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The Royal Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

OUR PICTURE

St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London

THE church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields presides, as it were, at the north-east corner of Trafalgar Square, one of the greatest and most famous squares in the world, and there can be little doubt that it is world-famous both from its situation and from the many broadcast services to all parts of the globe.

There is no record of when the first church was built, but it was certainly in existence by 1222 as a church and burial ground in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster. At that time it was literally in the fields by the village of Charing; it may have been a chapel for the monks from the Abbey of Westminster, travelling to Covent Garden, or the chapel to one of the great religious houses nearby, or possibly a chapel to the castle which traditionally stood nearby.

There are no drawings in existence of the first church and one can only speculate on its design from items listed in the churchwardens' accounts which start in 1525. There was a rood loft decorated with carved figures of "Christ, Our Lady and the twelve Prophets," for which the carver was paid £3 6s. 8d. The windows were of stained glass with figures of the Trinity and saints. There must have been a tower of some sort for there are listed in the inventory four bells, including a sanctus bell which the sexton had to ring at 5 a.m. every day. The other three bells cost less than £20 according to the accounts for 1539.

The first church must have been very small indeed, even though enlarged by three chapels dedicated to Our Lady of Pity, St. John and St. Cuthbert, for when it was pulled down in 1544 a new and larger one was built measuring 95ft. by 25ft.—about one-third the size of the present church. There is no record of celebrations at the consecration of the new church, but this is probably related to a bad outbreak of plague that year. St. Martin's had become a parish of its own during the reign of Henry VIII, but when this church was built there were still fields all around. Just behind the churchyard was the wall of Covent Garden which stretched from St. Martin's Lane to Drury Lane; there was little between the church and the River Thames, at that time the main highway of London, just a row of houses on the north side of the Strand; and on the south the great houses of the bishops and noblemen with gardens stretching down to the river's edge.

RANG FOR ARMADA

The second church is shown in Vertue's prints to have had a low square tower which contained a ring of six bells hung in 1584, of which no details are known. These were the bells rung to announce the victory over the Armada, and traditionally the bells of St. Martin's are the first to ring for a naval victory, as it is the parish church of the Lords of the Admiralty. The fact that the church was near the river led the churchwardens into trouble on one occasion when Queen Elizabeth I travelled up the river, as she often did, but the bells failed to ring out as she expected them to every time she passed and the Queen's harbinger posted a notice on the door forbidding it to open until a fine of one noble (6s. 8d.) had been paid.

By the end of the seventeenth century the population of the parish had so increased that the size of the church was again becoming inadequate in spite of several enlargements during the preceding years. An Act of Parliament was passed to permit rebuilding and the architect chosen was James Gibbs. The foundation stone was laid by the Bishop of Salisbury on March 19th, 1722, and various problems ensued during the rebuilding, not the least of which was with the foundations of the portico, as a stream ran down St. Martin's Lane. This was eventually solved by setting several hundred tombstones in mortar to form the foundations under the portico and part of the tower. It is interesting to note that similar problems with this stream were encountered with the recent building of the General Post Office next to the Vicarage. The cost of building this church was £33,611 16s. 7¾d., most of which was raised by a levy included in the Act authorising rebuilding.

GEORGE I—CHURCHWARDEN

There have been strong connections between St. Martin's and the Royal Family ever since the assumption of Whitehall Palace as the official royal residence, and there are a number of records of church ornaments and hangings being given by various Sovereigns. George I contributed to the building of the present edifice, and became its first churchwarden, the only time a reigning Sovereign has held such a position in a British church. His arms are over the portico and incorporated in the ceiling, and when he resigned he presented an organ to the church. Buckingham Palace is itself within the parish of St. Martin and in more recent times Queen Mary often worshipped in the royal box, and Viscount Linley was baptised there, using the font which is the only relic of the second church in the present building.

The present magnificent tower and spire contain a ring of twelve bells by Rudhalls of Gloucester, although it was originally intended to have only eight. On November 3rd, 1724, a ring of eight was ordered from Abraham Rudhall. On December 8th, two further bells were ordered and before the work was begun the following year two more were ordered to make a ring of twelve. Subsequently, the trebles had to be recast but the work remained with Rudhall. The tenor weighs 31¼ cwt. and is in the note of D. In 1923 the bells were rehung in a new frame by Mears and Stainbank.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

Treble: Recast by A (a bell) R 1758.

Second: M: Hart & W. Chapman Churchwardens. 1770. : T (a bell) R.

Third: Recast by A (a bell) R 1758.

Fourth: And in earth peace 1725.

Fifth: Good will towards men. 1725.

Sixth: Abr. Rvdhall of Gloucester cast vs all 1725.

Seventh: Prosperity to the Chvrch of England 1725.

Eighth: Peace and good neighbovrhood 1725.

Ninth: Prosperity to the Parish of Snt. Martins 1725.

Tenth: Fear God honovr the King 1725.

Eleventh: Iohn Walker & Iohn Sawger Chvrchwardens 1725.

Tenor: Zachariah Pearce D:D:Vicar, 1726 Walter Tvrner & Wm. Hovse Chvrchwardens.

The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Caters by the College Youths on October 17th, 1726, and the first peal on the twelve was rung the following year by the London Scholars. This was a peal of 6,006 Stedman Cinques and was rung on March 14th, 1727. Since then there has been a steady increase in the total and so far 93 peals have been rung, ranging from Cambridge Major to Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Triples to Stedman Cinques, Plain Bob Triples to Plain Bob Maximus, Grandsire Caters to Grandsire Cinques and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus—D. E. S.

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CLOSING DAY FOR NOTICES IS NOW FRIDAY

THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS

Record Gathering Hear Good Report for Year

NINE Presidents or Masters of Ringing Guilds or Associations came to the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 3rd to bring their good wishes to the Master (Mr. D. Beresford) and the Society. They were the Presidents of the Central Council, the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Bedfordshire Association, the Masters of the College Youths, Suffolk Guild, London County Association, Middlesex County Association, Sussex County Association and Surrey Association. And what they heard was of good report—number and quality of peals, membership and financial status of the Society. There was no sign of slipping from the pinnacle of last year; indeed there were more ringers at the dinner than ever before.

In the forefront of endeavour was the Society's efforts to support the £20,000 restoration scheme for St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, which includes the recasting of the 12 bells. The Master re-echoed his nationwide appeal for support to augment the good response already received. He had spent a week of his holiday leading a party who scraped and painted St. Leonard's bell frame.

Two valuable suggestions were made by Mr. Beresford—a conference of London Ringing Societies with the Church authorities on the question of derelict or unringable bells or those badly in need of attention in London, and the establishment of a national trust for restorations. Between 50 and 100 restorations were needed each year. This was not being done; a disastrous situation would arise in 20 to 30 years' time, he warned.

The Master, in his welcome to the company, said their guests included nine Masters or Presidents of Guilds, Associations or the Central Council. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Shoreditch and Mr. W. R. Winterton, who was in Beirut.

The toast of "The Church" was submitted by Mr. E A. Barnett, who prefaced his remarks with a quotation from a meeting notice in an old "Ringing World" which read: "Mr. E. A Barnett will give a talk on place notation and ringing will continue in the belfry for those not interested in the talk." He was sorry the Master had not made such an arrangement that evening for those not interested in his speech, as there was a fairly heavy eight nearby with plenty of hard work.

This crack at the recent Westminster Abbey controversy was not lost on the company. When the laughter subsided Mr. Barnet drily observed: "I was referring to St. Stephen's, Rochester Row."

Mr. Barnett based his speech on two questions: What does the rest of the Church think of ringers? and What do ringers think of the Church? The former was presented in an editorial in "The Ringing World" before the day of Mr. White as editor: "The clergy, and we must include churchwardens and the P.C.C.—the clergy do not evince that interest in the ringers that the latter think is their right to expect Of course, there are notable exceptions." The article went on: "We do not suggest that ringers' habits of churchgoing are beyond reproach but how often do the clergy visit the belfry to encourage regular attendance?"

BUTTRESSES OF THE CHURCH

Commented Mr. Barnett: "In a ringing career now in its 41st year I have known some five incumbents of my own church and with one exception—and his father happened to be a noted ringer—I am sorry to say that none of them has shown any particular interest in our doings It is not as if their ringers had been divorced from the whole Church. If we have not been pillars of the Church it could be said we have been buttresses and supported the Church from the outside."

To the question of what ringers thought of the Church he said the answer was "Not much." If any of them went into another belfry he was sure they would receive a hearty welcome, but of how many church congregations could that be said? The Church had survived many attacks from the outside, but would it survive those attacks like those of the Troian heroes, from within?

Coupled with the toast was the name of the Rev. Austen Williams, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Last year the people of St. Martin's presented a set of handbells to the Society, and as a compliment to the Vicar the well-known Welsh hymn "Cym Rhondda" was played before he spoke. Previously Mr. Williams had described the hymn as his philosophy of life.

The Vicar recalled the scene some 12 years ago when he stood in the porch of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and listened to the Archdeacon saying that he would ring a bell to signify that he had taken corporate possession of all the rights, dignities and appurtenances of the Royal Parish Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and after that "the trumpets shall sound."

The sound of the bell announced his coming and that sound had been with him for 12 years of battling with the rights, dignities and appurtenances and they had been far more baffling than he reckoned. But the sound of the one bell he rang seemed so inadequate compared with the other bells. To him the sound of the bells at St. Martin's was a companionship. It was a companionship not just of sound but it was a companionship which meant people and despite what had been said by the proposer of the toast the bells meant a companionship with the ringers. He realised that in some senses their bellringing was a hobby and a pleasure, but it was very much more; it was their faithfulness to the Church expressed with a devoted skill which he envied. If only he could make his words sound with such precision as their bells when they rang. He thanked them for what they had done with such skill and such devotion. It was a real companionship as he lived with the bells at St. Martin's and they had marked out his life for 12 years.

The speech was followed by a selection played on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hudson and other Essex ringers, which included "Can-Can" from "Orpheus in the Underworld," "Grandfather's Clock" and "Jesu, joy of man's desiring."

EARLY EDUCATION

The toast of "The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths" was proposed by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, who claimed to be the first non-Cumberland to propose it. For the occasion he delved into his almost inexhaustible stock of stories. "The Cumberlands," he declared, "is a great Society. Ernest Morris says your name book begins in 1747 and each member signs his name showing that he is a man of education. What is education? In 1747 it was largely the four R's—the 3 R's plus the rod to drive them. This was the method Dr. Busby, the previous head of Westminster school, adopted except that his rod drove in the Classics rather than the three R's.

Obviously those educated in ringing have advantages over others. Edward Osborne, who became a Cumberland in 1824, recorded how seven men met at an inn, liked it and offered the host £30 if they could stay to dinner every day provided they sat in different positions. Thinking that so few could not sit in many different positions mine host took them on and made himself the eighth. How long did they stay? Answer: 110 years 142 days and they could sit in 40,320 different positions.

"It is grand in these difficult days to know that the Cumberlands are flourishing as never before. There are 215 here tonight—a record. You average today about 25 new members a year, far more than you lose each year. Your bank balance has more than doubled in the last five years. It is obvious from the quality of your peals and the quantity that the standard is going up."

PAINTING SHOREDITCH FRAME

Commending the efforts of the Society towards the restoration of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, bells, Canon Thurlow said their Master with others spent a week of his holiday in scraping the frame of Shoreditch bells and then painting it The Master had a number of things on his mind. Perhaps the most prominent was the silent bells in that great city, and they had a rota by which they rang bells in towers hitherto silent on Sundays. Some were silent through lack of ringers, others because the congregation had not the guts to raise the money for their repair or give the bells to another church to provide an activity for others.

Concluding, the president of the Central Council said: "You have a great past. You have, we all hope, a great future. As a firm believer in your future, in that of the Exercise and in the power of our faith our bells proclaim, to survive the absurdities of today and to rebuild men and civilisation in the future, I give you the toast of "The Royal Cumberland Youths."

The Master, who was warmly received on rising to reply, said the health and strength of the Society was indicated by the attendance at the dinner and meetings of the Society. That day they had another record of 215 people present They would have had a full capacity attendance but snow prevented Leslie Weller making the journey from Scotland, and Ted Martin and Ralph Edwards also could not be with them.

The innovation of their country meeting was proving a great success. This year, at Northampton, George Roome and his ringers arranged a splendid day for the Society. This year they were visiting Cambridge on April 6th and were hoping for another successful day. Pealwise they recorded exactly the same number as in 1966, a total of 26. They scored a number of notable firsts for the Society—Claybrook, Leatherhead and Londonderry, the first peal of 15 spliced with all the work and 16 and 18 methods; also the first peal of Hertford. They were very pleased to note the peals rung for the Society by non-London bands—in Kent, Sussex and Lincolnshire.

SOCIETY OF HIGH STANDING

By a coincidence the number of new members in 1967 was exactly the same as in 1966 and by a further coincidence the same as the number of peals They were very pleased at the standard of people asking to join the Society and they hoped that the new rule of membership adopted at the annual general meeting after full discussion at meetings would make it clear that theirs was a Society of high standing and give them a sense of pride in belonging to it. He wanted to say how encouraged the older members were to have with them that evening Arthur Mason, who joined the Society 50 years ago, and also a pre-war secretary, Mr. Norman Summerhayes.

