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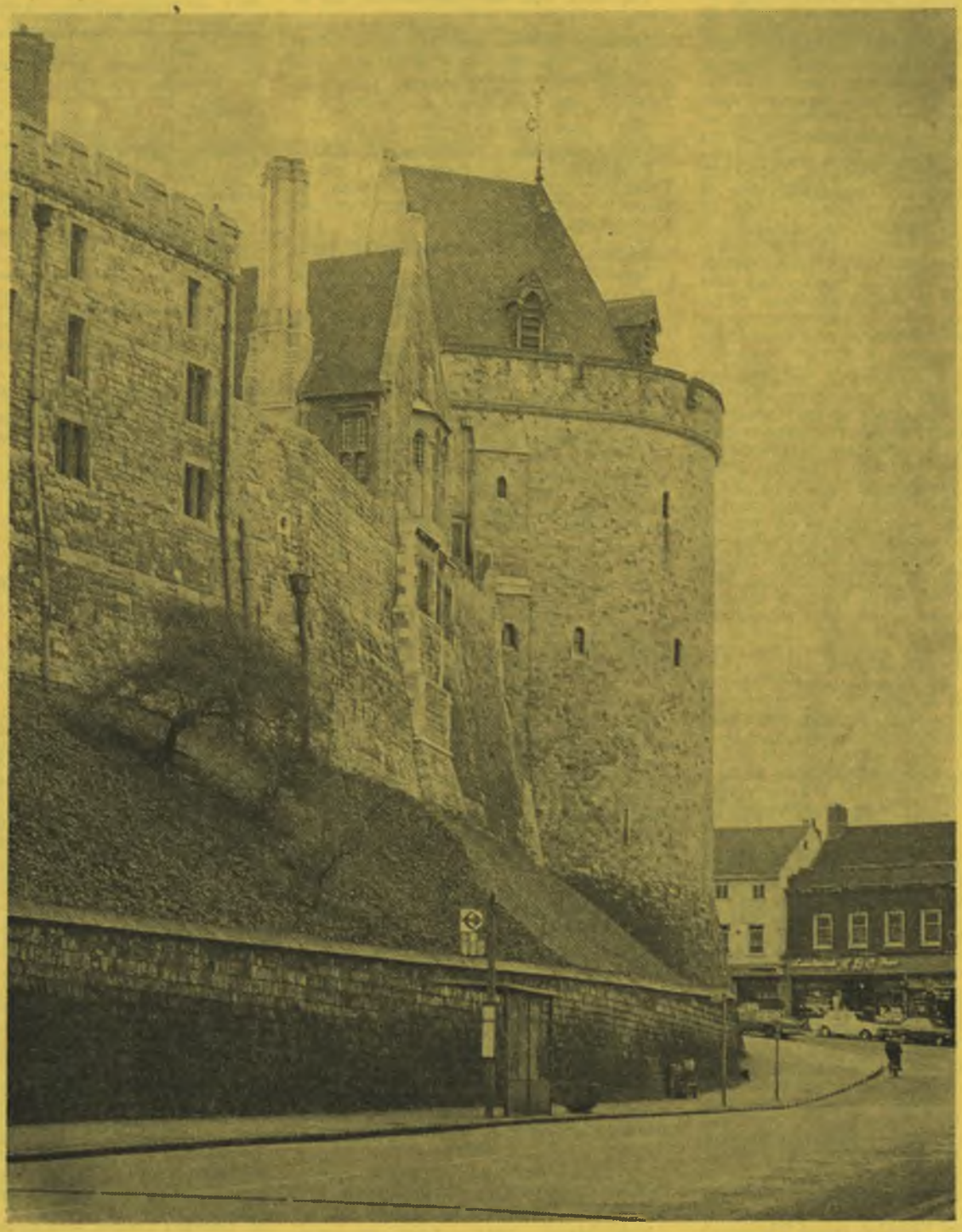

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

By KENNETH BUCKINGHAM

HER Majesty's Free Chapel of St. George rises within the walls of Windsor Castle, residence of kings and queens of England, a magnificent example of the Perpendicular style of architecture; but its bells are hung in the Curfew Tower, which is very plain by comparison and was completed in 1230 as part of the outer defences.

It is interesting to note that neither the present chapel nor its predecessor, built by Henry III, included a tower suitable for bells within its structure, and the bells have hung throughout their 700 years' history in detached towers. The first was built to the King's order, dated 20th August, 1243, which concluded ". . . and a stone turret at the front of the same chapel in which may be hung three or four bells." This was followed on 11th February, 1249–1250, by a writ issued to Edward Fitz Odo of Westminster "That he cause to be made by Master John de Seynt, of the metal which remained from the great bell of Westminster, four bells to be put in the chapel of the Castle of Windsor, namely two like those which are in the King's chapel of St. Stephen, Westminster, and another two according as the subprior of Westminster shall tell him for the King."

The tower was in need of repair by the end of the century, and eventually the foundation of the Order of the Garter by Edward III in 1348 led to improvements to the chapel, including the building of a new bell tower in 1359–60. This was a fine square tower surmounted by a spire which served its purpose well for over a century until the bells were transferred to the Clewer Tower in 1478/9. The old bell tower became the residence of the Governor of the Military Knights and may still be seen in the middle of a line of military knights' residences facing the south side of the chapel.

DOMED CUPOLA

The bells had become a ring of five named Aston, George, John, Mary and Jesu by the time of their transfer, and they were hung in a bell cage surmounted by a domed cupola rising above the level of the ramparts. The tenor was recast by Richard Eldridge in 1598 but in 1612 John Wallis, a well-known bellfounder of Salisbury, recast all the bells, together with a large clock bell, to make a ring of six. Three still remain, the present 4th, 6th and 7th, but he had trouble with the tenor which was recast five times before being sold to defray College debts. Nine years later, in 1623, they bought another tenor which was evidently second-hand for it is dated 1614. Although cast by John Wallis, this is clearly not the original tenor for the plain lettering and English inscription are quite different from the special ornate letters and Latin inscriptions used in 1612.

In 1650, during the occupation of the Castle by Cromwell's army, the bells were augmented to eight by recasting the treble and the addition of two smaller bells. The work was carried out by William Whitmore, an itinerant bellfounder, who was in the district casting bells at Langley Marish in 1649, and two of his bells, the 2nd and 3rd, remain to this day. Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry, recast Whitmore's treble in 1741 and also the fifth by Wallis in 1745; but the fifth was recast again in 1898 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, when they rehung all the bells with new headstocks, bearings, clappers, wheels and pulleys. This was the last major work on the bells, although the tenor was rehung in roller bearings in 1922 and the rest of the bells in 1948.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The bells, with their inscriptions, are as follows:—

Treble.—THOMAS LESTER OF LONDON MADE ME FEBRUARY THE 20 1741.

Second.—1650 W. WHITMORE MADE ME. INCIPE DVLCE CEQVAR.

Third.—1650 W W.

Fourth.—VENITE EXVLTEMVS IW 1612.

Fifth.—MEARS ET STAINBANK LONDINI FECERUNT. On waist: IN HONORE S: GEORGII MARTIRIS ET S: EDVARDI REGIS AC CONFESSARIS A.D. 1898.

Sixth.—VOX DEI GLORIOSA EST IW 1615.

Seventh.—NOS AVRIBVS NOBIS VOS CORDIBVS DEO SONATE IW 1612.

Tenor.—SEARAE THE LORD WITH FERE IW 1614.

The only bell of known weight is the 5th which is 12 cwt. 22 lb., while the tenor, with a diameter of 52 inches, tuned to D, is approximately 26 cwt.

The bells are chimed by means of an Ellacombe apparatus for the daily services by a steeplekeeper who until recently lived within the tower. They are also rung on certain special occasions throughout the year, mainly royal birthdays, by eight ringers appointed by the Dean and Chapter of St. George's.

On the first floor there is a clock by John Davis, of Windsor, dated 1689, which chimes the quarters and hours on the bells, together with the tune "St. David's" every three hours at 3, 6, 9 and 12 night and day.

NINE PEALS

Only nine peals have been rung on these bells, the first being on 21st February, 1748, 5,040 Union Trebles, and the next on 10th April, 1787, a 5,040 Grandsire Triples by the College Youths, with two men on the 7th and two on the tenor! The Cumberland Youths rang Holt's "Original" on 24th October, 1891, and the last six peals have been rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, namely:—

6th May, 1935.—5,056 Plain Bob Major: Conducted by E. S. T. Farr—for the Silver Jubilee of King George V.

8th June, 1956.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by N. V. Harding—for Victory Day.

9th May, 1951.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by L. Stilwell—for the Installation of King Frederick of Denmark as a Knight of the Garter and for the Festival of Britain.

19th February, 1960.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by F. T. Blagrove—for the birth of Prince Andrew.

3rd November, 1961.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by E. S. T. Farr—for the birth of Viscount Linley.

11th March, 1964.—5,040 Grandsire Triples: Conducted by F. T. Blagrove—for the birth of Prince Edward.

The Curfew Tower itself is a massive stone structure shaped like the letter D with the flat side towards the chapel and walls 13 feet thick at the base. It had been used as a storehouse and prison until 1478–9, when the bells were transferred thereto, but since then the interior has altered little. There is a stone-vaulted basement and on the ground floor a ringing chamber surrounded by rooms previously occupied by the steeplekeeper but which are now the offices of the Friends of St. George's. The first floor contains the clock mechanism, also an old cannon aimed at Windsor Bridge, and the bells hang in their frame in the storey above that.

The exterior received an extensive facelift in the late 19th century, when the houses backing on to it from the town were removed. The walls were then completely refaced and a new roof added, styled on the Tour de la Peyre at Carcassonne in Southern France. Thus it remains to this day, an impressive home for the bells of St. George's Chapel, looking out across the town and the River Thames.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

Dear Sir,—We were delighted to see Mr. Tonge reopen the debate on the disgraceful and scandalous "closed shop" attitude at Westminster Abbey. This issue needs to be fought with vigour until victory is won. If the Exercise is prepared to sit back and accept the status quo, or passively to adopt a defeatist attitude to this situation, this anachronism will never be swept away. The frequency with which the Westminster Abbey attitude towards ringing crops up everywhere in conversations between bellringers proves that it is a running sore needing urgent treatment.

It has always seemed to us a cowardly way out for the Abbey ringers to lay the blame completely upon the Abbey authorities. We are sure that no church bellringer worthy of the name would tolerate such a narrow-minded and selfish attitude in his own belfry, but would make a ceaseless agitation for its removal and would call in the support of all ringing organisations whose weight could be added to the fight.

We wonder how much effort the Abbey ringers themselves have put into making the authorities aware of how out-of-step with present-day ringing they are, and with what disdain and disgust they and their ringers are held for perpetuating this belfry "closed shop." There must be very many able diplomats on the Central Council who could have resolved this problem had their counsel or intervention been invited—that is, of course, if the Abbey ringers had really desired it!

The Abbey is not only a national shrine to which ringers as well as other people are drawn, but also a church, where services of worship are regularly held, and one would think that here of all places the bells should be rung frequently and regularly, and that if the "resident" band is incapable of ringing twice on Sundays and for all the major Church festivals, then competent bands from elsewhere should be not only allowed but invited to assist with the maintenance of a regular (not a casual) ringing programme.

The reply given to Mr. Tonge that if the bells were rung at other than the prescribed times the "people near the Abbey would wonder why," is the most ludicrous statement we have read for a long time. If a regular ringing programme were arranged then people would no longer "wonder why" any more than they would wonder why St. Margaret's bells were being rung. The author of the reply sent to Mr. Tonge must surely be the laughing stock of ringers everywhere.

Even the Roman Catholic Curia, as reactionary a body as one can find anywhere, is changing with the times. The Anglican authorities at Westminster Abbey are a hundred years behind the times—if it is they who are responsible for this antiquated, obstinate and selfish attitude!—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM,
St Mary's, Slough.
S. M. BAILEY,
All Saints', High Wycombe.
DOREEN HAGUE,
St Michael's, Bray, Berks.
G. W. LIMMER,
St. Peter's, Burnham.
J. KELLY,
St. Giles', Chalfont St. Giles.
JOHN E. NORSWORTHY,
St Michael's, Bray, Berks.

17s. 6d. A ROPE

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter by Mr. Frank Tonge re the ridiculous, pathetic and childish closed shop that operates at Westminster Abbey.

The late Bill Hewitt once told me that he and others did their utmost to get the Abbey bells rung alternately with St. Margaret's. This was at the time of the restoration in 1919, but two people made it their business to veto this and the present "tradition" grew up.

The crux of the matter, of course, is the paying of ringing fees; no one is going to climb the endless steps and ring these very indifferent bells unless it is for 17s. 6d. a rope, and, Mr. Editor, I submit that 17s. 6d. a rope is the sole reason for the closed shop.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK HANSARD.

London, N.18.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS NEW SECRETARY

The annual general meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on December 30th. There was a good attendance and methods rung ranged from rounds to Surprise Royal. Tea was kindly arranged by Mrs. Foskett and helpers.

At the commencement of the business meeting members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. F. A. Salter, a past Master.

