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THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, TALATON, DEVON

OUR COVER PICTURE

Church of St. James, Talaton, Devon

TALATON lies a little to the north of the London–Exeter road near the notorious Rockbeare Straight which holiday motorists know so well; perhaps it is because it is so near to such a busy road that so few people take the time to visit it, but they miss seeing a fine church with an outstanding Devon screen as well as the unusually decorative tower shown in the photograph.

The bells are a good ring of six with a tenor of 12½ cwt., and they are all of different dates. The oldest is the 4th, a beautiful casting from the Exeter foundry dating from the latter part of the 15th century. Her inscription is one of the Exeter "stock" inscriptions, "Protege virgo pia quos convoco Sancta Maria"—"Saintly virgin, Holy Mary, protect those whom I call." The tenor is one of the finest of the surviving bells by the Somerset founder Roger Semson, who worked during the reign of Queen Mary I at Aish Priors, near Taunton. On this bell he inscribed in large curly capital letters: "Confessores saincti omnes orate pro nobis"—"All ye holy confessors pray for us." The inscription is decorated with crowns, a rose and a fleur-de-lys, but the biggest and best ornament is an impression of the seal, about 4in. across, of a 15th-century Countess of Warwick, Joanna de Beauchamp. The same inscription and ornament appears on the tenor at Bradford-on-Tone; there seems to be no clear connection between either parish and the owner of the seal, so perhaps Semson may have got the seal by way of scrap, and kept it for decoration.

The ring must have become a five comparatively early, for the 2nd was formerly a bell by John Pennington of Exeter, cast in 1661. In 1751 the 5th was recast by Thomas Bilbie of Cullompton, decorated with roses; and in 1792 the younger Thomas Bilbie recast the 3rd, which is decorated with Bilbie's little bell-stamps.

The treble of the six came from Warners' in 1891, when the ring was rehung. A further rehanging came in 1932, when Gillett and Johnston recast the 2nd and the whole ring was hung in a new iron and steel frame with iron headstocks and new gear.

In late years the Talaton ringers have been increasingly successful in competition-ringing; their village being just south of the dividing-line, they count as a South Devon tower, and generally get into the Devon six-bell competition among the first six bands of their half of the county. J. G. M. S.

[Photograph by courtesy of "Devon Times."

ANATOMY OF A TOWER

A correspondent recently noted, rather sadly I thought, the number of ringers who had been in—and out—of his tower since 1943. He suggested that ringing there would today be better and more regular if they had not had such a high turnover.

I would like to put an opposite point of view—a steady supply of new recruits is the way to keep the bells ringing.

I have been looking up our records. Since 1946, when the band restarted from scratch, there have been 73 members of our tower. During the whole of this time there have not been more than half a dozen Sundays (all, I think, in summer holiday time) when the bells have not been rung. Mostly the six bells are rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, well laced with rounds and call changes. Cambridge and London have at times been within our capabilities but not so often. Mostly the standard of our ringing on Sunday has been quite reasonable. I think our church has had the sort of service from its ringers that it has a right to expect. To be sure a lot of people have helped to perform that service—but I can see nothing wrong in that. The bells have been rung and rung quite well.

No tower is typical, and ours is no more than anybody else's. We are fortunate in being in a suburb that supports its church well and whose population are mostly professional people or the children of professional people. But how these people move about! Someone who has lived in this area for ten years is a rarity. When they are not moving house they are doing homework or travelling in foreign parts. This constant coming and going is not, however, something to be regretted; it is merely something to be taken into account in doing our job.

Here are a few more figures from our records. These refer only to the time since 1956, because this is the period of which I have personal experience and can interpret. Since 1956 there have been 41 members of the tower. The length of service has been made up as follows (the figures in brackets denote those who are members at present):

Years of Service	No. of Members
19	1
16	1
12	3 (2)
10	1
8	1
6	2
5	2 (1)
4	6 (1)
3	7
2	5 (3)
1	8 (3)
6 months	4 (2)
	41 (12)

A member is one who rings at least once a week. It does not include those who still live in the area but are now at college and only ring in the vacations.

The average length of service is just over four years (It is currently only 3.6 years.)

Of the 41, all but 10 learned to ring in the tower.

Of the ten who did not, five could do little more than handle a bell when they joined us, and five were up to peal standard, though only two had rung more than two or three peals.

Of the 29 who are no longer regular members, all but five left because they moved away from the area.

Of those who have left the district, I think 10 or 11 are still ringing, but of this I cannot be sure.

Of the 41, almost all have attained quarter peal standards, and the majority peal standard.

Allowing for those who were members before 1956, the average rate of recruitment is about one ready-made ringer per year and slightly over two raw recruits.

To my mind, the most important factor by far that has enabled us to keep our bells going over this period has been the recruitment, come hell or high water, of three ringers a year. We are geared up always to teaching people and try to bring them along as fast as they will come to maintain their interest and everybody else's. I must admit that there a times when the belfry is a little overcrowded, but at least it is never understaffed. Our recruits usually attain their first quarter in six to 18 months, and even if they are members for only two years they can be really useful ringers for most of that time.

I do not foresee that there will ever be a time when we do not need to recruit three new people a year. I do foresee that if we do not stick firmly to that policy our tower could soon become undermanned like too many others. P. G.

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A SELWYN COLLEGE CENTENARY PEAL

ACCRINGTON PEAL OF GLASGOW UNDER FIRE

Dear Sir,—It is the custom for the conductor of a record peal to congratulate the band that subsequently breaks this record. However, in the case of the 12,096 Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Accrington on January 6th, exceeding the 11,872 which we rang at Edgbaston in November last year, I cannot do so with any sincerity.

First, I understand that the peal is not being claimed as a record. This is regrettable, since the majority of ringers will regard it as the new record (I do), even though it cannot be recognised officially. The result is that it debases the status of our official record and generally throws the keeping of records into disrepute.

Secondly, it is clear that the aim must have been to surpass our record, else why was Glasgow chosen when the field is wide open for hundreds of other records? This being so, why was not seven days' notice given, as required by the rules for record attempts? This last point is perhaps the most unfortunate of all, since the rule was designed to give ringers (and particularly those who rang in the existing record) the opportunity to listen to the attempt. I know that most of our band would have been keen to go to Accringon. We gave the required notice for our attempt and rang a very good peal, as many can testify. We are disappointed that no similar opportunity was given to us.

Thirdly, the ethics associated with the composition for this peal must be considered dubious, but I shall not go into this in any detail since it is being dealt with in a separate letter by Mr. Peter Border.

I would point out that this is not the first time that such an incident has occurred. A record length of Pudsey Surprise Major was rung at Loughborough last November, but this was not publicised in advance nor claimed as a record. This practice should be deprecated most strongly, both by the Guild for whom the peal is rung, and by the Exercise as a whole. The field of record lengths is generally one of endeavour and achievement: these performances only belittle it—Yours faithfully,

RODERICK W. PIPE.

Birmingham.

Brian Woodruffe on Record Peal Regulations **(see page 103).**

Dear Sir,—There are a number of ethical points which should be made in connection with the recent "long peal" of Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Accrington. I am not primarily concerned with the ethics of the performance itself; my own first interest is in the composition, published in your issue dated January 26th.

It is immediately apparent from the published figures that in order to join all of my 54 courses of Glasgow together, Richard Parker has had to resort to the use of an unusual call, to put it mildly. Rather less obviously, this "single" is made in 4–5 at the half-lead. I can see no reason for this call to be made at the half-lead at all (a single in 4–5 at the lead-end serves the same purpose), unless it could be that Richard Parker believed that this might be easier to get away with.

Surely he cannot be so naive as to suppose that I cannot recognise for myself the possibility of joining up otherwise unjoinable courses by the introduction of special calls. Special calls were commonplace in the early days of composition, particularly of Triples, but even then they were regarded with disfavour, and only used because they appeared to be unavoidable. I for one heartily approve of the traditional abhorrence of special calls, with the result that my composition ran to 53 courses only. This is not to say that I did not examine the possibilities of the normal single—it had none!

I would point out that I am perfectly well aware that the special call in question does not contravene the existing regulations governing the compositions of record peals. I suggest that these regulations may well not have been drafted so as to cover every eventuality, and now that this issue has arisen perhaps they should be re-examined.

One last point. If the use of special calls in record peals is regarded as acceptable, the field is wide open for attacks on all sorts of existing records. For instance, I know for a fact that the existing record of 14,144 London Surprise Major can be exceeded by a fairly handsome margin. I have worked out a suitable composition, which I do not intend shall see the light of day.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Barford, Warwicks.

George Augustus Selwyn, in whose memory Selwyn College, Cambridge, was founded, was consecrated Bishop of Lichfield on January 9th, 1868, and to commemorate this centenary it was decided that a band of ringers drawn from matriculated members of the College should attempt a peal at Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday, January 13th.

The band were entertained to a magnificent tea by the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, an Honorary Fellow of the College, and met several members of the Cathedral Chapter, one of whom acted as host to the travelling reserve, R. A. Harrison.

A peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Royal was rung in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, the Bursar of the College, who thus became the sixth person to reach a century of peals for the Cambridge University Guild. In 1954 members of Selwyn rang two peals of Major, but this is believed to be the first time a peal of Royal has been rung on tower bells by members of a single Cambridge or Oxford College. V. N.

Those appearing in the photograph (left to right) are: A. R. Heppenstall, K. J. Triplow, H. E. Bishop, P. M. Wilkinson, P. A. F. Chalk, C. W. Woolley, C. M. P. Johnson, R. A. G. Inglis, V. Nutton, R. D. St. J. Smith and R. A. Harrison (reserve).

[Photograph by courtesy of the "Wolverhampton Express and Star."

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Miss Ruth Blackshaw, the hon. secretary, reported a very good year at the annual meeting of the Bingham District at Bingham on January 13th. The Bell Repair Fund reached £43 for 1967, a grand effort. Lowdham had made a very good upstairs ringing room after weeks of hard work. Meetings had been reasonably well attended and steady progress was being maintained. Membership had been almost doubled since formation in 1962.

Officers elected were: Mr. D. Clark, chairman; Miss R. Blackshaw, secretary; Messrs. H. Hanson, D. Stainsby and Miss I. Anthony joint Ringing Masters; Mr. M. W. Harrison, committee member.

Eight new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. R. Spray (Cotgrave), Pamela Clifton, Joan Carter (Bingham), Susan O'Neill, P. Wild, R. Anthony, J. R. Rigby (Gedling).

The Rev. F. Stephena conducted Evensong, and tea in the Women's Institute Hut was very welcome on a cold, wet day.

The Eighth Grantley Hall Course

By Christopher Groome and Marcia and David Gomersall

SNOW and the closeness of Christmas provided a fresh background to the 1967 Grantley Hall Course, enhancing the fine setting of the hall and highlighting the hospitality and friendship which ringers have always found at Grantley.

It was the eighth course at Grantley under the leadership of Norman Chaddock, and lasted from the evening of Friday, December 8th, until teatime on Sunday, December 10th. Among regular attenders it was rated the best yet. There is no doubt that the course has gained an ethos and momentum of its own with a good balance between theory, practical and recreational time.

The course was welcomed by Vernon Bottomley in his capacity as president of the Yorkshire Association. Together he and Jeanne ensured that everyone was welcomed and the only regret was that they could not stay the week-end. The tutors, Messrs. Wilfrid Moreton, Henry Fielden and Norman Chaddock, then each gave a short synopsis of the lectures they were to give, to help students make their choice of lectures. The Washington film followed and then began the round of conversation and handbell ringing which shows that ringers enjoy being together and, at Grantley, has a strange effect on the other course (drama this time) sharing the week-end.

Saturday offered a full programme of lectures in the morning and practical sessons in the afternoon.

CONDUCTING—PRIORITY

For the more advanced ringers, Henry Fielden, a "new boy" at Grantley, offered a series of lectures on conducting from Plain Bob to Surprise Major. It was a very personal and colourful interpretation of the theory rather than a neat package, to leave the students admiring but gasping As a result the practical side of conducting came over much better. Well worth repeating is Henry's order of priority for the conductor:

> "Keep his own bell right, put the calls in the right places, and only then is he able to put other bells right. An ability to call 'Stand' rather than to indulge too much in the last activity seemed to fit in somewhere."

One group under Mr. Moreton learned how to construct Double Court; then tried ringing the method that had been constructed following the "blue line." In the afternoon we had a practical session at Kirby Wiske, where we practised the two methods we had been studying in earlier sessions.,

At our next session we learned how to construct Oxford, Double Oxford, Cumberland and St. Clement's; then, after Mr. Moreton had explained to us the best way of constructing these various methods, we rang St. Clement's on handbells. The way in which we were shown a method and had it explained to us, followed up by trying to ring it on handbells, was indeed an excellent way of learning a method.

Others joined the group under the tuition of Mr. Chaddock for elementary change ringing. It was amazing what we did not know, particularly where the theory side of ringing was concerned. Our session commenced with the principles of plain hunting and how the course was made up. This was developed until we could write out a course of Plain Bob Minor, paying attention to how the dodges were formed. When we had written that out we had a short practice on the handbells, ringing what we had learned. At the next session we went into greater detail of Plain Bob Minor and learned the basis of bob work. We were given various duplicated notes on striking and rhythm.

On the Saturday morning a practical session on elementary conducting was held at Kirby Malzeard under Norman's supervision. Here some half a dozen budding conductors each simultaneously called three or four touches of Bob Minor.

ORGANISED AS A MEETING

Ringing on the ten at Ripon Cathedral was organised as for a district society meeting. As the course had ringers at all stages of development, including non-ringers, who had their first "ting," this was a fair test for Norman as Ringing Master. As an experiment all members of the course handed in to the Ringing Master, before ringing started, a slip of paper on which their ringing "requests" were written. This proved quite successful. Everyone had a chance to develop their ringing in a wide variety from rounds to Surprise Royal.