They were happy indeed that the Vicar of Shoreditch had, with great enthusiasm, launched

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ROYAL CUMBERLANDS (Continued)

his restoration scheme for the church, costing ultimately £20,000, including the restoration of the fine ring of 12. There would be a more appropriate time at the dedication to express their very sincere thanks to the many people who had given donations. Bearing in mind the very large sum required, they would be extremely grateful for any further donations.

LONDON BELLS

In a reference to London bells, the Master said he felt this subject should be considered in depth by the London Societies with the authorities involved. There were a score of towers where the bells were either derelict, unringable or badly in need of attention by the bellfounders. Surely with some imagination and co-operation some of these bells could be restored. There were, of course, problems in the transfer of property from one church to another, but surely, where bells had been silent for decades, the sale of bells to help another church, to be repaid over a long period, some scheme could be worked out.

This same problem existed also on a national scale. With 5,000 rings of bells in the country, it would be anticipated that with a life of 50–100 years for each installation some 50–100 major restorations would take place each year. But this was patently not so, and they were therefore heading for a disastrous situation in 25–30 years' time. Again this required imaginative thought, and one suggestion would be the establishment of a charitable trust which could guarantee a donation of about £500 to 30 or so churches a year from investment income. This would require handling nationally and require a great deal of preparatory work, but was worth a great deal of consideration.

The speech was followed by a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques by E. A. Barnett 1–2, Joan Beresford 3–4, D. Beresford 5–6, D. E. Sibson 7–8, P. Beresford 9–10, J. A. D. Woolford 11–12.

The junior steward, Mr. J. A. D. Woolford, proposed the toast of "The Visitors." He had a special word of welcome for Mr. Arthur Mason, the oldest ringer present, who is now 76, and Mr. Harry Stracey, of Stratton, Cornwall.

Mr. P. A. Corby, the Master of the Ancient Society, replied.

Proceedings concluded with the Master expressing his thanks to Mr. D. E. Sibson for organising the function.

THE COMPANY

Accompanying the Master and Mrs. D. Beresford on the top table were the Rev. Austen Williams, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Preb. G. B. Timms, the Rev R. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, the Rev. and Mrs. D. Parkridge, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Newport, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Woolford and Mr. T. W. White.

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HIS SOLUTION

Dear Sir,—Your recent correspondence regarding ringing at Westminster Abbey has prompted me to put forward my own opinion, and offer what I think a reasonably fair solution to the problem.

As an appreciator of good ringing, I feel that it would be utterly wrong if the high standard of striking maintained when the Abbey bells are rung was relaxed too much, but at the same time I think it wrong that the "closed shop" attitude should prevail. I would suggest, therefore, that a compromise would be the answer, i.e. to have a prescribed band to ring on Sundays and on State occasions, and to have open days during the year with a competent Ringing Master in charge arranging various touches and selecting ringers to take part therein, with the **best possible** striking in mind.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER H. JONES.

Knutsford, Cheshire.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Lesley A. Hawes 1, Katherine Salvage 2, B. J. Stone (cond.) 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, J. P. Hull 6. For Family Communion. Also on Feb. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Bryony P. Moorby 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, J. P. Hull 4, Anthea S. Bruce 5, C. D. Collin (first "inside") 6, D. M. Wilkins 7, B. J Stone (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. For Candlemas Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. T. VAUGHAN

The death, earlier this month, of Thomas Vaughan has severed one of the last links with the early days of change ringing in Breconshire.

Mr. Vaughan learned to handle a bell at the four-bell tower at Llandefalle, where, unfortunately, the bells have been silent for many years. On moving to the parish of St. Peter's, Glasbury, he was invited to join the local band At that time they were engaged in the mastery of Grandsire, which they later succeeded m ringing to a number of peals in their own tower. Like so many of his colleagues, Tommy Vaughan's ringing was interrupted by the first world war, although he resumed the art on his return. Although he rang a number of quarter peals of Grandsire on an "inside" bell, his peal ringing was limited to the treble or tenor, his total being eight.

In the bleak years which followed the last war, Mr. Vaughan was elected captain of the local band and quickly built up a band of young ringers. Unfortunately, as in many rural areas, most of the younger folk had to leave the area to find work, and Mr. Vaughan's band melted away. In the last few years a new band has been formed and, although ill-health prevented Tommy from ringing with them, he was always delighted to hear of their progress and, even more so, to hear the music of the bells he loved. May his soul rest in peace.

MR. ALFRED C. WRIGHT

An Appreciation.

Mr. Alfred C. Wright, who was hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association from 1919 to 1925, died at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, on November 11th, aged 82. It was only in his last year that he had any illness. H. E. T. sends us the following appreciation:

Although not a regular member of the Darley Dale band since 1922, Alfred never failed to give a hand when requested and was always happy to attend a local ringing meeting.

He started to ring at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, in the year 1902; the same year the bells were rehung in a metal frame and a new treble and tenor added to the old six. After spending a few years in the South of England he returned to join a strong local band about 1911. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1912.

The years 1913–14 saw Darley Dale among the leading towers in the Association, due in no small measure to the endeavours of Alfred C. Wright. Although he preferred to ring even-bell methods he conducted several firsts in the Triples methods for the Midland Counties Association, including St. Clement's, St. Simon and Double Grandsire, all rung at Darley Dale. He rang exactly 100 peals for the Midland Counties Association; many of these were with the Bolsover and Chesterfield companies with such ringers as Arthur Knights, John Flint and Sam Thomas, and with Harold Poole and Fred Dexter in the Leicester districts. At Chesterfield Parish Church on January 12th, 1921, he rang the 7th to the first ever peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal—composed and conducted by Sam Thomas.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Webb 1, A. Butcher 2, S. W. Cox 3, J. Meadows 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, W. J. Harper 6, Hor. Meek 7, Har. Meek 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Pat Williams and Mrs. Starkie, relatives of well-known ringing families.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CANNOT FORESEE CHANGE OF POLICY — The Dean

FOLLOW ST. PAUL'S LEAD

Dear Sir,—I have read with some interest the correspondence on Westminster Abbey. Mr. Pitstow's letter was well worth waiting for; he had obviously been to some trouble to answer the critics and his letter was well written and contained a wealth of information to ringers ignorant of the customs at Westminster Abbey.

I can back him up in what he says, as on January 19th I wrote to the Dean and received his reply, which endorses all that Mr. Pitstow has said.

My own feelings on the matter are that it is a great pity that the Dean and the Abbey ringers cannot follow the lead of the other London Cathedral, St. Paul's, where ringing on a Sunday and at the monthly Tuesday night practice is again of the highest order, and under the leadership of the Master of the College Youths relax their rules so that the bells may be available once every six weeks for a two-hour practice.—Yours, etc.,

G. K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, Newbury.

From the Dean of Westminster Abbey.

Dear Mr. Dodd,—Thank you for your letter and for the newspaper cutting, which I return. The secretary of our Abbey ringers, Mr. Pitstow, is dealing with the objections which have been raised to what some ringers regard as the Abbey's "closed shop." Meanwhile, though I regret the necessity of disappointing you, I must say that I do not foresee any change in the policy of the Dean and Chapter with regard to the ringing of the bells.

It is the uniqueness of the Abbey and the fact that at the very large number of special services on week-days the bells are constantly ringing and the necessity in this part of London that the ringing of the Abbey bells should betoken a special event which are some of the guiding principles in the Dean and Chapter's traditional policy.—Yours sincerely,

ERIC ABBOTT.
Dean of Westminster.

WHINE OF A PAMPERED CHILD

Dear Sir,—Having resisted the temptation to comment on the original letter regarding Westminster Abbey bells—it brought to mind the whine of a pampered child, having been refused what it wanted—I write now in support of the Abbey authority and ringers.

Being a self-confessed lover of many of the quickly-disappearing traditions connected with this country, together with certain of their privileges, I heartily endorse the decisions of the Dean and Chapter concerning this particular ring of bells and would also include St. Paul's Cathedral.

In this day and age when so many people seem to consider that everything they want is their due, this type of controversy is to be expected. Surely there are enough available towers, inside and outside the Metropolis, with bells varying in tone, weight and number, to satisfy tower grabbers and tour organisers without them hankering after the churches known to be steeped in custom and, as in the case of the Abbey, inseparable with Royalty.

Tradition is dying, and I have little doubt that within a year or two "Percy's Pealers" or "Bertie's Bats" will triumphantly have added the Abbey to their conquests.

Thank you for your logical and anticipated explanation, Mr. Pitstow, and be ready now for the jibes regarding the "Royal Peculiar."—Yours faithfully,

D. J. BEACH.

Greasley, Nottingham.

RINGING WOULD BE BAD WITH VISITORS

Dear Sir,—Our major churches are naturally great attractions for touring bands and casual ringers, and the bells are in much greater demand than those of lesser churches. In any tower where a high standard of ringing is maintained an open to all policy brings a great deal of heartache, particularly when the bells are difficult to ring and the Vicar or Dean is sensitive to bad ringing. I know nothing of the ringing standard at Westminster Abbey but it is certain that without restrictions the Abbey would never be free from visiting ringers and the ringing would be bad.

None the less a rigid and unwavering closed shop principle is unfair and wrong, irrespective of the ability of the resident band, but if it is to be changed a well reasoned letter on behalf of the Central Council would be the best procedure, as has been suggested.

Since the ringing arrangements at the Abbey are a matter for the Abbey authorities and ringers themselves to decide, and there is no requirement for them to give any explanation or excuse, the only response likely to recent excited and extravagant letters in "The Ringing World" would be that the writers should mind their own business. One wonders why six signatures have to appear under one of these objectionable letters? Are they a self-appointed commitee with the abhorrent idea that everyone must be made to conform to their narrow-minded views, or are they too timid to take the full responsibility for their transparent nonsense?

There is one reason only for immature outbursts, and that is the desire to add just one more tower and abbey to their tower lists. If the writers' concern that bells are not being rung for service is so great I am quite sure they could find a tower much closer to their own homes where their consciences could be salved, where they might be able to help and where they might even be welcome.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE EVENDEN.

Maidstone.

SUNDAY RINGING PLEA

Dear Sir,—Working within earshot of Westminster Abbey, I should like to make some observations on the present situation concerning the ringing there.

The bells are rung on average about once a week, but one hears, not infrequently, only seven bells being rung, and the standard of ringing is not always of the highest quality. There must surely be enough ringers working within reach of the Abbey who, if invited, would be pleased and proud to ring for services, thereby ensuring a full band.

One appreciates that the present system of chiming the bells for Sunday services is an historic one, and must be preserved. But would it be too much to ask that the bells be rung for one service each Sunday—possibly Matins, which would not clash with ringing at St. Margaret's? This Sunday ringing could be by visiting bands upon application and subsequent approval by the Abbey authorities.—Yours faithfully,

JANET E. SMITH.

London, N.W.

Regarding Mr. E. Barnett, sen.'s observations about a broken stay at Westminster Abbey, we have received a number of letters, including those from Messrs. G. K. Dodd, J. W. Abbott and E. J. Rowe, strongly disagreeing with his observations.

"REMOVE THIS ANOMALY"

Dear Sir,—First I must take Mr. E. Barnett to task for his remarks about the breaking of a stay at Westminster Abbey in 1936. To state that a visitor who was involved in this pure accident showed "no respect for other people's property" is little short of libellous, as it insinuates that visiting ringers are vandals. As it happened over 30 years ago, one fails to see what it has to do with the present situation.

With regard to Mr. Pitstow's letter, I am now more than ever convinced that neither he nor the Abbey ringers wish or intend to change this unsatisfactory state of affairs, nor have they made any effort to do so, despite the widespread feelings of dissatisfaction among ringers on this issue. Mr. Pitstow uses the "red herring" of a document of the 1600's to support his argument. That is now history and is totally irrelevant. Ringers and ringing everywhere have changed completely since then—except at the Abbey!—and travelling to and from the belfry is easier than it was three centuries ago! No, Mr. Pitstow, you cannot hide behind these old traditions. When traditions become manifestly outdated, then new ones must be established.

I fail to see what Dean Ryle's past dictates have to do with 1968. The present Dean, Dr. Eric Abbott, is a most enlightened prelate, and would not take a bigoted, narrow-minded and reactionary view if the position were properly and objectively presented to him. A copy of the letter we sent to "The Ringing World" was posted to the Dean, and in his reply he stated: "The Dean and Chapter of Westminster would never wish to be exclusive in any wrong sense." It is now up to the Exercise to press the Dean to receive a representative (or a deputation), who would convince him that ringers do feel that the Abbey authorities are exclusive in the wrong sense. Who better could one suggest than our Central Council president, Canon Thurlow?

Visiting choirs sing at the Abbey services, as Mr. Pitstow himself admits. Is it not wholly illogical, inconsistent and unjust that there should be this discrimination against bell-ringers, who are, equally with choristers, servants of the Church of Christ?

I appeal to all ringers who feel the injustice and anachronism of the Abbey's attitude to ringing to write to the Dean in force and ask him to take steps to remove this anomaly despite any protestations from his own self-satisfied band. Until the Abbey authorities are made to realise what the mass of ringers feels, nothing will be changed.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Stoke Poges, Slough.

P.S.—Why should the Dean have invited only three London Societies to ring for the Abbey's 900th anniversary? Has he not heard of any other Associations, or did his ringers not enlighten him? The Abbey belongs to us all, not to London only!—W. B.