The secretary (Mrs. Foskett) reported a good year, the membership passing the 100 mark. She expressed the meeting's thanks to Mr. G. A. Dawson for renovating the Society's set of handbells. The secretary regretted that due to ill-health she would be unable to continue in office.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. J. A. Dawson; Master-elect, Mr. D. Whetton; secretary, Mr. D. Stainsby; treasurer, Mr. W. Nichols; steward, Mr. R. Inglis.

The dates for meetings for 1968 are March 30th, June 29th, August 31st, November 30th and December 28th (A.G.M.).

The following were elected honorary life members: Miss I. Thompson, Mr. W. Nichols, Mr. E. C. Shepherd and Mr. C. W. Towers.

The secretary and treasurer were asked to investigate the ownership of the Doubleday Crofts Manuscripts which were thought to be the property of the Society. Mr. E. Hutchby reported that W. Doubleday Crofts' grave was falling into disrepair and it was agreed that this matter should also be investigated.

Mr. S. Fossey proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in making the meeting a success. D. S.

LONGER, BUT NOT PROGRESSIVE LENGTH

The record length of 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Edgbaston on November 25th has been surpassed by 12,096 rung at Accrington on January 6th.

In view of the conditions of the Central Council governing progressive lengths not having been complied with, no claim is made for this to be so recorded. The organisers have asked for it to be recorded as a "long length." The ringers are content with the knowledge that what Birmingham has achieved in regard to Glasgow Surprise Major has been "unofficially" surpassed by Lancashire.

12,096 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

By PETER BORDER
Arranged by RICHARD J. PARKER

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563427					—			
635427			—					
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473652	—							
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763452							S	
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(532467)								—
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573462						—		
(234567)								2
342567			—					

Repeat twice.
Rung at Accrington on January 6th, 1968.

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter printed in "The Ringing World", of December 15th, 1967, written by Brian J. Woodruffe, it appears that several points have been raised requiring some elucidation.

(i) B. J. W. quotes from my notification letter (re 20,160 of Plain Bob Minor) that I "specifically request that no attempt be made to enquire about the progress of the peal". It is a pity that he has not quoted me accurately and completely, for had he done so the reasons would have become obvious why this request was made.

(ii) B. J. W. states:—

(a) "Why such hide-away measures?" —May I make it perfectly clear that there were no such measures and none intended.

(b) "The attempt should have taken place in a building where ringers could come and go at will . . ." — Whilst there seems some merit in this statement it was considered that such a record attempt justified the most suitable and comfortable environment—there is no such building (or belfry) locally available—and further that compliance with the quote would not be conducive to our best ringing. However, having come to the decision of "where" and "why", I invited an observer from both the University of London and Winchester and Portsmouth Guilds to be present. (Those Guilds claim the two current handbell peal records that we were striving to exceed.)

(c) "What would A. H. Pulling have said to such secrecy."—I consider it untimely to B. J. W. to have been so discourteously presumptuous as to have made this remark of that much-respected ringer.

It appears that a further and more deep-rooted suggestion has been inferred by B. J. W.—that of the credibility of all handbell peal ringing in private places. If this be so then I consider he ought to be more trusting in his fellow ringers. (I personally invite Brian to come and ring a handbell peal with us in Berkshire.)

In conclusion I would state that I had, previous to my giving notice in conformity with the rules, discussed the issue of this attempt (i.e., notification and composition) with both Wilfrid G. Wilson and Frank T. Blagrove. It would seem that these rules need some reform in both clarity and modernisation; if so, let us hope that consideration be given to this end at the next session of the Central Council.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. PRICE.

Countersigned S. SARGEANT
K. R. DAVENPORT
S. G. SCOTT
A. J. N. RANCE
J. L. CLAUGHTON
Umpires.

Crowthorne, Berks.

PLAIN BOB MINOR WITHOUT SINGLES

Dear Sir,—I am sure the whole Exercise are looking for the answer to Mr. F. Hector Bennett's request in "Belfry Gossip" ("Ringing World," page 935) for the composition of Mr. Frank Blagrove's peal of Plain Bob Minor at Dorney, Bucks ("Ringing World," page 882). This was of seven different extents, each obtained **without singles.**

Has Mr. Blagrove found a way to reverse the coursing order of a pair of bells in Plain Bob Minor to obtain the extent, by some new means?

Come on, Frank, don't keep me in suspense! —Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. ACRES.

Chigwell, Essex

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Stephenson 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Rowley 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. J. Cook 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to Peter and Hilary Aslett.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR CATTELL

Many will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Arthur Cattell, of Leicester, at the age of 65, after a long illness. Over 50 years ago he joined the choir of All Saints', Leicester, and not long afterwards took up ringing. His whole life was spent in the furtherance of Christian activities. During the years that ringing was not possible at All Saints' he rang at the neighbouring Church of St. Margaret, but always nipped out smartly to attend service at his own church. His personal drive in 1946 enabled the tower of All Saints' to be repaired and the bells rehung. About this time he was made Vicar's warden.

A builder all his life, his last five years were spent as foreman on the new "do-it-yourself" church at Stocking Farm, Leicester, organising voluntary labour. This is one of the few modern church buildings having a tower ready to receive a small ring of six bells. The church was consecrated in the presence of H.R.H Princess Margaret a year ago. Mr. Cattell's ashes have now been placed in the church's Garden of Remembrance.

MR. E. WILCOX

One of the oldest members of the Midland Counties Guild, which he joined in 1905, has died at Nuthall, Notts. He was Mr. E. Wilcox, aged 84, who died on January 5th. For many years he was a member of the Nuthall band.

MR. J. E. FIELDING

A former bellringer at Christ Church, Friezland, Mr. John E. Fielding, died on January 2nd, aged 64 years. He was taught to ring at Friezland and spent many years with their contest team. He had also been very active in the church life at St. John the Baptist's, Roughtown, where he had served as churchwarden for 15 years.

More recently Mr. Fielding had to cease his ringing activities due to ill-health, although he was still closely connected with his own team at Roughtown.

A quarter peal of 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at the Sunday evening memorial service at Roughtown on January 7th by A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6.

MR. LESLIE WARNER

A ringer at Cranleigh Parish Church since the age of 15, Mr. Leslie Warner suffered a heart attack on Tuesday, January 10th, and died the next morning at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford.

He was a chorister at the parish church for several years and a ringer for just over 50 years. He had not rung many peals but was a conscientious service ringer, always punctual for practices and service ringing. He had taught many young boys and girls to ring, from handling a bell to ringing the simpler methods.

Being a skilled carpenter, after the bells had been recast in 1951 he fixed an extra ceiling in the ringing room and filled the space between with soundproofing material. He also made a new stairway up to the bell chamber and designed and made many peal boards. This he did at no cost to the church: to him it was a labour of love.

It may interest some ringers to know that Cranleigh was famous for its oak and, before iron frames were used, Messrs. Holden and Sons, the predecessors of his employers, made bell frames of this material and sent them all over the country.

The funeral service took place at Cranleigh Parish Church on Monday, January 15th, at 2.30 p.m. E. R. W.

MR. W. THORNLEY, SEN.

We have received news of the death on November 25th, 1967, of Mr. W. Thornley, sen., at his home, 159, Brookhill Street, Stapleford, Notts. He was elected to the Midland Counties Guild in 1924 and later joined the Southwell Guild. Little is known of his ringing career. He was always at Stapleford Church on Sundays and as far back as 1944 he had rung over 100 peals. S. A.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE FIRST TEN YEARS

Ten years ago the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association made an experiment in introducing a social meeting at Chester-le-Street. The original date chosen was January 18th, 1958, but this had to be changed to January 4th because of a prior booking of the Church Institute. The function was held on January 4th but before January 18th severe gales damaged the newly-restored spire and caused ringing to be suspended. Perhaps this was a good augury!

After the initial experiment as a combined District meeting the function was elevated to full Association status. It has continued at Chester-le-Street throughout the ten years, contending with very inclement weather on some occasions and a bus strike on another, and the latest gathering on January 6th, 1968, achieved a new record with almost all the 90 places set for tea occupied—and the correct number of names was received beforehand!

Ringing was available from 2 to 5 p.m. and concluded with a competition in striking between the three reorganised districts. The judges, from the Northern and Central Districts, showed that all was fair by awarding the prize to the Southern District. They had no hesitation in doing this as the Southern's course of Grandsire Triples was free from any serious blemish.

After tea the Rector led prayers to introduce carol singing, conducted by Ken Cheeseman, and then there followed a programme of dancing and games. Music for dancing was arranged by Ian Wintrip, Fred Hodgson provided another puzzle with his tape-recorder and Denis Bayles tried to provided one or two new twists to the games which have proved popular in past years.

All too soon it was time for the ladies to brew up again so that what remained from tea could be consumed for supper before the party dispersed. The reputation of the ladies of Chester-le-Street was sustained by their latest efforts, and these were duly acknowledged by Bill Tyson in an omnibus vote of thanks to them and all who had contributed to the success of the evening. D. A. B.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Ringers from a wide area attended the annual general meeting of the North East Branch of the Devon Guild at Tiverton on January 6th. The service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. S. Nye), and the Guild president (Preb. J. H. B. Andrews) was present.

Reporting on the past year, Mr. G. W. Hollis (secretary-treasurer) said that membership had fallen a little, but financially the Branch was holding its own and had £66 in the bank.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Preb. G. Hodgson; Ringing Master, W. H. Ware; secretary-treasurer, G. W. Hollis; committee, the officers and H. Ransom, F. Down and P. Cook.

Ringing included good touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob Major and Stedman. Tea was served by lady members and wives of members of the local band.

Next quarterly meeting: Bampton (provisional).

DEVIZES BRANCH RECEIVE TROPHY

The official acceptance of a trophy presented to the Branch by the Ringing Masters for an annual striking competition took place at the annual general meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Westbury on June 6th.

Features of the service conducted by the Rev. G. W. Lighton were a reading by Mr. E. C. Shepherd and handbell ringing by a combined Warminster and North Bradley band. The lesson was read by Hugh Lawrence, of Dauntsey's School. Sixty-five ringers were present representing 21 towers. An excellent tea followed, provided by the All Saints' ringers and their ladies.

Mr. C F. Andrews (Branch chairman) presided at the meeting, with Mr. Graham Davies as secretary. The company stood in silent tribute to the late Mr. D. Hughes, of Bromham.

The accounts show a healthy credit balance, due to the hard-working efforts of Mr. G. Davis, who in his secretary's report was hard on those of the advanced ringers who did not, in his opinion, help the learners enough at meetings.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. C. F. Andrews; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Davis; hon. auditor, Mr. B. Carter; vice-chairman, Mr. A. T. Weeks; Ringing Masters, Mr. R. Purnell (Melksham), Mr. E. Norris and Mr. N. G. Knee (Warminster). Power was given to co-opt. Messrs. E J. Hitchins, L. E. Hitchins and F. S. Slatford to the Branch Committee. Nineteen new members were elected.

Methods of getting instruction to the learners more easily were discussed, and it was agreed to let the Branch Committee discuss this and report to the next quarterly meeting. A standard charge for teas at meetings was fixed at 2s. 6d., with half-price for juniors under nine years old.

Ringing followed under the guidance of Mr. R. Purnell. The large number of young ringers present augurs well for the future.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT

While 1967 was not a good year for the East Grinstead and District Guild, as no peals had been rung, a happy spirit pervaded at the Guild's annual dinner at Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on January 9th.

Mr. B. E. Jeffery, the chairman, presided, and the toast of "The Church" was submitted by Mr. P. R. Everest, to which the president, the Rev. J. R. Missin, replied. Mr. R. W. H. Hayes, who was recently elected secretary of the Tonbridge District, Kent County Association, proposed "The Guild" and the chairman replied. Mr. Jeffery pointed out that 1967 had been a bad year for the Guild, with attendances falling off at meetings. This year's annual general meeting would be at Edenbridge. "The Visitors" was a toast on the call of Mr. A. R. Large, and Mr. P. A. Corby replied.

The entertainment opened brightly with dancing routines by the local Amateur Musical Society. Mr. C. A. Osbon did a Hertfordshire monologue, which was much enjoyed, and Mr. G. Fry did a slapstick Kentish monologue. Songs from Gilbert and Sullivan's operas were sung by Mr. R. A. Large, and C. A. Osbon joined him for the "Gendarme's Song." The entertainment finished with the "can-can," performed by the "L.A.M.P.S." R. J. E.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern Division had a very successful Christmas party at Balcombe on January 6th instead of the usual meeting. About 60 members enjoyed games and entertainment organised by the Ringing Master, Mr. George Francis. Buffet refreshments were served and our thanks go to Mr. Fred Roberts and his helpers at Balcombe for all the work they put in on our behalf. The lucky programmes and raffles were drawn for at 9.45 p.m., after which we sang "Auld Lang Syne" and departed our various ways for home in the snow. J. O.

THE SOCIETY OF RAVING RINGERS

Friday, January 5th, saw car-loads of ringers heading towards Worcester for the annual re-union of the above Society Ringing had been arranged at Powick for those who managed to arrive early enough before going on to the Talbot Hotel in Worcester.

