where she augments a struggling but hard-working band.

Helen rings at Greasley, where, in addition to obtaining her Guide's bellringing badge early, ringing naturally became the service necessary for the Queen's badge.

Interest and ability have culminated in Helen having conducted three quarter peals of Doubles at Greasley this year, the first before her 15th birthday, being well supported all the way by her friends, Margaret, Barbara and Alison. Greasley salutes the Guide movement.

VETERANS' QUARTER AT NORTH CADBURY

Six veteran ringers of the Cary and Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association met at St. Nicholas' Church, North Cadbury, on Sunday, November 26th, to ring their annual quarter peal of 1,260 Doubles. Those taking part were H. Creed (Castle Cary), I. W. Osborn (Galahampton), J. J. Farthing (Yeovil), G. W. Rendell (Hardington Mandeville, cond.), C. Vowles (Yetminster) and S. H. J. Jones (Ansford) 6. The combined age of the ringers is 428 years, and their total number of ringing years is 344.

CO-OPERATION WANTED

In reply to a request by the Rev. Peter N. Bond, Mr. Alan F. Scholfield and others, we are ready to reserve space on the Bellfounders' Gift Page for news of restorations, rehanging and augmentations. Will local tower correspondents and others kindly co-operate?

ST. ALBANS ABBEY RINGERS

(Tune: "Eton Boating Song.")

We are the St. Albans ringers,
We're Hertfordshire's pride and cream,
Every Sunday we ring at the Abbey,
Just to please the Dean.

We only ring "X" Surprise Maximus,
We're such an experienced team,
So down with the Association,
And up with the District cream.

We don't believe in learners,
We've plenty of ringers to sell,
We support all professional ringers,
In fact we're doing quite well.

So that when we ring on Sundays,
They pay us ten guineas a bell,
So down with the Association,
And Gerald can go to ? ? ? ?

Now on our last business meeting,
With all the money we made,
It was decided to purchase the Abbey,
And bulldoze it into the lake.
But when we informed the Bishop,
He began to tremble and shake,
So he sacked all the mighty professionals
And installed a magnetic tape.

We intended to replace the Abbey
With a tower 600 feet tall,
A 95 cwt. tenor,
Which would take three Borders to haul.
But now we are all redundant,
We find no tower too small,
So we've joined the Association,
And that's how the mighty can fall.

SNOWED OFF

The Western Division of the Sussex Association had to cancel its meeting for December 9th at Felpham because roads were impassable. It was a big disappointment as 50 notifications for tea had been received and Pagham bells, for the first time after rehanging, were also available. No one can remember a meeting at Pagham. There is a keen local band here who ring twice on Sundays and have regular practices. There was also to have been an hour on Aldwick's four bells. Great hopes are being entertained that two more bells will be added here in the not too distant future. Mr. R. Wake, hon. secretary, is planning a spring fixture to replace this disappointment.

STEDMAN CINQUES AT MANCROFT

The St. Peter Mancroft Guild are very pleased to report a peal of Stedman Cinques rung by an all-resident Mancroft Guild band.

Stedman Cinques at Mancroft has been rather a rare event during the last 50 years. The first peal on the bells after rehanging in 1925 in an all-metal frame was Stedman Cinques (November 10th, 1925). The band consisted of all Mancroft Guild members, but the ringer of the fourth was Egbert Borrett, who, according to the annual report of that year, was at that time a non-resident member living in Valparaiso.

The next peal was in 1935, when only six of the band were resident Norwich Association and Mancroft Guild members. It is interesting to note that both these peals took 3 hours and 52 minutes.

Following this peal there were only two peals of Stedman Cinques until the present one. These were in 1961, when John Chilcott led an all-visitors band, and in 1962 by a band led by Frank L. Harris; this latter peal had two local members in it.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Oxford University Society was held on December 5th in St. John's College. Officers for 1968 were elected as follows: Master, Stephen F. Royal (Exeter); secretaries, Philip J. Daniel (St. Catherine's) and Peter H. Mackie (Hertford); treasurer, Richard J. Wilsner (Lincoln); steeplekeepers, Jeremy R. Pratt (Exeter) and John R. Leary (Queen's).

Canon C. Eliot Wigg (Society president) took the chair.

TARGET EXCEEDED!

Chester-le-Street parish holds an annual sale of work on the first Wednesday in December, and a year or two ago the Rector writing in the parish magazine urging parishioners to an even higher total, said: "If we reach £1,000 we will ring the bells!" Dutifully the ringers have been at the ready on each occasion since then, but it was not until 1967, in the 700th year of the present church, that the target was achieved. The telephone and the motor car were used to round up a band of ringers and a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples had been rung by 9 p.m. One of the band had her beauty treatment interrupted but took this opportunity to ring a quarter peal at her first attempt. At least it gave her no opportunity to worry about it beforehand!

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Although the band at Manchester Cathedral is a little below strength, we do manage with a little assistance from other ringers to ring for Confirmation services which are held in the Cathedral. An evening Confirmation service in November was postponed until Sunday, December 10th, and was held in place of the normal afternoon Evensong at 3.30 p.m. A quarter peal was arranged but, due to adverse weather conditions, the band met one short. With a late start we rang 1,236 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering) and the bells ran into rounds at exactly 3.30 p.m. The band was as follows: Valerie R. Humphrys 1, P. J. Hawcock 2, I. N. Golgthorpe 3, G. Pye 4, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 5, A. Ward (cond.) 6, D. G. Manby 7. A. W.

A RINGERS' WEDDING AT BOUGHTON

Wedding bells echoed around Canterbury on December 2nd for the marriage at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Boughton, of Mr. Roderick H. Glover and Miss Beryl M. Hills. Both are keen ringers, and before the wedding a quarter of Doubles was rung at Chartham, and guests rang at Boughton. As the newlyweds left the church they were greeted with handbell ringing.

The service was choral and included the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God," with the bride's father as organist. The officiating clergy were the Rev. E. D. Schofield and the Rev. R. J. C. Lloyd (Rector of Chartham).