After dinner Ted Hudson treated everyone to an hour on "The Other Side of Ringing." It was surely one of the most fluent and best assembled set of facts and observations on the place of ringing and ringers in the community and on their relations with each other.

The evening closed with handbell ringing for all tastes—tunes with Norman, single-handed method ringing with Wilf Moreton and double-handed with Henry.

Another welcome innovation of which the students took good advantage was the "tutorial." During each session one of the tutors was available to help students for whom neither of the set activities was suitable. Much use was made of this facility.

After breakfast on Sunday morning the usual short service was ably taken by Mr. Hudson. Most of the Drama Group joined the ringers. Would that all services at ringing meetings were so appropriate, simple and effective. It was preceded by a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

On Sunday afternoon further instruction in bell control and easy method ringing was given by Mr. Moreton in the tower. Sunday also included two sessions of carol ringing in four-part harmony using about 30 bells, organised by Mr Chaddock. These proved an enjoyable relaxation for those taking part.

At the final "get together" the tune ringers played a carol and there was a universal feeling that the week-end had been very successful from all points of view—ringing, social and gastronomical.

SUSSEX LADIES TO TRY AGAIN

At the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on January 9th, there were only five ladies present at the business meeting. A proposal was submitted that the Sussex District of the Guild should be discontinued. It was, however, decided to continue the District for another year in the hope of better support.

There was ringing in the afternoon and evening until 8 o'clock. The Vicar conducted a short service and local ringers were thanked for the excellent tea provided.

Next meeting: Hailsham. June 29th.

ST. ALBANS GIVES EVIDENCE OF A LIVE DISTRICT

THE annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held on January 20th at Hatfield. During the afternoon the ten were rung to methods up to Surprise, and a course of the special method, London, was achieved, although quite a few found all their effort spent in handling the longish draught. A service was held, followed by tea, at which a vote of thanks was given to the Rector, the Rev. J. Stow.

The Association president (Mr. E. T. Newnham) took the chair for the business meeting. Although the District had lost none of its own members during 1967, all present stood in silence in memory of Eddie Buck, of the Northern District.

The minutes of the last annual District meeting were read and accepted, and also the secretary's report and the accounts. Mr. Robert Hardy was elected secretary and he was thanked for stepping in as acting secretary during the year. Mr. Gerald Penney was re-elected as Ringing Master; he was thanked for all the time he had put in on the organisation side as well as the meetings, and he replied that he felt he'd done the job for enough years now and would like thoughts on a replacement for 1969. Miss J. Fellows was re-elected "Ringing World" representative. The committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Coburn, Miss Fellows, Messrs. G. Dodds, J. Ewer, R. Brown, E. Edmondson and G. Penney. Messrs. G. Dodds and G. Penney were elected to the General Committee. Miss J. Fellows was elected to write up the District peal book

The proposed list of towers and special methods for 1968 were discussed. Mr. Penney said it was proposed to carry on with the special methods and expressed the wish that all members would look them up before and not during the meeting. The next meeting will be held at North and South Mymms on February 17th, when York Surprise Major will be the special method.

On the social side, the District agreed to hold a dinner (after a break of one year), a social, barbecue and a coach trip to TV studios. Special practices at individual towers would be arranged on request, and invitations were immediately received for Wheathampstead in February and St. Paul's, Waldon, for March. These are always on the first practice night of the month.

Mr. Fred Ellis, of Wheathampstead, announced that the Wheathampstead ringers were hoping to raise money to add two trebles to the six. They have already raised £250, and although they are aware of the fund in progress for the Central Council visit they hope to organise some money-raising efforts in the near future, which they trust everyone will support. There are still no plans to raise the floor or add rope guides!!

On a more serious note, Mr. Jack Dear, of the Northern District, conveyed Mrs. Eddie Buck's appreciation of the representation of the St. Albans District at her late husband's funeral. The secretary added that he had written expressing sympathy on behalf of the District.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing followed.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bolton 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2 H. Page (first "inside") 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. For candlelight service. Also on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Archer (first attempt) 1, L. Porter 2, H. Page (first as cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. For Evensong.

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SILENT TOWERS IN THE CITY OF LONDON

By David L. Cawley

In response to the recent request for information as to the silent towers in the City of London, I append the following information:—

St. Andrew's, Undershaft (6).—This ancient and melodious ring is now hung dead in the old frame, and rung by a clavier; the old ringing fittings are in a heap in the bell chamber. The tower is reported to be too weak to carry a ring of bells.

All Hallows', Berkyngechirche (18).—The old eight were totally destroyed in the blitz, and a magnificent chime was erected by John Taylor and Co. in 1948, with a bass bell of 41¼ cwt. in C, but all hung "dead."

St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8).—Now rehung with the sixth recast. This superb Whitechapel ring (25¼ cwt.) is in regular use again.

St. Dunstan's-in-the-East (8).—The magnificent new ring, cast in 1951 by John Taylor and Co from the metal of the old and heavier eight damaged in 1941, has been thoroughly put in order, but there can be no regular organised ringing until the tower is buttressed. Occasional ringing is permitted. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

St. Dunstan's-in-the-West (8).—A complete eight by T. Mears & Co., 1830, tenor reputedly 19 cwt. in F The bells are hopelessly derelict, several are cracked, and all are dilapidated and filthy beyond description. I understand that they are to be sold for scrap. The famous clock "jacks" are intact; the other clock, in the tower, has gone to St. James', Bermondsey.

St. Katherine's, Creechurch (6). — This church was narrowly saved from demolition and restored a few years ago. In the small tower is a derelict ring of six, from which the wheels, stays and sliders have been removed; both headstocks and frame are dilapidated, the former being renewed when the tenor (10¼ cwt.) was recast in 1842. The bells are not even chimed.

St. Magnus the Martyr's (10).—The bells were removed in 1939 for safety, and still lie at Whitechapel. They were last pealed in 1938, and many peal boards adorn the filthy ringing room. The old oak frame remains, with the tenor headstock still suspended from its bearings. Several of the bells are cracked, and overtures by many people regarding their restoration have been treated with contumely by the authorities until recently.

St. Mary's, Woolnoth (3).—The only ringable three in London; in weight they go 2¼ cwt., 5 cwt. and 11 cwt.; they are wildly out of tune and run badly. There are also ringable single bells at **St. Margaret's, Pattens, and St. Bride's, Fleet Street** (15¼ cwt. in F), the latter replacing the blitzed ring of 12.

St. Sepulchre's (10).—Last rung in 1938, the famous bells of Old Bailey appear intact, though the pigeons have taken over the bell chamber and ringing room, leaving the tower like one of the Guano Islands. An excellent article by the churchwarden appeared in "The Ringing World" several years ago, and it appears that efforts have been made to rehang them with little success. The tenor (31¼ cwt. in D) is the famous passing-bell of the former Newgate gaol. The bells were rehung in the old frame in 1905, and many peal boards adorn the ground-floor ringing chamber, having been brought from above. The eighth was rehung in 1932 and the Sanctus more recently, but owing to the precarious state of both tower and frame (the latter wedged to the walls), the bells remain unringable.

St. Stephen's, Coleman Street (8).—The bells were totally destroyed in 1940, and the site of the church has now been cleared and built over.

There are chimes of bells hung "dead" at the Royal Exchange (13, 33¼ cwt., by Gillett and Johnston) and Houndsditch Warehouse Stores (10, 4¼ cwt., not used).

SHINGLING — Author's family followed the craft for 200 years

The tall, slender spire of Wadhurst Church, in Sussex, has now a coat of brown cedar shingles instead of the grey oak shingles. To me, this is a very sad sight, for the craft of shingling church spires was in our family for over 200 years, ending when my father died, five years ago. To repair a spire in the winter months was unheard of, and the workers used to leave home in April, go from job to job and return home in September. During the winter all the spare time away from the wheelwright's shop was spent in cleaving out shingles and stocking up for the following summer.

Unlike the steeplejacks of today, only one ladder was used, one of 18 rungs, with the one next to the bottom taken out. In the four corners of this aperture short ropes were tied. One man then climbed up inside the spire, on the timbers and took out the trap door, some 15 feet from the top. A thin rope was let down and the ladder pulled up and manœuvred so that it lay up the spire with the opening in the ladder over the opening in the spire. The four short ropes were then pulled in the four corners and fixed to the spire timbers. A man then crawled out through the hole, went up the ladder and fixed it to the top.

A rope collar was placed round the top of the spire, in which was hooked one or two sets of pulley blocks, 3 and 2, with a 90ft. rope A man then fixed a swing seat, as used today, got in it and took it down to the ground, where it was taken off and replaced with a big wooden cradle, in which a man could sit with plenty of room for his tools and a supply of nails and shingles. One could then easily pull oneself aloft and stop anywhere with a quick twist of the rope over the hook.

Some spires have a second trap door at the bottom and one could get in and out of the cradle without having to go to the top. The timber and the shingles being oak, one had to drill a hole for each nail, which was made of copper and would not corrode. One wonders today of the scrap value of the nails recovered from our spire

I helped my father carry out repairs to the spire at Wadhurst in 1935, but the last major job was in 1897, when two sides were completely renewed, so most of the other shingles were 100 years old Today's work in cedar is only guaranteed for 30 to 40 years In 1897 the spire was 16 feet out of upright.

Over the years our family repaired most of the shingled spires in Sussex, Kent and Surrey, and one can write at length of the stories handed down: my grandfather, with his leg in an iron, having his after-dinner nap in the cradle, of the time he accidentally chopped the rope in half, and of the day father went into the bottom trap to shelter from a thunderstorm and the rain shrank the ropes, taking the cradle out of reach

RECENT EXPERIENCES

The shingling of the spire at Wadhurst was not without incident to the ringers. On December 9th we met to ring for an area Toc H service and were just about to raise the bells in peal when the Vicar rushed in with a message from the steeplejack: "You cannot ring the bells." A quick inspection upstairs revealed a ladder lashed to the bell frame and fouling the fourth and tenor. What Toc H members and our own people (the next day) thought of Doubles and Minor on 123567 we do not know but to us it was horrible. Fortunately all the bells were available the next week-end for a ringers' outing and a big dedication service.

December 20th brought another message from the Vicar—the belfry was flooded out, the bells were covered up and could not be used. So for the first time in living memory (except for the ban) the bells were not rung for Christmas and the New Year. No doubt those living near the church appreciated not being wakened at 6.15 on Christmas morning, or roused at midnight on New Year's Eve. It did seem strange to walk to church in daylight on Christmas morning, and a lot of people said how they enjoyed hearing the handbells before Matins. Some of the ringers went to Burwash on Christmas morning and we were invited to join them to ring out the Old Year. We were able to ring again on January 28th.

A. C. B.

SYSTON DISTRICT REPORTS STEADY IMPROVEMENT

The annual general meeting of the Syston District was held at Syston on January 13th, attendance being 72. Ringing on the eight bells preceded the service, which was taken from the Guild's proposed service booklet. The Vicar, the Rev. C. Wall, officiated. Tea was taken in the new Church Hall.

Opening the business meeting, the chairman (Mr. J. M. Morley) welcomed the Guild president (Mrs. J. Staniforth) and visitors from Burbage, St. Margaret's, Leicester, Blaby and Branston, Lincs. Mr. A. Mansfield, an honorary life and founder member of the Guild, was especially mentioned. Thanks were also given to the Rev. C. Wall, the organist (Mr. M. White) and the Syston ringers who arranged the tea.

The chairman reported that a great effort was being made to get the silent towers in the area going again. The main organiser of this is Mr. B. S. Payne, and anyone wishing to give a hand is asked to get in touch with him. Mr. Morley also announced that he was retiring from office through business reasons.

The secretary (Mr F. W. Faulkner) reported that in 1967 31 new members had been elected (10 adults, 21 juniors). Paid-up members totalled 107 (77 adults, 30 juniors), nine honorary life members and two over 65 years of age: total 149 members. The average attendance at monthly meetings was 49, evening practice meetings 25. An improvement was hoped for this year

The Ringing Master reported a year of slow but steady improvement in the ringing at meetings. A pleasing feature was the many District members who rang their first peal. A District peal week was organised by Mr. B. S. Payne, with five successes out of seven attempts. "I think the first-pealers will agree that they learned more in three hours than in 23 in their own tower." The report contained thanks to the Barrow ringers, especially Messrs B. S Payne, R. I. Kendrick and M. D. Barsby for their help given at the Quorn meeting Linford and Humberstone had better attendances at their meetings but he would like to see all towers represented at meetings and not just a few. Methods rung during the year in addition to Doubles and Minor included: Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Winchendon, April Day: Triples: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman: Major: Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Double Norwich Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire.

Officers elected for 1968 were: Chairman, Miss J. H Cox: secretary, Mr. F. W. Faulkner: committee, Mr. J M. Morley, Mr. C. Mobbs: Ringing Master, Mr. M. D. Barsby. Thanks to Mr J M. Morley for his work as chairman were voiced by Mr. H. L. Wykes, seconded by Mr. B. S. Payne. F. W. F.

Letters to the Editor

CATERING FOR LATECOMERS

Dear Sir, — The members of the Peals Analysis Committee wish to dissociate themselves from the statement published in the issue of "The Ringing World" on January 19th (page 43), under the heading "Peal Records for 1967," paragraph 2, lines 3 and 4. We did not authorise this statement, which is contrary to the decision of the Central Council, recorded on page 22 of the Handbook.

In accordance with this, we shall continue to accept peals which appear in print up to the final issue of February, i.e. dated March 1st, 1968.—Yours faithfully

WALTER AYRE,
Convener of the
Peals Analysis Committee.