Claines was the first tower on Saturday. Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were enjoyed on the light ten before moving on to Pershore Abbey, where the frightening ringing chamber cage was a little unnerving, resulting in unsettled ringing. The six at Kempsey were rung to a variety of methods before travelling back to Worcester for lunch. The afternoon was spent in the city, ringing at St. Swithun's, St. John's and All Saints'. A touch of 8-Spliced Surprise Major was rung at St. John's, while the tricky bells of All Saints' sounded out to Yorkshire Royal and Stedman Caters.

The organiser had asked the hotel to provide a dinner in the evening, and this they did. A large room was provided, complete with Christmas decorations, well away from the other guests. The social evening which followed included a film show of the last tour and the latest Ravers' song, sung by Ron Russ and accompanied by Roger Smith on the guitar.

The Society split up for service ringing on Sunday morning. Some went to Malvern Link and afterwards climbed the snow-covered Malvern Hills, whilst the rest went to Dodderhill and Droitwich. Originally only the latter tower had been included in the programme, but Paul Cattermole had extended an invitation to ring on the very good eight at Dodderhill. Lunch over, and the hotel was left behind as the Ravers headed for home via the two 6-bell towers of Welland and Ripple, and the octave at Upton-on-Severn, where the bells were put to good use for an hour befor Evensong.

The thanks of the Society go to all the incumbents and tower captains of the churches visited, as well as to the organiser, Peter Heriage, who arranged things so well.

E. A. V.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The 22nd annual general meeting of the Selby and District Society was held at Selby Abbey on January 6th. The president, the Rev. J. A. P. Kent, Vicar at the Abbey, officiated at the service

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the secretary, Mr. L. M. Woodhead, produced his annual report, which showed a paid-up membership of 104, and a healthy balance in the bank for this "non-profit-making learners' Society."

The Vicar of Selby Abbey was re-elected president, Mr. H. Walker (York Minster) chairman, and Mr. L. M. Woodhead (Goole) secretary-treasurer.

The retiring Ringing Master, Mr. R. Warford, having married and moved out of the district, did not seek re-election; Mr. A. Sheppard (Sherburn-in-Elmet) was elected to that office.

The committee for 1968 is Miss M. E. Wilkinson (York Minster), Mr. T. H. Foster (Selby Abbey) and Mr. G. F. Terry (Hemingbrough).

Mr. W. F. Moreton (Wakefield Cathedral), general secretary of the Yorkshire Association and a regular visitor to the Society's meetings, proposed the composite vote of thanks, which included everyone who had contributed in any way to "make the day."

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 37

DAVID C. BROWN
(Oxford Diocesan Guild)

A quiet, unassuming young ringer, who has just passed his 15th birthday, has been earning the respect of the members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He is David Christopher Brown, of Langley, in the Borough of Slough, who has recently conducted his first peal.

His entry into our art was somewhat unusual. With his father, he was looking round St. Mary's Church, Langley, and stopped to read the notices in the porch. The clock-winder arrived and invited them into the belfry to witness the clock being wound. He saw the ropes, but nothing of the bells. An invitation was given him to return that evening and see the ringers at practice. He was fascinated by what he saw and accepted a further invitation to try his hand the next week He was then about 11 years of age, but as he had joined an isolated call change band he knew nothing of the existence of such an art as change ringing.

Having safely negotiated the "11-plus" obstacle he found himself at Slough Boys' Grammar School in the same Form as a young ringer from Slough Parish Church. This boy's elder brother was also in the same school and wearing his Oxford Guild badge. David asked what was the significance of this and the younger brother explained, at the same time remarking that he also rang at Slough Parish Church. David then put in an appearance at Slough belfry and asked if he, too, could be taught change ringing.

From that moment he never looked back. He "saw the light" very quickly and in a matter of weeks had overtaken his two school friends. He began change ringing at the beginning of 1966, and by September 4th had rung his first quarter, Plain Bob Major "inside." October 8th found him ringing his first peal at Burnham, also Plain Bob Major "inside." He demonstrated at once what a good striker and safe ringer he is. He rang one other peal in 1966, the treble to a peal of Plain Bob on the heavy eight at Bray. In 1967 he really "went to town," scoring 20 peals, including his first as conductor. His list includes six peals only on the treble, viz.: Quornden Surprise Major, nine Major methods, Plain Bob Major (2), St. Clement's Triples and Wexham Surprise Royal. He has rung "inside" to the following peals:—

Minor: Cambridge (the eight extents), seven methods, Plain Bob (no singles).

Triples: Grandsire.

Major: Plain Bob 2 (conducted 1), New Cambridge Surprise, Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise, Fordcombe Surprise, Stand Surprise, Jedburgh Surprise, Purbeck Surprise, Kent Treble Bob.

Royal: Yorkshire Surprise.

David has rung in 165 towers. Of these, his favourite is the lovely little light eight at Easthampstead, Berks, where he called his first peal. He says he has so far no favourite method, but he greatly enjoyed a course of Treble Twelve at Buckfast Abbey. The performance which gave him most satisfaction was piloting a band of "rabbits" through a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Langley for the Flower Festival opening service. His only ringing ambition at the moment is to ring a peal in his own tower. This may be difficult to achieve. Although told that it would take three hours, the Vicar stopped the last attempt, after having given his consent to a peal for the wedding of one of his ringers—because he had had a telephone and a personal complaint! No attempts have been allowed since. We hope young David can break the spell. With all the spade-work he has done at Langley he deserves to be granted this wish.

David says he would like to acknowledge the debt he owes to Mr. William Birmingham, of Slough, for, as he says, "putting me on the road to being a ringer, and for getting me into all my early peals.'" He wishes also to thank Messrs. Alan Pink and Frank Blagrove for including him in their peal bands.

Outside the tower David's interests are music, reading, and writing out the blue line of new methods published in "The Ringing World." He has been playing the piano for four years and is now about to sit his Grade 5 examination.

David has an older sister, Rosamund, who is learning ringing. She took up the art with a view to getting her Girl Guides ringers' badge, but had to push this ambition aside until she had won the distinction of becoming a Queen's Guide. She has now resumed serious ringing and is mastering the basic methods on six and eight bells.

The writer would like to add his personal tribute to David Brown for the many hours each week he devotes to helping with the teaching of young ringers at Slough and Dorney, and to David's modest and most unassuming character.

"PALUDIAN."

BELL RINGING AT MARKET WEIGHTON

The newly-formed School Handbell Tune Ringing Team made their debut by playing Christmas carols at two functions at the County Seconday School recently.

A team of ringers from the County Secondary School rang Market Weighton Parish Church bells prior to the school's carol service there on Friday, December 22nd. Ringers taking part were Mrs. L. Gaukroger, Mr. N. Thwaites, Mr. N. Chaddock, Janet Martin, John Jobley and Roy Gibson.

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Letters to the Editor

MR. JOHN WILLIS

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Willis liked records to be correct as far as possible, I would like to put right one small error in paragraph 3 of "P. A. C.'s" excellent contribution on page 912.

John Willis did, in fact, take part in at least two peals after his return to Kent. Both were rung in my old tower, St. Martin's, Cheriton, Folkestone. I also took part, and the second one, I believe, was rung for my benefit.

On May 10th, 1947, he trebled to a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples conducted by Charles Turner. On January 3rd, 1948, he rang the fifth to a peal of 5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major (my "first" in this method), conducted by Reginald A. Reed.

I do recall that he had some physical disability, which made it inadvisable for him to stand for long periods, but he agreed to take part in these peals as they were being rung on the very light eight at Cheriton. I have a feeling that there was a second peal of Kent around this time but I cannot now trace it.

One of his last acts, as far as I personally am concerned, was when he gave a small farewell party to my wife and myself before we left Folkestone to come to Cambridge in April, 1966. We shall always treasure this memory of him, together with the beautifully written card in his writing which accompanied our wedding gift from the Folkestone ringers in 1949. —Yours sincerely,

WALTER C. CHANDLER.

Cambridge.

KENT—THE CRITIC CONCLUDES

Dear Sir,—In making my **final** reply to the letters about Kent, to comply with Mr. Lewis' request, I wish to make the following points.

I **believe** that for any improvement to take place in East Kent the Districts must be partitioned into easily worked units. This suggestion was rejected by a committee of Association members, and my letter was intended to make them take a much closer look at an apparently healthy state of affairs.

I do **not** expect Districts to change to suit me. I **do** expect them to change to better themselves, and **not** remain complacent. I have not been asked for any advice or to give any help, the latter being a facility offered at College practices before and since my arrival with method ringing up to London. I have, however, met with abuse from **some** Ashford District ringers. The difficulty in finding peal ringers is, as I have said before, lack of capable people, and not as one of the aforementioned people would have others believe.

Mr. Lewis classes me as a visitor. As a **resident member** of the Kent County Association, spending more than three-quarters of my year here, that is a matter of opinion. The Ashford District secretary is presumptuous in concluding that I am a "bird of passing."

Unfortunately I am unable to accept Mr. Lewis' invitation to go to Rochester as I have prior engagements. I do look forward to meeting him to discuss the matter further, as I am sure he can act sensibly about the problem.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES HEDGCOCK.

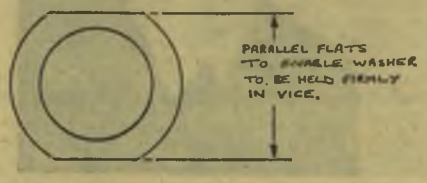
Canterbury.

P.S.—My correspondence is now closed.—J. H.

TAPERING STEEL WASHERS

Dear Sir,—Reading that most excellent article by "Ty Tennit" in the recent editions of "R.W." I was most interested in "Tackling odd-struck bells", not knowing until now that this was possible. However, as an engineer, I feel, although I may be wrong, that a leather washer would not be a very long-lasting article. May I therefore offer a few hints on tapering a steel washer, for the benefit of those not "in the know" but wishing to tackle this problem?

Having obtained the required size of washers first of all file two flats as in Fig. 1: this allows the washer to be held in a vice without it tending to turn over. Then, holding the washer in a vice as in Fig. 2, it may be filed down to the required taper.



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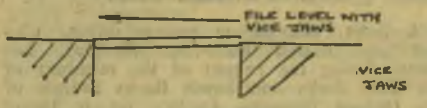

FIG. 2.

Hoping this may be a useful addition to "Ty Tennit's" steeplekeeping.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL EBSWORTH.

INSTRUCTIONAL PAMPHLET

Dear Sir,—When I received the proof indicating that you were preparing to publish a report of my talk to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies at Normanton last April it seemed to me that it might be worthwhile to obtain some reprints in pamphlet form.

A year or two ago the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, as part of its educational programme, started an Education Fund which might finance modest publications, and the Ringing Master and I thought that this opportunity might be taken to make a trial. I ordered a hundred copies which were supplied for £4 and several of these have already been sold at sixpence to our own members. If anyone else is interested in acquiring these reprints I shall be pleased to supply at this same price of sixpence per copy plus threepence for postage (this would cover postage up to about six copies).

The subject matter appeared in two instalments in "The Ringing World", December 1st and 8th, pp. 887 and 907. I hope this trial may be of interest and perhaps encourage other people to make reprints available, thereby increasing the literature of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

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Chester-le-Street,
Co. Durham.

GRANDISON AND A STORY

Dear Sir,—Geoff Bubb in his "Ringer's Story" is somewhat confusing regarding dates. Grandison at Exeter Cathedral was recast by Taylor in 1902 and I rang it single-handed on dedication day that same year. My Dad and Rev. G. F. Coleridge rang it to a peal of Grandsire Caters also in 1902. My Uncle Edwin was the last of the ringing Shepherds in Exeter; he died in 1946, so he would not have received a 1947 letter from James George. Mr. Bubb is very much out of his reckoning when he says Mr. George was about 85 in 1947, but I make it 94, seeing he was born in 1853 and died in 1951—much too late in life to tackle a bell of 72½ cwt. for a peal.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

RUTLAND RINGERS' TOUR

Dear Sir,—When I wrote my previous letter regarding the Rutland Ringers' tour of Leicestershire, I endeavoured to voice my protests in a reasonably mild form, and I think I succeeded. Although I expected Mr. A. C. B. to reply to my letter, I had hoped that I would not feel obliged to write a further one myself. However, I do. Incidentally, although Mr. A. C. B apparently knows me well enough to refer to me as plain "Judy Cox", I have no idea at all who he is and would be pleased if he could enlighten me.

On reading Mr. A. C. B.'s latest letter, I now find that he has progressed from writing disparaging remarks about our bells to disparaging remarks about me! Let me hasten to assure Mr A. C. B. that to the best of my knowledge I suffer from no "common faults", including that of regarding the bells at my home tower irreproachable. Does the gentleman really think that I can have rung at Humberstone four times a week for 12 years without being fully aware of the shortcomings of the bells. I, too, Mr. A. C. B., go on ringing outings, and have certainly visited enough churches to know that our heavy six could hardly be rated as the pride and joy of the county. This was not my point in writing originally. I wrote to bring attention to what I still consider to be a lapse in good manners and not to necessarily disagree with the comments contained in the article.