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long gown of embroidered duchesse satin, trimmed at the neck and wrists with white fur. The bridesmaid, Miss Susan Maxted, wore a long red velvet dress trimmed with white fur. Mr. Keith I. Davies was best man.

Presentations to the bride took place, at the church door, of a rolling pin and wooden spoon by Katherine Hodges (bridegroom's god-child) and a miniature black sweep by Martin Downs (cousin). The reception was held at Delbridge House, Faversham. For the honeymoon the bride travelled in a black-flecked tweed suit with brown accessories.

THE ST. NEOTS REUNION

ALL PEALS FOR THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	*Andrew J. Slade 5
*Graham W. Elmes 2	David E. Rothera 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	Philip Mehew 7
*George E. Bonham 4	Robert E. J. Dennis .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* First peal of Bristol First of Bristol as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Elmes.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Robert E. J. Dennis Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	George E. Bonham 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	David E. Rothera 7
Andrew J. Slade 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by S. A. Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Menew.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Robert E. J. Dennis Treble	*David E. Rothera 5
Mary E. Elmes 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
George E. Bonham 3	Philip Mehew 7
Graham W. Elmes 4	†George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* 100th peal of Surprise Major. † 50th of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Rung to the memory of Ada Titchmarsh, grandmother of Mr. G. E. Bonham.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Treble	George E. Bonham 5
George E. Thoday 2	*David E. Rothera 6
†Graham W. Elmes 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 7
Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

* 50th peal together. † First of Pudsey.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHEPTON MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

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

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* 25th peal. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*Lynette Brennan .. Treble	Walter S. Rice 4
Roy W. Rice 2	John Walton 5
Sue Walker 3	Geoffrey Hebden Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey Hebden, who was 21 the same day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RINGSTEAD, Northants.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Martin J. Marriott .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith 4
Arthur Gibbs 2	Rodney H. French 5
Charlotte M. Harris .. 3	Brian S. Cope Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5085 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

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

Composed by J. Thorp.

* First peal in the method.

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALFORD PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Lawrence Mackie Treble	Peter H. Mackie 5
Ernest J. Gower 2	Christopher J. Royal .. 6
Ruth E. Havard 3	Ian C. Maycock 7
†Clare F. Dolphin 4	†Ian D. Thompson Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal. first attempt. † First of Grandsire Triples.

Rung for the 60th anniversary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Joseph C. Woolley Treble	Clive Thrower 6
David J. Marshall 2	Harold Taylor 7
David W. Friend 3	A. Colin Ban'ou 8
Brian Tomlinson 4	Burley P. Morris 9
Gordon A. Halls 5	Michael Fellows Tenor

Composed by E. Critchley.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In eight methods, comprising Norwich, London and Wells, York.

Durham, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt.	
Nora Carlisle Treble	John Moore 4
Joyce Chadwick 2	Ivan Barlow 5
Jack Chadwick 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

First in eight Surprise Minor methods by all.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In nine methods, comprising Carlisle, Norwich, London and Wells,

York and Durham, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt.	
Joyce Chadwick Treble	John Moore 4
Nora Carlisle 2	Jack Chadwick 5
Ivan Barlow 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

First in nine Surprise methods by all.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

CONSETT, Co. Durham.—At the Church of Christ.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Ruth M. Horwood Treble	M. Alec Beaumont .. 5
Peter H. Gardner 2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey 6
Jean M. Berriman 3	†Ma'celm E. Johnson .. 7
Colin C. Monson 4	Stephen C. Wells Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Stephen C. Wells.

* First peal on tower bells. † 25th peal. First of Major as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LOW ELSWICK, Newcastle on Tyne.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt.

Charlotte A. Bennett .. Treble	†Peter H. Gardner 5
*Stephen C. Wells 2	M. Alec Beaumont 6
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey 3	Malcolm E. Johnson .. 7
†Christopher Holmes .. 4	David J. Marshall Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* 25th peal. † First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major for the Society.

Rung for St. Stephen's Prayer and Gift Day Both peals were rung on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Society.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(Southend and District Guild)

THORPE BAY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Bernard C. Sadler Treble	Alfred J. House 5
*Stephen G. Halliwell 2	David Sloman 6
†Peter Soman 3	Michael J. Halliwell 7
*Gerald Bacon 4	George Eve Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. ‡ First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon J. A. Stanley, Vicar of
Prittlewell and president of the Southend District Guild, who was
interred at Prittlewell this day. Tenor 16 cwt.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob
and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

*Colin H. Gillingham .. Treble	Alan R. Syder 4
John A. Warner 2	†Roy Threadgold 5
†Jennifer M. Millbank .. 3	†Robert J. Lindsell .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.

* First peal. † First in three methods.
Rung in honour of the birth of Richard James to Pat and Bob
Lindsell.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OATLANDS PARK, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

Rupert L. Caporn Treble	John F. M. Maybrey .. 5
Alan E. Bagworth 2	Stanley G. Ponting .. 6
Nigel Thomson 3	†Bruce B. Rogers 7
*Christopher D. J. Webb .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Joan Smith, secretary of the local
band, who was married this day.

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

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5054 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

A. Patrick Cannon Treble	†Martin J. Kirk 5
Jill M. May 2	David J. Tubbs 6
*Carolyn Tubbs 3	†Roy Collins 7
†John A. Collier 4	Douglas A. R. May .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise. ‡ 100th
peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARDISLEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods/variations, being ten extents of Grandsire and eight
extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and
Southrepps. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Austin T. Wingate Treble	Robert A. Hatcher 4
*Andrew J. Hatcher 2	Bryan Giddings 5
John W. Hope 3	Ronald Langford Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

* First peal "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. E. Bateson, organist at this
church, on his 90th birthday.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KNIGHTSBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

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

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

34—38, 14—12—38—14—58—14—58. 2nds place i.e. 4257386.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, Westminster,
London, Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt

Edwin J. Up'ou Treble	Francis M. Byrne 4
Walter Ayre 2	Keith Sheppard 5
Augustin V. Good 3	Reinhold E. J. Sheppard .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Simon A. B. Wigg Treble	Martin L. Howe 5
*Marilyn R. Cnudwick .. 2	Malcolm Barden 6
Dorothy M. Groves 3	Norman Mattingley 7
*†E. Ivan Parkin 4	Peter S. Muchlinski .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

* First peal of Major † First "inside." First as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

H. Clayton Treble	*R. Looker 5
*W. Clamp 2	J. Day 6
Mrs. R. Day 3	C. Homewood 7
R. Preston 4	R. E. Manton Tenor

Composed by B. Annable.