DOUBLES METHODS/VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article by Mr. Dawson on Doubles Splicing ("Ringing World, 1968, page 24), particularly because I have been puzzled as to how one can arrange four variations of a Grandsire type method in one extent called S–SPx2. As I understand it, a variation consists of a plain lead, or leads, of one method used with the calls usual to another method. An example of this is Newborough, where one uses Grandsire plain leads with Grandsire bobs and plain leads of All Saints' as singles. To ring Newborough one must, therefore, ring at least one plain lead of Grandsire, with at least one Grandsire bob and one plain lead of All Saints'.

Recently a peal of Doubles methods/variations was rung in which it was claimed that four variations had been rung in an extent based on Grandsire. The calling used was S–SPx2, using the same type of bob throughout, but four different singles. As far as I can see this does not give four variations, for the following reasons:—

(1) Only three plain leads have been rung; a variation demands at least one plain lead. Unless a plain lead is rung one would not know, for example, whether one is ringing a variation of Grandsire or Wollaton.

(2) Grandsire and similar methods require two types of call to produce an extent, singles or bobs on their own being insufficient. Similarly, variations of such methods require two calls to produce an extent. This means that, to say that four variations have been rung in a 120 one must use four bobs. Only three exist in a S–SPx2 calling.

Mr. Dawson admits that these "particular type(s) of extent are of dubious value, as four singles are used with three plain leads" (page 24). I would go even further and say that it is impossible to ring more than three variations in any extent arranged on this plan. I should therefore suggest that, where it has been claimed that more than three variations have been rung, conductors should consider whether it would not be more honest to amend their peal reports, especially where such peals are claimed as records of some sort or another.

I hope, in the next few weeks, to publish details of a proposed addition to Central Council rules to cater for Doubles variations. Unfortunately it is obvious that even the simplest of variations must be guided by some rules, otherwise this branch of ringing will become a complete and utter farce. — Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS
University College Dublin

CALL CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Jewell's letter (January 19th) prompts me to join Mr. Beavis in his fight to bring to the surface the unfriendly attitude shown by some bands to visitors.

In my 25 years' experience as a ringer I have only once met with a refusal to be allowed to ring and this was at the only tower in Plymouth I had not rung at—St. Budeaux, a tower affiliated to the Devon Association.

In all fairness, I had been warned that they did not encourage visitors, but as I was passing on their Tuesday practice night I thought a few rounds would suffice, and with my family entered the ground-floor tower.

The changes were obviously not going to plan, as they made two fresh starts. My family were getting impatient after 30 minutes, but I made the observation in a loud voice "They are coming round now" on two occasions when changes 21345 and 12354 came up. After the third crunch they lowered.

I was told by a friend with over 2,000 towers that what I should have done was to charge in and taken the rope away from one of them, pushing him aside in the process. Instead we walked out of the church with them in silence.

Fortunately this is an isolated case. I have rung with several call change bands in Devon and Cornwall, mainly on eight, and can emphasise all Mr. Jewell has said. At St. Mary's, Torquay, they have better striking than the majority of change ringing eight-bell bands, and you have to concentrate as much. I rang with this band several times, also at Plympton St. Andrew's, Tavistock, etc.—Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I fully agree with the sentiments made by the six members of the ringing fraternity in "The Ringing World" of January 26th.

I would be interested to know if the Abbey ringers ring in other towers; if they do, why not publish their names in "The Ringing World" and bar them from ringing in other towers.—Yours faithfully, R. H. ADDIS.

Cardiff.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE 87 members at the Association's Goole meeting on January 20th will remember for a long time the excellence of Mrs. J. J. Taylor's tea and the welcome to the town by the Mayor, Mr. T. E. Addy, who, with his wife, joined members at both their service (with handbells during the 150th Psalm) and tea. Canon Hudson, Vicar of Goole since last April, and his wife were also welcome guests.

At the business meeting ten new members were elected: Ian Danby (Sutton-on-Hull), Jane Lawrence and Dr. and Mrs. Baker (Chapel Allerton), Michael Nunn (Rothwell), Margaret Hunt (Wakefield), Timothy Samuelson (Pudsey), Maxine Johnson (Cottingham), Bryan Seymour and Christopher Milner (Huntington).

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the new rule about officers, and the following nominations were received: Peal secretary, Dr. T. D. Spencer; report editor, Mr. R. Ducker; composition secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley; general secretary, Mr. W. F. Moreton.

In addition to the octave at Goole, those at Thorne and Howden were much enjoyed, as well as the fine sixes at Carlton and North Cave

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Dear Sir,—Having read the recent correspondence about ringing at Westminster Abbey, I would like to make one or two comments.

Several of the writers express their objections to a closed shop attitude. While not passing judgment on this, I would ask what right these people feel they have to be allowed to ring there. The organ is not played for all services, but we do not hear about anguished organists offering their services to the Abbey, or about visiting choirs wanting to sing there on Saturdays.

Another recent correspondent questioned the function of service ringing in general. People going to worship at the Abbey know about the services and do not need to be "called," having travelled some distance to be there. Under the present system, even if it has its faults, one knows at least that if the bells are ringing there is a jolly good reason for their doing so, and not just once again for ringers' pleasure.

The six people from the Oxford Diocesan Guild suggest that if the resident band is incapable of Sunday ringing, then other bands should be allowed to ring. As one who has rung there (as a visitor, not a member of the band!) I can say that the bells are not at all easy to ring, nor very rewarding, and I am sure that if Sunday ringing were "open," there would be very few ringers who would make the effort to climb the long staircase for such average bells, once the initial novelty wore off. If these people are genuinely feeling philanthropic towards London ringing, their services would be more than welcome on another heavy eight, at St Botolph's, Aldgate, on Sundays.

Incidentally, my own opinion is that it should be easier for visitors to have a ring, without general "open" ringing, but I do not question the right for the Abbey ringers and authorities to make their own rules and run the tower in the way they see fit. — Yours faithfully,

R. DENNIS.

Harlow, Essex.

FORMER VERGER'S VIEWS

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the letters re Westminster Abbey ringing, and as I was a verger there for five years, taking parties round, I claim to know just a little of what goes on.

Westminster Abbey is a Royal Peculiar and all the time I worked there it seemed very peculiar to me. The behaviour of people was simply appalling. Smoking took place if the vergers were not very careful, and it has even been known for visitors to use monuments as toilets. Now one does not do this sort of thing in a church so it will give you ringers some idea of what the visitor really classes Westminster Abbey as (a museum). All the time I was there I was trying to make people realise it was a church, and one way to do this is to have the bells rung for services. At the present moment the vergers use hammers downstairs outside the belfry door; only if a special service is being held or a special ringing day crops up are the bells rung, and then after the service. So let us get the bells rung for services if at all possible; that will also give the visitor outside some idea of what Westminster Abbey was built for. And inside—well, let us get the thurible swinging so they can smell it is a church.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK HOPGOOD.

Hampton, Middlesex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Record Peal Regulations — Some Interpretation Wanted

By Brian J. Woodruffe

Dear Sir,—I write in reply to Alan Ainsworth's letter in "The Ringing World" (page 19).

(1) I apologise to Roddy Pipe for presuming that, as no conductor was stated in the notice Alan would be the conductor of the 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major.

(2) Now, Alan, I am not sure that the Central Council regulations on record lengths are as straightforward as you like to make out. Let me explain: Firstly, consider sub-section (f), (Central Council Handbook, page 19), which states: "That in the case of a peal rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards compliance with these further conditions is necessary: . . ."

This statement can be interpreted two ways, one of which is: "That in the case of a peal, rung to surpass previous peals, of 6,720 changes and upwards . . .' (my commas for emphasis). This means that any attempt at a record peal in which over 6,720 changes are to be rung, must comply with the rules.

The other interpretation is: "That in the case of a peal, rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards, compliance . . " This means that the rules only apply to attempts at records, which already stand at or in excess of 6,720 changes. This is your interpretation, Alan, but think what it implies—a conductor would have to give notice of an attempt for 6,728 Little Bob Major (present record 6,720) but **not** for 40,680 London Surprise Royal (5,400 is the present record). Extreme examples, yes, but surely this is not what the Central Council had in mind when the rules were drawn up and worded as they are now?

Since this is Alan's interpretation of the rules, he is perfectly correct in what he says in para. (2), but it does seem to suggest that, as notice **was given** for the 11,872 Glasgow, there is an element of doubt in his mind or that he feels the rules need altering to include all record attempts. The idea of giving notice for record attempts is obviously that other ringers may visit the place of the attempt to listen and to check that the peal is rung correctly. And, of course, publicity, not only to ringers but to the general public as well, is an important point to take account of, as Alan rightly states.

(3) Whether the composition is to be published before or after the record attempt is another debatable point. Certainly the rules do not say that the composition must be published with the notice but they do hint or suggest that this is so. May I quote the **whole** of sub-section (f) part (iii), not just part of it as in Simon Humphrey's letter:

"That the composition of the proposed peal shall be submitted to at least one competent person, other than the composer, for proof, and the figures shall be published in 'The Ringing World.' These figures shall be strictly adhered to unless it becomes necessary for the conductor to call the bells round before the full length is completed, owing to an unforeseen contingency. Any alteration made in the **published figures** for this purpose shall be published **with the report** and also submitted before publication to those who proved the composition."

The last sentence of this paragraph implies one thing—that the figures have been published before the attempt takes place, and that if the figures are altered they are then published again with the peal report. No time period is stipulated as to when the figures should be published but, of course, the most rational time is with the notice of the attempt, i.e. at least seven days before.

Alan states that if the composition is published before, another band could ring it previous to the notified attempt, or afterwards for that matter, if the notified attempt failed But if the record peal were rung by an unscrupulous band before the official attempt, it would not be recognised by the Central Council and therefore would not be recorded and should not get in "The Ringing World" peal columns if the Editor is on the watch for this sort of behaviour. The refusal to publish such peals is the only way to discard them and to uphold the rules of the Central Council However, I cannot agree with Alan over the point that another band can use the composition if the official attempt failed. This introduces a spirit of competition into record peal ringing and surely this is not a bad thing for the Exercise? Furthermore, how can the composer be sure that the composition is the longest possible?—there is the chance that a different plan will produce a longer peal I believe that the Central Council is right in suggesting that the composition be published before the attempt, and this leads me on to the next point.

(4) Part (iv), sub-section (f) states:

"That all ringing shall be heard by a competent, unbiased person who may give, if he thinks fit, and the performers so desire, a written certificate that the peal has been rung. Any objections to the performance must be made in writing to the conductor and Association and umpire immediately the ringing has finished, and any controversy arising shall be referred to the Central Council whose decision on the matter shall be final."

Two queries arise out of this paragraph:

(i) Is the "competent, unbiased person" also the "umpire,' and who appoints these—the band or the Central Council? If the band appoints the umpire, he is therefore not unbiased but is associated with the attempt and, very often, with the spirit of it. If the Central Council were to appoint the umpire, they can then also judge his competence to umpire the attempt. Too often, the appointing of an umpire is a case of finding someone who is prepared to give up his time and not necessarily someone who is competent to judge the peal.

(ii) My second query is over the "objections." Objections can arise from the standard of striking and by the composition. If the composition has not been published then the conductor is safeguarding himself against incorrect calls, and if the umpire is not competent, who is to know if a miscall is made? An acute listener outside the tower, if he has the composition, can make an independent check, and then he is in the position to object "immediately the ringing has finished" if he believes the peal has not been rung according to the published composition.

(5) I submit the above observations and comments as "food for thought" and, I hope, discussion. As with my earlier letter, there is no intention of "attacking" or "smearing" any conductor or band—I am just asking for points to be clarified.

It seems there are three points to be discussed:

(i) Whether the composition is to be published before the attempt or not.

(ii) Whether notice has to be given for all record peals of 6,720 changes and over.

(iii) Who should appoint the competent, unbiased person/umpire, and who is to assess his ability to check the ringing.

May I add two more for good measure:

(iv) What is the significance of 6,720 changes; why not 5,376 or 10,000?

(v) Should similar rules apply to normal length record peals, such as Spliced Surprise or multi-methods peals in which a record number of methods is to be rung?

URGE FOR NEW DISTRICT IN ESSEX

The annual general meeting of the South West District was held at Barking on January 13th. The Master, Mr. D. E. Cobb, presided and about 75 members attended.

The meeting was opened with a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. W. Roxburgh, also to the Barking ringers and the ladies, who had provided the tea, for their hospitality. This was given by Dr. J. Armstrong.

The Master welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. Frank Lufkin and Mr. P. Saltmarsh.

The deaths were announced of Mr. B. Hines, ringing member of Brentwood, and Canon Stanley, honorary member of Prittlewell. Members stood in silent tribute.

After the secretary and treasurer's annual reports had been adopted, Mr. F. B. Lufkin took the chair with the consent of the meeting and a discussion took place on the proposition by Mr. D. E. Cobb, seconded by Mr M. Hallett, to split the South West District. The following amendment to the Association's Rule VII was approved unanimously:

"The Districts of the Association shall be six: Northern, North Eastern, North Western, Southern, South Eastern and South Western."

The proposal now goes forward to the annual meeting of the Association to be held at Chelmsford

Mr. Frank Lufkin remained in the chair for the election of District Master, and Mr. D E. Cobb was re-elected unanimously.

Mr. M. Hallett announced his intention not to stand for re-election as secretary. Two candidates were proposed and G. Eve was elected by a show of hands. Six members were proposed as committee representatives, a ballot was taken, and Mr. M. Hallett and Mr. P. Bedford were elected. Seven new members were elected to join the Association.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY'S FIRST DINNER

The first formal dinner of the University of Wales Society of Change Ringers was held at the Queen's Hotel, Cardiff, on January 20th. Five towers were open during the course of the day and ringing reached a moderately high standard. Those who joined us for ringing came from such diverse places as Bristol and Birmingham, which could be used as evidence in support of the view that many people would like more opportunities to visit the many good rings of bells in South Wales.