Did my letter really give the impression that it was merely a fit of feminine pique because someone had dared to criticise "my" bells? Surely not! Giving Mr. A. C. B. the benefit of the doubt it is possible that he really did misunderstand the meaning of my letter, but I cannot help but wonder if he did not really choose to in order to excuse himself from my criticism.—Yours faithfully,

JUDY A. M. COX.

Humberstone, Leics.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Having had some small part in the arrangement of the Christmas Day broadcast, I was pleased to read that it had given pleasure to Mr. R. H. Mansell ("R.W.", Jan. 12th, p. 22).

However, I am sure that there will be many who will disagree with the opening sentence of his second paragraph: "Transmission was **perfect** and the striking **second to none**" (the emphasis is mine. These are the very highest standards and are not descriptions to be applied lightly. I doubt whether such terms have ever been merited by a whole Christmas Day broadcast.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

(Continued from page 44)

Skipton Parish Church Handbell Ringers.—The handbells were purchased in 1890 by the Skipton Church Institute, and Mr. Lockwood, of Leeds, was engaged as tutor. The bells, a second-hand set, were cast by Shaw, of Bradford. Nine more bells were purchased in 1893 to make up the present full medium ring of 53 bells. All the members of the first team were still living 59 years later! A second team was started early in 1900 and it continued until the setback of the 1914–18 war. Every member was called into H.M. Service and every man gave his life.

The third team was started in 1924, the music used being that of Walham Gordon, of Stockport. It continued until the Second World War. In 1946 Mr. J. Wiseman started a team of boys but had to discontinue after 12 months. Six girls from the Girl Guides who could read music made a new team and wonderful progress. In 1949 they broadcast carols on the children's Northern programme from Manchester. This was very popular and resulted in enquiries from all over the British Isles. The bells were later reconditioned and another broadcast, with photograph in the "Radio Times", took place in 1962. The team was stretched to the limit with demands for their services and many concerts were given on behalf of the National Children's Homes. At this time they were ringing their best with such music as the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "The Blue Danube"

Stokesay Handbell Ringers.—Formed in little over a year, are a mixed team unable to read music, and thus the music is set to numbers. The original 12 handbells (size 15 in C) were purchased from Mears in 1829 by eight parishioners. After a successful jumble sale the bells were sent to Taylor's for overhaul and an additional seven bells purchased.

Thurlstone Handbell Ringers were formed in 1885, the bells being bought by public subscription. There have been five conductors—Messrs. Bellcliffe, F. Taylor, A. Jenkinson (guest conductor), T. Sykes and the present musical director, R. Proud.

Owing to National Service, etc., the ringers disbanded in 1950 and re-formed in 1962 and have never looked back. The junior team is progressing steadily under the watchful eye and patience of Mr. R. Proud. Perhaps the current team is not the best in the Society's long history but the team spirit is 100 per cent.

Warburton W.I. Handbell Ringers came into being in March, 1964, when the County Federation asked all institutes to present musical items at the group meeting. The eight church handbells were borrowed. Five volunteers met together, four as ringers and one as leader, and by trial and error managed to regulate tone and volume and performed at the meeting. Having only eight bells, music was limited.

Later, by kindness of the rector and captain of the belfry, 17 handbells were borrowed from Lymm Parish Church, with their music. Regular practices have been held since November, 1965, and the band have performed at various functions and have worked to raise money for a full set; but the waiting list is long. Perhaps some second-hand bells will be found before October, 1968, when their own will be ready. "We are greatly indebted to Lymm for their generosity."

MR. JOHN P. PARTINGTON
Secretary, Handbell Ringers of Great Britain)

THE first secretary of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, Mr. John P. Partington, comes of a ringing family. He started at St. Luke's, Heywood, Lancs, in 1952. His great-grandfather rang from the time the bells were installed in 1863 until he retired, after ringing 100 blows for the dying of the 19th century. Grandfather and father were ringers here for most of their lives, as also were numerous other relatives. The family has had continuous ringing at St. Luke's since 1963, and Mr. John P. Partington has been Ringing Master here since 1961.

From Rochdale Grammar School he went to the University of Leicester, where he not only obtained his degree in mathematics but founded the University of Leicester Guild in 1956, being its first secretary-treasurer. He teaches mathematics at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School, having joined the staff of the school in 1958. The same year he founded the school handbell team. Over 50 pupils have been taught to ring and they have played in public on some 50 occasions. Since 1960 he has rung with the St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, handbell team.

With a flair for organisation, Mr. Partington has held various offices with the Lancashire Association. He was secretary of the Rochdale Branch from 1961 to 1964; ringing secretary of the Association since 1963; and a representative of the Association on the Central Council since 1964.

His peal total to the end of 1947 was 235 (conducted 3). Of these, 94 were Surprise Major (36 different plus splice to twelve methods) His peals have been rung in 62 different towers with 239 different ringers and 43 different conductors. He claims to have rung in every county in England and all ringable towers in Scotland and Ireland.

Full details in "Reverberations" from J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. Price 1s.; annual subscription 2s. 6d.

PURBECK YOUTHS INVADE DORSET

ANOTHER anniversary of the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths was celebrated in Wareham on New Year's Eve. The week-end got off to a good start with all at Wareham for the complex briefing session.

Friday morning we struck. Lyme Regis succumbed in a 2½-hour encounter, even though our tenors got separated for a while, and Maiden Newton was taken by the other battalion in 2 hours and 38 minutes. Full of optimism and Cornish pasties, we advanced to Thorncombe where, although we outnumbered the bells by one, the latter won handsomely inside half-an-hour. The other platoon, being one short as a result, were not able to make an attempt at Piddlehinton.

The campaign continued on Saturday at Puddletown and Lytchett Matravers. A bump upstairs at the former caused confusion in the ranks, while at the latter a lack of generalship caused a retreat after 1½ hours. "Matchbox" was promoted to the rank of conductor that afternoon but tried to defeat methods as well as bells and lost, but in a Minor skirmish scored a quarter of Kent. The main platoon meanwhile were finding their level at Wimborne St Giles, "Operation Lincolnshire" proving a comfortable success. Recreation for the troops was provided at the bowling alley in Bournemouth.

Sunday saw a 24-hour truce, with a visit to Poole in the morning, enabling George to chalk up his 200th tower of the year, and then a hasty chase to Kingston for a very rewarding afternoon.

We did find an old bell, about 3 cwt., and thus with a bit of luck Kingston bells will be in perfect order before long. Although the fifth has no clapper at present, ropes were put on the rest so that a quarter could be rung for Evensong. Cold was starting to penetrate, so a quick trip to a tea house in Corfe Castle was called for. Here by chance we ran into Mike Austin, of Waltham Abbey, and he joined us for a most enjoyable quarter on what must surely be the finest bells in Dorset.

The dinner followed. Lewis Cobb, that well-known plunger, who had come last the previous year, turned up first, to universal surprise, and the traditionally excellent meal was very much appreciated. The short speeches included a toast to the new A.S.P.Y. president, the Rev. H. Lloyd, Rector of Kingston.

Mick Shelton welcomed us at the New Inn where, with Lewis and Malcolm at the piano, we were in fine voice both before and after the New Year had been rung in.

Monday was a beautiful day, but the troops were in poor shape. At Wareham an excellent peal of Bob Major was rung, while Private Bellamy was recovering in the back of the mini-ambulance. Coffee and crumpets, and then homewards through the snow, leaving peace in the wake of a very enjoyable if only moderately successful invasion. The regiment would like to thank Mary for a masterly piece of organisation. ARDEE.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,456 Plain Bob Major, on handbells: Catherine A. Salter 1-2, J. R. Rowson 3-4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5-6, M. C. E. Hodge 7-8. Rung by the Abingdon School S.C.R.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Allery (first quarter) 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, N. White 3, J. P. Burton 4, M. J. Mulvey 5, S. Arrowsmith 6. For Evensong.

BARKING, ESSEX. — On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples. Mary Wilkinson 1, C. E. Wright 2, Joan Peacock 3, C. C. M. Pain 4, D. Sloman 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, C. Tarry 8. Rung to mark 21 years' association with this parish by the Bishop of Barking.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,272 Grandsire Minimus "in hand" G. I. Lucas 1-2, K. I. Lucas 3-4 First in method for both ringers. Also 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus—same band. To welcome Miss V. Bartley on her return from Rome

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Gibbins 1, T. E. Hiddins 3, W. R. Brabham 4, R C. Williams (first quarter) 5, R. J. Mayle 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. W. Davies 8. Rung for the visit of the Pentre ringers.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor C Banks 1, K. Oliver (first "inside") 2, Miss M. Hill 3, J. Cooper 4, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 5 G F. Oliver 6. For morning service.

CAXTON, CAMBS. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. D. Corby 1, J. S. Walker 2, J. D. Tarrant (first "inside") 3, P. S. George 4, R. D. Bellamy 5 G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DOWNE KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Valerie L. Hayward 1, S. Gay 2, Wendy Wallace 3, A. H Long 4, M. A. Gay 5, R. A. Grant (first as cond.) 6.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W Hope 1, D. Pope (first in method) 2, T Bound (first in method) 3, F. R Harris 4, B. Giddings (first in method) 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK. — On Dec 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Peacock 1, J. Hollins 2, M. H. Whittell 3 A. J. Munnings 4, Rev. L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6.

GREAT PAXTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Higgins 1, T. R. Garrat 2, I. P. Lawford 3, P. S. Abbott 4, C. A. Corby (cond.) 5. Believed to be first quarter on the bells. For the Christmas Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Briggs 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Miss J. N. Rawlings 3, M. M. Powell (cond.) 4, C. J. Tickner 5, Miss C. Carter 6 First quarter 1 3, 5, 6. For Midnight Mass.

HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W Maughan 1, R. Webster 2, Janet Payne 3, J. Pladdys (cond.) 4, H Short 5, E. Trundley (first "inside") 6, D. Blows 7 W. Maughan 8. For midnight Communion Also, at the Church of St. Oswald, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Payne 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, R. Webster 3, W. Maughan 4, H. Short 5 D. Blows 6, J. Pladdys (cond.) 7, J. Clouston 8. To ring in 1968.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (21 methods/variations): Susan M. Tonks 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, A. P. Smith (cond.) 3, H. Miles 4, F. M Bowers 5, Mrs. C. W E. H. Smith 6. Most methods/variations for all, and in the county, to a quarter peal. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Newborough Doubles: Susan M. Tonks 1 H. Miles 2, A. P Smith 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, A. Ruth Ashton 6. First in the variation on the bells and for all the band.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Mayers 1, J. Machell 2, D. Gebbett 3, Catherine Reed (cond.) 4, R. Grant 5, M. Rigby 6, D. Hollis 7, S. Rees 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Burrell (first quarter) 1, E. Wadey 2, H. Feist 3, W. Harrison 4, F. T. Godsmark (cond.) 5, G. Stoner 6.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Ellison 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Sylvia Jones 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. H. French 5, K. H. Fleming 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. D. Mann 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwin G. Buck, of Baldock, Herts, and for the passing of the old year.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS. — On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. N. Welch 1, Jane Dando 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, D. M. Hughes 4, A. J. Mason 5, J. Huggins 6, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 7, D. G. Hatherley 8. First Grandsire Triples 1, 2, 3, 5, 6.

NEW MILLS, DERBYS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lilian Simpson 1, S. Hammond 2, Enid Hammond 3, S. G. R. Zobel 4, B. S. B. Kear 5, M. G. R. Zobel (cond.) 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W Clarke 1, Miss N. E. Kempsell 2, A Streeter 3, S. S. Lucas (first "inside") 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, T. T. Dumaresq 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Matthews (first quarter) 1, Anne Matthews (first "inside") 2, B. Lodge 3, J. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. For morning service.

ODELL, BEDS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Piron (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Hartley (first "inside") 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, A. Norman (first "inside") 4, C. M. Orme 5, R. L. Piron (cond.) 6

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe, on Dec. 9th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Journeaux 1, C. Woodward 2, C. Coles 3, D. Woodward 4 B. Gray 5, C. Holloway (cond.) 6.

RUSHALL, STAFFS. — On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Diane White 1, J. Humphries 2, Rosemary E. White 3, J. Burton 4, N. White 5, P. R Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 31st-Jan 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kate O'Sullivan 1, Diane White 2, M. Mulvey 3, Rosemary White 4, F Shilvock 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. By the local band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 24th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: A. W. R. Wilby 1, K. J. Darvill 2, Julia A. Fellows 3, Katherine S. Hardy 4, M. D. Frost 5, A. R. Carter 6, R. F. Ewer 7, G. Ridgeway 8 G. Dodds 9, R. E. Hardy 10, G. Penney (cond.) 11, A. E. Ewer 12. First of Stedman Cinques 1, 4 8, 12. For the Christmas Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 7th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Julia Fellows 1, M. D. Frost (cond.) 2, Katherine Hardy 3, S. Taylor 4, R. E. Ewer 5 A. Carter 6, W. Little 7, R. E. Hardy 8, G. Penney 9, A. Ewer 10. In memory of Edwin G. Buck, of Baldock.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Whorlow 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, G. Firman 5, P. Stockwell 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Fowles and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Pursey.