Conducted by R. E. Manton.

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

Rung by the Sunday service band of this tower to celebrate the
"coming-of-age" of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter Mancroft Guild)

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

*Janet Dagley Treble	†David Cubitt 7
David Heighton 2	Geoffrey H. Pullin 8
†George Sayer 3	†Martin Cubitt 9
Nolan Golden 4	*Peter Adcock 10
H. William Barrett 5	David E. House 11
†Clifford Bird 6	*Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by David Heighton.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Cinques.

Every member of the band is a regular Sunday service ringer at
this church. Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to George and Gwen Sayer.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Dec. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Janet Dagley Treble	George P. Adams 5
*†Harv Webb 2	Peter Adcock 6
David G. Adams 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
†Desmond P. Mortlock .. 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

(The Mancroft Guild)

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Geoffrey H. Pullin Treble	*†Leslie F. Bailey 5
David Cubitt 2	*David E. House 6
*Janet Dagley 3	†Martin Cubitt 7
Angela M. Wright 4	*Desmond P. Mortlock .. Tenor

Conducted by Martin Cubitt.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 50th peal together. First peal
as conductor.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary
and Margaret.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cam-
bridge Surprise, Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall, Kent T.B.,
Oxford T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Norman P. J. Cossey .. Treble	Godfrey W. Walpole .. 4
Diane Toone 2	Stephen F. High 5
James W. Forder 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

(St. Peter Mancroft Guild)

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary
and Margaret.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent of Beverley Surprise, Oxford
T.B., Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's
and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Roger E. Peckham Treble	H. William Barrett 4
Rev. Peter N. Bond 2	Stephen F. High 5
Thomas J. Brock 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

Rung on the third anniversary of the rededication of the bells
after rehanging.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter Mancroft Guild)

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 callings.

*Leslie F. Bailey Treble	*David Heighton 4
*David Cubitt 2	*David E. House 5
*Martin Cubitt 3	Geoffrey H. Pullin Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Ringers of 2, 3 and 4 have now completed the Stedman "family." Fastest peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Society of Raving Ringers)

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Barry E. Saunders Treble	†Michael J. Church 6
Roger W. Smith 2	*Robert A. Reeves 7
Ronald K. Russ 3	Christopher C. Clarke 8
*Diana Reeves 4	James Linnell 9
Barry J. Davies 5	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. First ten-bell peal for the Society. Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANSFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*Patrick Thompson Treble	Alfred Waller 4
†David Smith 2	Geoffrey Davis 5
†William Culpin 3	John H. Bluff Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First peal on the bells since the addition of a new tenor.

WHILTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

John Townley Treble	Richard J. Danby 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2	Robert W. Sherriff 5
Peter C. Randall 3	Edward C. Garrett Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

SEATON, Rutland.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods/variations, being two extents each of Stedman, St. Botolph, All Saints', Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Remigius, St. Osmund, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain, April Day, Seighford, Old and Kennington.

Ronald S. Russell Treble	Christopher J. Groome 3
John G. Mitchell 2	J. Martin Thorley 4

Stephen B. Bell Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

Rung as a welcome to Deborah, third daughter of Martin and Paddy Thorley. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MILBORNE ST ANDREW, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of Grandsire and ten extents each of Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kennington and Plain Bob.

*Joseph W. Marshall .. Treble	*Philip R. Board 4
††Ernest H. Amey 2	†Timothy F. Collins 5
*Roderick A. Bryant .. 3	*R. H. Jack Mears Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal † First of Doubles. ‡ Most methods to a peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jane M. Baillie, daughter of the incumbent of this parish, and Simon C. Tranter, immediately after their wedding.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

John R. Pratchett Treble	H Leslie Pack 7
Beryl N. Reed 2	Walter Tomlinson 8
John Freeman 3	James W. Raithby 9
Paul Raithby 4	Colin W. Reed 10
Margaret E. Chilton .. 5	William L. Exton 11
John Walden 6	Peter Wakefield Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by John Freeman.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HELMINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Dec. 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

William J. Button Treble	Cecil W. Pipe 5
*Muriel R. Page 2	J. Barry Pickup 6
George W. Pipe 3	George E. Thoday 7
Michael J. Howes 4	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett.

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* 50th peal and first of London.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.
Wendy B. Everest Treble	Peggy E. Smith 4
Edna M. Everest 2	Stanley W. Brown 5
*Peter D. Hepburn 3	John R. Norris Tenor

Conducted by John R. Norris.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome into the Church for Elizabeth, daughter of Paul and Wendy Treble, christened this day at St. Nicholas' Church, Whitchurch, Somerset

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERPS

Alan Carveth Treble	Graham F. Dunstan 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	Paul J. Dye 7
G William Critchley .. 3	*F. Malcolm Bowers 8
Arthur F. Burley 4	Anthony J. Davidson 9
Anthony Locke 5	*Dennis Stephens Tenor

Composed by Morris J. Morris.

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First 10-bell peal.

Tenor 9 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.
C. Barrie Dove Treble	*Richard J. Chantler 4
*Patricia Gardiner 2	*Susan Withers 5
†Belinda M. Gilbert 3	†Alan Newbold Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor ‡ First "inside."