FREE FOR ALL

Dear Sir.—Mr. H. N. Pitstow's letter only confirms what the more informed of us have known for many years. What Mr. Pitstow failed to say, however, was that under the present system the ringing produced is of a fairly high standard.

It would be a retrograde step to provide "free for all" ringing occasions at the Abbey. Nevertheless there is, I believe, a case to be made for allowing visitors to partake in the ringing on certain occasions. This could be done by the issue of tickets, say two or three at a time, to competent ringers, on application. I cannot see that this would offend either the Dean or the ringers, or interfere with any payment the ringers may be entitled to. —Yours, etc.,

K. R. HOLTOM.

Byfield, Northants.

Letters to the Editor

REDUNDANT BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following have been reported to me as being for disposal:

Exeter.—St. Edmund's, 8 bells, 14 cwt.

Brentford.—St. Lawrence's, 6 bells, 11½ cwt.

Southwark.—Holy Trinity, 8 bells, 20 cwt

Marlborough.—SS. Peter and Paul's, 8 bells, 13 cwt.

Stamford.—St. Mary's, 8 bells, 15 cwt.

Stamford.—St. Michael's, 6 bells, 13 cwt.

Norwich.—St John's, Maddermarket, 6 bells, 10 cwt.

Morriston, Swansea.—St. John's, 6 bells, 9 cwt.

Privett, Hants.—Holy Trinity, 8 bells, 12 cwt.

High Halstow, Kent.—St. Margaret's, 5 bells, 10½ cwt.

West Tofts, Norfolk.—St. Mary's, 8 bells, 12 cwt.

Anybody with a scheme for rehousing any of these bells should write to me in the first place. Information has already been given about some of these bells and it may be that preliminary approaches have been made to effect a rehousing. If the register is to fulfil its purpose it is important that I should be advised of any movements which take place.—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary,

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
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Northowram, Halifax.

APSLEY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I must plead "not guilty" to being responsible for Kingsley Mason's false peal of Apsley. Mr. Mason says that he used Middleton's composition on the authority of my "Collection of Surprise Compositions" but he has evidently misread his copy.

The collection contains three peals that are true to Apsley, one by Dennis Knox and two by R. F. B. Speed, and a note against Apsley in the list of methods refers the reader to these and to these only.

Mr. Mason has either misread the note to read Peal No. 6 (Middleton's) instead of a reference to Footnote No. 6, or has taken Peal No. 26 (Middleton's in another form) instead of No. 25, which is Dennis Knox's composition.

Sorry, Kingsley—'twasn't me.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings.

A METHODIST HANDBELL TEAM

Dear Sir,—Reference the article in "The Ringing World" of January 12th on handbell teams, and in particular the paragraph on the team from Hope Baptist Church, we would point out that there has been a similar team of Methodist handbell ringers in existence for a number of years in Harwich. They still give programmes of Methodist hymns and carols at meetings in many of the local churches. —Yours faithfully,

P. ANDREWS (Mrs.),
Secretary,

St. Nicholas' Bellringers, Harwich.

PROUD OF THE LADIES' GUILD

Dear Sir,—I would like to correct some misstatements in Ian Smith's letter on page 8. First, he implies that membership of the Ladies' Guild occupies so much of a lady's time and ability that she is not able to support her local territorial Association as well. This is quite untrue, and in my experience it is the same group of ringers, ladies and gentlemen, who attend both territorial and non-territorial Associations in an area.

Furthermore, what is the purpose of the Ladies Guild? Surely it is, as with the Policeman's Guild and the Railwaymen's Guild, to bring together people throughout the country who have something in common—in this case their sex. I certainly do not feel I could do more to improve the standard of Sunday service ringing if I resigned my membership of the Ladies' Guild. I am proud of it, for we are still a minority and considered inferior by a number of so-called gentleman ringers.

With regard to the poor attendance at the Sussex District meeting, every area and every tower has its ups and downs, and it is unfair to blame this on lack of support for the Guild. There must be many places which bemoan the fact that a few years ago Surprise Major was rung on Sundays, whereas now they can barely manage Plain Bob Doubles.

I feel there is no case for disbanding the Ladies' Guild, and I resent the statement that it is "dying a slow and dismal death."—Yours faithfully,

CELIA F. H. D'AETH.

Southport, Lancs.

ODD-STRUCK BELLS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Paul Ebsworth's idea of tapered steel washers (page 62) I fail to agree that a washer with a round hole to fit a square shank would not be satisfactory as it could turn round if the castle nut became loose and make the bell more odd-struck than ever. I have dealt with this for some years and I find that if a leather washer is fitted correctly and the castle nut kept tight there would be no movement to cut and wear the leather washer away It is the crevice between the square shank and the square hole in the bell that needs taking up; you will find the hole in the crown of the bell is 1/16th in. to 3/32nd in. oversize.

I should like to suggest my idea of fitting a leather washer. Firstly, get a piece of leather ¼ in. thick or as near as possible; soak overnight so that it is pliable, cut a piece two inches round and cut a square hole in the centre 1/8th of an inch less than the thickness of the shank, so that you have to use force to get it in position down the shank. Then put in the clapper and screw the castle nut finger-tight only; next centre the clapper by means of a tape measure. When that is done, screw up castle nut tight, but don't put cotter in, as you will find after a day or so that you can get another half-turn on the nut. Then secure with cotter pin and keep the nut at that tightness. You will find it will give no more trouble.—Yours truly,

E. F. GOBEY.

Ilkeston.

ARE YOU THE RIGHT MAN IN OFFICE?

Dear Sir,—1968 is here, and throughout the country bellringers will shortly be electing their officers to represent them though the year. It so often happens that people are reluctant to stand for office; no doubt we all have our reasons, but how often we hear: "Not willing to stand', and not always has the person nominated really tried to make the time for the job. May I, through your pages, in the interests of ringing, appeal to all ringers to try to fulfil their obligations? — someone obviously thinks you are the right person for the job.

May I also ask those at present in office, particularly if you fill that most important post of tower captain, to ask themselves if they are still the right person? Let us have a bit of soul-searching from you. It is generally accepted now that the captain does not have to be the best ringer although in my opinion he should be comparable to his better ringers; but it is necessary that he should be the best captain, and on his ability to lead and organise his band, to train and hold his recruits, shall he be judged. How often have captains been appointed with not really enough thought and how often, once in the saddle, do they sit oblivious to changing circumstances while the band struggles on with nobody willing to displace "Old Bert" or "Old John" for fear of hurting his feelings—perhaps all hoping he will surrender his office to allow a new surge of lifeblood into the band, and hoping in vain. Tower captain for the good of your band, please ask yourself are you the right man to be "kingpin", for that is what the office is. If you are not, are you big enough to hand the reins over and support the new man—indeed, are you big enough to propose him?

An afterthought for the band: when you get your man, or if you already have him, do you give him the support he deserves? Don't let him crash himself against a brick wall of apathy; instead feed him with your enthusiasm and loyalty that he may rise to greater things and take his band along with him. If we all do this, no more will bellringing be spoken of as a dying art.—Yours, etc.,

NON-ASPIRANT.

NEMPNETT TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I am reminded by the 1967 "Index" that no one has queried the peal of Nempnett Triples (page 588). Nempnett places are made in 7–8 (first peal in the method was one of Caters—see page 442). If, as I assume, the places in the peal of Triples were made in 5–6, then the method is Hunslet (of which the first peal of Triples was rung at Leeds on August 4th, 1966).—Yours faithfully,

R. BROWN.

Rothwell.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Quite a busy time ahead was planned at the annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch on January 20th, held at Gainsborough Parish Church. Canon Roberts presided and members promised their support for a one-day ringing school, the Guild Ringing Festival to be held in the Branch, and a summer outing to Chester.

Upon Mr. Baker's proposition a collection was taken for the Gainsborough Parish Church £10,000 Restoration Appeal. After a short service, conducted by the Vicar, ringing was resumed until 8 p.m. T. A. G.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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POINTS FROM PEALS

BY CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

I am grateful to Mr. Phillippo for his letter on page 775 last year about the peals rung at Bunwell so that we now agree that the 100th peal was rung on April 12th last. I have, of course, to rely on accurate reporting and in this case a peal rung at Long Stratton appeared to have been rung at Bunwell, hence the discrepancy. Whilst mentioning this, very rarely is one "foxed" by a tower appearing under different names. A case of this appeared last November, when a tower "Culcheth, Lancs," was amongst the peal towers. This name does not appear in "Dove's" or "Crockford's Clerical Directory," etc., but I presume it is the Newchurch tower of unknown dedication mentioned in "Dove," even though the weight of the tenor does not agree with the published one. It would be helpful to have a consistent name.

I am also grateful to Mr. Ian V. J. Smith for letting me know that one of the peals counted in the 50 at Beeston (mentioned in the last article) has been found to be false. Thus the next peal there will be the 50th now. The false peal was rung in 1898!

17 VIRGIN TOWERS CONQUERED

Peals this time refer to the last six months of 1967. In this period another 17 virgin towers were conquered—all but one were claimed as the first on the bells. The exception was Bampton, in Westmorland. The others which I confirm are Leek Wootton, Badingham, Broadwood Kelly, East Allington, Hovingham, Preston-by-Wingham, Parkham, Sutton Maddock, St. Audries, Westleigh, Lostwithiel, Compton Bassett, Milborne St. Andrew, Mottisfont, St Neots and Shebbear. What lovely names many of them have! The number seems to be about average for the six-month period

Rather fewer than usual were the number of infrequent towers—only 11 in fact. The longest silence in the peal lists was at Griston, its name last appearing in 1912. The claim that it was only the second peal on the bells was not quite accurate—it was the third peal, for there was another one in 1911. This was the only tower last to be heard before the first war. Four towers last had a peal in the 1920's. Croston's last was in 1925, so the claim as the first peal for 50 years is again not quite right. The 1925 peal was the only previous peal of Major (Double Norwich). Before that there had been seven peals of Grandsire Triples from 1890 to 1911 and a peal of Stedman Triples in 1914. So there have only been ten peals in nearly 80 years—few for an eight-bell tower.

I confirm that the last peal at Haverfordwest was in 1927. There was also one here in 1926. Carmarthen likewise last appeared in 1927 (not 1923, as claimed). This was the only previous peal I have come across. King's Caple's recent peal of Minor was (I confirm) the first of Minor on the bells. Previously there had been three peals of Doubles, two in 1928 and the last in 1929. Aldwinckle last had a peal in 1931, likewise Hinton St. George. The former had also recorded one in 1919, but the one at Hinton was the first on the bells. We then have to jump to 1938 to find the next infrequent visitors to the peal columns. There were three towers from this year—Brooke (the only previous peal before last year's one); Maiden Newton (where peals were also rung in 1932, 1934, 1935 and 1936—one each year); and Ashburton (peals of Double Norwich in 1902 and 1926 and Grandsire Triples in 1932 and 1938). The last pre-second war tower (which is where I draw my line in mentioning rare peal towers) is Westbury-on-Trym. The claim that the peal was the first of Minor on the bells was correct, but it was not the second peal on the bells. As well as the 1939 peal of Grandsire Doubles there had been one in the same method in 1913. So the recent peal was the third one.

MILESTONES

Then we come to milestones. Further investigation shows that I missed one or two in my last article, i.e. towers which reached certain marks in the first six months of last year. Chief of these was Birmingham Cathedral, where I now make the peal of London Royal on February 18th last the 600th on the bells. I note that peals are once again being rung here after the enforced six months' rest. Then there were three 50-pealers I omitted to mention. They were Caythorpe (50th peal on January 21st), Stafford (March 27th) and Ratby (April 29th). Actually I cannot be blamed for the last one—the account did not appear in the peal list until October 27th. A hint for prompter publication!

To return to milestones in the past six months—Bushey takes pride of place with its 350th peal. It was claimed for the peal on August 21st, but I made it the previous peal, on August 3rd. The peals have been very evenly divided through the years. Thus there were 134 from 1890 (first peal) to 1914, i.e. in 25 years, 97 between the wars, i.e. in 20 years, and 119 since the last war, i.e. 23 years. Duffield reached its 300th peal on December 7th. Here the hey-day was prior to World War I, for 179 peals had been rung when it commenced. Between the wars there was not a great deal of activity, especially in the 1930's. Forty-four peals only were rung in the period. Since the last war the pace has gradually increased again—six peals in the 1940's, 24 in the 1950's and 47 in the 1960's so far. The pre-1914 war average was about six per year and it has now been reached again.

No towers reached the 200's in the period under review, but three passed the 150 mark. They were Shirley, Warwicks, Epsom (Christ Church) and Walthamstow (St. Mary's). The Epsom tower claimed as such, but I would not like to be absolutely certain as I have one or two peals which, when published, did not quite make it clear which Epsom tower was meant. All the Shirley peals have been rung since 1923 so there is not much doubt about them. The Walthamstow total includes early peals commencing in 1778.

CENTURY MARK

I confirm the 100th peal at Fairfield. Other towers to reach their century were Cuckfield (July 7th), Trumpington (July 29th), Farnham (July 15th) and Old Swinford (St. Mary's) on November 11th. Fairfield completed its 100 in the quickest time—it did not start until 1933, then came Trumpington, which, as a six-bell tower had 34 peals from 1920 to 1955. The remaining 66 have come since augmentation, from 1958. Both Farnham and Old Swinford have peals going back to the early days of peal ringing, so their centuries have been a long time in coming. Cuckfield's first peal was in 1815, but the 30-odd peals immediately before the first war and a similar number since the last one appear to be the main periods of activity.