SHALSTONE, BUCKS. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, G. W. Holland 2, R. W Yates 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, R. A. Vickers 5 For Christmas.

SOLIHULL, WARWS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, R. J. Cann 2, Verona Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, M. F. Edwards 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. Foreman 3, H. Fuller (cond.) 4, D. Boast 5, S. Flatman 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Fuller, of Thetford, and a birthday compliment to T. G. Boast.

STOCKBURY, KENT. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Bushell 1 Miss P. Tomsett 2, L. Mitchell (cond.) 3 G. Wood 4, F. Dadson 5. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Tomsett.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Joan Horton 2, Katherine Davies 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, A. J. Taylor 5 D. Nicholson 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. Rung as a 13th birthday compliment to ringer of 1, and a farewell to Katherine who is taking up nursing.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS. — On Jan 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R D. Holland 1, W. B. Dawson 2, R. Howard 3, H. Barsley 4, J. H. Taylor 5, J. P. Morriss (cond.) 6, A. E. Flatters 7, C. Stubley 8. Rung to welcome Martin John (born Jan. 4th), a son to Mary J. and Richard D. Holland and grandson to the conductor.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1 K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, M. Camp 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Mr. Fred Warboys, a devoted servant of St. James'.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Jan 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B J Cann (first on eight) 1, Miss S. Sims 2, A. L. Bennett 3, D. R. Bould 4, G. E. Mudge 5, W. J. Harvey 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, S. G. French (first on sight) 8. A compliment to Miss S. Sims on her recent engagement.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob): A. R. Bridges 1, J Marjoram 2, S. Bedford 3, J. Pilgrim 4, V. Bedford 5, H. W Barrett (cond.) 6. Rung for the 10th anniversary of dedication and augmentation of the bells to six.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Coleman 1, S. Kirby (first quarter) 2, A. Botterell 3 J. S. Eastwood 4, S. Matthews 5, K. W. Knowles 6, D. J. Wilkes 7, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 8 Rung for the passing of the old year, and also a welcome to the Rev. J. W. Jackson as Vicar.

WEST AYTON, YORKS.—At 10, Hewley Drive, on New Year's Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. E. Pickup (first "in hand") 1-2, C. J. Easton 3-4, M. J. Pickup (first as cond. "in hand") 5-6.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. Harding 1, P. Gagen 2, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 3, D. Gagen 4, J. Fox 5, H. Follen 6 Rung to mark the casting in 1767 by Lester and Pack of the six bells which formerly hung in this tower.

YORKTOWN, SURREY. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Bond (first of Minor) 1, A. M. Feist (first of Minor "inside") 2, R. Bath 3, Beryl R. Simpson 4, W. J. H. Parker 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6 For midnight Mass.

BELFRY GOSSIP

All Saints', Tooting Graveney, is to have eight bells, not six, as was inadvertently mentioned last week.

What is the most Doubles methods rung to a peal in Wales? At St. Florence, Pembs, 50 methods were rung on January 6th. Is a claim to most methods correct?

The back six of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, will be heard at the beginning of the programme "Songs of Praise", to be televised at 6.50 p.m. on January 28th on B.B.C.-1.

Mr Walter F. Judge became a proud grandfather on January 9th. At St. Ebbe's, Oxford, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples in which two of his grandsons took part. Christopher P. Turner (12) rang his first peal, and his brother Martin (15) his first in the method.

Llandaff Cathedral Guild at its annual general meeting on January 2nd elected the following officers: Nevil James, captain; Stephen Fenwick, vice-captain; Miss Felicity Cooke, secretary (13, Rookwood Avenue, Llandaff); Nicholas Simon, trustee.

Dagenham, Essex, has a very keen body of youngsters. There were seven firsts in a quarter of Double Norwich rung in December, and five firsts in a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor this month. Only Mr. J. Armstrong, the conductor, had had previous experience of these methods to quarters and peals.

All Saints' Church, Hertford, is at the moment unsafe for ringing.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association is holding a dinner this year (September 28th), the first time in its 90 years' existence.

Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett wishes to make a correction to his article regarding "Ringing in Devon, 1967." One peal attempt was successful—Stedman Cinques at Bucklast Abbey, conducted by Mr. Frank Harris.

Correction.—The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Basingstoke (page 28) was rung at All Saints' Church, and not St. Michael's, as published. The name of the ringer of the sixth was Anthony R Carter. These errors are much regretted.

The Society of Raving Ringers decided to exclude Worcester Cathedral from their programme of ringing during their reunion at Worcester because of their lack of experience of 12-bell ringing. They hope the Cathedral ringers will not be disappointed.

Mr. J. R Worrall's three visits to England in the last eight or nine years have been in and out quick! Appropriately a quarter of Stedman was arranged for him at Romsey Abbey on January 14th. Those assembling at Bristol for the U.B.S.C.R. dinner will easily recognise him. The same bearded Jack still rings well and still speaks English!!

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WASHINGTON BAND ATTEMPT GRANDSIRE CATERS PEAL

There was a reunion at Washington Cathedral on December 27th and 28th. Geoffrey Davies, Derek Sawyer, John Owen and Eric Roberts joined Richard S. Dirksen and some of the girls to attempt a quarter peal on open bells and a full peal (on closed bells) of Grandsire Caters. Both unfortunately were unsuccessful—the quarter at about the half-way point and the peal in the last half of the second part.

However, a very enjoyable time was spent with several touches of Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples on handbells and some excellent 10-bell ringing. All are looking forward to the next "get together" in the early summer and a tour in Eastern America (Kent, Groton and the new bells at Smith College).

Mr Dirksen concludes with his apologies to the unnamed ringer mentioned in the issue of December 1st. The slip-up arose through the Sunday practice being cancelled at the last minute.

LONG LENGTH OF MINOR CALLED OFF

The attempt by Mr. Frank C. Price's band to ring 20,160 Plain Bob Minor "in hand" at Crowthorne on December 16th was not successful.

Mr. Price writes: "The ringing was very good until the 14th extent, which was most unsettled. However, we continued well until the 22nd extent, when the striking began to deteriorate due to tiredness of one of the band, and I stopped the ringing after 5 hours and 8 minutes, with only six extents to go."

Mr. Price states that all being well a further attempt will be made in March/April.

IN AMERICA IN MAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Price are going to U.S.A. on May 7th until May 28th, during which time they hope to ring with the Grotonians and also with the Whitechapel Guild, Washington. Perhaps the bells ordered for Smith's College, Northampton, will be installed and dedicated by then and they may be able to visit them.

HOST WAS NOT THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

The Lord Mayor of London did not entertain to dinner the ringers of Leighton Buzzard who rang a peal for his election as Lord Mayor. This excellent meal was paid for by two Leighton ringers—Bert Whitney and Bill Insley. Edgar Conquest was not ringing his first peal, as was stated in the report. His first peal was Grandsire Caters on November 24th, 1945, conducted by J. F. Arnold.

PROGRESS AT HANNINGTON

A few years ago the unringable five bells at Hannington, Wiltshire, were rehung and a local band formed to ring them. Two years ago, under the instruction of Brian Bladon, assisted by Anita D. O'Brien, a start was made on method ringing A gift from Mr. Hussey-Freke, of Hannington, enabled the five bells to be augmented to six, and with help the band soon progressed to Plain Bob Minor. The peal at Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire, on Friday, January 12th, was the last of four to enable the most advanced of the band to ring their first peal. Congratulations to the Hannington band and especially to the last of the first-pealers, 60-year-old Harold Hedges, the Hannington tower captain.

"IT'S FUN FINDING OUT"

Barry England is a little boy, just 11 years of age, who has been learning to ring at Chepstow for nearly a year.

He started at Chepstow Grammar School in September and for his first term's project could choose any environmental study. Barry chose "bells" and has produced during the term an excellent 40-page special study with an attractive cover. Included are chapters on bell founding, bell tuning, the "Evans" bell foundry at Chepstow, learning to ring a bell, method ringing (using Bob Minor to illustrate), descriptions of local churches and their bells, weights and inscriptions, also an interesting chapter called "Church Bells Peal for Many Things." He has described a bellringers meeting, has included his membership card and a drawing of his badge, also the collect for ringers and a ringers hymn. Throughout, his illustrations are good and interesting, including even a carillon, a Hindu temple bell and a cluster of bells used by Shinto priests in Japan!

He has also put in a copy of "The Ringing World," and his comment to go with this says: "The magazine on the opposite page is one which you can order each week; it tells you all about quarter peals"!

Barry was awarded 91 per cent. for his work, the highest mark in three forms. His teacher comments: "An excellent project; you have put a great deal of work, time and effort into this and your enthusiasm is obvious."

Barry borrowed many books from the public library, including Arthur Wright's "Church Bells of Monmouthshire." Time alone will tell if bellringing remains one of Barry's chief interests, but it has provided an impetus to hard work and he has discovered that it really is "fun finding out."

KINGSTON'S SPONSORED WALK

A sponsored walk from Kingston upon Thames to Cambridge in aid of the 99,000 shillings appeal for Kingston bells will be held on four days at Easter. Ringers participating will only have to cover approximately 15 miles per day. Entrants have to find someone who will sponsor them at 3d. or 6d. a mile. For details write to Miss Bryony Moorby, 133, Barnfield Avenue, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. There will be opportunities for ringing en route.

A NEW YEAR SOCIAL AT SOPLEY

The ringers of Sopley, Hants, were "at home" to about 20 members of the neighbouring towers of Christchurch Priory, Fordingbridge, Hordle and Ringwood, who were able to accept their invitation to a New Year Social Hour on January 2nd.

First of all there was ringing on the Sopley six, which ranged from call-changes to London Minor; the company then repaired to a cosy room at the Woolpack. Here Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young had prepared a delicious buffet supper, which was enjoyed by everyone in a warm atmosphere of good fellowship. Mr. F. E. Collins had thoughtfully brought along his handbells—perhaps the Grandsire Triples rung on them would not have impressed the experts but they added to the jollity of the occasion.

When the local captain, Mr. Bill Freeman, was invited by Mrs Young to cut a large Christmas cake, he took the opportunity to thank her and her husband and also churchwardens Harrison and Blandon (both of them ringers) for all their hard work and generosity which had made the evening possible. Mr. L. F. Cobb endorsed his remarks on behalf of the visitors.

A. V. D.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL GUILD

The resignation was received as Guild chairman of Mr. Albert York-Bramble "to make way for a younger member" at the 11th general meeting of Portsmouth Cathedral Guild on January 8th. His successor is Mr. Alan Hicks, a lecturer in mathematics at the local College of Education. Mr. York-Bramble remains a life vice-president of the Guild.

The president, the Very Rev. E. N. Porter-Goff, Provost of Portsmouth, in a tribute said that as founder chairman and founder of the Cathedral School of Ringing Mr York-Bramble had succeeded in resuscitating ringing at the Cathedral and in 1957 in bringing about the augmentation from eight to ten bells with rehanging. Neither of these achievements at the time appeared possible

The tower captain, Mr. A. A. J. Buswell, and the secretary/treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Jones, were warmly thanked for their services, mention being made of the decorating and equipping of the ringing chamber to make it one of the best in existence.

A supper, generously provided by Mrs. E. H. Jones, brought another successful gathering to a happy close.

AUSTRALIAN PEN-FRIEND WANTED

After reading Mr. Philip Gray's article on ringing in Sydney and Melbourne, a 17-year-old ringer 5 ft. 7½ in. tall, blonde hair and blue eyes asks for an Australian bellringer as a pen-friend, male or female, between the ages of 18 and 23.

She writes: "I have been ringing for only two years and know only six-bell methods. Other interests include handbell ringing, horse riding and a little sailing."

OUR "RINGING WORLD" 1968

YES, **everyone's**, yours, mine, the editor's, the editorial staff, "The Ringing World" Committee and everyone concerned (and a few that are not) with producing and trying to perfect it.

What then, 1968, and still 17 per cent of dissatisfied and disgruntled dissenters, after all that has been done for them to improve **our** "Ringing World"; what the devil do they want? One gets heartily sick and tired of their moanings.

Read the accusations on a recent front page, the writers want consigning to the waste paper baskets along with their accusations. Talk about "Fleet Street," and that is nothing to be proud of, there is hardly one decent national newspaper—including Sunday's—and if your Fleet Street ringer's opinion is unprintable—that proves this paragraph—let him keep it in "F.S.," we don't want it in our "Ringing World."

I am neither a peal-grabber nor great ringer, just a modest 24 or so, but that does not prevent me from loving and appreciating peal ringers, ordinary ringers, bellfounders, churches with bells and those without and our lovely cathedrals. (Have you seen and read "The Cathedrals of England," by Alec Clifton-Taylor (Thames and Hudson)?)

How the devil the Editor tolerates these dissatisfied disgruntled dictators I do not know: I consider he deserves both the "V.C." and "Order of Merit" **annually.**

One neither has to be a know-all nor a nitwit to appreciate all that has and is still being done to improve **our** "Ringing World," so if you are one of the above, stop your grumbling and grousing and let other people—rightly concerned—get on with their proper job.

OAD BAT-ER.