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

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Thelwall, Childwall, (3) Double Oxford, Pinchurst, St. Clement's, Buxton, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Catherine R. Slater .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
*Delphine E. L. Holman .. 2	Alan H. Bridges 5
Alan Newbold 3	Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* Most methods to a peal. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

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

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.
*C. Barrie Dove Treble	Richard J. Chantler 4
Catherine R. Slater 2	Alan Newbold 5
Belinda M. Gilbert 3	John Potts Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 200th peal for the Association The conductor is the first person to "circle the tower"

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., Oct. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods being one extent each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Matthew, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Mark, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Ninian, Little Missenden, St. Patrick, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, Lapley, Shares-hill, St. Sylvester, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. John, Ryton, St. George, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Church Gresley, St. Remigius, Horsley, Kirkstall, St. Chrysostom, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old. Grandsire, Tenor 7 cwt, 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Arnold Cole Treble | John Potts 3
*Alan Newbold 2 | *H. David Holland 4
C. Barrie Dove Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

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

On Wed., Nov. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods, being one extent each of St. Patrick, Little Missenden, St. Ninian, St. Ambrose, St. Osmund, St. Chrysostom, Kirks'all, Horsley, St. Remigius, Church Gresley, Cassington, Elford, Eynsham, St. Albans, St. Simon, St. Thomas, Shares-hill, Lapley, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Peter, Magdalen, St. Leonard, St. Paul, St. Martin, St. Luke, Ryton, St. John, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Columb, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Old, Seighford, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Dedworth, Grand-sire, Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

*Richard J. Chantler .. Treble | †Arnold Cole 3
Alan Newbold 2 | C. Barrie Dove 4
John Potts Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in 42 methods "inside." 150th peal as conductor for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELLENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,776 Plain Bob, 1,248 Double Bob, 480 each of Reverse Bob, Cleatham Imperial and Little Bob. 192 Crayford Little Court, and 180 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, with 347 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.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4
Roger Baldwin (cond.) .. 5-6

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Fri., Dec. 15, 1967, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 11 methods in the following extents: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Spliced Evening Exercise, College Little Bob, Single Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, College Single Bob, Windsor Single Bob, Plain Bob, London Delight and Double Bob, (3) Grandsire, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Spliced College Little Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

First peal in 11 methods by all. The conductor's 25th peal in 1967 and also his 25th peal of Minor "in hand."

SINGLE CHANGE MINOR METHODS

By THE PROFESSOR

THERE seems to be a growing practice of using these methods in Spliced Minor ringing as an easy means of tacking on one or two extra methods. Although I do not pretend to extol the virtues of these retrograde methods there is a danger that if they are not correctly used falseness is liable to occur, and I hate to see ringers expending their energies on false peals. Falseness (i.e. repetition of rows) is particularly likely to happen when splicing plain methods and I would like to point out where the danger lies and how to avoid it.

There are ten single-change Plain Minor methods, viz.:

(1) Newton	— 14—123—3	2nds	42563
(2) Our Court	— 14—123—1	6ths	52364
(3) Pinehurst	— 14—123—5	2nds	42635
(4) Westecot	— 14—123—5	6ths	64523
(5) Buxton	— 16—123—3	2nds	42635
(6) Rodbourne	— 16—123—3	6ths	64523
(7) King's College	— 16—123—5	6ths	34625
(8) Gower	34 . 16—123—3	2nds	36245
(9) Coniston Court	34 . 16—123—1	6ths	52364
(10) Helvellyn	36 . 14—123—5	2nds	35264

* "Regular" methods

All these methods may be, under certain conditions, spliced with ordinary standard methods but it would take much time and reams of foolscap to explain all the possibilities. Owing to the apparent ease with which the pairs Pinehurst (Westecot) and Buxton (Rodbourne) will join with Double Oxford (London Bob) and St. Clement's (College), respectively, I will content myself for the time being with these methods.

Because of the nature of the rows within the lead it should be noted that ordinary 3-lead splicing cannot be used, and that in order to avoid falseness we shall have to rely on cross-splicing, i.e. certain leads on both sides of the single (in- and out-of-course) must be changed simultaneously.

A minimum of two leads may be changed (one each side of the single) with the same bells on the front (i.e. 2nds and 4ths place bells), that have the same bell as pivot at the half-lead, e.g.:

(DOUBLE OXFORD (LONDON BOB))

- (a) 23456 and 26453 (2 and 4 on front, 5 in 5ths).
(b) 64523 and 63524 (5 and 6 on front, 2 in 5ths).
Or any similar pairs of leads.

(ST. CLEMENT'S (COLLEGE))

- (a) 23456 and 26453 (2 and 4 on front, 5 in 5ths).
(b) 64523 and 63524 (5 and 6 on front, 2 in 5ths).
Or any other similar pairs of leads.

With these leads the following changes may be effected:
Leads on opposite sides of the single | Cross-spliced | Leads on opposite sides of the single

D. Oxford	+	D. Oxford	Pinehurst	+	Pinehurst
D. Oxford	+	London Bob	Pinehurst	+	Westecot
London Bob	+	London Bob	Westecot	+	Westecot
Thelwall	+	Thelwall	Pinehurst	+	Pinehurst
Thelwall	+	Lytham	Pinehurst	+	Westecot
Lytham	+	Lytham	Westecot	+	Westecot

also the following:

St. Clement's	+	St. Clement's	Buxton	+	Buxton
St. Clement's	+	College	Buxton	+	Rodbourne
College	+	College	Rodbourne	+	Rodbourne
Childwall	+	Childwall	Buxton	+	Buxton
Childwall	+	Wavertree	Buxton	+	Rodbourne
Wavertree	+	Wavertree	Rodbourne	+	Rodbourne

Now seeing that Double Oxford (London Bob) will three-lead splice with St. Clement's (College) with two bells fixed in 2-4, and Pinehurst (Westecot) will three-lead splice with Buxton (Rodbourne) with two bells fixed in 2-4, it should be clear that:

With the following six leads, having two bells fixed in 2-4, three leads each side of the single, the following changes of methods may be effected:

One side of the single	The other side of the single
A Double Oxford (Lond. B.)	Double Oxford (Lond. B.)
B Double Oxford (Lond. B.)	St. Clement's (College)
C St. Clement's (College)	St. Clement's (College)

may be changed into
E Pinehurst (Westecot) Pinehurst (Westecot)
F Pinehurst (Westecot) Buxton (Rodbourne)
G Buxton (Rodbourne) Buxton (Rodbourne)

A or B or C may be changed to either E or F or G. (The 2nds or 6ths lead-ends not affecting the truth of the splice.)

In addition, either H or I or J with two bells fixed in 2-4 as before, may also be changed into E or F or G.