Reaching the 50 mark were Harwell (October 14th), Wye (October 28th), Silverdale (November 7th) and Burton-on-Trent (St. Modwen's) on November 11th. The last tower—the old parish church of the town—has taken nearly 170 years to reach this total, having been overshadowed by the famous ringing tower of St. Paul's. Wye has taken even longer, for the first peal I have there is in 1736. Both the other two towers have only had peals in this century

Finally, some other odd notes. The peal of Yorkshire Royal at St. Helens was not the first such on the bells. One had been rung on December 26th, 1952. Likewise the claim for the first of Surprise at All Saints', Basingstoke, was not justified. Basing Surprise Major was rung in 1966. A minor correction for Humberstone—the peal was the first since 1953, not 1952. The peal at Norton Fitzwarren pinpointed the way in which a tower's fortunes change. Here, there were 24 peals in the three years 1899 to 1901, then came nine from 1902 to 1905 and four from 1910 to 1913. Since then there have been single peals in the years 1953, 1956 and 1967.

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD

Future Uncertain

The annual general meeting of the Southend and District Guild was held at Rayleigh on January 27th. The Rector, the Rev. G. W. Hatch (acting president), took the chair, and members stood in silent tribute to Canon J. A. Stanley, late Vicar of Prittlewell and president of the Guild for the past seven years. The chairman then welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. Frank B. Lufkin and two ringers from Charing, Kent.

The secretary and treasurer's report was followed by the election of officers, and Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, Master of the Essex Association and founder of the Guild, was elected president.

A proposal was then put to the meeting by Mr. Michael Hallett and seconded by George Eve, that in the event of the proposal to split the South West District of the Essex Association being passed at the Association's annual general meeting on the Spring Bank Holiday this year, the Southend and District Guild will terminate its existence at its next annual general meeting. This was agreed to.

Sgt.-Major H. H. Furminger was elected Master of the Guild, the first Service man to hold this post. Mr. Stephen Halliwell was elected Deputy Master, and Miss Jenifer Emms was elected secretary and treasurer.

The president addressed the meeting and told how he and Mr. Don Coombes had founded the Guild back in 1950. But he agreed with the meeting that, if the proposal to split the South West District of the Essex Association is passed by the Association, then the decision to terminate the Guild at its next annual general meeting was a wise one.

G. E.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bainbridge 1, L. Ainger 2, P. J Spencer-Phillips 3, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 4, H. Carter 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, B. J. Howard 7, J M. C. Lysons 8. A compliment to Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips and the conductor on the christening of Jeremy Ben Fawcus, respectively their grandson and great-grandson.

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Nottingham Central Council Meeting

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 2nd session of the 26th Council (70th Annual Meeting) held at the Victoria Hotel, Nottingham, on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967.

The President, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, was in the chair.

A welcome was given to the Council by the Lord Mayor (Councillor A. F. Roberts), the Bishop of Sherwood (the Rt. Rev. K. G. Thompson) and the chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild (Mr. F. W. Midwinter).

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Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton and H. Poyner.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. G Key and C M Smith.

Suffolk Guild.—Messrs. T. N. J. Bailey, H. W Egglestone and C. W Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. A. P. Cannon, W. Parrott and A. Streeter.

Sussex County Association.—Messrs. R. W. R. Percy and A. V. Sheppard.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. C. Boucher, A. J Davidson and A. Locke.

Universities Association. — Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society.—Mr. A. J. Frost.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Messrs. A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, J. Hartless and R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs. B. C Ashford, A. J. Brazier, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. W. E. Critchley, E. Hudson, W. F. Moreton and J. Seager.

Report as to Membership.

The hon. secretary reported that 60 Societies were affiliated with 164 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members, and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 195. There were two vacancies among honorary members. Subscriptions were all paid.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr. F. Bogan, Miss B. M. Boyle, Messrs. D. Burnett, C Crossthwaite, G. W. Fletcher, J. G. Gipson, F. I. Hairs, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. G. H. Harding, B. E. Jeffrey, Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. G I. Lewis, J. P. Partington, H. T. Rooke, H. J Sanger, E. J. Sterland, L. Stilwell, C. J. G. Watts and R. S. Wilson.

Applications for Affiliation.

The following applications to affiliate to the Council were received: (a) The Railwaymen's Guild, (b) The Beverley and District Ringing Society Both applications were voted upon separately and declared elected.

New Members.

The following members were presented: Messrs. E. Naylor (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), R. Ducker (Beverley and District Ringing Society), A. R Elkins (Chester Diocesan Guild), A. J. Martin (Chester Diocesan Guild), G. Tembey (Cumberland and North Westmorland Association), D. R. Bould (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Rev. M. Hart (Hereford Diocesan Guild), E. J. Franklin (Railwaymen's Guild), E. F. Willcox (Shropshire Association), H. Poyner (Southwell Diocesan Guild), T. N. J. Bailey (Suffolk Guild), A. J Brazier (Worcestershire and Districts Association) and J Seager (Yorkshire Association).

The President announced that in future this presentation would take the form of reading out names, a request to stand and a welcome by the President in the name of the Council. He mentioned at the same time that the practice of making obituary tributes would cease, but the customary silence would be kept and prayers said.

Election of Honorary Members.

It was resolved that Mrs. R. F. B. Speed and Messrs. G. W. Pipe and F. A. White be re-elected.

Losses Through Death.

The President reported the deaths of the following members and past members of the Council, the members standing in silence: Messrs. E. G. Fenn (Ancient Society of College Youths, 1939–56), T. R. Dennis (Ely Diocesan Association, 1913–32), A. J. Pitman (Swansea and Brecon Guild, 1927–32; hon. member 1953 onwards), P. Page (Romney Marsh and District Guild, 1933–39), G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, 1933–59), F W. Lack (Ely Diocesan Association, 1951–59), J. Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild, 1951–53, 1960–62, 1965–66), T. G. Myers (Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1948–59), S. G. Coles (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 1946–59). Mrs. Lewis, widow of former president of Council.

Minutes.

The minutes of the Bath meeting, as published in "The Ringing World" of March 24th, 1967, and amended in 'The Ringing World" of April 7th, were adopted.

Reports and Accounts.

The following were adopted:

Honorary secretary and treasurer (published in "Ringing World" of June 9th, 1967, page 391)

Honorary librarian ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 409).

Accounts for 1966 ("Ringing World," June 9th, page 391).

Motions.

It was resolved that this Council deprecates most strongly the deliberate submission of false information for publication in "The Ringing World,' and asks all Associations and individual ringers to do all they can to stop this practice before serious harm is caused to the Exercise and its journal.

A motion seeking to charge a fee for peals published in the present style was referred to "The Ringing World" Committee, which was instructed to report its conclusions next year.

A motion to amend Section D (8) of the Council's Decision on page 21 to read as follows:

"Peals which contain more than one method shall be called 'Spliced' provided that methods are joined in the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e. the leads in treble-dominated methods, the divisions in the case of Stedman, Duffield and the like). In addition where a peal qualifies as Spliced under the above definition methods may also be joined at the half-lead, provided that where this is done only one of any group of methods differing only in the places made at the half-lead or the lead-end may be used in any one composition" was referred to the Methods Committee for its consideration and report.

Future Meetings.

It was resolved that the 1968 meeting at Worcester be held on Tuesday, June 4th.

The Hertford County Association wished to bring forward its invitation for 1969. This was accepted.

Reports.

The following were adopted, subject to the qualifications where noted:

Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine (published in "The Ringing World" of June 9th. 1967, page 391).

Standing Committee (given orally by the secretary).

"Ringing World" Committee ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 407) with the qualification that whilst accepting the report presented, this Council requests "The Ringing World" Committee specifically to include in its report to the 1968 Council meeting a statement on the measures it had taken and the plans it had made for widening the appeal of "The Ringing World" to all sections of the ringing community.

Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 411).

Records ("Ringing World," June 23rd, page 433) with the addition of Mr. J. A. Ainsworth to the Committee.

Literature and Press ("Ringing 'World,' June 23rd, page 434).

Towers and Belfries ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 413) with the addition of Mr. H. O Baker to the Committee.

Broadcasting and Television ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 414) with the addition of Mrs. J. S. King to the Committee.

Biographies ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 414).

Peals Analysis ("Ringing World," June 23rd, page 431).

Overseas Ringing ("Ringing World," June 16th, page 412).

Peals Collection ("Ringing World," June 23rd, page 432).

It was noted that the Methods Committee had nothing to report.

Canberra Carillon.

The President reported that, following representations from the Australian and New Zealand Association about the precise form of the British Government's gift to the Commonwealth he had corresponded with members of both Governments to try to convince them of the desirability of hanging some of the bells for ringing.

It was therefore resolved that this Council, representing all the ringers of the Commonwealth, unanimously supports the idea, that eight or more of the bells of the Canberra Carillon be hung for ringing in full circle in the English manner

The President said that copies of this resolution would be sent to all the officials involved in the scheme.

Votes of Thanks.

The Council expressed its gratitude to the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, the Bishop of Sherwood, the chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, to the Vicar of St. Mary's Church for the service of Holy Communion, and also the incumbents of all the other churches for the use of their bells. Thanks were also expressed to all the officers of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and particularly to Mr. W. L Exton, the honorary general secretary, for all the excellent arrangements.

The members of the Council were the guests of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Nottingham at tea immediately after the meeting.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	43	108	—
Partly represented	14	33	20
Not represented	5	—	5
	62	141	25
Life members		6	[illegible]
Honorary members		18	4
		165	30

BATH AND WELLS ACTIVITIES

Frome Branch A.G.M.

Coincidental with "The Ringing World" frontispiece for the week showing the imposing tower of Chewton Mendip, Frome Branch gathered at this beautifully-toned eight on January 13th for its annual general meeting. With visitors from the Bath, Chew and Glaston Branches, and more from Bristol, Wales and Bridgwater, the event looked more like the Bath and Wells annual general meeting—especially since the Association's general secretary and the treasurer, Messrs. Gilbert and Naylor, were also present.

Ron Beck was like a cat with two tails with two or more "Bristol" and "London" teams, and the general ringing was undoubtedly better than usual.

All the Branch officers and officials were re-elected, which indicates satisfaction and not apathy, and the Frome/Bath/Chew Striking Competition play-off was proposed for March 23rd.

In response to Bishop Wilson's appeal for a bell for Trinidad a collection was taken in Mr. Beck's hat—there is no truth in the suggestion that this hat holds more than others. Phillip Jones proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. Clarkson, who had so warmly welcomed the Branch to his church, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker for making all the local arrangements. M. H.

Cary Branch has 218 Members

About 60 ringers attended the service at Wincanton Parish Church at the Cary Branch's annual meeting on January 27th. The Rector Preb. R. B. H. Kay, officiated, assisted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. G S. Robinson, and Mr. L. Lane was the organist.

At the business meeting after tea a silent tribute was paid to Messrs. F. Sparks and C. Whatley, who had died during the year. The secretary in his report spoke of an increase in the membership of the Branch to 218.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Chairman, Rev G. S. Robinson; vice-chairman, Preb. O. H. Skipwith; Ringing Master, Mr. D. M C. Hill; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Field; secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie

Twenty-two new members were elected from the towers at Babcary, Cucklington, Evercreech, Henstridge, Milborne Port, Stoke Trister. Queen Camel and Wincanton. and a number of certificates were presented by the chairman.

Meeting places for 1968 were fixed (subject to permission) at Barton St. David, Horsington and Queen Camel, with practices at South Cadbury, Cucklington, Kingweston and Templecombe, with next year's annual meeting at Castle Cary.

Ringing was then resumed and continued during the evening

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District took place at Mansfield on January 27th. The ringing varied considerably in method and quality. The service was taken by Canon R. Warburton, who later joined the 50-strong company for tea at Grove House.

The business meeting began with a moment of remembrance for G Oakley, A. Munk and F. Salter who had passed away during the year. The secretary's report and accounts for 1967 were adopted, and the following District officers were returned: Chairman, S. W. Fossey; secretary, D. J. Beach: Ringing Master, H. T. Rooke; Assistant Ringing Master. B. A. Richards; committee member, D. A. Whetton. L. Boulter and Mrs. S. Ford, of Eastwood, also A. Rooke and Miss S. Etchles, of Warsop, were proposed and elected ringing members. It was observed from this that three generations of the Rooke family are now ringing at Warsop Church.

The chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon R. Warburton, the ladies and all who had helped in any way with the meeting arrangements. D. J. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We have mentioned previously the keenness at Northallerton, Yorks. The quarter of Grandsire on January 28th was the first of Triples for all the band and by a local one!

Mr. John R. Ketteringham, of Bayswater, W.2, will be out of ringing for a few weeks as he has to go back to hospital. A speedy recovery. John.

We have had several notes of appreciation concerning the work of Mr. W. L. Roper in compiling the 1967 (and other) indexes. It is nice to know that readers do appreciate the hours of voluntary work he puts in on behalf of "The Ringing World."