1967

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY WEEK-END

ALL PEALS FOR THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths)

LYME REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Fri., Dec 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

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

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

MAIDEN NEWTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Christine M. Rimmer	Treble	David Wilson	4
*Frances Brown	2	William T. Perrins	5
Michael J. Young	3	Timothy F. Collinh	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.
* First peal.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Dec 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57½ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	John W. Blackwood	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Christine M. Rimmer	3	Jeffrey L. Claughton	7
*Graham W. Elmes	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S A. Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* 25th peal together.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Christine M. Rimmer	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	Graham W. Elmes	7
*Michael J. Young	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal on eight bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

G. Richard King	Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner	5
Sidney Hough	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Raymond Ballard	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Gerald Cooper	Treble	Gerald Moorhouse	5
Ronald Andrew	2	Arthur E. Whiting	6
J. David Atkinson	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Herbert M. Heaton	4	Alan McFall	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to two Marple ringers—Shelagh M. Coyne and Michael Stokes—who were married at All Saints Church, Marple, earlier the same day.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Dec. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford and two of Bob Minor.
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	Joyce Chadwick	4
*Jennifer Brackenbury	2	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Nora Carlisle	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chidwick.
* First peal in six methods.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

George E. Thoday	Treble	John S. Walker	5
*Timothy W. Griffiths	2	Robert D. Bellamy	6
Christine M. Rimmer	3	George E. Bonham	7
*†Philip S. George	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Major † First "inside."
Rung to mark the birth of a son, William, to Bill and Jo Betts, a brother for Gillian.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Mon., Dec. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

*Jeremy D. Tarrant	Treble	Christopher D. Corby	4
Timothy W. Griffiths	2	George E. Bonham	5
Robert D. Bellamy	3	George F Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
TARRINGTON, Herefords.—At the Church of SS. Philip & James.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 21–27. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Gillian Sims	Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	4
Robert D. Hodges	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
Peter Hughes	3	Peter D. Sell	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

HOLMER, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, as follows: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge S. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Peter Hughes	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Peter D. Sell	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Frank Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Reed.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Joyce and Andrew Gilg on the day of their wedding at this church.

STOKE LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G sharp.

*Rosemary Collins	Treble	Peter Hughes	4
Patrick G. Hickey	2	James Ward	5
E. Charles Biggs	3	S Barnaby Bell	Tenor

Conducted by S. Barnaby Bell.
* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung to mark the completion of 30 years' faithful service to this church as churchwarden by Mr. W. L. Arnett. Also a wedding compliment to Monica John and Anthony Williams.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRASTED, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	John Palmer	4
Janet E. Blake	2	Harold Evans	5
Maurice Thompson	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Fred Budgen on his marriage at this church on December 22nd, 1967.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb.

James W. Haw	Treble	Edgar Cole	5
Cecil Wade	2	Denis A. Frith	6
William A. Dale	3	Graham J. Colborne	7
David Baxter	4	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John H. Bluff

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth R. Davenport	Treble	Susanne Sargeant	5
Frank C. Price	2	Jeffrey L. Claughton	6
	3	Stanley G. Scott	7
Joan A. Rance	4	Arthur J. N. Rance	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Arthur Newton	5
Michael J. Best	2	Robert H. Newton	6
Joyce I. Cornwall	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Percy Newton	4	Arthur G. Payne	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembs.—At the Cathedral of St. David.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*Philip C. Rogers	Treble	Gareth H. Jones	5
Susan Harber	2	*Richard L. Underwood	6
*Katharine Maundrell	3	Ellis N. Thomas	7
†Derek H. Walters	4	Adrian C. Boorman	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Richard Underwood.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. First on eight and of Surprise as conductor.

Rung with the bells open in memoriam David Herbert Lloyd, Archdeacon of St. David's.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
On Sat., Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 39 lb. in E flat.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	6
Muriel Reay	2	*Thomas J. Warner	7
Norman J. Goodman	3	Clifford A. Barron	8
Richard C. Ingram	4	Henry H. Fearn	9
Nigel Thomson	5	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby (C.C.C. No. 41.)
Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt 38 lb. in A.

John N. Lindon	Treble	James Insley	5
Susan E. Smith	2	*John R. Insley	6
James W. Belshaw	3	David J. Purnell	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Composed by George E. Fearn.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Rosalind M. Payne	Treble	Frederick S. Slatford	4
*Philip G. Fry	2	Norman G. N. Knee	5
*Bernard R. Morton	3	Leslie E. J. Hawkins	Tenor

Conducted by Norman G. N. Knee.

* First peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*H. Lyndon Hatfield	Treble	†Simon Humphrey	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	†Royston Blackler	8
*Susan D. Cowan	3	†George A. Dawson	9
David F. Moore	4	Jeffrey J. Fox	10
Richard S. Starkie	5	Philip J. Crossthwaite	11
†John R. Pratchett	6	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* First peal on 12 bells. † Completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Julie Lethbridge on her 21st birthday and also on her engagement to Mr. Bruce Vietch.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Newborough, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints' Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Kennington, four extents each of April Day, Seighford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*Rosemary J. Willey	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	W Gordon Marsh	4
Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal, first attempt.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat. Dec. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Muriel R. Page	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Neil V. Avis	2	Roderick W Pipe	6
Michael J. Howes	3	Leslie G. Brett	7
George E. Thoday	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Leslie G. Brett	Treble	*Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
*Muriel R. Page	2	*Philip G. Erith	6
*Michael J. Howes	3	Howard W. Egglestone	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Roderick W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 9.) Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Clifford R. Lovett	2	*John Winram	6
Mrs. Michael J. Bew	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Michael J. Bew	4	Ernest G. Pearce	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of New London Pleasure, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	Treble	Roger L. K. Whittell	4
Martin H. Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
David J. Derrick	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

Rung in the 150th anniversary year of this same peal, rung in this tower on January 1st, 1817, and as birthday compliments to Neville F. Whittell and Jennifer M. Andrews.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER Sussex.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Kenneth C. Knight	5
Barry J. Davis	2	Michael J. Wake	6
Frank H. Hicks	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
Andrew G. Stevens	4	Philip Stevens	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Stevens.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Dec. 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5216 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tessa Hollis	Treble	George S. Lee	5
Ruth Gordon	2	David Nichols	6
G. Alec Holroyd	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Roger Harper	4	Neil Donovan	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

Rung by the Sunday service band. Tenor 34¼ cwt in C sharp

(The Beverley and District Society)
BIRSTWICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Dec. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

John R. Leary	Treble	Linda Sherwood	4
Maris C. Stephenson	2	*David Cook	5
Iris Piper	3	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Leary.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huntington Guild of Bellringers)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Dec. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Christopher Milner	Treble	Simon P. D. Burnett ..	4
†Lynne I. Clowe	2	Susan E. Thompson	5
Susan Mitchell	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal. † First of Minor "inside."
Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Alan F. Scholfield	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C

Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Alan McFall	5–6
C Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Robert B. Smith 9–10
Composed by James Shaw. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 128, Leicester Road.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Plain Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tnor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1–2	*Alfred Ballard	3–4

Michael Vernon (cond.) .. 5–6
* 950th peal
Rung as a compliment to Margaret Wilcox and Michael Orton on their engagement.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Sat. Nov. 18, 1967, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4

*Jeffrey L. Claughton .. 5–6
* First handbell peal.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 FULBECK BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4

Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5–6
First peal in the method by all the band.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Wed., Dec. 13, 1967, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4

Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5–6

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1967, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4

Stanley G. Scott 5–6

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1967, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4

Stanley G. Scott 5–6

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4

Jeffrey L. Claughton 5–6

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

*†Susanne Sargeant	1–2	†Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4

Jeffrey L. Claughton 5–6
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.

TOWER BELL PEALS
1968

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BARNET, Herts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

George E. Bonham	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	*David E. Rothera	6
Ian L. Dear	3	*George E. Thoday	7
Andrew J. Slade	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 50th peal together.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	Roger J. Fox	6
*William T. Perrins	2	Harry J. Gaylard	7
Richard H. Youdale ..	3	Frederick G. Sandy	8
*John N. Longridge	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
Trevor E. Marks	5	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Caters
Rung as a compliment to Richard Stevens and Elizabeth Timmins on their engagement.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

*Paul Wareham	Treble	Philip H. D. Jones	5
Raymond E. J. Baker ..	2	David J. Orledge	6
†Michael G. Dodson ..	3	David G. Massey	7
David C. Hawkins	4	Hugh Vennell	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Massey.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples "inside." First of Triples as conductor.

SOMERTON, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents April Day and 15 each Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Thomas S. Bryant	Treble	Desmond G. Mayell ..	4
Janet R. Crocker	2	Francis J. White	5
Mrs. D. G. Mayell	3	*John Hayter	Tenor

Conducted by Francis J. White.
* First peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. O. Hayter, on his retirement.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Brenda P. Redfearn ..	Treble	David Redfearn	5
*Basil L. S. Hulatt	2	Alfred E. Rushton	6
*Neil Garrard	3	*David W. Manton	7
George Hawkins	4	Robert R. Churchill ..	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alfred E. Rushton.
* First peal.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Spavins.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Rachel J. Sinden	Treble	Geoffrey Green	5
James Hedgcock	2	Robert J. Warrilow	6
Christopher Jones	3	C. Kenneth Lewis	7
Michael Thomson	4	John Scott	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

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

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in five Minor methods. 100th peal as conductor.
Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	John F. Thorne	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Caroline Mackie	3	Peter H. Mackie	Tenor

Conducted by Peter H. Mackie.

HELMDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., Jan. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Bob, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*Caroline Mackie	Treble	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Peter H. Mackie	3	Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Most Minor methods to a peal.

ARLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (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 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Delphine E. L. Holman	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	John F. Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Robert W. Sherriff.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising 59 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck Bob, Childwall, London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Berwick, Hexham, Beverley, Surfleet and Primrose Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, College, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Pontefract, Donottar and Alderbourne Delight, (3) Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Carisbrooke and Wath Delight, (4) Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Newdigate Delight, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and King Edward Surprise, (6) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling and Caithness Surprise, (7) Dronfield, Minehead, Retford, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, with 164 changes of method and a plain lead of each included.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Richard J. Danby	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Anthony R Peake	5
Stephen F. Royal	3	Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The greatest number of methods to a peal on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Susan P Maule, of Southam, Warwickshire, who was leaving for Canada on January 7th.

RADWAY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat, Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: 30 extents of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire.
Tenor 5 cwt. 26 lb.

*Philip L. Mackie	Treble	Caroline Mackie	3
Elizabeth B. Mackie	2	Lawrence Mackie	4
Peter H. Mackie	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter H. Mackie.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Adrian G. Semken	5
Heather M. McArthur	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Jenifer Andrews	3	Michael J. Bew	7
Neville N. Whittell	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by Edwin Barnett, sen. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven extents as follows: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Heather M. McArthur	Treble	Peter G. Pitt	4
Adrian G. Semken	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Alfred E. Honeywood	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Jan. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 720 St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Donald L. Mills	Treble	Mrs. Leslie Mills	4
†David J Reeve	2	Leslie D. Mills	5
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale	3	Alan R. Elliott	Tenor

Conducted by Donald L. Miles.
* Has now "circled the tower" twice. † First peal in four methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

Judith M. Collins	Treble	Roy Collins	5
Jill M. May	2	Dudley P. Elsmore	6
Martin J. Kirk	3	*E. John Wells	7
John A. Collier	4	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First to ring a peal in every tower of the Farnham District.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 WHITEHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

WHITEHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
34—58, 16—56—36—34—38, 14—56, 18 i.e. 18, 5237486.
6ths place bob.

NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Jan 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

Jack S. Dear	Treble	Lionel Hughes	5
Philip Mehew	2	A. Rex Agg	6
Michael D. Trigg	3	C. Michael Orme	7
J. Stuart Hutton	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwin G Buck.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Fri., Jan. 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 2,160 changes of Grandsire and 1,400 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Harold Hedges	Treble	‡Anthony R. Peake	4
Brian Bladon	2	‡E. William Ford	5
†Anita D. O'Brien	3	Alan K. Hedges	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ 25th together.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Richard V. Fuller	5
*Judith M. Corby	2	Harold Evans	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Doris E. Colgate	7
*Philip J. Simmonds	4	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Composed by J R. Pritchard. Conducted by Judith M. Corby.
* First peal in the method
Rung as a farewell, on his retirement, to the Bishop of Tonbridge, who dedicated these bells in June, 1966.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

*Christopher J. Easton	Treble	*David Wilson	5
Richard A. J. Bower	2	*Peter G. Holden	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Timothy G Pett	7
*Graham W. Elmes	4	*John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal in the method.

LAMBERHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Bangor, Sleaford, Orsett, Pattiswick, Netherwood, Eastwood and Caithness.
Tenor 13 cwt 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Simon A. B. Wigg	Treble	†Ian H. Oram	4
Margaret E. Fort	2	Tony Lewis	5
†Ralph Bird	3	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 25th peal. † 300th peal together.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In three methods: (1 and 2) Surfleet, (3 and 4) Beverley, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

E. Ivan Parkin	Treble	Edwin G. Jenner	4
Malcolm Barden	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Martin L. Howe	3	Simon A. B. Wigg	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.