Thirty people attended the dinner, including the guest speaker, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, and his wife Unfortunately I have to say that co-operation from within the Society was very poor, making organisation more arduous than it need have been. Members who actually attended the dinner comprised four from each of University College, Swansea, and University College, Cardiff (a two-thirds attendance for each), two ex-members of University College, Swansea, and one ex-member from St. David's College, Lampeter. It is regrettable that of the 24 members from University College, Aberystwyth, not one was prepared to support our new venture. This unfortunately meant that we made a financial loss, which we hope will be offset by donations from those members of the Society who did not support the dinner

Despite the poor representation of Society members the dinner was a great success socially and this in itself is, I feel, sufficient to inspire the Society to continue to hold the event annually. After an excellent meal Canon Felstead made a very interesting and informative speech, concluding with a toast to the Society. The Master, Mr. John F I Turney, responded with brevity and subtle wit and concluded his speech with a toast to the visitors

Sincere thanks are due to all incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells during the day and to the manager and staff of the Queen's Hotel who provided us with an excellent meal and superb facilities. S. H.

OBITUARY

MR. G. H. HUMPHRIES

It was with great regret that the ringers of Croydon Parish Church learned of the death of George Herbert Humphries ("Bert") on January 17th, at the age of 64. Bert had suffered a very short illness and nobody in the tower realised how ill he was.

He joined the Ancient Society of Croydon Parish Church Bellringers as a probationary member on February 2nd, 1922, although he had been ringing for some time at the Parish Church before that. Just over one year later, on February 6th, 1923, he became a Stated Ringer of the Society. He had, therefore, served Croydon Parish Church as a ringer for nearly 50 years, a record of which he could well be proud. Bert was a very capable 12-bell ringer and was a great asset to the Sunday service band. Although he did not aspire to some of the more complex Surprise methods, his part in the Cinques band at Croydon was very valuable and he will be greatly missed

The last occasion he rang was on Sunday, December 3rd, when he rang the fifth to a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques. As a tribute to his memory, ten of his fellow ringers, including his son and daughter-in-law, rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters on January 23rd. Those taking part were: R. Davies 1, E. W. Razzell 2, Mrs. P. Humphries 3, I. M. Parry 4, N. G. T. Steere 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. S. Brown 7, K. Taber 8, R. C. Stevens 9, P. Humphries 10.

Croydon Parish Church has not only lost a ringer but a friend. Bert was ever a cheerful person who could always find room for a smile when things did not quite go as they should. R.C.S.

MR. W. THORNLEY, SEN.

I only recently learned of the passing of a very old ringing friend in the person of Mr. William Thornley, of Stapleford, Notts, at the age of 76 years. Bill Thornley had been a ringer for over 60 years and gave me much help and encouragement in ringing in my young days. He called my first peal—5,040 Minor in three methods on the then newly augmented bells of Stapleford Parish Church in October, 1932. This peal was Bill's first as conductor and I am saddened to think I was unable to attend his funeral to pay my respects to a man I had known all my life.

Bill rang at Sandiacre for many years and was a member of the fine Surprise Minor company at that time, ringing a new method most Sunday evenings with almost perfect striking. He was a splendid treble man at raising and lowering in peal, and to hear Sandiacre bells being lowered in peal with Bill on the treble and taking 10 to 12 minutes was something I shall never forget.

A disagreement with the then Vicar of Sandiacre caused the break-up of that band and Bill joined the Stapleford Parish Church company, where he eventually became captain, remaining there until the end.

Bill served in the Army in the 1914-18 war and was gassed and wounded badly, but he kept up his ringing despite poor health at times but, as he told me, "I did come back." He rang a good many peals with the late Mr. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston, with whom he was very friendly, but I do not know exactly how many—I should think about 200. A very quiet and likeable man, he was never aggressive when things went wrong in the belfry. May he rest in peace.

G. H. CLIFT.

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 38

KEITH WILLIAM SCUDAMORE

(Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association)

It is a great pleasure to include in this series a son who is following his father's hobby and art with such enthusiasm.

Keith William Scudamore, who was born on October 5th, 1955, is the son of Police-Sergeant William F. Scudamore, Ringing Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and steeplekeeper of Cirencester Parish Church. When his father was stationed at Lydney, in the Forest of Dean, Keith first learned to handle a bell at the Parish Church. At the time he was only six.

When his parents moved to Cirencester, in 1965, Keith immediately joined the Cirencester company, ringing at both the Parish Church (12) and Watermoor (8). He rapidly took to change ringing on all numbers of bells and can be found on any Sunday joining the more experienced ringers in methods up to Stedman Caters (his favourite). More recently he has ventured into the field of Surprise.

Keith's first peal (Grandsire Doubles) was rung at North Cerney when he was only ten years of age. It was a happy family occasion, as his grandfather (Ralph E. Scudamore) and father both took part. And now we have reported the conducting of his first peal—Grandsire Doubles—at North Cerney on December 28th last year, some two months after his 12th birthday. To avoid any nervousness or excuses he was only told of the peal 24 hours before it took place In his four peals there is one of seven Doubles methods, the others being Grandsire.

At present he attends the Cirencester School, one of the latest to join Gloucestershire's Comprehensive Education System, previous to which he was a pupil at the Rebecca Powell C. of E. School at Cirencester, which had strong associations with the Parish Church.

A regular member of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association he often accompanies his father on Association business in order to be able to make additions to his list of towers (which now total about 300). His most pleasing experience was being able to ring Stedman Caters at Lincoln Cathedral in September, 1967.

Apart from ringing, his hobbies include the Scout movement and electronics.

MR. L. S. HALLETT

The death took place recently of Mr. Leslie Samuel Hallett, a ringer at Worle and Weston-super-Mare, aged 66,

Educated at the College and Brymelyn School, he joined the R.A.F. as a photographer in 1920. During the war he was twice mentioned in dispatches and five years ago he retired as the Chief Training Officer of the R.A.F. School of Photography, Cosford. He did a great service to ringing while stationed at Stratford-upon-Avon and also founded a section of the Army Cadet Force. His widow and two daughters are bereaved.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar of Worle, the Rev. W C. Foster, was held at Weston Crematorium. On January 27th a quarter peal of Doubles was rung half-muffled at Worle to his memory, conducted by Mr. George Prescott.

MR. LESLIE WARNER

Mr. H. C. Arthur writes that the ringers of St. Nicholas', Cranleigh, were shocked to hear of the passing of their captain and secretary, suddenly, on January 10th. He had been a ringer at Cranleigh for 53 years.

"Mr. Warner's great dedication to the service ringing of his church enabled him to carry on in difficult times, and so set an example for us to follow. His good work was well done to the end"

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. George Skinner, secretary of the Exeter Branch, on being awarded the Imperial Service Medal.

Mr. J. E. Jeater has had to go into hospital for an X-ray. He is now back at work, but there might be a few days' delay in the dispatch of receipts and answering letters.

The third annual rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain will be held at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School on October 5th. The school lies about five miles north of Sheffield.

A peal of distinction we record this week is Bristol Surprise Maximus at High Wycombe on January 27th conducted by David P. Hilling. We are given to understand that the previous peals of Bristol Maximus were last rung at Leicester in the days of the late Harold Poole.

Never too old? Ernie Andrews, of Lavenham, rang the third to a quarter of Bob Major on the famous bells for his 90th birthday on January 21st. Congratulations.

The peal at Knowle (page 51) was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Graham J. Lightfoot (January 2nd), and a 20th birthday compliment to Norma A. Riley (December 30th). The correct dedication of this church is SS. John the Baptist, Lawrence and Anne.

The footnote to the peal rung at Bramford on December 31st, 1967 (page 68), should have read: Rung in the 150th anniversary year of this same peal rung in this tower on January 1st, 1817, and as birthday compliments to Rev. Brian Redgers and Edmund Christian, and as an engagement compliment to Neville F. Whittell and Jennifer M. Andrews.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGING

A useful book explaining ringing procedure at Westminster Abbey and also a valuable historical background has been written by Harold N. Pitstow, entitled "A Short History of the Bells and Belfries of Westminster Abbey" (price 2s., plus 3d. postage). It is obtainable from the Abbey Bookshop, Westminster Abbey, S.W.1.

"The Foundation known as the Brethren of the Guild of Westminster disappeared down the ages. It was reborn, however, in modernised form by Dean Ryle, and the work of the belfry to-day is carried on by a superintendent, a company of eight ringers (the principals) and nine supernumeraries. The official origin of the band was May 14th, 1921, when the first eight members were admitted to their office by the Dean at a ceremony in St. Faith's Chapel. As changes occur, each newly-elected principal is so admitted. The ringers are drawn from the Ancient Society of College Youths, which was founded in the year 1637."

"UNION SCHOLARS"

The leading article in "Irish Bell News" of January 20th issue is headed "Union Scholars." This is Editor F E. Dukes' conclusion:

"What are bellringers trying to prove? We believe it is that there is no barrier between North and South, Roman Catholic and Reformers, as far as bellringing is concerned. We are sure that their love of bells and bellringing—no matter who is in the band, no matter what church—is for the good of the Exercise and, above all, for the greater Glory of God.

"May we pray therefore—'that whensoever the bells shall sound, they may kindle holy thoughts and give an increase of Christian faith and devotion in whosoever shall hear them.'"

This is a good issue of "Irish Bell News." Minimum annual subscripton 3s., from the Editor, Meadow Cottage, Whitecress, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

A FAREWELL TO LEN STILWELL

The farewell peal for Mr. Len Stilwell preparatory to his move from Sussex to Windsor was rung at Pulborough on January 27th in the tower where he rang his first peal in 1904. This was Grandsire Triples, to which Len rang the treble. Later he was in charge of the ringing here for some time.

Len will be pleased to know that young Dale Barton, of Pulborough, rang very well in his first peal. It was unfortunate that Mr. R. Wake, the Western Divisional secretary, who arranged the peal and intended to call it, was prevented from doing so by indisposition. The peal was conducted by Mr. Raymond P. Wood, with whom Mr. Stilwell had been associated for many years as a member of St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CANTERBURY

The band of ringers at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, are struggling to raise funds to rehang their famous ring of eight and recast the sixth. Piles of newspapers have been disposed of for salvage. (Leave piles in the church porch, marked "For Bell Fund.") Recently some of the local band put the notoriously difficult tenor bell on ball bearings, making it by far the easiest bell in the tower to ring More power to their elbows!

SILENT PEAL AT BRISTOL

"A magnificent achievement. I understand that not a word was spoken throughout the performance." In these words Mr. F. Sharpe described the University of Bristol Society's silent and non-conducted peal of Grandsire Caters. He was speaking at the Society's 25th anniverary dinner later on the same day, January 27th.

The band had met at St. Stephen's at noon. Albert Tyler, the umpire, told the band what was expected of them and that the peal would be stopped in the event of bad striking or any signalled or spoken command. After the bells had been pulled off in rounds, Albert called "Go" to send the bells into the changes of one of his own compositions. Three hours and six minutes later the bells ran perfectly into rounds again and he was able to call "Stand." The standard of striking was rated highly by all who heard the peal and the very few trips were very minor faults.

The venue, composition and umpire could not have been more appropriate for the occasion. The entire band had gained their early Grandsire Caters ringing and conducting experience under Albert at St. Stephen's, and he could justifiably share their pride at the achievement They would like to thank him for all his help and advice, and especially for sitting in the tower for three hours watching them!

TRANSFORMATION AT WINCHCOMBE

Winchcombe (Gloucestershire) bells have been notoriously difficult and unrewarding musically.

In conjunction with extensive repairs to the lofty tower Messrs Taylor, of Loughborough, have tuned and installed them in a steel frame, effecting a transformation in both tone and "go." There is still a long draught but the rope guides are now a little lower, with beneficial results.

As no official opening had been planned, the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association obtained permission for a meeting on January 24th. Branch and Association officers rang the first touch, an excellent 360 Plain Bob: Mrs. M. Wratten (Association peal secretary) 1, Miss M. Bliss (Association chairman) 2, W. A. Farmer (Branch chairman) 3, M. Maggs (Branch secretary) 4, W. F. Scudamore (Association Ringing Master) (cond.) 5, C. A. Wratten (Association treasurer) 6.

More than 50 other ringers from neighbouring towers were present to try their hand, there being especial interest as the Association had contributed £75 towards the cost of rehanging. Sound conditions are ideal in the tower, but outside are such as to preclude very much ringing until the sound control is completed.

Winchcombe is a small Cotswold town attractively set in a valley east of Cheltenham. It is of great antiquity, having been a Royal borough in Saxon times. Its prosperity continued into the Middle Ages, as Winchcombe Abbey was immensely wealthy, and Hales Abbey is only a mile or so away.

The church has had bells from the earliest times, as the Abbot complained to the Pope in the early 16th century that they were rung to the disturbance of the monks at their devotions. One wonders if Christian forbearance precluded the monks from retaliation, as the Abbey had ten bells, which were sold at the Dissolution. W. A. F.

TINTAGEL REUNION

The reunion for the Bishop's West Country tour "flock" was held in London on January 6th and was organised by the writer. We were pleased that Gillian Sims was once again able to make the journey from Hereford, and also pleased to welcome the Rev. Michael Hart, Messrs. Jeremy Pratt and Michael Burn and Miss Rosamund Rawlings to the "company." (Apologies to Messrs. Rogers and Meyer!)

The day started with ringing of Stedman and Yorkshire on the pleasant bells at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Four of our band being absent, ill with flu, we were unable to complete much at Southwark Cathedral; however, reasonable touches of Stedman Caters and London Major on the back eight were successful.

After lunch the 16 cwt. six at Harmondsworth sounded very well but unfortunately were spoilt by being odd-struck and difficult to keep up. However, the delightful light octave at Harlington tapped round very well and good touches of Cambridge and Stedman were rung. The six in Cranford Park went equally well and touches of London and Durham were enjoyed.