After the reopening and rededication of the Buriton, Hants. Methodist Church, two of its members joined the village captain and three friends from Petersfield and Steep to ring a quarter peal at the Parish Church to mark the occasion. The Methodists—the Misses A and S. Roberts—ring most Sundays before going to the service in their own church.

Three generations of the Rooke family are now ringing at Warsop Church.

Mr. Frank Hawthorne is retiring this Easter and is going to live at Aberarch, near Pwllheli, North Wales.

We regret to learn that Mrs. A. Relfe, of Lamberhurst, died in the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, on February 3rd.

The clapper of the fifth at Hitchin was broken at practice on February 5th. It was promptly despatched for repair. Ringing continues on seven.

Mr. D. Hall, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, is moving to Cheshire shortly after the annual District meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association on February 17th; he is the present hon. secretary.

The peal at Langdale on January 27th by members of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association commemorated the 70th birthday of Mr. Robin Shuttleworth, who for 21 years was tower captain at St. Michael's, Hawkshead.

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GREAT-GRANDFATHER CELEBRATES

Grandfathers ringing for the birth of grandchildren are quite a frequent feature of the columns of "The Ringing World." Much more unusual was the quarter peal at Great Baddow on January 21st, when Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, who is 85, made a return to conducting after ten years to celebrate the christening of his great-grandson, Jeremy Ben Fawcus. The baby's grandfather, Dr. P. J. Spencer Phillips, was also ringing We only wish the baby's parents were ringers, too!

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual general meeting, held on January 31st, Canon K. W. H. Felstead was re-elected president, Howard J. Payne was elected Master David H. Stone Vice-Master, Susan E. M. Davis secretary/treasurer, and Jeremy D. Cheesman to the committee. Communications should be sent to: Miss S. E. M. Davis, c/o J.C.R. Post, The University, Southampton SO95NH.

RECRUITING EXHIBITION AT HEREFORD

To meet a shortage of bellringers in Hereford—there are only nine available with 18 bells at two churches—an exhibition will be held at All Saints' Church on the evening of February 23rd. The public are invited to see eight ringers in action and also inspect the bells.

Mr. Michael V. Powell, the Hereford District secretary, states in the "Hereford Evening News" that there is no stipulation of religious belief for would-be ringers, and whether or not they attend service after calling everyone else in is entirely a matter of choice.

50 YEARS A RINGER

Mr. Charles Brown has completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Andrew's, Wingfield, Suffolk. On February 4th the Vicar, the Rev. W. G. Muir, on behalf of the church and congregation, presented him with a gold wristlet watch together with a commemorative scroll from the Suffolk Guild and paid tribute to his conscientious work and unswerving loyalty over the years.

Another office Mr. Brown holds is that of sexton, the duties of which he has fulfilled for the past 22 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A representative gathering of N. and E. members met at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on January 20th, when the bells were put to good use in the afternoon and evening. The Association's form of service was conducted by Father Cossar, who gave a short and inspiring address. Mr Dennis Neal accompanied at the organ. At the business meeting the belfry election of Miss Jennifer Indge, prior to a peal at North Mymms, was ratified.

Votes of thanks were extended to Father Southgate, Vicar of St. Matthew's, who is shortly leaving the district to take up an appointment at Fleetwood, for the use of the bells; to Father Cossar and Dennis Neal, and to the local ladies for arranging an excellent tea in the new Church Hall E. H. K.

AUCKLAND CALLING

Determined efforts are being made by Mr. W. T. Lack to get the bells of St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand, ringing again, but, as his announcement states, he badly needs help. He writes: "One cannot expect young ladies to shine with a 14in. shifting spanner in quite the same way as they did when shovelling pigeon-muck and cleaning the frame down! Also Robert (my son) and I would have welcomed an extra pair of hands when we humped our first wheel up the tower, as jarrah is about 16 per cent. heavier than oak."

While working in the belfry Mr. Lack's thoughts went back to the ringers at Auckland—the pioneers who rang their first quarter of Grandsire Triples in 1912; the half-muffled quarter for Tommy Biddle, of Christchurch, in 1913; and the peal attempt that year which broke down after two hours of good striking He adds: "The last tangible link with these men was the copy of 'The Bell News and Ringers Record' for December 26th, 1914, found in the loft adjacent to the ringing chamber, open at page 439 with a controversial letter occupying three-quarters of that page, by one H. W. Fright on 'The Illegitimacy of Stedman.'"

70 YEARS A COLLEGE YOUTH

This month that grand and remarkable veteran, Mr George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, completes 70 years' membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths. In 1967 he attended the anniversary dinner of the College Youths and it is the hope of the Society that he will be able to be present this year. Earlier this year he and Mrs. Symonds celebrated their diamond wedding. George is now 92 and he seems to be as active as ever, having rung peals for his 90th, 91st and 92nd birthdays.

THE SURPRISE ALPHABET

By taking part in a peal of Oxfordshire Surprise Major at Weedon Bec, Northamptonshire, on January 27th, Mr. Barry E. Saunders became the third ringer from the south of Northamptonshire to complete the Surprise Major alphabet in recent months. Mr. Alan A. Paul was the first with the first peal of Verney Surprise Major at Easton Neston on August 26th, 1967, followed three weeks later by his brother Graham, whose last method was Dorchester, rung at Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting at Mersham of the Ashford District since November, 1925, took place on January 17th. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. F. Pollard, who welcomed the ringers and in his sermon spoke of the discipline, dedication and devotion required from ringers. The offertory, amounting to £5 16s. 6d., was donated to the John Willis Memorial Fund.

Tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall and over 100 partook of the fare so lavishly arranged by the Mersham ringers. A short business meeting was held after the tea, which concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. L. Garraway. A. P. S. B.

URANGWOT II

Urangwot II proved quite a popular teaser and attracted 56 entries. There is only one acceptable solution if both towers had the bells hung clockwise—an assumption well justified by the small number of anti-clockwise rings in existence.

The five ringers may very conveniently be represented by A, B, C, D and E. Ringers know well that there are 120 permutations of five numbers or letters when each is different. However, having learned that D and B were adjacent and in that order they can be treated as one and the permutations are thus reduced to 24. Similarly, in the second tower A and E may be treated as one, although the order there is not specified. For the second tower there arise 48 permutations so far. The other conditions impose considerable restrictions in both cases and a final comparison of the few remaining acceptable ones shows which permutations can be taken together to give the answer. Solution:

First tower: (1 Tom), 2 Chris, 3 Alan, 4 Denis, 5 Bob, 6 Ernie.

Second tower: (1 Tom), 2 Denis, 3 Chris, 4 Ernie, 5 Alan, 6 Bob.

Forty entries claimed this solution on its own or with the anti-clockwise solution and 17 of these were ladies, including the winner, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Struckett, Blackdown Border, Tennyson's Lane, Haslemere, Surrey.

One young lady expressed the hope for some more similar puzzles as she greatly enjoyed solving this one—even though the headmaster did not approve of her doing it at school!

T. SURR.

BELFRY RHYMES

From "Bell News," December 26th, 1908.

Read by the Master at the dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Joseph Crumb, though a good natured chum,
In the belfry would boast like a rebel.
Every method could ring, but a very strange thing,
He usually made choice of **the Treble.**

The first peal he rang went off with a bang.
He felt like Napoleon at Jena;
When the smoke cleared away, he shouted "Hooray!"
'Twas Stedman he rang on **the Tenor.**

When disputes would arise over London Surprise
Crumb then cut a very fine caper:
Each error explained and adroitly maintained
'Twas as easy as winking—**on paper.**

Some thought Crumb a lord, others deemed him a fraud,
So diverse, the opinions of people;
But all were agreed, should he ever succeed
Sure 'twould not be inside **the steeple.**

He invited me once, with my wife, to take lunch—
In transport our hearts were uplifted;
But when we got round do you know what we found?
Why, as usual, the bounder **had shifted.**

G. F. M.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*Richard J Pettit	Treble	Claudia A. Critchley ..	5
Rosemary J. Spicer	2	Michael Worthington ..	6
Peter Worthington	3	G William Critchley ..	7
Richard Castledine ..	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Richard Castledine.
* First peal
Arranged and rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on her 21st birthday.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr 20 lb. in D

Neil O. Skelton	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	5
William T. Perrins	2	Norman G Knee	6
David Wilson	3	Ronald N Marlow	7
William A. Theobald ..	4	Frederick W. Collins ..	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff Conducted by William A. Theobald.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HIGH OFFLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Thirty extents of Grandsire and twelve of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb in A flat.

Jennifer M. Beech	Treble	Fredric R Wiggin	3
Ruth A E Fairbrother ..	2	Frank Beech	4
Edward R. Fairbrother ..	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank Beech.
Rung to congratulate Mr. R. Fairbrother on completing 50 years' singing in the choir of this church.

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TOWER BELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MELBOURNE, Australia.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt in G sharp

*Philip R. Goodyer (12)	Treble	Graeme W Heyes	5
*Craig J. Herbert	2	Michael Scowen	6
*Ray K Stanton	3	Ross W Bampton	7
Robin G. Turner	4	Thomas W. Goodyer ..	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Robin G Turner
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Heyes and Mary Cowling, both ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt in E flat.

Gwilym G Salmon ..	Treble	*Raymond E. J Baker ..	6
Ronald G. Beck	2	George W Massey	7
*David J Orledge	3	Edward J Chivers	8
*David G. Massey	4	Eric J. Hitchins	9
*Philip H. D. Jones	5	Victor Savage	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George W. Massey
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb

George W. Massey	Treble	Roy W Rice	5
Peter J. England	2	Walter S. Rice	6
Rev. C. J B Marshall ..	3	David A. Burt	7
David J. Orledge	4	David G. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, 5,040 Grandsire Triples on February 8th, 1908.

PURITON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt

Geoffrey R. Marchant ..	Treble	Ronald D. Short	4
*Graham Nabb	2	Michael J. Stone	5
†Alan G. Kent	3	E J. Louis Pope	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald D. Short
* First peal in more than one method. † First of Doubles "inside." First of Doubles on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son, Ian Richard, to the tenor ringer (the local captain).

BINEGAR, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Jan. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 22 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Carlisle, Sandiacre and Northumberland, (3) London, Cunecastre and Wells (4) Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge, Hull and Bourne, (5) Hexham and Berwick, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) York and Durham, with 95 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr

Eric C. Wadman	Treble	Phillip H. D. Jones ..	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck
First peal in 22 methods by all the band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in D

Derek F. Yates	Treble	*Christopher L. D. Munday	7
*Norman Sherratt	2	§Christopher M Movley ..	8
†Felicity Ashford	3	*David J Midgley	9
‡Ivor R. Nichols	4	†Roy Worrall	10
*Harold Dowler	5	‡Richard C. L. Brown ..	11
*Gerald Parsons	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. § First of Surprise Maximus. Ringers of 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11 have now rung Cambridge from Minor to Surprise. First on 12 bells as conductor.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb in E.

Brian Schofield	Treble	David Atkinson	5
Derek F Yates	2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Alan J. Brown	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 15 cwt.

Harry W. Howard	Treble	John R. Scott	4
David A Godfrey	2	Frank R Morton	5
Geoffrey A Edwards ..	3	Christopher J. Jones ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton
The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minues.
A PEAL OF 5184 GREASLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr 7 lb. in F sharp.

Joyce Chadwick	Treble	John Dean	5
*Richard Wilcox	2	Clive Thrower	6
Jack Chadwick	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
E. Frederick Gobey ..	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First of Surprise First in the method.
GREASLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—36, 14—14, 38, 56, 12—78. l.h. 1573

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Fred Hodgson	Treble	‡David R. Cox	5
*Dennis G. Blows	2	*Ernest Pannell	6
†Thomas M. Cox	3	Philip H. Tocock	7
*Janet Warwick	4	Thomas Cooke	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Cooke.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal. ‡ First of Surprise

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Adrian G. Semken	Treble	Neville Whittell	5
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Alan R. Andrews	3	Walter Arnold	7
Jennifer Andrews	4	*Michael J Bew	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael J. Bew.
* First peal in the method.

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of (1) London, (2) Warkworth, (3) Bourne, (4) York (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*Eileen Gibbins	Treble	George N. Orman	4
*Rachel J. R. Orman	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
*Jennifer M. Andrews	3	Arthur G. Button	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal of Surprise Minor
Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of the treble and the tenor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOKE BISHOP, Bristol.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor [illegible] cwt 6 lb. in G

*A. J. Donald Bentley	Treble	†John G. Riley	4
†Alison M. Brown	2	*Jonathan G Rose	5
*Jennifer A. Murphy	3	Philip M. J. Gray	Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung by a local band to welcome the Rev. A. Roy Henderson, collated to the Vicarage of Stoke Bishop on January 26th, 1968, and as a farewell to the previous Vicar, Canon L. A. Williams, now Archdeacon of Bristol.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor [illegible] cwt in D.

*Christopher Forster	Treble	*John E. Ewer	6
Kenneth J. Darvill	2	*Michael D. Frost	7
*Anthony R. Carter	3	Harold V. Frost	8
Eric Edmondson	4	Gerald Penney	9
Andrew W. R. Wilby	5	Bertram C. Johnson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First in the method by all the band.

KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

D. Joseph Goodman	Treble	Robert J. Picton	5
*Walter Ayre	2	†Geoffrey Spratt	6
Brian M. Barker	3	Francis M. Byrne	7
Peter W. Harper	4	Keith D. Waples	Tenor

Composed by J R. Pritchard. Conducted by Keith D. Waples.
* 550th peal for the Association. † First attempt. First as conductor.
Rung to the grateful memory of Edwin G. Buck

ENFIELD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Ronald R. Wood	Treble	John Southey	5
A. Stephen Taylor	2	Anthony R. Carter	6
*Julian Duggan	3	Frederick W. Ellis	7
*Christopher Forster	4	John E. Ewer	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John E. Ewer.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th and tenor.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, comprising the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Childwall Bob, (5) Thelwall Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	*Stephen J. Crawley	4
Brian M. Barker	2	Peter W. Harper	5
Francis M. Byrne	3	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal attempt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHORLEY, Lancashire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 27, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Lawrence Walmsley	Treble	Christopher L. Watson	5
Betty Palmer	2	Richard Palmer	6
Margaret Crossthwaite	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
John Ascroft	4	Richard Holt	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung in memoriam Canon J. Cartmel, late Rector of St. Mary's (R.C.), who died on December 9th, 1967.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat. Jan 27, 1968 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent St Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Thomas W. Hesketh	Treble	Geoffrey C. Sparling	4
Lucy P. A Hopkins	2	Graham K. Austin	5
Susan D Cowan	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J Walpole.

LANGDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Single Bob Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Robin Shuttleworth	Treble	John Bagnall	4
James E. Burles	2	*Alan Capstick	5
Frank Birkett	3	Nicholas M. Newby	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.
* 150th peal on tower bells
Rung for the 70th birthday of Robin Shuttleworth, for many years chief ringer at Hawkshead.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Maurice F. Edwards	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Richard Hayes	8
Judith M Corby	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Susan E. Smith	4	Andrew J. Corby	10
Lucile M Corby	5	Robert E. J. Dennis	11
James W. Belshaw	6	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Judith M. Corby	6
G. Ronald Edwards	2	James W. Belshaw	7
*Peter J. Staniforth	3	Richard Hayes	8
Susan E. Smith	4	Philip A. Corby	9
Lucile M. Corby	5	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* 100th peal on the bells and 700th peal for the Guild.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Raymond H. Martin	Treble	G. Harry Bray	5
*K. Burdett	2	Arnold S. Goad	6
*John Hunt	3	Edward Guy Slater	7
Ron Hughes	4	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Major.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G

*Richard Martin	Treble	B. Stedman Payne	5
Alan Evans	2	Herrick B. Bowley	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	Peter C. Randall	7
Alfred Ballard	4	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) York Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

J. Harry Dove	Treble	John Watkins	4
Christopher M. Sturgess	2	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Leonard Trevor	3	Robin A. Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

Rung on the morning of the Hinckley District A.G.M., at which Frank Measures was re-elected District chairman on completion of ten years' apprenticeship in the post.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NASH, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being eleven methods in seven extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*David L. Phillips	Treble	*Charles P. Quartley	4
*Paul A. Williams	2	Christopher Ricketts	5
Peter S. Bennett	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* Most methods to a peal of Minor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D

Margaret Woolley	Treble	George L. Roobottom	6
William J. Leach	2	Gordon H. Lane	7
Barnabas G. Key	3	John K. Smith	8
*Cyril Griffiths	4	Ian Friend	9
Cyril T. Haynes	5	Michael Webster	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
ALVASTON, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Brian R. Manning	Treble	Edwin D. Thomas	4
*Roger I. Gosling	2	Clive A. Thrower	5
John E. Collins	3	Arthur F. Hall	Tenor

Conducted by Clive A. Thrower.
* First peal "inside" First as conductor. First on the bells for 11 years.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Christine Manning.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sun., Jan. 28, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F

David E. House	Treble	*George P. Adams	5
Janet House	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Sidney Marshall	3	Martin Cubitt	7
Nolan Golden	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 25th peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Edward Howes, remembering with affection and appreciation his contribution to change ringing in the diocese and at this tower as captain.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Feb. 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr in F sharp.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	5
Wilfred G. Saunders	2	Martin Cubitt	6
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	David E. House	7
David Cubitt	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

NORTON-SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun. Jan. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt.

*Paul Holdsworth	Treble	John Clarke	4
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	‡§Diane Toone	5
†Frederick C. Gunton	3	‡Stephen F. High	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.
* First peal. † First of Bob Minor. ‡ 25th together. § 25th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

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

Arranged and Conducted by David P. Hilling.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Charles Coles	Treble	†Peter J. Heritage	5
*D. Kay Adkins	2	*Ronald K. Russ	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Christopher C. Clarke	7
*Brian W. Hall	4	*Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	*James R. White	5
Angela M. Ayres	2	Francis A. White	6
Claude Corderoy	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Brian R. White	4	Peter Corderoy	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Triples in the method. 75th peal on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
*David C. Brown	2	*William L. Gutteridge	6
Alan R. Pink	3	William Birmingham	7
*Howard Oglesby	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification.

HEADINGTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Jan. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A.

*Jane Wyatt	Treble	Paul Lucas	4
Cherry Withell	2	Ian Ross	5
Harry Badger	3	Tom Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Tom Smith.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung on new frame.

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 an extent each of St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ 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.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Hilary M. Dickson	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	A Keith P. Poole	5
Jonathan R. Rowson	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
First peal in the method by all the band.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Jan. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt 2 lb

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
*Louise A. M. Evans	2	Roger G. Mitchell	5
Brian J. Edwards	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dave.
* First of Minor in more than one method.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Jan. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Andrew P. Smith	Treble	Roger G. Mitchell	4
Louise A. M. Evans	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
†Douglas K. Whitlock	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal attempt. † First in the method "inside."

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Jan. 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HALLAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Barrie Hendry	7
William J. Chester	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	5
Barrie Hendry	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Albert G. Driver. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Thurs. Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Alan A. Paul	7
David J. Marshall	4	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal in the method.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NECHELLS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr. 12 lb.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
William J. Chester	2	David J. Marshall	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

(The Oundle Branch)
GREAT WELDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being extents in the following methods: Cassington, St. Martin, St. Simon, Morning Star, Old Cadbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	*Richard Newby	4
*Susan Fitton	2	Richard A. Webster	5
*Susan Kempe	3	Albert Hinton	Tenor

Conducted by Richard A. Webster.
* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor. First on the bells since rehanging by Whites of Appleton in 1964.

GEDDINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin, St. Simon and Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Christopher J. Groome	Treble	John G. Mitchell	3
Ronald Russell	2	Christopher Stephenson	4
Stephen B. Bell	Tenor		

Conducted by Stephen B. Bell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Jan. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being four extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and ten extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
W. Gordon Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
H. Geoffrey Wells	3	F. William Midwinter	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison and W. Gordon Marsh.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hubert Davys Argles, aged 88 years, of Holme Pierrepont Hall, who died on January 16th, 1968.

CODDINGTON, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. (C.C.C. 121, 134, 135).
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Derek J. Tysoe	Treble	Paul Raithby	4
*Derick E. Kirton	2	Beryl N. Reed	5
†Keith C. Vernon	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob and first of Minor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents Single Oxford Bob and three extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

*Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	W. Gordon Marsh	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	R Brian Mills	5
William L. Exton	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Minor. Conductor has "circled the tower" as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon Robert Percival Tinsley, aged 75 years, Rector of Holme Pierrepont and Rural Dean of Bingham Deanery, who died on January 20th, 1968.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENKRIDGE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Clifford W. Bowen	Treble	Angela Bagnall	5
Penelope Sedgwick	2	Barnabas G. Key	6
Cyril T. Collins	3	Clive M. Smith	7
Richard B. Dorrington	4	Philip R. Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
First peal in the method for all except the conductor.

SHENSTONE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six methods/variations, viz.: 840 changes each of St. Miles, St. Giles (three callings), Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas, Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (three callings and one 240 each Pitman's and Morris's). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in B minor.

*Vivienne Blackaby	Treble	‡Cyril T. Collins	3
†Richard B. Dorrington	2	‡A. Paul Sheldon	4
Clive M. Smith	Tenor		

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.
* First peal. † First of Doubles "inside." ‡ Most methods/variations on the bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SOUTHWOLD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Richard S. Payne	Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock	5
Barbara M. Payne	2	Roger E. Peckham	6
David Cubitt	3	*Martin Cubitt	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* 100th peal. Believed to be the 50th peal on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan 27, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb.

Colin Conway	Treble	David W. Grimwood ..	5
Kathleen E. Fletcher ..	2	William T. Perrins	6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	3	Frederick E. Collins ..	7
Frank L. Harris	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	A Colin Banton	5
Roderick J. Lees	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Robert Edwards	3	David W. Friend	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In six methods, being 960 Pudsey, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire and 600 London (3) and Rutland, with 98 changes of method.
Tenor 34 cwt.

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

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

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.
On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

John J. Gilbert	Treble	John S. Seager	5
Carole A. H. Patey	2	Richard Farnsworth	6
Patricia Rogers	3	Ian L. Dear	7
John F. S. Eborall	4	Clive W. Longden	Tenor

Composed by I. M. Holland. Conducted by John J. Gilbert.
Rung for the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Gerald Moverley, Bishop of Tinisa in Proconsulari.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MIDDLE SWAN, Western Australia.—At Lot 141, Dance Drive.
On Wed., Jan. 24, 1968, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 11 in G.
*Jennifer Lees .. .. .. 1-2 | Heather A. Mann 3-4
Helen J. Henderon (cond.) 5-6
* First peal. First on the bells. First ladies' peal in Australia and for A.N.Z.A.B. First peal as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.
Alan McFall .. .. .. 1-2 | Robert B. Smith 5-6
Neil Bennett .. .. 3-4 | Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7-8
Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal in the method on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Jan. 19, 1968, in 1 Hour and 44½ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven methods in the following extents: (1) Nicholaston Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob and College Little Bob, (4) Single Court Bob and College Single Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, Single Court Bob and Windsor Single Bob II, (6) Plain Bob, (7) College Little Bob. Tenor size 10 in A.
Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1-2 | Mary W. Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huntington Guild of Bellringers)
HUNTINGTON, York.—In the belfry of the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 4, 1968, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, St. Martin, All Saints' and Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E flat.
*Simon P. D. Burnett .. 1-2 | A. Colin Banton (cond.) .. 3-4
Susan Mitchell 5-6
* 25th peal.

QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

MARKET WEIGHTON YORKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1968 Minor (Plain and Little Bob): J. Whittaker 1, J. Birdsall 2, A. S. Beanland 3, R. Jordan 4, J. Brook 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. First date touch for all and longest length as conductor. A birthday compliment to B. Johnson.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, R. A. Hatcher 3, F. N. Istance 3, R. J. Lloyd 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, H. Istance (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. M. Gurmin.

BATHEASTON, BATH. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M J. C. Cannon 1, Beatrice M. W. Dobbie 2, Jane M. Dennis 3, H. D. Taylor 4, A. F. Lee 5, J. E. Newman (first of Major as cond.) 6, I. P. Cox 7 M. Blanchard 8. First of Major 1, 3, 8. First quarter of Major on the bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Hedgcock 1, Rachel J Sinden 2, Anthea Sparshott 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, M. G. Tong 5, K. I. Davis 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. C. Chatfield 8, D. J. Carr 9, T H. Holmes 10. Rung by the cathedral company in memory of Sidney Walter, president from 1962 to 1968.

CASSINGTON, OXON. — On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain and Little Bob): R. A. Reeves 1, Jean Marlow 2, Pamela Powell 3, Diana Reeves 4, B. J. Davis 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

DEVIZES WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Barrett 1, Janet Pink (first in method) 2, Pam Osborne 3, R. Fisher 4, B. Osborne 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Christine Wright 1, Doreen Metcalfe 2, P. Rogers 3, J. A. Coates 4, S. G. Pick 5, Linda Wilkinson 6, K. Hilton 7, H. Poyner (cond.) 8, B. Birkett 9. For Evensong. The last touch on the bells. Rung on the back nine with tenor covering and all trapdoors above the ringing chamber open wide.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Tull 1, Malvin Tull 2, Carol Tull 3, H. Tull 4, M. Hodgkinson 5, W. Gray 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, A. Beaumont 8. For Christian unity service.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, Mrs. C. Hibbert 3, L. Cox 4, H. Wells 5, C. Hibbert 6, J. Napper (cond.) 7, W. Gilkes 8. For Confirmation Service.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, half-muffled in memory of George Rogers, a past captain and for over 60 years a ringer at Ingatestone, whose funeral was that day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Brentnall (first of Major) 1, R. J. Picton 2, R. W. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, B. M Barker 5, G. Spratt (first Major) 6, P. W. Harper 7, K. D. Waples (first Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (Norbury and Ockley): I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of All Saints, on Jan. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Culhngworth 1, I. Parkin 2, Miss D. Groves 3, L. Head 4, G. Cantrill 5, F Hogan 6, A. Macfadyen (cond.) 7, T. Cullingworth 8. A welcome to Christopher Michael Evenden.