LONG PEAL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan 6, 1968 in 6 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 12096 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	5
Richard S. Starkie	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	John H. Fielden	7
Cyril Crossthwaite	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Umpired by Christopher L. Watson. Composed by Peter Border.
Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
The longest peal of Glasgow yet rung.

ORTON, Westmorland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Miiutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth Metcalfe	Treble	†Robert Moore	4
Joseph Whalley	2	Thomas F Metcalfe	5
*William Wall	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* 40th peal. † First peal of Minor "inside."
Rung for the New Year.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Jan. 5, 1968 in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Berwick and Hexham, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Chester and Munden, (6) Westminster and Allandale, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Cynthia Wells	Treble	*†K. Paul Gilliver	4
*†Christopher M. Sturgess	2	Brian L. Burrows	5
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	*Stephen C. Wells	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal of Spliced and most methods to a peal. † 25th peal together. First of Spliced as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHBY-DE-LA-LAUNDE, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Hybold.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of Plain Bob, Grandsire, April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A sharp.

Alec L. Crawford	Treble	Charlie Baxter	3
Fredrick W. Pinchbeck	2	Richard A. Hunt	4
Edgar A. Cole	Tenor		

Conducted by Edgar A. Cole.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PORTHKERRY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Curig.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Wells, Beverley, Durham, Cambridge, London, York and Surfleet. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Marion R. Bennett	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	4
Christopher Ricketts	2	David J. Llewellyn	5
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London Surprise, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt.

John Prytherch	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	4
Christopher Ricketts	2	Peter S. Bennett	5
Michael Pilgrim	3	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat, Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Norman V. Harding	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Shelagh R. Collins	2	*Leslie F. Bailey	6
Douglas Burnett	3	Kevin S. Hohl	7
*Desmond P. Mortlock	4	Geoffrey H. Pullin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUCKLAND, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Michael Bishop	5
James P. Blond	2	John H. Napper	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Harry E. Wells	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
Rung as a 55th birthday compliment to the conductor; his 1,150th peal, and 650th different tenor "turned in" to a peal.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 XENOPHON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Robert H. Newton	Treble	*George W. Massey	5
Alan R. Pink	2	*Sydney M. Bailey	6
*Christopher W. Woolley	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
*Brian W. Hall	4	*Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method by the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

OLD WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Norman Summerhayes	Treble	*Michael J. Palmer	5
*Joyce A. Parsons	2	*Nigel Thomson	6
David E. Parsons	3	John Hill	7
*Alan D. Flood	4	Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Composed by J W. Parker. Composed by David E. Parsons.
* First peal of Bristol.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Parsons.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Thurs., Jan 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E flat.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Alan A. Paul	5
Kilby R. Holtom	2	Roger W. Smith	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Hugh M. Johnson	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by David J. Marshall.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. FLORENCE, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 50 methods, being: (1) Stedman, (2) St. Uny, (3) St. Nicholas, (4) Winchendon, (5) St. Giles, (6) St. Miles, (7) St. Simon, (8) St. Martin, (9) St. Albans, (10) St. Paul, (11) Evenlode, (12) Wychbold, (13) Oddington, (14) Wallflower, (15) Cherwell, (16) Dedworth, (17) Godshill, (18) Violet, (19) Reverse Canterbury, (20) Southrepps, (21) St. Columb, (22) St. David, (23) Clifford's, (24) Royston, (25) Little Aston, (26) Plain Bob, (27) Kennington, (28) Old, (29) Litchurch, (30) April Day, (31) May Day, (32) Seighford, (33) Antelope, St. Swithin, (34) St. Margaret, St. Valentine, (35) Harbury, Gresford, (36) Beckley, Isis, (37) St. Cross, Northleigh, (38) Grandsire, St. Helen, (39) Pink's, Ladbroke, (40) Bluebell, Daffodil, (41) Northrepps, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Rev. Russen W. Thomas	Treble	*Richard L. Underwood	4
Anthony R. Trickett	2	Philip C. Rogers	5
Simon P. Rogers	3	†Peter F. S. Kraus	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* 25th peal. † First peal. The treble ringer has now "circled" his own tower to peals and is the first to do so. Most methods to a peal by all the band except the conductor, for the Guild and in Wales.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Richard A. G. Inglis	7
Muriel Reay	2	John R. Insley	8
*Susan E. Smith	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Terry R. Hampton	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	John R. Insley	7
Susan E. Smith	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
James W Belshaw	4	George E. Fearn	9
James Insley	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30¼ cwt. in D flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	6
Ann E. Fellows	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Maurice F. Edwards	3	John A. Anderson	8
James W. Belshaw	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
John R. Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
FRESHWATER, Isle of Wight.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

David B. Ellery	Treble	*Jonathan R. Rowson	4
*Catherine A. Salter	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's 10-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*Paul N. Mounsey	Treble	‡Keith C. Vernon	5
*Doreen Metcalfe	2	James W. Raithby	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	Colin W. Reed	7
†Paul Raithby	4	Mary C. Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal of Triples † 25th peal. ‡ First peal.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Denis A. Frith	Treble	†Peter A. Slight	5
*Sheila M. Anthony	2	Derek Stainsby	6
Richard A. G. Inglis	3	David Stainsby	7
*Andrew L. B. King	4	Graham J. N. Colborne	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.
Rung to congratulate Stephen Loach on completing 60 years as a ringer at this church. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Derek J. Tysoe	4
*Derick E. Kirton	2	F William Midwinter	5
Andrew L. B. King	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
* First peal of Minor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Ruth Woodman	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	Peter S. Bedford	6
William J. Button	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
Rung as birthday compliments to M. R Page, M. J. Howes and Trevor Brett, grandson of the conductor, remembering also Leslie C. Wightman.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,024 Bristol, 960 Yorkshire, 736 Cambridge, 384 Superlative and 320 Rutland, with 121 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Brian J. Bull	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
John R. Pratchett	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
Alison M. Mann	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	*Christopher F. Mew	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of six-spliced.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

John Durham	Treble	Roderick J Lees	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	Robert Edwards	7
Peter L. Bill	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	William Dixon	5
Gail Cater	2	David Lockwood	6
Robert Cater	3	Ian North	7
Allen Wear	4	Alan Clifton	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Clifton.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

*David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Alan F. Scholfield	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON.—At Lindum, 29, Hanley Road.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*John S. Croft	1–2	Richard H. Youdale	5–6
Kenneth S. B. Croft	3–4	†William S. Croft	7–8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by William S. Croft.
* First eight-bell peal "in hand." † First on eight bells. First as conductor.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENTS

HOLDCROFT—RICHARDSON. — The engagement is announced between Ian Thomas, only son of the late Mr. T. Holdcroft and Mrs. E. Holdcroft, of Manchester, and Ruth Ann, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Richardson, of Folkestone. 6182

SMITH—HARRIS.—The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, of Battle, Sussex, and Ann, elder daughter of Mr. R. Harris, of Bexleyheath, Kent, and Mrs. Clark, of St. Leonard's, Sussex. 3177

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BUTTERWORTH.—The address of Mr. D. Butterworth is now: 13, Wood Green Road, Stopsley, Luton, Beds. 3179

GROVES. — The address of Valerie and Bernard Groves is now: 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green, Marple, Cheshire. Telephone number 061-427 4968. (Please note new telephone number.) 3194

THORLEY.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley, Katharine, Penelope and Deborah is now: School House, Laxfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Telephones: Home, Ubbeston 354, and School, Ubbeston 344. 3171

PERSONAL

"Let integrity and uprighteousness preserve me; for I wait on thee."—Psalm xxv, 21.

Will Mr. D. C. Brooks kindly send his full address, as the Post Office have returned his copies. The number of his house, in addition to the flat number in The Drive, West Wimbledon, is required.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHELSEA AND KENSINGTON

As from January 21st, ringing arrangements will be thus:—St. Luke's, Chelsea: Sunday, 10.30 a.m.; practice, Friday, 8 p.m. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington: Sunday, 6 p.m.; practice, Thursday, 8 p.m.—J. H. Lott. 3191

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Dates to note.—A.G.M. at Malmesbury, April 20th. Management Committee meeting, Gloucester, March 23rd. Association Dinner, Amberley, September 28th. One-day course at Chippenham, March 9th. Nominations for Central Council representatives for 1969–70–71, notices of motions for A.G.M., and recommendations from the Branches for chairman, Ringing Master, secretary, treasurer and peal secretary must be received by me on or before Saturday, March 9th, 1968. Anything received after that date will be returned to sender. Details of events later.—Charles Rouse, secretary. 3183

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—A practice will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, February 3rd, 7 to 9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 3187

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance
Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford
Friday, February 9th, 7 for 7.30.

Tickets at 32s. 6d. from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot. S.A.E., please. 2903

HEREFORD COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Preliminary Notice of
A Week-end Course in Bellringing.
Fri., April 19th, to Sun., April 21st.
A few places are still available on the **Five-Day Course,** Tuesday, April 16th, to Sunday, April 21st.

Inquiries to W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield. 3181

DON'T FORGET
THE HILLINGDON SUPPER
Golden Lion, Hillingdon Circus
February 9th, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
Please contact M. W. Seymour, 26, The Larches, Hillingdon, Middx, UX 36309, before February 1st. 3161

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER
Saturday, February 3rd,
Church House, Westminster,
at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Ringing: St. Giles', Camberwell (10) 10.30–11.30; Lambeth (8) 11.45–12.45. Afternoon arrangements next week.

A few tickets remain (price 26s.), from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 3192

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual dinner will be held on February 24th Tickets (20s.) available from J. R. Coope, Derby Hall, North Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool 18. Please send names and s.a.e. 2989

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Please note! No ringing will take place at SS Philip and Jacob's (8) on January 27th. 3174

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD
Annual Dinner
at the Roslyn Court Hotel on Feb. 10th. Towers include: Killamarsh (6), Eckington (8), Dore (8), Walkley (6), Ranmoor (10) St. Marie's (8). Peals by arrangement. Details and tickets (22s.) from C. Patey, 6, Woofindin Avenue, Sheffield 11, by February 2nd, please. 3112

DEDICATION

NEWTOWN LINFORD, LEICS.—Bells are now rehung, with a sixth added. Dedication will take place at Evensong, February 11th, 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—J. Howitt, Tower Sec. 3180

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. —Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), January 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Carlton Horethorne, Dorset. 3121

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please inform Mrs. M. Smith, 223, Dialstone Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 3172

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall (off The Hart), followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead Cottages, West Street, Farnham, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3092

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western District. — Annual District meeting, Hemel Hempstead, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3155

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting at Brecon, January 27th. Bells: St. David's, Llanfaes (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.40 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. each) and meeting. St. Mary's (8) during evening. Names, please, to Mr. Michael Thomas, 46, Uplands, Brecon. 3185

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Agnus Street, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3134

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells: Hounslow (8). 3–4 p.m.: Heston (8). 3.15–4.45 and after meeting. Tea and business in Heston Church Hall (next to church) 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3077

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, January 27th. Bells (12) from 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—N.C. 3125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, January 27th. Branch Committee meeting at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, at 3 p.m. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A.G.M at Rayleigh, Saturday, January 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea. 3151

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, please. — D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 3169

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Stradbroke (10)) on Saturday, January 27th. Bells from 2.30–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, January 27th. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names to me as soon as possible, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. Tel. Hailsham 3515. 3159

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Crawley (8)) on Saturday, January 27th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Names for tea, as early as possible, please, to me.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec., 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. Tel. E. G. 23815. 3132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH Guild.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual general meeting, Carisbrooke, January 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Anne M. Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 3164

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Practice at St. John the Baptist's on January 29th for A.G.M. is cancelled. Ringing as usual on February 5th.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Catherine's, Drayton (8, 19 cwt.), February 3rd, 7–9 p.m. Also Branch dinner, King's Arms, Montacute, February 27th, 7.15 p.m. Tickets (13s. 6d.) limited. Please apply early to Mrs. M. M. Legget, Ridgeover House, Coker Hill, West Coker. West Coker 208.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner and dance at the Albion Restaurant, Derby, on Saturday, February 3rd. Ringing at the Cathedral 5.45–6.45 p.m. Tickets (price 22s.) available from C. A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Newburn on February 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle upon Tyne 5. 3129

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Plympton, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Choral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Plympton St. Maurice (8) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone: Plymouth 36891) by Monday, January 29th. 3073

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, February 3rd. Bells (St. Leonard's) from 3 p.m. until service at 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary's. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than February 1st. 3189

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford (10), February 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Regret no service owing to redecoration of church. Names for tea to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane. Tel. Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 3184

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Monthly meeting to be held at Coppull (6) on Saturday, February 3rd, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Please make own tea arrangements.—D. Jones, Sec. 3162

TO THE DISAPPOINTED

We regret that those who sent in late Notices for this issue were disappointed. An unforseen development necessitated "The Ringing World" going to press on Friday, and the Editor was not warned of the change until the previous day. A courtesy notification to readers was, therefore, not possible.