A course of Bristol Major at St. Paul's, Hounslow, was probably the first for several years, and Mr. Robin Collis is to be congratulated on the restoration work he has carried out on these bells, which had suffered about five years silence. Pleasant to listen to outside, they are unfortunately very difficult to hear inside. Ringing around the font on the pleasant bells at Chiswick preceded the final tower of the day, All Saints', Fulham, where the very pleasant Rudhall ten were much enjoyed. A very enjoyable evening was spent at 14, Worple Avenue, and we were all very grateful to Tom and Deborah for inviting us home once again and arranging the very welcome refreshments. M. J. U.

EASTRY, KENT

The heavy ring of five bells (tenor 18 cwt.) at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Eastry, near Sandwich, Kent, has been refitted and quarter-turned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough. This church is also the possessor of a rare inscribed mediæval Sanctus bell, recently retrieved from the local village school and weighing about one cwt. Inscribed "* Ave Maria Gracia *," it is kept as a mounted demonstration model in the ringing room.

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

A number of members of the Devon Guild of Ringers held their first tour of the year on January 27th, when the South Hams and Dartmouth area was the venue. Mr. A. L. Bennett was again in charge and those accompanying him were Messrs. D. R. Bould, N. Mallett. G E Mudge, J. C. Mitchelmore, E. J. Cann, P. Perkins, J. Steer, S. Pearse, D. Pierce and A. Frost.

The towers were all six-bell ones, these being South Pool, where a rope snapped during the rise; Chivelstone; East Portlemouth, the best of the day, and where the Rector put in an appearance; Stokenham, with its long draught; St. Petrox, Dartmouth, a sweet six; St Clement's, Dartmouth; and Dittisham, a very nice six. The ringing was very good throughout the day. The lunch interval was spent at Stokenham, with tea at Dartmouth. A. L. B.

1967

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr 12 lb. in D.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Frank W. Rivett	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
James A. D. Woolford	3	Alfred E Rushton	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung in memoriam Arthur E. Sharman.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
STAPLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 GUISELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Derek Slater	2	Malcolm Barden	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Cyril S. Jarrett	7
Simon A. Wigg	4	Colin A Tester	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
Rung as a welcome to Christopher Michael Evenden, born December 21st, 1967. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

CHARING, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	Peter F. T. Smith	4
Rev. Peter T. Robbins	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
*Peter D. J. Beal	3	Peter Bradford	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov 25. 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. in D

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Peter J. Malloch	6
Jeffrey Brannan	2	Basil Jones	7
*Christopher L. D. Munday	3	Derek Butterworth	8
Christine Andrew	4	Neil Bennett	9
*Christopher Movley	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan
* First peal of Surprise Royal. —
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Andrew.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Nov. 27. 1967. in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
M. J. Morris's variation of Parker's 12-part (7th observation).
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
*Kenneth Burdett	2	Joseph W Cotton	6
Richard Clifton	3	Roland Beniston	7
Ronald Hughes	4	William T. Goadby	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. John on the Wall.
On Sat., Oct. 21. 1967. in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

Lydia M. Barnett	Treble	Michael A. Gilbey	4
Elizabeth M. Emmett	2	Roger W Powell	5
Mandi McCallion	3	Richard O Humphries	Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BITTERNE PARK, Southampton.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Wed., Oct. 25. 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Roger V. Smith	Treble	Heather J. Hinton	4
*Stephen R. Smith	2	Deborah N. Maggs	5
Colin J. Butler	3	Dennis B. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis B. Brown.
* First peal.
Rung to mark the tenth anniversary of the installation of the bells on October 19th, 1957.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HARWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Dec. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. S. W. Barton	Treble	Roger A. Smith	4
Stephen W. Barton	2	Neil Donovan	5
John R. Witham	3	Frederick J. Jackson	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.
* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

1968

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WRINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 27, 1968 in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Philip J. Rothera	Treble	*David E. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
Josephine A. Quilter	3	John H Fielden	8
Maryl R. Fielden	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Peter G Brown	5	Robert C Kippin	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* 175th peal, 150th of Surprise.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Michael T. Sprackling	Treble	Antony R. Kench	6
Patrick J. Bird	2	John T. Parsons	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Ian C. Maycock	8
David Heighton	4	Brian J. Wylde	9
David J. Marshall	5	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed and Umpired by Albert M. Tyler. Silent and non-conducted.
First silent and non-conducted peal for the Society and by all the band.
Rung on the occasion of the Society's 25th anniversary dinner.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Jan 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr 11 lb in E

*Ronald Andrew	Treble	†Gerald Moorhouse	5
Arthur E. Whiting	2	Lawrence J. Haines	6
Alan F Scholfield	3	†Robert B. Smith	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major in the method on tower bells First of Major in the method on tower bells as conductor.

WRENBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat. Jan 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.) in F.

David Allman	Treble	Geoffrey A Edwards	4
Leon A. Perry	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Harry W. Howard	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Thurs., Jan. 25. 1968. in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt in F sharp.

Melvyn A. Rose	Treble	Clive A Thrower	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	Brian Tomlinson	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	Michael J Fellows	7
Denis R. Carlisle	4	A Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by E A. Barnett. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BRADBOURNE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968. in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	F Martin Stanway	4
*Graham Newman	2	Rev. R. D St. John Smith	5
Susan E. Davis	3	Burley P Morris	Tenor

Conducted by Burley P. Morris.
* First peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHATTERIS, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul. On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

V. Hurt	Treble	A Yarrow	4
W. Young	2	Roger Edgley	5
Richard Edgley	3	W Seekings	Tenor

Conducted by W. Seekings.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Edgley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	*Michael J. Howes	7
*Andrew J. Slade	2	Derek Butterworth	8
*Donald E. Cobb	3	George E. Thoday	9
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Roderick W. Pipe	10
*Robert J. Chapman	5	Wilfred Williams	11
John R. Insley	6	Peter Border	Tenor

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

* First peal of Maximus Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr 21 lb. in C.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence. On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Allan Tubb	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	David J. King	6
Richard C. Taylor	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
David G. Massey	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

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

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Munday	Treble	John H. Payton	5
*Timothy J. Wellen	2	Roy D Mills	6
*Michael D. Fuller	3	Alan D Elsmore	7
Christopher K. Hill	4	†Peter Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan D. Elsmore.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

HORSELL, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

John A Collier	Treble	††P. Roy Collins	4
Jill M May	2	‡Douglas A R. May	5
*Judith M. Collins	3	Peter J. Privett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Douglas A. R May

* First peal of Minor "inside." † 100th for Guild. ‡ 25th peal. together. The ringer of the 4th has "circled the tower" to peals

Rung as a compliment to Anne Pickering and Kenneth Mumford. of Chobham, on their engagement. Tenor 11 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Fri., Jan. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

W. A. Cave's variation of Wishbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E Audsley	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Frederick J. Cullum	2	Kenneth J Rider	6
Christopher T. Osenton	3	John W. Smith	7
D. Paul Smith	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.

Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Paul Smith.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, Kent.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Sexburga. On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G

*†Denise Wingrave	Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson	4
*†Susan Rayner	2	†David P Leworthy	5
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Norman R. Mattingley	Tenor

Conducted by Norman R. Mattingley.

* First peal † Local band. First peal containing any members of local band since April 10th, 1947

WHITSTABLE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints with St. Andrew. On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G sharp.

*Henry Lunney	Treble	Keith J. Triplow	4
*Doreen E. Austin	2	Martin Ostler	5
Donald H. Niblett	3	David L. Cawley	Tenor

Conducted by Dr. D. H Niblett.

* First peal and first attempt. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

Rung as a compliment to Canon Cyril Waynforth, A.K.C., who this year attains 20 years as Vicar of Whitstable.

WITTERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods/variations, viz.: Rev. Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, April Day, May Day, Longparish, Ladbrooke, Pink's and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*Peter S. Philpott	Treble	Richard Bushell	4
Pamela Thomsett	2	John B. Keeler	5
Dawn V. Petts	3	William A. Epps	Tenor

Conducted by John B Keeler.

* First peal. Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal by all the band.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent in different methods: (1) London S., (2) Beverley S., (3) Surfleet S., (4) Cambridge S., (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. (approx.).

Olive D. Tester	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	4
*Christopher T. Osenton	2	Simon A B. Wigg	5
Martin L Howe	3	Malcolm Barden	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm Barden.

* Has now "circled the tower." Conductor's 25th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel. On Sat., Jan. 27 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

*Lucy C. A. Hopkins	Treble	Martin E. Snape	5
Celia D'Aeth	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	6
†Marion Glover	3	Dennis R. Jones	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal. 25th peal on the bells.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six differently called extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

James Blackburn	Treble	Stanley Anderton	4
*W. Stephen Walker	2	Kevin M. Price	5
David Bradshaw	3	Thomas F Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal of Minor "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EVESHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Lawrence and All Saints. On Sat., Jan 20, 1968 in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr 20 lb in C sharp.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Howard C. Palmer	2	Gerald C. Hemming	8
Monica M Jelley	3	John Bramley	9
Martin Green	4	John M. Jelley	10
W Ernest Rawson	5	Roland H. Cook	11
Rupert A. Clarke	6	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints. On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	*Philip A. Mason	5
*Dorothy Mason	2	John M. Jelley	6
Monica M Jelley	3	John Bramley	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard J Parker. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

* First peal in the method Rung by members of St. Margaret's Society, Leicester, Sunday service band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District) and the HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's differently called and ten extents differently called. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Malcolm D. Barsby	Treble	*James Preston	4
*Clive Mobbs	2	†B. Stedman Payne	5
Frederick W. Faulkner	3	Philip G. Chambers	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal in the method. † 500th peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

*Jennifer Jones	Treble	D. R. Lynn Jones	4
†Nigel V. Hill	2	†Derek J Godfrey	5
William T. Petty	3	*Grayson R. Williams ..	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal. † First "inside." Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung to welcome the curate, the Rev. Robert Britton.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Jan. 23, 1968 in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt in G sharp.

George P. Adams	Treble	Sidney G. Marshall	5
David E. House	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Janet House	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
*David G. Adams	4	Geoffrey H. Pullin	Tenor

* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam the Rt. Rev. P. M. Herbert, D.D., Bishop of Norwich 1942–1959.

CASTLEACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Walter Houghton	Treble	Kevin S Hohl	4
Shelagh R. Collins	2	George P. Adams	5
Leslie W. Houghton ..	3	Norman V. Harding	Tenor

Conducted by Norman V Harding.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, Bridget, to the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bloom.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr 14 lb. in C sharp.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	7
John N. Diserens	2	Frank W. Lewis	8
John Hill	3	Frederick R. Scott	9
*William H. Jackson ..	4	Ronald F. Diserens	10
†Helen M. Diserens	5	Roger Baldwin	11
Dennis Knox	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Bristol. First of Bristol Surprise Maximus by all the band except John Hill, and first peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus for the Guild.

GORING, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt 21 lb in A.

*Carol N. J. Tull	Treble	†Harry E. Wells	5
†Stephen J. Franklin ..	2	†J. Anthony Beaumont ..	6
John C. Baldwin	3	†William J Irving	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Robert B. Blond	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Martin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal. † First of Yorkshire.

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 GUISELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt 10 lb. in E.

Herbert H. Alexander ..	Treble	Peter J Heritage	5
Kenneth R. Davenport ..	2	Ronald K. Russ	6
Alan R Pink	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Anthony K. Fortin	4	Christopher C. Clarke ..	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*Carolyn Osborne	Treble	Terence J. Hester	4
†Susan M. Holden	2	James F. List	5
Donald E. Towers	3	Peter G. Holden	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
* First peal at first attempt. † First in three methods.

EWELME, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Richard Baker	Treble	Frank E. Godden	4
*Margaret Salt	2	†Reginald Tuckwell	5
James E. Godman	3	Robert A. Partridge ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
* First peal. † First of Bob Minor.
Rung for the Feast of Epiphany and to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godden, of Ewelme.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
URCHFONT, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

Eric J. Hitchins	Treble	*William T. Alexander ..	5
*Jennifer Alexander	2	Charles F. Andrews ..	6
Norman G. N. Knee ..	3	Frederick S. Slatford ..	7
*A. George Heath	4	Robert J. Purnell	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S Slatford.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. Salisbury.

FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Christopher W. Tidwell ..	Treble	†Brian S. B. Kear	4
†Roderick A. Bryant ..	2	Timothy F. Collins	5
†Philip R. Board	3	Ernest H. Amey	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Amey.
* First peal. † First of Minor First as conductor.
Rung in gratitude to Miss Julia Pleister, of Cambridge, who kindly donated the money to recast the tenor bell at Fordington St. George, after she had been elected an associate member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
ATCHAM, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Eata.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Frederick A. H. Cattell ..	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	4
Arthur Pritchard	2	Ernest F. Willcox	5
Philip J. Evans	3	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* 25th peal for the Association and has now "circled the tower."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., Jan. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 methods/variaitnns, viz.: Two extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, Northrepps, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Fortune, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and three extents of St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford and Old. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
W. Gordon Marsh	2	David H. Oliver	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Sydney Adams	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
Rung in memoriam Lady Sibell Argles, the donor of the treble bell, who passed to higher life on January 4th, 1968, aged 75 years.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt 23 lb in G.