NOTTINGHAM. — At Derby Hall, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (in hand): P. N. Mackley (cond.) 1-2, I. V. J. Smith 3-4, Rosamund M. Rawlings 5-6. First on handbells by N.U.S.C.R. A birthday compliment to Ann Harris.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Roberts (first of Minor) 1, R. Bickerton (first "inside") 2, R. J. Lewis 3, D. O. Fellows 4, P. J. Fells 5, P. T. Dale (cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD. — At the Church of All Saints, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Holland 1, R. Birch 2, J. Guest 3, C. A. Friskney 4, W. Holland 5, L. E. Smith 6, B. Holland (cond.) 7, L. E. Boam 8.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. D. Lanyon 1, R. W. Yates (first as cond.) 2, J. L. Thorogood 3, P. J. Lankester 4, W. A. Yates 5 First of Grandsire 1, 3, 4.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor S. Richards (first of Minor) 1, R. Green 2, Betty J Daysh 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, P. Page 5, E W. Colley (cond.) 6.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At the Church of All Hallows, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Dr. S. Aldridge (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Horsford 2, T. Aldridge 3, J. Euston 4, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 5, G. Pearce 6. For Evensong and for the opening of the new church hall.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS. — On Jan. 21st, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Miss J. Hunt 1, Mrs. R. Cater 2, Miss A. Johnson 3, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. Banks 5, D. Banks 6 R. Cater 7, G. Hancock 8, Rev. N. Webb 9, G. Townend 10, T. Tarbatt 11, D. Barker 12. First on 12 by 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 12. For evening prayer

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bennett 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, B. Moran 3, D. Whetton 4, F. Cooke 5, B. Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,440 Norwich S. Minor: B. Moran 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, R. Spencer 3, D. Whetton 4, F. Cooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For midnight Eucharist. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Cambridge S. and Plain Bob Minor: P. Mellor 1, R. Spencer 2, B. Richards 3, F. Cooke 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. At 9.30 a.m. for Sung Eucharist. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. T. Rooke 1, G. Challans 2, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 3, F. Cooke 4, H. T. Rooke 5, M. Bennett 6. For Sung Eucharist.

AUSTRALIAN QUARTERS

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

On Nov 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Henderson (cond.) 1, R Turner 2, H. Rossell 3, R. Bampton 4 T. Gregory 5 D. Heyes 6, J. Roper 7, A. Bolton 8.

On Jan. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Stewart 1, Pam Gough 2 Helen Henderson 3, C Herbert 4, R. Turner (cond,) 5, R. Stanton 6 R. Bampton 7, J. Fryer 8 A farewell to Pam Gough, departing this day for England. Ringers of 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 are members of St. Paul's Burwood.

On Jan 10th 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Goodyer 1, C. Herbert 2, R. Stanton 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Margaret Goodyer 5, M. Scowan 6, R. Bampton 7, T. Goodyer (cond.) 8.

On Jan. 17th, 1,330 St. Clement's Bob Triples: C. Herbert 1, M. Scowan 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, T. Goodyer 4, B. Potts 5, A. Bolton 6, H. Bossell (cond.) 7, Gordon Stewart 8. To celebrate the birth of Andrew Robert to Andrew and Shirley Bolton.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Robertson 1, Monica Martin 2, C. Herbert 3, R. Stanton 4, R. Bampton 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6, J. Martin 7, C. Rayner 8. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: W Robertson 1, Monica Martin 2, C. Herbert 3, Margaret Goodyer 4, R. Stanton 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6, R. Bampton 7, J. Martin 8. First in method for all except 2 and 6.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Goodyer 1, A. Goodyer (first "inside" and Minor) 2, J. Rainsford 3, R. Walters 4, Margaret Goodyer (cond.) 5, K. Stacey 6. For carol service. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Goodyer 1, P. Goodyer 2, Margaret Goodyer 3, T. Goodyer (cond.) 4, J. Rainsford 5, B. Applebaum 6. First Stedman 1, 2, 5. First of Stedman in the tower. To welcome Simon Rainsford, born Jan. 20th, and for Andrew Goodyer's 11th birthday (Feb. 2nd).

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Barnes 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian Laver 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, Geraldine Piper 5, J. V. A Stedman (first Major "inside") 6, Diana Hayns 7, T. Skilton (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 3. For Evensong.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. J. Curtis 1, Rosamund M. Rawlings (cond.) 2, Caroline Stewart 3, J. M. Rice (first of Major) 4, P. N. Mackley 5, R. M. Day (first of Major) 6, P. J. Bagshaw 7, I. V. J. Smith 8. For Evensong by N.U.S.C.R. A 21st birthday compliment to David R. McLean, Master of the Society.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Fuller (first quarter) 1, R. Martin 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, R. Threadgold 6, H. Snowden 7, T. Bird 8. Congratulations to Mr. Fuller. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,320 Bob Minor (8 cover): A Porter (first quarter) 1, P. Dodd 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Fuller 8. Congratulations, Andrew.

BROADHEMBURY, DEVON. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B Harvey 1, C. Manley 2, F Stamp 3, I. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stamp for their fifth generation, John Anthony Greenway, born at Andover.

BROMSBERROW, GLOS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five meth./var.): Amaryllis K. Bell-Richards (first attempt) 1, R. K. Williams (cond.) 2, Rosemary F. Collins 3, R. S. Chew 4, P. G. Hickey 5, R. W. Collins 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Walter P. Williams.

BURITON HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Roberts 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Sheila Roberts (first "inside") 3, A. Reeves 4, D. Hatherly 5 Mrs. A. Hall 6. Rung after the reopening and rededication of the Buriton Methodist Church.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK. — At the Norman Tower, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. Ballam 1, R. Stannard 2, J. Underwood 3, J. Stannard 4, A Feaver 5, H. Clarke 6, P. Everitt 7, D. Rowlands 8, C. Stannard (cond.) 9, J. Banks 10. For united church service at St. Mary's.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. G. E. Retter 1, Miss J. Hayward 2, Mrs. R. Woodley 3, K. Clarke 4, R. Woodley 5, J Clarke 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. First in method 2, 6.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: I. G. Morgan 1, P. Jones 2, J. C Parker 3, J. S. W. Townley 4, D. J. Morgan 5, D. Robinson (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Jan. 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Maureen Livingstone 1, T L. Winderam 2, Margaret Fenton 3, M. J. Pink 4, Janet E. Cleeve 5, R. M. Preston 6, D. M. Graham-Service 7, P T. Fisher 8 T. C. Winderam (cond.) 9 A. Haynes 10. First in Caters for all except 5 and 9. Rung for the special ecumenical service at which the Lord Primus Bishop Moncrieff preached and at which were present Archbishop J. D. Scanlan and members of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral and also the Rev. Wm. Morris and members of St. Mungo's Presbyterian Cathedral.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Jan 21st, 1,260 Plain Boo Minor Barbara Hooks 1, Alison L. Walker (first Minor "inside") 2 P Mary Beach 3, Margaret A. Eyre 4, Helen M Simpson 5, D. J. Beach (cond.) 6, C W Hodgkinson cover. A tribute to the late Mr. E. Wilcox, for many years Ringing Master at St. Patrick's, Nuthall, Nottingham.

HIGH WYCOMBE BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,584 Bristol Surprise Maximus: D. P. Hilling (cond.) 1, N. J. Diserens 2, J. Hill 3, Helen M. Diserens 4, J. N. Diserens 5, D. Knox 6, T. J. Lock 7, F. W. Lewis 8, F. R. Scott 9, R. F. Diserens 10, R. Baldwin 11, W H. Jackson 12.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Welch 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, R. Dean 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Parker (longest length as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2. A belated compliment to the conductor and Miss Lesley Legget on their engagement.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Meredith 1, Mrs. S. Dutton 2, Miss R. Blackshaw 3, T. Dutton 4, M. Harrison 5, J. Meredith (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mr. C. S. Scrivan, died Dec. 9th, aged 82 years.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Jan 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Whiting (first of Minor) 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, C. R. Nunn 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, T. Spurling (first of Minor "inside") 5, J. A. Underwood 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Houghton 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newsom 4, R. Harrop 5, N. Harding 6.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sally A. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Gillian Taylor (first quarter) 2, N. Burnett 3, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 4, D. Makin-Taylor 5. A farewell to the Rev. D. Clark, senior curate, leaving on appointment as Precentor of Manchester Cathedral.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Thorp 1, E. Barnes 2, Miss B. J. Bagguley 3, Miss M. J. Evens 4, B. J. W. Foley 5, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 6. First Minor 2, 3, 4.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. At Evensong as a golden wedding compliment to Alice Victoria and Jeffrey Clarke.

MARCH, CAMBS. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Annette Breeze (first quarter) 1, P. H. Langton 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, M. Goakes 6. For morning prayer; also a compliment to Dr. A. Turnbull, a former ringer, on his engagement, and to Mrs. C. Goakes on her 85th birthday.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS. — On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Greenway 1, R. Poston 2, Ann Butcher 3, F. Oakley 4, L. Meadows 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, K Tyler 7, N. Little 8. Rung as a compliment to the treble and tenor ringers on their engagement: first on eight for both.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Town (cond.) 1, Catherine Pedley 2, M. Humphrey 3, Mrs. M. Town 4, Jennifer Dunning 5, W. Pedley 6, P Town 7, N. Munden 8. First Triples by all the band and by a local band. For Evensong.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Minor (seven methods): Rachel Kistruck 1 R. J. Wilsher 2, Elizabeth M. Barber 3, J. R. Leary 4, R. H. Johnson 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. First of Spliced 3, 5. Rung by the O.U.S.C.R. for morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: B. H. Coatsworth 1, Julie S. Armstrong (first in method) 2, Alison M. Mann 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, B. J. Bull 5, Rev. M. Hart (first in method) 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. R. Patterson 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to John Pratchett and Kay Styring on their engagement.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. A farewell to the Rev. F. N. Brown on his retirement.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 1 E. H. Langley 2, G. H. Dunstan 3, R Hart 4, F M Bowers 5, D. Stevens 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Church of St. Marie, on Jan. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Cooper 1, Carole Patey 2, Patricia Rogers 3, S. Cole 4, J. Hartley 5, J Eborall 6 I. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longden 8. By University of Sheffield Guild for evening Mass.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Wendy Roberts 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. A 13th birthday compliment to Maureen Tipper, a member of the Petersfield tower.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Bob Doubles: Mrs. C. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Jan 28th, 1,260 Winchendon Place Bob Doubles: F. Bradley 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, Mrs D. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Brophy (first quarter) 1, W S. Croft (first "inside") 2, Joy F. Butler 3, K. S. Croft 4, D. Harman 5, M. J. Butler 6, C. J Butler (cond.) 7, A. Jackson 8

SOUTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Jan 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Mrs. B. Fost 1, Miss T West 2, Miss B. Goodspeed 3 G. W. Sillis (cond.) 4, J. Fost (first quarter) 5, H. R. Sillis 6. First quarter by an all-local band.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — On Jan 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Rowe 1, Anne Medley 2, E. J. Rowe 3, L. Gates 4, M. Medley 5, T. Bailey 6, J. Weaver 7, L. Green 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the mother of W. H Theobald.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Mary Croft (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Myers 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, A. Croft (first "inside") 4, J. G. Rose (cond.) 5, P. Croft 6. For Evensong and as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Henderson.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Jayne 1, L. Duguid 2, J. F. A. Rolph 3, K. C. Knight 4, A. F W. Burbidge 5, G. J. Gammon 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, N. Vollar 8. A birthday compliment to Eileen Jayne.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan 28th, 1,272 Bob Minor: Peter Butler (first of Minor) 1, J. Fry (first "inside") 2, Philip Butler (first of Minor "inside") 3, S Gay 4, A. S Richards 5, M. Gay (cond.) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 York Surprise Minor: P Richardson 1, P. Staples 2, B. Johnson 3, R J. Carlton 4, C. Wylde 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WING, BUCKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Jones 1 C. J. N. Dalton 2, Jenifer Pearce 3, L. C. Way 4, R. J. Collis 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6.

WOLVERLEY, WORCS. — On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Wellings 1, P. Johnson 2, I Sheffield (first Surprise) 3, G. Pick 4, P. Davies 5, R. Dorrington (cond.) 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Medley 1, Miss G. Simpson 2, R Amos 3, A. Spreadbury 4, M. Medley (cond.) 5, D. Willcocks 6. For the wedding anniversary of Alan and Sheila Spreadbury.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Short 1, M. J. Stone 2, A. G. Kent 3, G. Nabb 4, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 5, E T. Dibble 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bertram Cox, former ringer, interred earlier this day.

WOOTTON OXON — On Jan. 23rd, 1,272 Minor (Double Oxford and St. Clement's): Marilyn Bird 1, D. Floyd 2, Diana Reeves 3, R. A. Reeves 4, P. J. Heritage 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6.

WORLE SOM. — On Jan 27th, 1,260 mixed Doubles: H Kinnar 1, R. Jones 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Lambard 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. Hallett.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Marlow 1, Diana Reeves 2, Pamela Powell 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, B. J. Davis 5, R. A. Reeves 6.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

BOLTON.—To Shirley and Andrew, of Lot 260, Armin Street, Scoresby, Victoria, Australia, a son, Andrew Robert, on January 9th, 1968. 3333

PIPE. — To Gillian (née Schofield) and Roderick, on February 5th, 1968, a son, David James. 3328

ENGAGEMENT

CLARKE—HAYWARD. — The engagement is announced between James Murray, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. K. T. Clarke, of Sidmouth, Devon, and Joan Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hayward, of Eastchurch, Sheppey, Kent. 3330

DEATH

COX.—Margaret Elizabeth, widow of Canon Carew Cox, died at Lyme Regis on January 30th, aged 87 years. Funeral was at Lyme Regis on February 2nd.