We are assured that next week it will be possible to revert to the usual times and Notices received by first post on Monday will be accepted for publication.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Blaby, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. C. Law, 19, James Street, Blaby, Leicester, by Wednesday, January 31st.—Ron Hughes. 3066

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Freiston (6) on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Butterwick bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, by January 29th. 3140

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Norton-in-the-Moors on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Shenton, 35, Spragg House Lane, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 3193

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. G. Saunders, King Street, New Buckenham, Norwich, NOR 04X, by Wednesday, January 31st. —C. F. W Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 3144

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Castor, February 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wednesday previous. 3166

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Beeston (8, just been rehung) on February 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr A. S. Haines, 4, Elm Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, by January 31st. — S. Adams. 3173

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, February 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15. It is hoped that Sopley bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth.—L F. Cobb. 3139

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, February 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jones, 15, Nettlecombe Avenue, Southsea, Portsmouth, by previous Wednesday, please. Evening ringing till 9 p.m. 3188

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Withyham, Saturday, February 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m., with evening ringing until 8 p.m. Please bring own tea: cups of tea will be provided in the Church Hall. 3178

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, February 10th. Ringing, meeting, social evening. Details later. Annual Dinner February 24th, tickets available.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 3190

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, St. Giles', Norwich, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, NOR 57N, by the 7th, please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 3175

ANOTHER APPLETON ATTEMPT ..

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 24,119 Grandsire Caters on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Laurence's Church, Appleton, Berkshire, starting at 7 a.m., the composition being the one published on page 714 of "The Ringing World" of October 6th, 1967.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN R. WHITE.

Appleton, Berks.

PEAL RECORDS FOR 1967

We are planning to publish, as in previous years, individual peal totals for 1967. This list is being prepared by Mr. David A. Burt, assisted by his wife, of 49, Ambleside Road, Kingsway, Bath. For the purpose of checking, ringers are asked to submit their totals (tower and band), and also the number conducted, to him.

No 1967 peals received after the end of this month can be included in this record or that of the Peals Analysis Committee.

While Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have enjoyed the work they feel they have not the time available to continue the recordings for 1968. They will be pleased to give particulars to anyone interested.

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QUARTER PEALS

BROMHAM, BEDS. — On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. L. Crisp 1, R. E. Fowler (first Bob Triples "inside") 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, R. Chapman 4, R. A. E. Dunn 5, C. M. Payne 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, D. A. Hammond 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Doubles (nine methods): J. Carey and J. M. Marsh 1, H. Carter and R. D Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, Denise Loach and R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. A farewell to 1967.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Jan. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Angela Quick 1, R. Williamson 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W Powell 4, M. Hiller 5, D. Ellery 6, F. G. Knight 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 5, 6. For the Epiphany.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, St. Clement's): Diana White 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, Rosemary White 3, J. P. Burton 4, N. White 5 P. R. Johnson 6.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 St. David's Doubles: A. Johns 1, K. Maundrell 2, M. E. Lewis 3, Rev. R. W. Thomas 4, R. I. Underwood (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. First in method for all. Rung from midnight to welcome 1968.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: I. P Sawford 1, T. W. Griffiths 2, J. D. Tarrant 3, P. S. George 4, C. David Corby 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. E. Bell 1, D. Voss 2, C. J. Bell 3, E. G. Mould 4, S. Poole 5, D. R. Livsey 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. G. Exell 8. An 89th birthday compliment to W G. Symes, former ringer.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. L. Claughton 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Susanne O. Sargeant 3, Violet N. Castle 4, B. C. Castle 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. Rance 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 6th 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Sale (first quarter) 1, J. C. Parker 2, A. F. Leleux 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, D. J. Edmonds (first as cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

LOCKING, SOM. — On Jan. 2nd, 1968 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, G. Prescott 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Dyer (first quarter) 1, E. Drewitt 2, B. R. White (cond.) 3, J. R. Mitty 4, N. H. Leslie 5, F. White 6, D. A. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. C. Joyce, wife of a late rector.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Stephens 1, W. Simmonds 2, Valerie Stephens (first of Major) 3, K. Fursdon 4, G. J. Roberts 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (50th quarter, cond.) 7, P. A. Lock 8. Rung for the Feast of the Circumcision. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, G. J. Roberts 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. Rung for the wedding of Charlotte Anne Ashford and Douglas Peter Ferris.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, A. Swatton 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B. Sarll 6.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 7th, at St. George's Church, 1,440 Doubles (seven methods): M. Griffiths 1, W. Willans (cond.) 2, Susan Moore 3, R. Moore 4, P. J. Devrell 5, R. Hillman 6. For Evensong.

CHILCOMPTON, SOM. — On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (seven methods): E. C. Wadman 1, J. Maggs 2, E. J. Chivers 3, R. G. Beck 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, R. E. Beck 6.

CHIPSTABLE, SOM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: E. Quick 1, S. Smith 2, F. Casley 3, H. Purchase 4, G. Sparkes 5, A. Gale 6. For the engagement of Miss Ruth Casley and Mr. Richard Purchase (both ringers).

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, Evelyn M. Hicks 2, Hilary A. Thick 3, M. I. Davey 4, Charlotte M. Harris 5, R. Osbon (cond.) 6, F. H. Hicks 7, D. J. Hoad 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Scott (first quarter) 1, Gillian Boyd 2, Jennifer Tyack 3, J. Draper 4, Rosemary Kemp 5, Renee Sturgess 6, J. Ball 7, A. Scott 8, A. Sturgess (cond) 9, F. Fagg 10. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Tyack 1, J. G. Draper 2, R. K. Hawkins 3, S. A. Scott 4, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 5, J. Gunstone 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Scott 1, J. G. Draper 2, Jennifer M. Tyack 3, Gillian M. Boyd 4, J. Gunstone 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, S. A. Scott 8. For Evensong.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, H. Fuller 3, A. Foreman 4, D. Boast 5, S. Flatman 6. Cond. by 2, 4, 5. For carol service.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles: Miss P. Tomsett 1, G. Wood 2, R. Bushell (cond.) 3, M. Lacey 4, C. Mannerings 5, J. Green 6.

HECKFIELD, HANTS. — On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Christopher 1, R. Christine Hassell 2, R. B. Pike (cond.) 3, D. L. Wilcox 4, H. E. J. Smith 5.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): A. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. King 3, F. Arnold 4, O. Claxton 5, D. Boast 6, H. Fuller (cond.) 7, S. Flatman 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Lee-Wolf.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Perry 1, H. J. Page 2, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 3, K. J. Jacobs 4, W. R. Gilkes 5, P. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of "Ted" Hewlett (aged 91), a ringer for 40 years at King's Somborne.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,250 Cambridge S. Minor: J. L. Claughton 1, M. C. Austin 2, R. D. Bellamy 3, G. E. Bonham 4, J. W. Blackwood 6, P. Mehew (cond.) 7, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 8. For carol service.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Celia McCarthur (12 yrs) 1, C. McCarthur (first "inside") 2, Gillian Wildney 3, Heather McCarthur 4, A. Semken 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Dec. 31st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, N. A. James 3, M. Pilgrim 4, J. B. Plumb 5, F. W. Corney 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8, D. S. Bishop 9, S. Fenwick 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. Rung by the Cathedral Guild before Evensong to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. F. W. Corney.

COMPETITION URANGWOT—II

"WELL, Tom," I said to a ringer friend of mine when I bumped into him the other day at the bus stop, "have you been on any of your tower snatches recently?" I guessed that he would rise to this bait and, sure enough, I received my lecture about the bad features of "snatching" and the merits of Tom's plan. Tom has quite strong opinions on this subject and his ideas are a little bit out of the ordinary to say the least. He is happiest with six-bell ringing and he likes to go to a six-bell tower and ring a 720 to "give the bells a fair trial." He insists on ringing the treble throughout, including the leading-up and the leading-down at the finish. Since he does the arranging and provides the transport in his Jaguar the others have to fit in with his ideas.

"Well, whatever you call it, have you been anywhere interesting lately?" "Yes, we've just visited St. Peter's, Gowell, and St. Paul's, Notsowell." It did not surprise me that he mentioned two towers for this was his usual arrangement—two towers on the Saturday afternoon when there was no District meeting. As I have said, Tom always rang the treble on these outings, but he insisted that no other ringer rang the same bell in both towers. "Usual arrangement? Just six of you in the party and you made the other five all swop round for the second tower?" "Correct," said Tom, "but this time I went a bit further and told them that they had to have two different neighbours in each case in the second tower." "Who did you have with you this time and which bells did they ring in each tower?" said I, fishing for my pen so that I could check whether he had managed it. "I'll name the ringers and you can puzzle it out for yourself," he replied with a twinkle in his eye.

"All right then. Name the 'inner six' or, rather, the five bells besides yourself."

"Alan, Bob, Chris, Denis and Ernie. There you are, in alphabetical order just to make it easy," smiled Tom. "Thank you very much indeed," I said, quoting the president of the Central Council, and went on to remark that he had one or two untidy handlers in his party on this occasion. Tom wholeheartedly agreed with this observation and explained that this had made things a little bit complicated. Alan is a particularly bad handler and I knew that Tom would not want to be next to him, so I was not surprised to learn that Alan had been kept off 2 and 6 in both towers and that he had landed beside Ernie in the second tower. I had visions of trouble if Bob and Chris were ringing beside each other, but Tom had seen that this situation did not arise in either tower. Tom happened to let slip that Denis, the one really good handler in the party, had been ringing on Bob's right in the first tower, but, try as I might, I could not extract any more details from him before his bus came. He left me with "Try it out at your next ringers' social—it might make a change!" He was grinning from the safety of the bus by then or I would have crowned him.

Still, I enjoyed working it out and you might like to try it yourself. After all, to solve it you don't need to have been to **Cambridge**! —Sorry, it must be infectious!

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MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Whittaker 1, Miss L. A. Ewan 2, J. O. Birdsall 3, M. F. Brook 4, A. B. Spivey 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to K. Green and a farewell to Alan Spivey who is leaving the area.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Bob Doubles (ending 11.52 p.m.): Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. Foreman 3, D. Boast 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, A. Driver 6. Half-muffled for the passing of 1967. Also after the tenor struck midnight, 1,260 Bob Doubles, open, to welcome 1968, finishing at 12.48 a.m.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Single Court and Plain Bob: D. Rose 1, C. Hancock 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose 6. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. Ellen Hunt, Rougham's oldest inhabitant (96), interred this day in churchyard.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Wilce 1, Mrs. Brenda Dixon 2, G. Muncey 3, B. Whitworth 4, J. Clifton 5, R. Coley 6, L. Hall 7.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS. — On Dec. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge and Norwich Surprise Minor: F. Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. Gullick 3, R. Agg 4, A. Harris 5, M. Trigg (cond.) 6.

SHAPWICK, SOM.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Burrough 1, Miss K. Hine 2, I. J. Burrough (cond.) 3, P. W. Ham 4, G. Puddy (first "inside") 5, R. Lee 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all. A birthday compliment to Ron Lee.

SANDON, ESSEX. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Jennings (first quarter) 1, Judy Harrison 2, Anne Edwards 3, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 4, R. Harrison 5. For St. Cecilia's Day.

SPROTBOROUGH, Doncaster, YORKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Toyne 1, J. R. Whitham 2, Anne P. Leigh 3, E. Cooper 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, E. Short 8.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: G. E. Bonham 1, Frances Brown 2, P. R. Keough 3, M. J. Young 4, T. F. Collins 5, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 6.

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BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Despite the inclement weather and counter attractions, close on 40 ringers attended the Ilchester Branch's first 1968 practice at Stoke-sub-Hamdon on January 6th. The Belfry Office was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Thomas, who welcomed the visitors. Mr. W. E. Turner, Assistant Ringing Master, was in charge, and Stedman, Cambridge and Kent T.B. were rung on the good-going 17 cwt. six apart from rounds and Doubles.

Next practice meeting, Drayton (8), February 3rd, 7–9 p.m.; Branch Dinner, King's Arms, Montacute, February 27th (13s. 6d.), tickets limited, apply early to Branch hon. secretary.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The county president, Mr. E. Newman, took the chair at the annual general meeting of the Eastern District held at Broxbourne on January 13th. Towers open in the afternoon were St. Andrew's, Hertford, and St. Mary's, Ware. A short service was conducted by the Vicar at Broxbourne.

After the minutes, Mr. E. Barnes, of Little Munden, thanked the secretary (Mr. P. M. F. Searles) and members of the Tewin band for their great help to the Munden band on practice nights.

Officers elected: District secretary, Mr. P. M. F. Searles; Ringing Master, Mr. E. Newman (vice Mr. S. James); Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. D. Harris; "Ringing World" representative, Mr. B. J. W. Foley; Association representative, Mr. R. Berry. New members: Mr. F. Stacey (Bengeo), Miss Susan Rasmusson and Mr. C. White (Cheshunt).

The next annual meeting will be at All Saints', Hertford, providing that the tower is safe. February meeting: Amwell and Hoddesdon.

The suggestion of Mrs. L. James of an organised visit to a bell foundry is to be followed up by the District secretary, who offered to make the arrangements.

The concluding vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies for an enjoyable tea was proposed from the chair. Ringing followed.

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