H Thelwall (Lytham)	Thelwall (Lytham)
I Thelwall (Lytham)	Childwall (Wavertree)
J Childwall (Wavertree)	Childwall (Wavertree)

To further simplify matters from a conductor's point of view the following schemes could be used:

- (a) Single-change methods could be called every time 5 and 6 (or any other pair) are on the front together with, say, Pinehurst (Westecot) or Buxton (Rodbourne) throughout, or Pinehurst (Westecot) on the one side and Buxton (Rodbourne) on the other.
(b) Single-change methods could be called every time the 6th (or any selected bell) is on the front, with condition similar to (a), i.e. Pinehurst (Westecot) or Buxton (Rodbourne) throughout, or Pinehurst (Westecot) on one side and Buxton (Rodbourne) on the other.

RUNG FOR THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

ALLESLEY.—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 3, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow 4, H. G. Summers 5, L. M. Callow 6, J. W. T. Taylor 7, W. A. Stote 8.

BERKSWELL.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. S. Aylett 1, R. E. Havard 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, L. M. Callow 4, H. G. Summer (cond.) 5, W. A. Stote 6.

CHILVERS COTON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Evans (first quarter) 1, A. H. Beamish 2, W. J. Day 3, Dorothy E. Beamish 4, G. A. Bell 5, J. Draycott 6, L. Trevor (cond.) 7, J. E. Lloyd 8. **HONILEY.**—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Sweeney 1, T. M. W. Weedon (first "inside") 2, H. Bennett 3, N. Parker 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. Rung by the Coventry Colleges Guild.

MERIDEN.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Aylett 1, Ruth E. Havard 2, L. M. Callow 3, H. G. Summer 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5.

STONELEIGH.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. G. A. Williamson 1, N. J. L. Fardon 2, F. W. Perrens 3, E. L. Fardon 4, I. D. Thompson 5, P. K. Williamson (cond.) 6.

WELLESBOURNE.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Oriss 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, F. Butler 3, E. J. Gower (cond.) 4, L. Mackie 5, J. Oriss 6. First of Grandsire Doubles for all the band.

ALVESTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Allman 1, P. Robson 2, Mrs. J. Bealey (first "inside") 3, W. E. Carter 4, A. V. Carter (cond.) 5, H. Bridges 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. For Evensong and to commemorate the 84th birthday anniversary of Mr. O. Robbins, a ringer and chorister here for many years.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, 6 coverings): S. Hardy 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Catherine Hardy 3, R. Coughlan 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5, R. J. Brown 6. For Evensong and with the best wishes of the band to the Vicar, Rev. D. O. R. Parry, who is moving to Little Waltham.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Rundle 1, Penny Kift 2, Janet Hooper 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6. Rung before the Confirmation Service, when three young members of the tower were confirmed.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. I. Matkin 1, R. G. Pike 2, D. W. Grimwood 3, R. A. Hutchings 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, R. J. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Eleanor Pearmain, whose funeral was this day.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jennifer Milbank 1, C. J. Barker 2, Josephine A. Quilter 3, P. G. Brown 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, A. Wiffen 6, A. R. Syder (first of Stedman, cond.) 7, C. Gillingham 8. Rung for the Hospital Service and also as a welcome to Richard James Lindsell, born Nov. 28th, to Bob and Pat Lindsell.

CHARING, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Page 1, Catherine Robbins 2, Diana Bradford (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. P. T. Robbins 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, J. L. Anderson 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Richards 1, Mrs. J. S. King 2, F. Hobbs 3, L. H. Jones 4, R. Shea 5, D. J. Hughes 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. J. Sims 8. For Confirmation and for the last visit of the Archbishop of Wales to the Rural Deanery of Chepstow.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): L. Haywood (first quarter) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, N. W. Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. For Evensong and dedication of the new tower clock.

COLCHESTER (Sarab End).—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Bew 1, D. Martin (first "inside") 2, D. Cobb 3, D. Wheat 4, M. Bew (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. For Evensong.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Catherine M. Bew 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, Janet Dagley 3, Angela M. Wright 4, J. R. Norris 5, N. F. Whittell 6, M. J. Bew 7, D. E. House 8. For Evensong.

CORSTON, BATH.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Parfrey (first of Triples 1, Jean Battin 2, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 3, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, S. G. Woodcock 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. W. Jewell 8. Rung as a memorial to S. G. King, past tower master.

QUARTER PEALS

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,334 Grandsire Triples: G. Upton 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. Jeffery 3, G. Ford 4, S. Upton 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. A welcome to Jonathan William son of George and Shirley Ford.

EATON SOCON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. George (first treble) 1, J. Tarrant (first Major "inside") 2, J. Orme 3, R. Garrat 4, T. W. I. Griffiths 5, C. D. Corby 6, R. D. Bellamy 7, G. E. Bonham 8. A birthday compliment to C. D. Corby.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley French 1, Betty Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, M. C. May 5, G. S. E. Winter 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, D. J. M. Cox 8. For a service of rededication.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Holmes 1, W. Smith 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, A. Waller 4, F. Sisney 5, R. Spencer 6, G. Davis 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 5, 7.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julia A. Fellows 1, J. E. Ewer 2, R. E. Hardy 3, J. Southey 4, Katherine S. Hardy (first quarter as cond.) 5, M. D. Frost 6.

EVERCRECH, SOM.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Street 1, J. Dunford 2, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 3, Barbara Randall 4, S. Lucas 5, R. Dunford 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Catherine A. Roberts (first of Treble Bob) 1, Susan V. Banks (first of Surprise) 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. M. Roberts (first of Surprise) 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson (cond.) 6. First of Surprise by a local band.

FINCHLEY, MIDD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): Miss M. Cruickshank 1, Mrs. E. Richardson 2, A. Richardson 3, I. Campbell 4, P. Taylor 5, L. Tubb (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rachel Sinden 1, B. Johnson 2, Vivienne M. Dye 3, L. Mannering 4, P. C. Sinden (first in the method) 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, D. C. Manger (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. For Evensong.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Lester 1, D. Swift 2, T. Harris 3, C. Wood 4, K. Davey 5, J. Tickle (cond.) 6, H. Harris 7. To welcome Susan Elizabeth Tickle, born Nov. 5th.

HONTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Travers 1, W. Webb (cond.) 2, F. Parr 3, D. Salter 4, F. Stamp 5, T. Travers 6. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on the back six): R. H. Tribe 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, J. R. Norris 3, K. Stacey 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. C. Woodridge 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, J. R. Norris 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6. First Treble Bob 1, 2. For evening guest service.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Butler 1, E. Clifton 2, Sylvia Knight 3, R. A. Birch (first of Major) 4, H. Deacon 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B. Johnson (cond., 200th quarter) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): B. J. Stone (cond.) 1, Katherine Salvage (first "inside") 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Lesley A. Hawen 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, C. D. Collin 6. For Holy Communion.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Minor (five methods): R. Hawkhaw (first Minor) 1, V. M. Kirk (first in methods) 2, I. G. Campbell 3, F. C. Hobson 4, G. K. Smith 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

KIRKBY MALZEARD, YORKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Johnson 1, A. G. Dalton 2, A. Bashforth 3, E. Metcalfe 4, E. Hudson 5, D. Town (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Arthur Bland, a ringer at this church for over 40 years. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells since their recasting in 1907.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Nov. 26th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: E. I. Parkin 1, P. S. Muchlinski 2, T. A. Cross 3, M. Barden 4, S. A. B. Wigg 5, M. L. Howe (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Alison M. Levick (first quarter) 1, M. L. Howe 2, Marilyn Chidwick 3, E. I. Parkin 4, M. Barden (cond.) 5, S. A. B. Wigg 6.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: J. Hartless 1, Susan V. Banks 2, R. H. Roberts 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, L. D. Smith 5, T. Matcham 6, R. Allinson 7, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 8. First by all the band.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Burston 1, Susan Chew 2, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 3, J. Insley 4, M. Androlia 5, D. J. Purnell 6. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Purnell 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, M. Burston 4, J. Insley 5, R. J. Tibbets (cond.) 6, M. Androlia 7, D. J. Purnell 8. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Volrey Kennaugh 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbets 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY LONDON.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Cobb 1, Janet Bull 2, Alison Mann 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Patterson 5, Rev. M. Hart 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, B. J. Bull 8. For Advent Carol Service, as a farewell to Rev. Derek Barrett.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5, 8 covering): Mrs. M. Croall 1, W. Wood 2, Miss H. M. Carter 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, K. Williamson 5, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 6, N. Jackson 8. Birthday compliments to Mrs. M. Croall and S. V. Rayfield, of Queenborough, and the conductor and Master Andrew French.

RODDBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Dean 1, J. T. Parsons 2, P. Tomos 3, C. Richards 4, D. White 5, M. A. New (cond.) 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cockrill 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, Doris Dobbie 3, G. Kenward 4, R. Weekes 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 7, J. E. Clark 8. For Evensong.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton 2, Pamela Court 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, H. Deacon 5, C. Wyld 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Snawdon (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Myers (first quarter) 2, J. Rose 3, S. Bendle 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, D. Bentley 6. For Evensong.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Tickle 1, K. Edwards 2, R. Dorling 3, O. Roughley 4, C. Herbert 5, D. Bennett (cond.) 6. A peal attempt brought round. Also 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): M. Tickle 1, R. Dorling 2, C. Herbert 3, D. Roughley 4, K. Edwards 5, D. Bennett (cond.) 6.

SWINDON WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Lovegrove 1, E. Sutton (cond.) 2, M. Sutton (first "inside") 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. J. Hulme 5, M. A. New 6. A 13th birthday compliment to M. Sutton. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Richards 1, P. Tombs 2, D. White 3, R. J. Hulme 4, E. Sutton 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, M. J. Stanley 7, M. A. New (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 1, 2, 3, 4.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Jarvis (first of Minor) 1, M. Glendon Stock 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, G. H. Baldam (first as cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6. A birthday compliment to M. Glendon Stock.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wreford (cond.) 1, D. R. Bould 2, F. D. Mack 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, F. Skinner 5, J. N. Longridge 6, C. G. Bryant 7, W. Harvey 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Brian and Mary Coles.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Adams (first quarter) 1, R. Cassidy 2, J. Pilgrim 3, S. Bedford 4, J. Marjoram 5, V. Bedford (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Little Bob Royal: Liz C. Duncan 1, Glynis E. Perry (first in method) 2, June Whitcher 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. J. Slade 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, R. Durrant 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, R. J. Chapman 9, J. S. N. Porter 10. For Matins.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Kent T.B.: W. F. Moreton 1, Gall Cater 2, R. Cater 3, A. Holliday 4, C. S. Naylor 5, A. Clifton (cond.) 6. Rung with "omphments of the band to Rodney and Joan (née Dunn-Birch) Padin on the birth of a son, and to Patricia Lockwood and Ian North on their engagement.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol Mills (first quarter) 1, H. Flitter 2, Beryl Park 3, K. Park 4, D. Main 5, M. Edwards 6, J. Belshaw (cond.) 7, Ken Park 8.

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ENGAGEMENTS

FELLOWS—BUCKLEY. — The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fellows, of Stourbridge, Worcs, and Stephanie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Buckley, of Kidderminster, Worcs. 2973

LUNNISS—EDMED. — The engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Lunniss, 36, Trent Garden, London, and Carol, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmed, Mead House, Bredgar, Kent, on December 25th. 2975

PARKER—LEGGET. — The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hawker, 2, Mill Road, High Ham, Langport, and Diana Lesley Janet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Legget, 21, West Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset. 2976

ROGERS—BELLFIELD. — The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, of Isleworth, Middlesex, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bellfield, of Andoversford, Gloucestershire. 2964

WILLIAMS—SADLER. — The engagement is announced between Frazer, elder son of the late Mr. V. G. Williams and Mrs. V. G. Williams, of High Peak, Sunningdale, and Ann, daughter of the Rev. H. G. and Mrs. Sadler, of St. Mawes, Cornwall (formerly of Preston, Rutland). 2991