H. William Barrett	Treble	David Cubitt	6
Janet House	2	Cecil W Pipe	7
Leslie F. Bailey	3	Martin Cubitt	8
*Hilary Webb	4	Peter Adcock	9
Geoffrey H. Pullin	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Henry Tucker. Conducted by David E. House.
* First ten-bell peal.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, as follows: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	*Alan R. Bridges	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neville N. Whittell	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Elizabeth Timmins	Treble	C. Martin Foster	5
Christine A. Foster	2	Raymond J. Talbot	6
*Bernard J. Stone	3	†Richard C. Stevens	7
Nigel Thomson	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. M. Pilkington, M.A. (until recently Vicar of Kingston, Surrey) on his appointment as a Residentiary Canon of Bristol Cathedral. Also as a compliment to Elizabeth Timmins and Richard Stevens on their recent engagement.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
PULBOROUGH Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	*Dale Barton	5
*Anne M. Stevens	2	Henry C. Weaver	6
Harold F. Wood	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
Philip Stevens	4	Michael J. Wake	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First attempt for a peal. † First of Triples.
Rung by members of the Western Division as a farewell to Mr. Leonard Stilwell, moving to Windsor

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. WENN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Wenna.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents Plain Bob, 9 April Day and 21 Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Anne Pearce	Treble	Alan Carveth	4
*Robert P. Pearce	2	Anthony J. Davidson	5
Anthony Locke	3	Graham F. Dunstan	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	Roderick J. Lees	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
M. Irene Ellsmore	4	Robert Edwards	Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Robert Edwards.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

Wilfrid F. Moreton	Treble	A Colin Banton	6
*R Anne Johnson	2	*Rev. Nicholas Webb	7
*Peter Carbutt	3	R. Gordon Corby	8
Michael R. Meadows	4	Ronald Ducker	9
George E. Hancock	5	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Composed by R. Gordon Corby. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Royal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 6, 1968 in 3 Hours and 2 Minuutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb in F

*Catherine R. Slater	Treble	Ronald R Warford	5
†Maris C Stephenson	2	Christopher L. D Munday	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	Robin Brown	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	C Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. J Sedgley Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band on the bells and for the Association.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Jan 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

Howard Scott	Treble	W Eric Critchley	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	John Whitam	6
Ian North	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
Anne P. Leigh	4	Ernest J. Padgett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Jan 8, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Alan Newbould	4
Patricia Gardiner	2	Ronald H. Dove	5
Catherine R. Slater	3	Rev. Nicholas Webb	Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	John Durham	4
Patricia Gardiner	2	C Barrie Dove	5
Alan Newbould	3	John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Catherine R. Slater.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith	1–2	Alan McFall	7–8
C Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	David Atkinson	11–12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., Jan. 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of Rev Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps and Kennington and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in E.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
		Frank R Morton (cond.)	5–6

First peal of four Doubles methods "in hand" by all.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods/variations, being seven extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, St. Columb, Old and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	1–2	John R. Scott	3–4
		Frank R. Morton (cond.)	5–6

First peal of six Doubles methods "in hand" by all.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., Jan. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
John R. Mayne (cond.)	3–4	Gerald Penney	9–10
Roger Baldwin	5–6	Brian J. Woodruffe	11–12

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In two methods, comprising 3,360 Rutland and 1,680 Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	Frederick Shallcross	7–8
		*Bernard F. L. Groves	9–10

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells. First of Surprise Royal on handbells for the Association.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ARTS

Sat., Oct. 14th 1,260 Bob Royal: P. G. Pitt 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, Mrs. M. J. Bew 3, P. Thompson 4, J. Avis 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6, N. Avis 7, A. G. Semken 8, M. J. Bew 9, D. E. Culham 10.

Sun., Oct. 15th 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Josephine Quilter 1, Rosemary Frith 2, Yvonne Murray 3, Claire Hudson 4, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 5, I. R. Panton 6, J. L. Towler 7, P. Brown 8. Also for the County Harvest Festival.

Tues., Oct. 17th, 1,200 Bob Royal: Miss J. Millbank 1, Miss J. A. Quilter 2, J. A. Warner 3, P. G. Brown 4, F. Roper 5, A. Wiffen 6, R. Threadgu'd 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8, R. Suckling 9, A. R. Syder 10. First of Royal 1, 5, 7.

Thurs., Oct. 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss Y. A. Murray 1, Miss R. A. Frith 2, Mrs. C. Hudson 3, R. J. Harrison 4, K. W. Brown 5, M. P. Inskipp 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, P. G. Brown 8, I. R. Panton (cond.) 9, J. L. Towler 10. First of Caters 5, 6.

Fri., Oct. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. A. Quilter 1, D. R. Panton 2, K. W. Brown 3, L. J. Clark 4, I. Roast 5, P. G. Brown 6, P. J. Eves 7, G. Thoday (cond.) 8.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

Jan. 7th. 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss J. Gamble 1, M. L. Slater 2, D. Hewitt 3, C. G. Wright (cond.) 4, E. Holman 5, T. Coles 6, K. Warner 7, D. A. Wright 8, J. Slater 9, J. Rixon 10.

Jan. 14th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Gamble 1, D. A. Hewitt 2, K. Warner 3, T. Coles 4, D. A. Wright 5, C. G. Wright (cond.) 6.

Jan. 21st 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Coles 1, M. L. Slater 2, Miss V. M. Jones 3, E. Holman 4, J. Slater 5, K. Warner 6, C. G. Wright 7, D. A. Hewitt (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 3, 4. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Coles on their 35th wedding anniversary.

Jan. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Gamble 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Miss B. Shaw 3, C. G. Wright 4, D. A. Wright 5, T. Coles 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, E. Holman 8, D. A. Hewitt 9, M. Hollis 10. A birthday compliment to Barbara Shaw.

HALF PEAL

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK. — On Jan. 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: A. Driver 1, R. King 2, G. Boast 3, D. Boast 4, O. Claxton 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A golden wedding anniversary compliment to the Rector (Rev. C. E. Beevers) and Mrs. Beevers.

DATE TOUCH

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Jan. 7th. 1968 Plain Bob Major: M. Burn 1, Caroline Madge 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Deborah Bishop 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Bangham 6, A. Bagworth 7, A. Bishop 8.

BARROW SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. F. Ballam (cond.) 1, B. Wells (first "inside") 2, P. Goodwin 3, E. Nunn 4, J. A. Underwood 5. For service.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell (first of T.B.) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, L. A. England 3, F. J. White 4, K. Prime 5, D. G. Mayell (100th quarter as cond.) 6.

BERROW, SOM.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): J. Chaplin 1, R. Jones 2, J. Coombs 3, S. Lewis 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, S. Lewis 6.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 10th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Goode (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Ewan 2, J. Birdsall 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, A. E. Shingles 5, J. M. Brook (cond.) 6. First quarter by an all St. Mary's band.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Leadbeater (first on eight) 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, A. J. Fletcher 3, C. J. Bennett 4, Miss B. Pickering 5, S. T. Yates 6, P. G. K. Davies 7, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 8.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Holsworth 1, N. Cossey 2, Diane Toone 3, S. Bedford 4, S. High 5, V. Bedford (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,400 Kent T.B. Royal: Peta Ollen 1, M. S. Loveday 2, Marion Kemp 3, Peggy E. Smith 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, B. J. Read 6, R. H. Newton (first of Kent as cond.) 7, D. L. Nibbs 8, A. W. Bond 9, M. G. R. Zobel 10. First in method 1, 3, 4, 6, 10. First of Kent Royal 2, 5, 8. A farewell to Leonard Stilwell on his departure from Sussex.

QUARTER PEALS

BURGH-LE-MARSH, LINCS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Angela Horton 1, T. A. Carrott 2, D. V. Carrott 3, C. V. Waite 4. First of Minimus by the band.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Blatcher 1, Felicity Mussell 2, Mary Salmon (first quarter) 3, N. J. Martin 4, A. J. Chandler 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For the festival of nine lessons.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Coomber (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Paternoster 2, Miss E. Aubrey 3, S. Taylor 4, R. Adcock (cond.) 5, M. Bullett 6. Rung half muffled. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Coomber 1, Miss E. Aubrey 2, M. Bullett 3, J. R. Paternoster 4, R. Adcock (cond.) 5, E. J. Paternoster 6. First quarter in the method for all. For united churches Evensong.

CLEVEDON, SOM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,408 Cornwall Surprise Major: S. Brown 1, E. T. Lee 2, Diana M. Chapman 3, P. Bridle (cond.) 4, P. J. England 5, A. E. Coy 6, T. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert 8. First quarter by all except 8.

CREWE CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Lamb 1, Mrs. Shirley Harris 2, F. H. Bennett 3, G. A. Packer 4, W. Gibbons 5, W. Kerr 6, B. Harris 7, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 1, 5, 6. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. C. King 1, D. Ralls 2, Janet Pullen 3, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 4, D. Potter 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6, R. E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by all except the conductor.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 24th 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Whale 1, Janet Pink 2, R. Fisher 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

DRAYTON BASSETT, Tamworth, STAFFS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,296 Minimus (five methods): Theresa Parker (first quarter, aged 9) 1, N. Attaway (cond.) 2, Sheila Parsons (first of Minimus) 3, K. G. Parker 4.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Hancock 1, W. Ivings 2, D. Reeve 3, A. Harrison 4, G. Herbert 5, J. Paul 6, H. Fuller (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Lord Iveagh.

ELY, CAMBS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Dove (first quarter) 1, J. W. Pickett 2, R. P. Turnill 3, F. W. Talbot 4, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 5, D. F. Murfet 6. Rung for the combined denominations service in Ely Cathedral.

EPSOM, SURREY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Jean L. Kimber 1, J. Davidge 2, Jill May 3, Jill Oakshott 4, R. J. Talbot 5, Juliet S. Stoy 6, D. May 7, R. J. Cook 8, N. Thomson 9, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 10. First of Surprise Royal 2, 3, 4. Rung with the compliments of the band to Robin and Susan Lee, of Westerham on the birth of a daughter.

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EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Erin Triples: P. Henry 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, N. Mallett 3, G. H. Baldam 4, D. Atkins 5, J. N. Longridge 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, M. S. Turner 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor and to congratulate George Skinner on his Imperial Service Medal.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 21st 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Main (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, P. Wills 4, M. J. Wake 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Len Stilwell on moving from Sussex to Windsor.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marilyn Warner (first quarter) 1, R. Jones (first quarter) 2, Doris V. Sennitt 3, A. R. Ashby (cond.) 4, W. J. Preston 5, F. J. Pocock 6. A farewell tribute to Rev. B. Jones and family.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS. — On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Whiting 1, Janet Pink 2, Pam Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. J. Foden Lee.

HEENE, WORTHING. — On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell 1, Brenda Cox 2, Meryon Froom 3, R. Cox 4, H. Clarke 5, H. Butler 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, H. Weaver 8. Rung by the local band as a farewell to Mr. L. Stilwell.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Carlisle, York and Durham): E. C. Wadman 1, J. Maggs 2, E. J. Chivers 3, R. G. Beck 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, R. E. Beck 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: L. M. Marsh 1, R. L. Willey 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, R. E. Carlisle 6. Rung half-muffled at Evensong in memoriam Mr. H. D. Argles (Jan. 15th) and Canon R. P. Tinsley (Jan. 20th), for life's work well done.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Kent T.B. Major: J. M. Lakin 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. E. Wright 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, J. McDonald 8. For Matins.

HORSMONDEN, KENT. — On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss D. M. Groves 1, R. E. Lambert 2, N. J. Chesson 3, R. T. Lambert 4, M. L. Howe (cond.) 5, N. Mattingley 6, C. A. Tester 7, P. S. Muchlinski 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX. — On Jan. 14th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Felton 1, Jennifer Beck 2, P. N. Felton 3, Julia Sanders 4, Kathleen Parr 5, Olive Rogers 6, J. Winram 7, C. H. Rogers 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton 10.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, J. P. Hull 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, C. D. Collin 8. Rung on the eve of the departure of the Vicar, the Rev. E. M. Pilkington, to take up the post of Canon Residentiary of Bristol Cathedral. Also on Jan. 21st 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine Salvage 1, J. P. Hull 2, Bryony P. Moorby (first Grandsire Triples "inside") 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. C. Belcher (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and as a belated farewell to Peter Walker.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, E. Ambrose 3, C. Curtis 4, A. J. Haynes 5, C. Poulson 6, L. G. Pryke 7, W. Jarvis 8. Rung for Matins and as a 90th birthday compliment to E. Ambrose.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, P. S. Muchlinski 2, M. L. Howe (cond.) 3, S. A. B. Wigg 4, M. Barden 5, M. W. Gilbert 6, C. A. Tester 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on Jan. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: T. H. Bent 1, A. M. Elliott (first on ten) 2, R. K. Mason (cond.) 3, Monica M. Jelley 4, M. Green 5, J. Bramley 6, M. E. Wade 7, J. E. Cook 8, P. A. Mason 9, J. M. Jelley 10.

LEICESTER. — At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Jan. 21st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. Pannett 1, S. Harrison 2, A. M. Elliot 3, P. J. Chilton 4, R. Starbuck 5, H. Bray 6, L. Greenhow 7, R. B. Smith 8, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 9, M. D. Bray 10. First of Caters 3, 10. To mark the 70th birthday and eighth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. W. B. Williams).

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Frost (cond.) 1, Ann Houghton 2, Diana Frost 3, E. Conquest 4, Susan Jackson 5 H. B. Whitney 6, R. Gaylor 7, A. Jeffs 8, P Williams 9, K. Jackson 10

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 21st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: D. P. Smith 1 Miss D. E. Colgate 2, P J. Simmonds (first on ten) 3, Miss H. Oakshett 4, K. Rider 5 M F Oakshett 6, M. H. O'Callaghan 7, J. W Smith (cond.) 8, T. Lewis 9, P. J Spice 10 For Evensong

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Jan 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Miss P. Lury (first of Minor) 1, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 2, Miss M. Chidwick 3, M. L. Howe 4, S. A. B. Wigg 5, E. G. Jenner 6. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Levick (first of Minor) 1, Miss M Chidwick 2, M. Barden 3, M. L. Howe 4, P S. Muchlinski 5, S A. B. Wigg (cond.) 6.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS. — On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. M. Sturgess 1, J. W. Lawrance 2, Miss V. Watts 3, I. Merry 4, T. K. Deacon 5, G. A. Newton 6, A. H. Hough (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8. For the 63rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Proudman, of Market Bosworth.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Frome, SOM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Crabbe (first of Minor) 1, Sally Baker (first of Minor) 2, D. Withers 3, G. W. Massey 4, T. Nicholls (first of Minor) 5, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 6.