DEATH

SUTTON. — Hilary Jean, aged 33 years, dearly-loved wife of Eric and mother of Michael, passed peacefully away after a long illness at her home, 56, Eastcott Road, Swindon, on Monday, December 11th, 1967. 2969

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BAKER.—The address of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Baker is now: 8, Woodhill Gardens, Green Lane, Cookridge, Leeds 16. 2967

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Sincere New Year greetings to all my ringing friends.—From **HERBERT W. KNIGHT**, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Wokingham. 2976

New Year greetings to all ringing friends from David, Frances, George and Hilda **MASSEY**, Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome, and from Mrs. **MASSEY**, Brent Knoll, Highbridge, Somerset. 2974

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motions for the 1968 A.G.M. should reach me by February 1st, 1968. (Rules VI and IX.) —P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2993

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The new secretary of the Bristol City Branch is Mr. Michael Hobbs, 95, Repton Road, Brislington, Bristol 4, and all future correspondence should be addressed to him.

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

LIVERPOOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Annual Dinner will be held on February 24th, 1968. Tickets (20s.) available from: J. R. Coope, Derby Hall, North Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool 18. Please send names and s.a.e. 2988

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — Open practice, December 30th. Six bells, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—All welcome.—L. Derrick. 2987

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

MEETINGS

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

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. Foksett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham. 2940

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on January 2nd at 8.15 p.m. Practices: January 2nd, St. Paul's Cathedral; January 9th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; January 16th, St. Botolph's, Aldgate; January 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 2965

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, Wednesday, January 3rd, 7.45–9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 2963

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael-with-St. Paul (Broad Street) (8), Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Evening ringing will be announced at the meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, by January 3rd.—Alan F. Lee, Sec. 2968

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — A.G.M. at Bridgwater, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting at Tudor Cafe. Names for tea to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Tel. Holford 345) by January 3rd. 2972

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Mary the Virgin's, Stoke-sub-Hamdon (6, 17 cwt.), Saturday, January 6th, 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Also Branch Dinner, Kings Arms, Montacute, Tuesday, February 27th. Tickets 13s. 6d. (limited number).—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Coker Hill, West Coker. Tel. West Coker 208. 2924

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Bedford, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Martin's Hall. Names must be sent to Mrs. M. Cowley, 40, Palmerston Street, Bedford, by Thursday, 4th. 2985

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Heanor (8), Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Farnsworth, 5, Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, by January 3rd.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 2971

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, January 6th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, in good time, please. 2986

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely on Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. 2949

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. Pantion, 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

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting at Tiverton, Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea with business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Thursday previous, please. 2930

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kingston District. — Annual general meeting at Weobley, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to T. Bounds, Ledgemoor, Weobley, by January 3rd. 2990

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A.G.M. at Hitchin, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All members are asked to attend to elect the new secretary, and, please, either telephone or send your names for tea to A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel. 3612. —C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 2948

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

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — A.G.M., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6 till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Jessop, 8, Northiam Road, Eastbourne, by previous Wednesday.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 2981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 2970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—(Solution to last week's puzzle.) Annual general meeting at Clitheroe (8) on Saturday, January 6th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m., and about 6.30 p.m. onwards. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. (election of officials, Branch Fund Rule amendments, etc.). Names for tea by Wednesday, January 3rd, please—to Miss S. Washbrook, Halcyon, Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe. Ring, too, at Downham (our single 5), 2.35 to 3.20 p.m.; Ribbles bus 215 dep. Blackburn 1335, Whalley 1402. Clitheroe 1412.—Brian A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 2952

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual District meeting at Ratby on January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by annual District meeting. District members, please make every effort to attend. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Spencer, 16, Stamford Street, Ratby, Leicester, by Wednesday, January 3rd.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 2943

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Annual general meeting, Spalding, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs, by Wednesday previous. 2941

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham (8), Saturday, January 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. C. Hudson, 10, Cross Lane, Preston, Uppingham, by Tuesday, January 2nd. 2966

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Annual general meeting at Raunds on January 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Coates, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering, by Tuesday previous. 2944

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

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Westbury (8) on Saturday, January 6th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. Please forward names for tea to Mr. G. B. Davis, 18, King Alfred Way, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, not later than January 4th. 2980

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, January 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. chge) Ebor Cafe 5.15. Names to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, before January 4th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2980

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

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Brecon, January 6th. St. David's (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.. St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.—4 p.m. and during the evening. Evensong at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea (at 2s. 6d. each) and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, 46, Uplands, Brecon, before January 3rd. 2901

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—District general meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, January 6th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.30 in the Chantry Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton, SO2 3QR. Telephone number Southampton 69589. 2946

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Barking, January 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to A. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, East Ham, E.6. 2982

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, 65, Norman Road, West Malling. 2978

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Abergavenny, January 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Lewis, Homeleigh, Park Crescent, Abergavenny, Mon. 2938

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Goole on January 20th. General Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. The meeting will vote on the proposed addition to the rules of the offices of composition secretary and report editor. Bells: North Cave (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Carlton (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Thorne (8) 12–1 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.; Howden (8) 2–3.45 p.m.; Goole (8) 2–4 p.m. and after business. Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Wednesday, January 17th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 2977

LATE NOTICES

IN MEMORIAM

STACEY.—In loving memory of Sam, beloved father of Harry, Mary, Jack and all the family, who departed to ring the heavenly peals January 2nd, 1966. 2996

PERSONAL

"Then they who feared the Lord spoke often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for they that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name." — Malachi iii, 16.

MEETINGS

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Mattishall, Saturday, January 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea afterwards. 2995

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Cattistock, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 2994

STRATTON

RINGING FESTIVAL

The second Stratton, Cornwall, Ringing Festival was held on December 2nd. Some 160 ringers from Cornwall and Devon were present some time during the day and 11 towers in the immediate district were open from 10.30 a.m. Fourteen teams entered for the striking competition, which the judges, Messrs. C. Menhire (Rock), A. Polkinghorne (St. Minver) and L. Hambley (St. Kew), stated was of a very high standard. They awarded certificates to Down St. Mary, Plympton, Tavistock, Truro Cathedral and Alvington for six-bell ringing, and Wayside (N.D. Ringers), Bridgerule, Tavistock, Plympton, St. Austell and Truro Cathedral for eight-bell ringing.