PEMBROKE, PEMBS.—On Jan 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor A. Lingard 1, S. P. Rogers 2, Prudence Pattison 3, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 4, A. R. Trickett 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant cover. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Leslie Griffiths, P.C.C. and former bellringer at Llandeilo. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): A. Lingard 1, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, A. R. Trickett 4, P. C Rogers 5, I. Russant 6. For Evensong during Christian Unity Week.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: D. Barton 1 Mrs. J. Fynes 2, H. Wood 3 Rev. J. H. Greene 4, D. O. Haslam 5, H. Franklin 6, C. B. Fynes 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 4.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Pearce 1, Valerie C Allen 2, Rev A S. Roberts 3, F. M. Bowers 4, A. Locke 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, T. J. Bell (first on eight) 8. A birthday compliment to Valerie Allen.

PINHOE, DEVON. — On Jan 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor Angela C. Hughes 1, G. P. Smerdon 2, D. J. Atkins 3, G. H Baldam 4, P. Henry 5, J. N. Longridge 6. First of Cambridge Minor 1, 2 3, 4, 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Colin D. Yates.

PORTISHEAD, SOM.—On Jan 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Palmer (first quarter) 1, R. J. Gale 2, R J Dale 3, D. J. Gale 4, A. J. Gould 5, D. Dando (first "inside") 6 Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. A. Hill 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph M Saunders, verger, interred this day.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Nov 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Charman (first quarter) 1, A. V. Carden 2, D. Barton 3, H. Franklin 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5 R. Heeseman 6. First of Doubles 2, 3, 4, 5

RADLETT, HERTS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Lynne Woodward (first of Minor) 1, G. Dodds 2, Mrs. Joyce Dodds 3, N. Woodward (first of Minor "inside") 4, J. Southey 5, R. Clouston (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung for the visit of the Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster to preach.

RADLEY BERKS. — On Jan. 7th, 1,320 Bob Doubles Valerie Hooke 1, Margaret Allen (first "inside") 2 Margaret Hockham 3, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 4, J. Jones 5, Daphne J. Pollard 6. Rung for the birthdays of the ringers of 1 and 2 and for Margaret Hill.

RAMSBURY, WILTS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Watts 1, T. R. Jones (first "inside") 2, Miss H L Jones 3, T. A. Palmer 4, A. G Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H Langley 1, J. J. George 2, J. G H. Ince 3, W R. Curtis 4 T. R. Hart 5, S. R. Curnow 6, A. H. Ince (cond.).

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Simpson 1, D. Osbourne 2, T. Kirkman 3, A. Newell 4, N Handley 5, S Adams 6, R. Stretton (cond.) 7, D. Oliver 8. Rung to welcome a son (Richard Jeffrey) to Mr. and Mrs. R. Stretton.

QUARTER PEALS

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX. — On Jan. 23rd, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Miss J. Sanderson 1, B. J. Couzens 2, D. F Murfet 3, J. S. Rank 4, G. Pearson 5, L. E Pitstow 6, A. F. Schofield 7, J. G. Gipson 8, K. J. Hesketh (cond.) 9, R. A. G. Inglis 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Geoffrey T. Barnard, Mayor and churchwarden interred this day.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles J. Rees 1, G. C. Wilson (first quarter) 2, D. J. Wilson 3, M. Petts 4, R Penn 5.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Dowle (first quarter) 1 Mrs. Y. L. Woodley 2, F. Davis 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, J. Clarke 5, A. Clarke 6, B. F. Coles 7, L. Fogwill (first quarter) 8. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Coles.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, J Butcher 6. For Communion service.

STRATFORD UPON AVON, WARKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bates (first quarter) 1, A J. Print 2, F. C. Lyne 3, R. C. Chatman 4, G. Ingram 5, A. G. Foster 6, C. R. Steed (cond.) 7, D White 8. Rung for the 60th anniversary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

STREATHAM, SURREY. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. J. Taylor 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, E. J. Adams 3, J. R. Pratt 4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5, N. Smith 6. First in two methods 1 3, 6. Rung for candlelight service of nine lessons

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Rowe 1, J. Weaver 2, Mrs. A Medley 3, L. G. Gates 4, M. J. Medley 5, E. J. Rowe 6, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 7, P. A. Bourne 8. Rung as a compliment to Elizabeth Slater and Warwick Bailey, married on December 16th in Perth, W. Australia.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Appeal of Bosham

One of the largest gatherings of recent years at a practice meeting assembled at Felpham on January 13th. This meeting was due to be held on December 9th but had to be cancelled at short notice because of bad weather: it was made possible to rearrange so quickly because the bells at Washington, where the January meeting should have been held, were out of action.

Ringing took place on the recently rehung five at Pagham and a number of ringers made full use of the first opportunity to ring on this pleasant ring. The bells have been hung dead for as long as anyone can remember, and it is good to know that there is now a local band ringing regularly for Sunday services and practice. The four bells at Aldwick were also made available by the Vicar and full use was made of them for an hour's ringing. There is a keen local band here and it is hoped that these bells will be augmented in the near future.

Over 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea at Felpham Church Hall, served by Felpham lady ringers and friends. The Rev. D. Manners (Vicar) joined the company at tea.

The Divisional secretary took the opportunity to give the best wishes of all the members to Mr. L. Stilwell on his removal to Windsor after his many years of outstanding service to ringing in Sussex. Len Stilwell is respected and esteemed by all who know him, not only in Sussex but wherever ringing takes place. His cheerfulness and good nature will be missed in this area, as many ringers in the district have Leonard to thank for arranging and conducting their first peal. We hope he will find the opportunity to visit this area quite often, where he will always be welcome among friends.

After tea the members attended Evensong at Felpham Parish Church conducted by the Vicar. Ringing took place at Felpham in the evening, catering for all from rounds to London Surprise Minor. R. W.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM. — On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. W N. Kingsbury 1, B. Denney 2, W. J. Smith (cond.) 3, D. Plowman (first quarter) 4, L. Lyddon 5.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Jan 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Webb 1, Ann Butcher 2 S Willett 3, R. A. Brewer 4, R. I. Brewer (cond.) 5, W. Robbins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. J. Bevan.

WILTON Taunton, SOM.—On Jan 15th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. L. Adams (first quarter) 1, W. H. Farr 2, A. F Arscott 3, R. M. B. Cullen 4, F. Avery 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6. For Christian Unity Week.

WINSCOMBE, SOM.—On Dec 6th, 1,280 Dublin Surprise Major: Gillian M. Brearley 1, E. T. Lee 2, Diana M. Chapman 3, P J. England 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain 6, A. G. Cox 7, P Bridle (cond.) 8. First by all.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D F. Willcocks 1, R. Amos 2, Mrs. A Medley 3, M Medley 4, J. Weaver 5, L. G. Gates (cond.) 6. For Christian Unity service.

YATTON, SOM.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: P. J. England 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, Miss S. Hallett 3, J. Sheppard 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice 6, G Hebden 7, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 8. First in method 5, 6, 7.

LONDON UNIVERSITY OUTING

London University Society had a very enjoyable day outing to Bedfordshire on January 20th. The towers visited in the morning were St. Mary's, Luton, and Dunstable Priory, when the ringing included Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal and Yorkshire Surprise Major. After lunch the party moved on to ring at Woburn Maulden and Henlow. The ringing at these three towers ranged from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to London and Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

Dusk had fallen when the party left Henlow, and after an excellent tea, thoughtfully provided by one of the members, the band felt sufficiently refreshed to ring Stedman Doubles, Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Minor at Stotfold. The last tower of the day was St. Nicholas' Norton, where rounds, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Rutland Surprise Major were rung on the light eight.

The band would like to thank all those incumbents, ringers and others who helped to make the day the success it was. L. C. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

For the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild (South Wales District) at Brecon on January 27th. Mr. and Mrs. P. Rogers travelled 80 miles from Pembroke to be present and there were friends from Lydney in the east.

Ringing during the afternoon was on the sweet-sounding six at St. David's, Llanfaes. The Dean conducted the service in St. Mary's, Brecon and the Misses Imogen Hollingdale and Higgins prepared tea.

In the absence of Mrs. Coles, Miss Hollingdale acted as vice-president. Mrs. Stella Clench is the new vice-president and other elections were: Mrs. Jacqueline King, secretary-treasurer; Mesdames E. Hughes, A. Bruten, C. Lucas and P. Llewellyn and Misses H. Way and D. Atwell, committee. New members elected were the Misses Vesta Rosen (Pembroke), Mary Davies and Rosemary Trew (Swansea).

A favourable report was given for 1967 with an increase in membership. On December 27th the "Western Mail" had published an article about the Guild and its activities in "Feminine Focus."

It was decided to try to support the joint meeting with the Western District in Bristol on June 8th and to hold a further meeting at Mitcheldean on September 28th if possible.

The band who rang the peal at All Saints', Whitstable, as a compliment to the 20 years' ministry of Canon Waynforth are most grateful for the hospitality he extended to them after the peal. During his incumbency the bells have been rung every Sunday, excepting for two in 1962, when the clappers were at Loughborough being renovated.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

GILBEY—WEBB. — The engagement is announced between Michael Allen, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gilbey, of Northchurch, Herts, and Christine Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. W. Webb, of Bromley, Kent. 3297

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

CAPO-BIANCO—RICE. — The marriage between Mr. Anthony Capo-Bianco and Miss Stella Rice will take place at St. Mary de Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea, on Saturday, February 17th 1968, at 11.30 a.m. Future address: 29, Furze Lane, Purley, Surrey, CR2 3EJ Tel. 01-660 8945. 3223

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

TREMEER. — The address of Les and Prisca Tremeer is now: 9, Perins Close, New Farm Road, Alresford, Hants. 3258

WOOD.—As from February 20th, the address of the Rev. E. B. Wood, Vicar of Mapledurham, Oxford Diocesan Guild librarian, will be. Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon, Berks. 3372

PERSONAL

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." —I Corinthians xiv, 33.

PUBLICATIONS

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF HEREFORDSHIRE," Vol. I, 128 pages with 26 plates and 107 scale drawings of founders' marks, bound red cloth, price 16s., plus packing and postage 1s. 6d. To be obtained from the author, Mr Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Also "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price 21s., plus packing and postage 1s. 10d.; and also "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s. 3286

MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE

The 150th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m. Dinner in the Village Hall 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 20s. from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 20th. 3248

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
St. Matthew's-in-the-City

The recent completion of a pilot scheme on No. 3 suggests that "Bishop Selwyn's Bells" could once again be made ringable.

Anyone living in Auckland district who has a working knowledge of "belfry mechanics" and an unlimited amount of spare time which he/she is prepared to devote to the project is invited to contact: W. T. Lack, 3, Rodney Road, Northcote, Auckland 9. Telephone: Auckland 283-843.

It would be greatly appreciated if readers with ringing friends in Auckland District would bring this notice to their attention. 3249

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District.—Annual Social at King George VI Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 17th. Tickets are selling fast—avoid disappointment by booking now—4s. each from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree. Licensed bar, refreshments and entertainment from 7.30. 3241

BOUND "RINGING WORLDS," 1967.—As supplied to Central Council Library £4 4s., plus postage 4s. 6d. Binding only, £2 10s., plus postage.

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Day-Course in Bellringing,

Chippenham College of Further Education, Sat., March 9th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Full details from Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham. 3260

HORSELL, SURREY.—St. Mary's practice night has been changed from Friday to Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome. 3274

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon Monday, February 12th, 8-9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 3225

ONE-DAY COURSE
of Ringing Instruction.
KNARESBOROUGH,
March 23rd, 1968.
Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies 3278

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.— The 1968 Annual Tour will be based on Swansea and will take place from April 13th-18th. A circular has been sent to all non-resident members who can be traced. Anyone who has not received one and who wants to come should contact J. Camp, 15, North Drive, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, as soon as possible. 3279

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM. — Twelve-bell practice, Wednesday, February 14th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Thursday practices as usual. 3292

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Putney on Saturday, February 10th, 6-8 p.m. 3283

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
(Established 1755)

The 80th Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner

will be held on March 2nd at the Old Royal, Church Street (near Cathedral) at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 28/6 (limited).

Chairman: Rev. Canon Harry Hartley, Rector of Solihull.

G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025.