The Truro Diocesan Guild service was sung at 6 p.m., taken by the Vicar, the Rev. L. W. Dodd, the preacher being the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. It coincided with the patronal festival (St. Andrew's) and Gift Day, and so the collection of £5 10s. was given to the Vicar towards this.

A bountiful tea was provided by the ringers' wives, supervised by Mrs. H. Stacey, after which thanks were expressed to vicars and captains for use of the bells and to Mr. H. Stacey for arranging such a successful day.

E. H. L.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 19th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major. Margaret Jones 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, N. J. Davies 4, C. Wyld 5, B. Johnson 6, R. Swift 7, D. Manger (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Martin (first in method) 1, R. J. Talbot 2, Christine Foster 3, C. M. Foster 4, Juliet Stoy 5, N. Thomson 6, K. G. Game (first in method as cono.) 7, Adrienne Gibson 8. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

BREDGAR, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. P. S. Berry 1, Sylvia Knight 2, N. J. Davies (cond.) 3, Rev. S. M. Evans 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (100th quarter this year) 6. Fifteenth quarter together 3 and 6.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: Miss A. Patching (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Catlin 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, W. Nicholson 4, D. G. Hall 5, I. V. Wintrip 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, C. Mordue 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's-without-Aldgate Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Jones 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Joan Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, P. V. Gant 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, F. Scoones 8. First of Stedman 1 and 2. For morning service.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton 2, K. Butler 3, P. C. Sinden 4, H. Deacon 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelps 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bernard France (churchwarden).

PAYHEMBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,120 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Summers 1, D. Salter 2, A. Crabb 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 10th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland and Lincolnshire): Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, P. J. Shipton 3, B. Shingler 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. F. Diserens 6, J. N. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens 8. First 8-spliced 3, 4.

RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,296 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (tenor cover): Christine M. Wright 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, J. A. Coates 4, Doreen Metcalfe 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6, K. Hilton 7. To mark the passing of the £15,000 target of the Restoration Fund.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples 1. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, R. Stretton 7, L. Butler 8. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandisle Doubles: A. Simpson 1, N. Handley 2, R. Stretton 3, D. Oliver 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, L. Butler 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: Jane M. Skelton 1, H. Rumens (cond.) 2, Stephanie Green 3, M. Sherrick (first of Triples) 4, A. J. Lucas 5, N. O. Skelton 6, A. Page 7, E. C. Read 8. For Evensong.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, HANLEY, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. John, on Dec. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Royal: D. Adams 1, Jean Millins (first on ten) 2, A. Jack 3, D. Midgley 4, G. Burton 5, G. Bidolph 6, O. Williams 7, L. Shepton (cond.) 8, M. Jack 9, W. H. Pickett 10.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Dec. 11th, 1,312 Yorkshire S. Major: C. Richards 1, J. T. Parsons 2, R. J. Hulme 3, P. Tombs 4, B. Bladon 5, D. J. White 6, M. J. Stanley 7, M. A. New (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire 3, 4, 6. Rung as a tribute to Mrs. J. Sutton.

TALATON, DEVON.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandisle Doubles: G. Travers 1, N. Salter 2, T. Travers 3, L. Stevens 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, J. Foster 6.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): A. Hinton 1, R. Russell 2, E. Buckley 3, R. Cowley 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5, H. Abbott (first quarter) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 29th, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, B. Johnson 2, P. Staples 3, P. Richardson 4, D. Manger 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Holdstock 1, B. Johnson 2, P. Staples 3, P. Richardson 4, W. Garner 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: P. Richardson 1, M. Lancefield (cond.) 2, P. Staples 3, R. Carlton 4, W. Garner 5, B. Johnson 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ALTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Miss A. Biddlecombe 1, H. Moody 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, M. Lockyer (first "inside") 4, L. Noakes 5, E. Hedger 6, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Remembrance Day Evensong.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dean 1, W. W. Wathen 2, B. D. Foster 3, Linda Gibson 4, S. G. Pick (cond.) 5, M. R. Buckham 6. First quarter 2, 3, 4, 6. By the Sunday service band as a welcome to the Rev. R. H. Sargent as Vicar.

CHILCOMPTON, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Oswald Delight Minor: E. J. Chivers 1, R. G. Beck 2, A. P. Beck 3, D. Mackay 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. First by all.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. James, or Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Greenaway 1, A. P. Weeks 2, F. Bailey 3, W. Beavan 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Saxton 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. W. Greenaway.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Stacey (first of Triples) 1, E. Treagus 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, A. Beisworth 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6, K. A. Tipper 7, K. Sansom 8.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Maggs 1, Monica Horseman (cond.) 2, K. Baker 3, R. Perry 4, R. Smith 5, J. Coombs 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

KILNDOWN KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): M. R. T. Lambert 1, R. E. Lambert 2, R. T. Lambert 3, Jane Foster 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, A. W. West 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. A compliment to Mr and Mrs. Frank Pattenden on their diamond wedding anniversary.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine M. Bew 1, P. G. Pitt 2, Janet Dagley 3, Angela M. Wright 4, A. G. Semken 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, M. J. Bew 7, D. E. House 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss D. Groves 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, G. Cantrill 3, L. Head 4, B. Groves (cond.) 5, F. Hogan 6, T. Cullingworth 7, A. Macfadyen 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On St. Andrew's Day, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): C. Butchart 1, H. Badger 2, Cherry Withell 3, T. Smith 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, J. Winter 6. For Evensong. It was exactly three years ago that the conductor rang his first quarter peal.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol Stacey 1, Sally Stacey (first of Triples) 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Tipper 5, A. Beisworth 6, K. Sansom (first Bob Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. First of Bob Triples 3, 4, 6. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to Leslie Tremer and Prisca Hornby.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. Smith (cond.) 1, I. M. Hankin (first quarter) 2, A. P. Sheldon 3, V. E. T. Holland (first quarter) 4, D. R. Starkey 5. For Evensong.

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