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS

Prices.—Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 36s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d. for each additional card.—"The Ringing World," Onslow Street, Guildford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Correction. —Practice, Old Cleeve (8 bells) on Saturday, February 10th, at 7 p.m. 3261

MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6) on Friday evening, February 9th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 3252

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Staveley on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. H. Paddison, 32, Duke Street, Staveley, Chesterfield. 3269

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Trumpington, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Old School, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec 3224

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next meeting at Ruardean on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Notify Mr. A. Meek, Hart Street, Ruardean, Glos. 3270

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m., followed by ringing. Reservations for tea at local cafe if names received by Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road Swindon. 3273

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester. 3267

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Forest Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ruardean on Sathrday, February 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Notify Mr. Meek, The Hart, Ruardean, for tea. 3294

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — East Devon Branch —Annual general meeting at Ottery St. Mary, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley, Branch Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel 2795.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of the Guild at Leominster on Saturday, February 10th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea after. Ringing follows business meeting.—J. F. Fox. 3262

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting, Hoddesdon (8) Saturday, February 10th, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Great Amwell (6) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Regret tea under own arrangements; cafes in Hoddesdon. District outing arrangements to be announced at business meeting. Great Amwell, 6.30.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 3290

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, Dartmouth, February 10th Service. St. Clement's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at St. Petrox' 2-3 p.m.: St. Clement's 3-4.30 p.m; St. Saviour's 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, February 10th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parochial Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St Helens.—M. E. D. 3257

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, February 10th. Bells: Quorn 10 to 11 30; Old Woodhouse 11 to 12; Woodhouse Eaves 12 to 1 p.m.; Shepshed 2 to 3 p.m.; Loughborough Parish 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Fearon Hall 5 p.m Names for tea to R. Wilson, 138, Park Road, Loughborough. Parish and Bell Foundry bells available after meeting.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec 3197

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, February 10th. St Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30–3.30; St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.45–4.45; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5. Service 5.15. Tea, meeting and social evening, Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane, Strand, 6.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 3291

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Annual general meeting at Caversham on February 10th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p m., followed by tea and meeting at Caversham Church House. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham. No names, no tea 3251

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Dundee on Saturday, February 10th. Ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral from 2.30 p.m. —Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 3226

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Glanby (6), February 10th Bells 3 Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to W L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 3228

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting at Laxfield on February 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Dennington (6). Names for tea to Mr. R. Wright, Church Walk, Laxfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk — T. N. J B. 3271

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division —Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester on Saturday, February 10th. Cathedral bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Evensong at 5.15 p.m. Tea in the Assembly Rooms after Evensong, followed by business meeting. Ringat the Cathedral after. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A.G.M., Alresford (8), Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 2.30–4.30. Service 4.30 Tea, Alresford Community Centre, 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Cheriton and Tichborne bells available 7.30–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. Tremeer, 9, Perins Close, New Farm Road, Alresford. 3259

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Evening ringing session at Leamington Spa (8), Monday, February 12th. Ringing. 7.30–9 p.m. to suit all tastes and abilities All most welcome.—R. W. S. 3206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—District practice meeting at Horsmonden (8) on Thursday, February 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Future practices on various week-day evenings. 3247

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Practice meeting at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Thursday, February 15th. Bells (8) from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 3265

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Morton (6), on Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for those notifying Mr. W. Swain, 3, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Derbys, by Thursday previous. Good attendance requested.—E. J. S. 3277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 17th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, Tea, 5 p.m.—M. J Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3288

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, February 17th. Service 6 p.m. Bells (8) after service.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3289

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stonehouse (6), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eastington (6) also available after tea. Names for tea, please, to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by Tuesday, 13th. 3296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting to be held at Sandhurst, Sat., Feb. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Norton (8) available after business. Numbers for tea essential, please, to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Gloucester, by Thursday, February 15th. 3295

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury (6 bells) 3 p.m., Saturday, February 17th, Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 3285

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District. — Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—George Randle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3293

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, South Mymms (6), February 17th, 3 p.m. Service and tea follow. North Mymms (8) afterwards, 6.30–8.30. Special method here: York Surprise. Names for tea, please, to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mymms. Tel. 2202.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3233

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.——Rossendale Branch.—Practice meeting, Newchurch (8), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, especially beginners.—H Parkinson. 3264

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Oadby, on Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Church Hall.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3284

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Blyton (not Haxey), on Saturday, February 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Corringham bells after tea. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise Minor and Grandsire Doubles.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3263

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Haddiscoe on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Aldeby (5) also available in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, NOR 26W, by Thursday, February 15th. 3275

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Hervey-Beams—Cox Memorial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 3282

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Walsall on Sat., February 17th Bells (12) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3170

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (Lewes) (10), Saturday, February 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please note nomination required for Divisional secretary. Names for tea to G P Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes.—D. L Hall, Hon. Div. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District —The February meeting will be on Saturday, February 17th. Bells: Barnby Don (6) 3–4 p.m.; Arksey (8) 4–5 p.m. and 6.15–7.15 p.m.; Campsall (8) 7–9 p.m. Tea and meeting at Arksey Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, as soon as possible. Buses every 40 minutes to Arksey from Doncaster. All welcome. — M. King, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3211

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Next meeting, Knaresborough, Saturday, February 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gudgeon, Sharon Forest Moor, Knaresborough, by Thursday, February 15th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharon, Ripon. 3281

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Hampton, Thursday, February 22nd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 3226

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Evening meeting at Sleaford, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. Southern Branch members very welcome.—G. R. P. 3280

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — Joint meeting, Saturday, February 24th. Bells: Langley (6) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Slough (10) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and social evening. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead, by Tuesday, 20th.—Hon. Secs. 3276

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk, by February 22nd. 3287

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The A.G.M. will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 15th, 1968. Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motions should reach me by March 4th, 1968.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 3298

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL

The bells of St. Hilary, near Marazion, Cornwall, are ringing again, as will be noted from the quarter peal columns. Recently Mr. J. M. Tunstall-Behrens, churchwarden, was contacted as it was known that the provision of several ropes and a little general attention was all that was needed. With the help of Mr. F M. Bowers, of Lelant, and the gift of ropes from Paul, the bells were soon ringing. This at once created local interest and there is now a band again at St. Hilary made up of several old ringers and some learners. Both before and after the recent quarter peal the visitors helped the local band and a very pleasant evening was spent.

This ring is unique in that the bells are hung in three tiers of two. This was done in 1898 by Mr. Harry Stokes, when the three old bells were recast and three new ones added. The tenor weighs 5 cwt. and 18 lbs., note B. At present there is no Vicar at St. Hilary. There is ringing on Sunday mornings and a practice on Thursday, but as most ringers are occupied in agriculture the practice will probably be discontinued in the summer. Visiting bands wishing to ring here should write to Mr. J. M. Tunstall-Behrens, Trenalls, Rosudgeon, Penzance, Cornwall. Telephone: Germoe 3265.

SUFFOLK GUILD

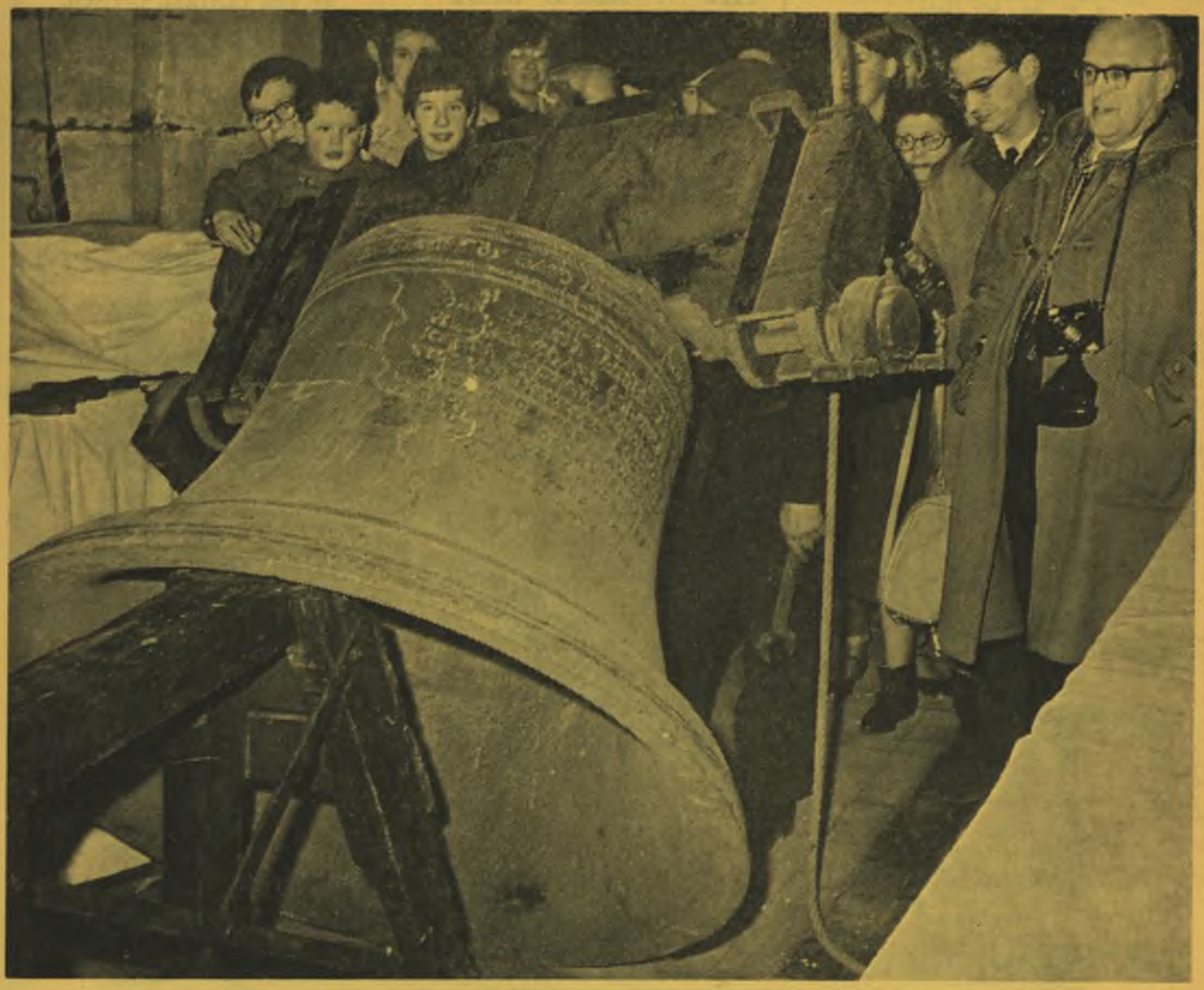
Some 35 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Central District at Stradbroke on January 27th. The service was taken by Canon Florance, who welcomed everyone and hoped they would enjoy the very good ten bells.

An excellent tea at the White Hart attracted 30. The meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. L. E. Last, while Muriel Page carried out her first duties as secretary.

The bells were kept going under the capable supervision of R. E. Lester and G. W. Pipe to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Royal.

A quarter was rung at Broadhembury, Devon, on January 22nd to mark the birthday of the fifth generation to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stamp.

OBSEQUIES — East Retford Tenor Leaves for Melting Pot



The massive tenor of East Retford Parish Church is at the foot of the tower prior to removal to Loughborough for recasting. It is 51 inches in diameter and is reputed to weigh 24 cwt.

The ten bells, which have hung in the belfry since 1835, are to be recast at a cost of £3,350. This is part of a £10,000 restoration appeal, and it is gratifying to learn that the money has been raised.

According to the Vicar (the Rev. L. Shortland Ball) it is hoped to ring the new bells on Easter Day.

Our photograph appears by courtesy of "The Retford and Gainsborough Times."

NEWARK DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES

Usually the District has bad weather for its annual meeting but January 20th was a fair day and encouraged one or two visitors to venture to Newark to join in the ringing on the 32 cwt. ten in St. Mary Magdalene's Church.

Evensong was quite well attended and upwards of 35 people were present for the tea and business meeting. Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the District chairman, in his customary genial manner, opened the proceedings with a welcome to everyone present, including Mr. Exton, the Guild general secretary, and the visitors from Leicester.

In presenting her report for the year, the secretary said that many of the promising signs at the beginning of 1967 had not borne fruit, membership was down on 1966, and the income, too, was down—peal fees were considerably less.

Three of the retiring officers were re-elected —Mr. F. W. Midwinter as chairman, Mr. P. Wakefield Ringing Master, and Miss M. Chilton committee member. However, Mrs. B. N. Reed had given notice that she wished to resign as hon. secretary, and Mr. Derek Tysoe, of Coddington, was elected in her place. In thanking Mrs. Reed, Mr. Midwinter said that they would not allow her to retire, only to rest and reminisced over some of the meetings they had shared during their seven years together in office, mentioning particularly one where the ringing had been done in a church on the Nottinghamshire border, and the tea and business meeting held in a field across the River Witham, in Lincolnshire. On behalf of the District, Mr. Midwinter presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Reed, who, for once, was rendered speechless!

One new member was elected, Mrs. Esther Vernon, of Balderton.

Subject to permission, the following towers were selected for meetings: March 16th, North Muskham; May 18th, cup contest meeting, Barnby; July 13th, joint with Bingham District, Staunton, Orston and Sibthorpe; September 21st, North and South Collingham and South Scarle; November 16th, Sutton-on-Trent.

Under any other business, the retiring secretary reminded members that this was the 21st annual District meeting and suggested a "coming-of-age" social to be held in the spring, with any proceeds to go to the Bell Repair Fund. April 5th was decided on, and two volunteers to help was considered a good beginning.

Ringing followed at St. Mary's, including a course of Yorkshire Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Little Bob Royal.

B. N. R

COMPOSITIONS

5,120 MABLETHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

B	W	M	H	23456
	—		3	52436
	—	(—	—)	64523
		(—	—)	35426
	—		2	34256
x				45362
		—	—	23564

Repeat, omitting bracketed calls.
True to all Group D, f.c.h. b.
Rung at Willesden on May 11th, 1967.

5,024 LITTLEPORT SURPRISE ROYAL

By SAM THOMAS

23456	M	In/5ths	W	H	
32654	2			2	A
65324			1	1	A
35264			2	1	A
62534	1	x		2	A
23564			2		A
32465	2			2	
46325			1	1	
23645			2	2	
23456		A			

5,152 WHITEHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	2	3	H
52364	—		—
62534		2	—
36524		3	—
23564		(3)	—

Twice repeated.
Call the bracketed bobs in one part only.
First rung at Bushey, Hertfordshire, on January 4th, 1968.

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

M	W	H	23456
2	S		53264
—	—	—	46235
	—		34265
(2)	(S)		64352
	(S)		54362
(—)	—	—	26345
	—		42365
3	—	—	36425
	—		23465

Repeat, omitting bracketed calls.
Rung at Barnes on July 27th, 1967.

1,968 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By M. BANGHAM

23456	W	5/4	B	H
56423		x		—
25634	—		—	—
26354	—			2
23564	—			2

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