RETURN THANKS

HARRISON.—Mrs. Judy Harrison thanks her friends for their letters, cards and inquiries following her recent operation and regrets that she is unable to anwer them all individually.—32, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow. 3336

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FELLOWS.—The address of Ann Fellows is now: Briar Hill, Norwich Road, Northrepps, Norfolk. 3332

JAMES.—The address of David and Margaret James is now: 22, Barn Meadow Lane, Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. Phone: Bookham 4269. 3325

PERSONAL

Will Miss M. A. Hawkins send her address to "The Ringing World" office. Her copy has been returned. Last known address: 57, Wilmington Avenue, Chiswick, London, W.4.

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.—Hebrews xiii, 5.

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

ST. MARTIN'S, EPSOM, SURREY.—There will be no ringing from Monday, February 12th, until further notice. Rehanging.—J. C. Davidge, Capt. 3317

UNIVERSITY DINNERS

LEEDS UNIVERSITY ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, March 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. at the Guildford Hotel, The Meadrow, Leeds. Tickets (25/-) now available from P. J. Crossthwaite, 15, Hanover Square, Park Lane, Leeds 3. 3320

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY
Annual Dinner, Feb. 24th

Tickets (£1) from J. Coope, Derby Hall, North Mossley Hill, Liverpool 18. Ringing arrangements: Walton 10; St. Michael's, Aughton, 11; Christ Church, Aughton, 11.45; Halsall 1.15; Emmanuel, Southport, 2; Christ Church, Southport, 3.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY
Annual Dinner

Saturday, February 17th, Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster. Tickets (27s. 6d.) obtainable from C. P. Starbuck, 148, Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W.2.

Ringing:

St. Mary's, Lambeth (8) ..	10.30–11.15
Bishopsgate (8)	11.30–12.15
Clerkenwell (8)	12.30– 1.15
Southwark Cathedral (12)	2.30– 3.15
Cripplegate (12)	3.30– 4.30
St. Margaret's, W'stm'ster (10)	5.00– 6.00

Ringing on Sunday at Aldgate (9.30–10.30) and St Olave's (5–6); Quarters at St. Vedast's and St. Clement Danes' by arrangement 3308

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

IRISH ASSOCIATION

St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.
800th Anniversary Celebrations.
Ringers' Festival, Sept. 7th and 8th.
All visitors most welcome.
Details from:
F. G. Bingham, 11, Peter Street, Limerick.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Will members please note: The annual general meeting at Liverpool has been altered to April 27th, 1968. — J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 3299

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
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G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.
Phone: SPR 1025.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Learners' practice at Leatherhead on Tuesday, February 27th, at 7.45 p.m.—J. P. O.

ALL SAINTS', TOOTING GRAVENEY
Surrey Association

Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Dedication of the new ring of eight bells. Admission to dedication and tea following by ticket only, available free to those who apply with s.a.e. by Wednesday previous to Rev. A. Clayton, 76, Franciscan Road, S.W.17. 3127

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Dedication of 13th bell on Sunday, March 10th, at Evensong (3.30 p.m.). Ringing after the service 4.30 to 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served to those who send in names to J. A. Dodd, 5, Ashdown Road, Hiltingbury, Eastleigh, Hants, by March 6th. All welcome. 3340

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The name and address of the tower secretary is now J. A. Dodd, 5, Ashdown Road, Hiltingbury, Eastleigh, Hants. SO5 1RB. 3341

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Dundry (6), Saturday, February 17th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3304

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells (8), Saturday, February 17th, 6.30 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 3301

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual general meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, February 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 3323

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. 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 & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting at Kempsford (6) 5.30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 17th.—J. Pearse, Dis. Sec. 3306

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, February 17th, 6 to 9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 3319

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Striking competition, Pluckley, February 17th. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify W. G. Homewood, The Street, Pluckley, near Ashford, by Thursday, February 15th. General ringing after tea. All welcome.—A. P. S. B. 3313

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Ashby Folville (8) on Saturday, February 17th. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 3300

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. Corringham bells after tea. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise Minor and Grandsire Doubles. —George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3263

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting at Pinner on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 3316

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. 3275

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on February 17th. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church House at 5 p.m. Ringing All Saints' 3 and 7 p.m., St. Paul's 7.15 p.m. Notify for tea to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, by February 12th. 3314

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

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Ogbourne St. George, Saturday, February 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by ringing. Names for tea, please, to Miss H. Jones, High Green, Windmill Close, Aldbourne, Wilts. 3350

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD (Leicester area).—Joint meeting, Melbourne, February 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Stevenson, 191, Station Road, Melbourne, Derbyshire.—B. R. C. 3311

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Social evening, St. John's Hall, Croydon, Saturday, February 17th. Please bring soft shoes. Ringing at St. John's 6.30–7.30. Social 7.30.—E. G. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 3318

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

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting to be held at Swindon Village (5) on Monday, February 19th, from 7.30 until 9. 3343

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Boreham on February 20th, 7.30 to 9. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 3321

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Handsworth (8), Sheffield, on Wednesday, February 21st. Surprise Major. J. J. L. Gilbert as Ringing Master. 3212

LAST TIME FOR NOTICES FRIDAY MID-DAY

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

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Stogumber (6 bells) on Saturday, February 24th, at 6 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Hon. Sec. 3351

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bentley (5), Saturday, February 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. J. Sanderson, 109, Woodhouse Road, Doncaster. 3344

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N. W. District.—Learners' meeting will be held at Thorley (6), Saturday, February 24th, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 3324

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Grittleton on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) available from 6 until 9. 3327

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at East Ardsley on Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Alan Clifton, 14, The Avenue, Tingley, Wakefield, by previous Wednesday. 3347

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting at Measham, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 3353

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Meeting, Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gilliver, 19, Main Street, by Wednesday previous. 3315

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

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Meeting at Holme-Hale, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme-Hale, by Wednesday, February 21st.—C. E. G. Banham, Hon. Sec. 3302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — White Horse Branch. — Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 24th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and ringing. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 3307

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Hailsham, Saturday, February 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, not later than Wednesday, 21st.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 3310

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Pucklechurch, Monday, February 26th. Bells (6) available 7.30 to 9 p.m.—R. H. D. 3329

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on February 27th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: February 27th, St. Paul's Cathedral; March 5th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; March 12, St. Lawrence Jewry; March 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 3303

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hillfarrance (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton. 3348

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Colne Engaine (6), March 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names not required. 3349

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4 followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 3322

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — General meeting at Saffron Walden (12) on March 2nd. Bells 3.15–4.15, also Wendens Ambo (6) 2–2.45. Evensong at Saffron Walden 4.15. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me by February 24th. — Jennifer M. Andrews, Church Road, Thorington, Colchester, Essex. 3334

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice at Kildwick (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 p.m. Methods: Kent, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, July 6th. Committee meeting 10.30. Service 11.30. Buffet lunch available. A.G.M. 1 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Further details later. 3335

QUARTER PEALS

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Warinton 1, R. Pashley 2, Lynda Pashley (first quarter) 3, J. Ladd (cond.) 4, P. Feast 5, A. Tanner 6. For midnight service. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Matthews 1, J. Ladd 2, P. Feast 3, R. Pashley 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. Matthews 6. To ring in the New Year. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 St. Simon's and Bob Doubles: R. Pashley 1, I. Taylor 2, C. Matthews 3, P. Feast 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, J. Warinton 6.

PILTON SOM. — On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica M. G. Frewin (first quarter) 1, R. C. Taylor 2, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, T. N. J. Bailey 5, Sheila Y. Hallett 6.

USK, MON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Richards 1, G. Knight 2, Mrs. S. Clench (first "inside") 3, R. Clench 4, F. Hobbs 5, L. Jones 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Shea 8. Rung for Evensong.

WARGRAVE, BERKS. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading: R. Theedom 1, A. Bird 2, Mrs. E. M. Smith 3, A. Burton 4, D. Bird 5, D. Theedom 6, A. Siggery (first quarter) 7, H. Smith (cond.) 8.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A 21st birthday compliment to K. G. Waller, and his 50th quarter together with R. A. Stone.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Munday 1, Jill May 2, Felicity Hamilton (25th quarter) 3, Jill Oakshott 4, R. D. Mills 5, T. Skilton 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, K. B. Burgess 8. First Stedman 3, 4.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: N. T. E. Burnett 1, J. Cunliffe 2, R. K. Lister 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. Illingworth 5, R. Jolley 6, G. Fothergill 7, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Stacey 1, Sally Stacey 2, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Betsworth 6, K. Sansom (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. A 15th birthday compliment to David Hatherly.

Rings of Four in Nottinghamshire—By GEORGE A. DAWSON

Arnold. — Since the church's foundations were underpinned during coal mining operations the bells have not been rung. They are chimed quite often and there are moves to have them rehung in a new frame and augmented to five. When visited the fittings were in poor condition. Two trebles by Samuel Midworth, of Mansfield, dated 1841. He was a brass founder and the only other bells known by him are Warsop (1812, since recast), Skegby (1830) and two bells at St. Mary's, Bulwell (1851), which were recast and incorporated into the ring of eight now there.

The third by George Oldfield I is 1699 and tenor by Thomas Mears in 1799. Weight about 8 cwt.

Calverton.—A good four rehung by Taylor's in 1896, when they augmented them from two. All swing east-west. Tenor on ball-bearings and the trebles on plain bearings. The treble is by George Oldfield I, cast in 1623. The other three are by Taylor's, 1896/7, the second being a recast of one by George Oldfield I in 1667.

The bells go well, but the tenor is slow going. One quarter peal, 1,320 Minimus in two methods, was rung here on October 19th, 1963. There used to be a local band till about 1965.

Car Colston.—The four are not rung as the tower is unsafe. Attempts to ring them about 1964 resulted, according to rumour, in the band departing from the tower at high speed. All are hung side by side along one side of the tower. There is a peculiar stay system here, the stays being about 18 in. long and engage on a sliding block arrangement bolted to the side of the frame.

The two trebles are by George Oldfield I, 1633 and undated respectively, third by Taylor's in 1872 and the tenor bears the badges ascribed to Richard Mellours and his son, Robert, 1470–1525. The inscription on this bell is not one of the more common ones used by them and it reads:

Clara+voce+pia+resono+usu+sca+maria

Tenor diameter is 36 in. so weight will be about 8 cwt.

East Stoke. — A complete four by Henry Oldfield II, in 1591, these fine bells are unringable as the massive wooden frame is now unsafe. Tenor weight about 10 cwt. They are occasionally swing-chimed.

Epperstone.—Although mentioned by Dove as a four, these bells are not a true four but three and a large clock bell. All are now hung "dead" and fitted with chiming hammers, the lighter three in the old wooden frame and the clock bell between this frame and one window ledge. They were ringable in 1901.

The treble is by Thomas Hedderly, in 1742, and is one of the earliest bells by the Hedderlys using the stamps of the Oldfield family. The second is by George Oldfield II, in 1729, the third by Henry Oldfield II, in 1590. The clock bell is by Taylor's, in 1865. Third diameter 33 in. and tenor 45 in.

Farndon. — Condemned by Taylor's in the early 1950s, but prior to this time I believe there was a local band.

The bells are hung in a substantial wooden frame, which looks typical of those made by the Hedderlys, and plain bearings. Treble by George Oldfield II, cast in 1710, the second by Thomas Hedderly, in 1774, and the two tenors by Henry Oldfield II (undated and 1589 respectively). Tenor diameter 38 in., weight in the region of 10 cwt.

Flintham.—These bells are hung "dead" in the central tower on R.G.J.s The ropes attached to the chiming hammers fall in the very corners of the tower among the choir stalls.

Treble by Thomas Hedderly, in 1777, 2 and 3 by Henry Oldfield II. in 1613 and 1616 respectively, and the tenor by George Oldfield II in 1718.

Quite a pleasant sounding four but alas, only chimable.

CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, EAST STOKE

ST. JAMES THE GREAT, NORMANTON

Gonalston. — Although hung for full circle ringing, the light four have neither stays nor sliders. The bells are hung in two tiers in the small tower in a frame erected by the local joiner, W. Faulks, in 1852, when the church was extensively rebuilt and the tower added. The fittings are in a poor condition but the bells are quite ringable by a strong band. The Bingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild have held meetings here.

Treble and tenor by Taylor's, in 1853, 2 and 3 from the Nottingham foundry, possibly William Noon's, in 1684. Tenor diameter 28in., about 4¾ cwt.

Hawton.—All attempts to even look at the bells in this fine three-stage late Perpendicular tower have met with refusal on the grounds that the floors are unsafe.

One bell by Richard Mellours is probably coeval with the tower, which was completed in 1482.

Linby.—Unmentioned in Dove, these bells were the subject of an article in the "R.W." early in 1966. Plain bearings in very poor condition, they are hung in a much-strengthened frame. The fittings are in poor condition; each bell has its own peculiarity; the tenor man is hidden from the ringers of 2 and 3 by the clock case. Definitely bells for tenor kings, the light four, by Thomas Mears, in 1826, have had two quarter peals rung upon them, in November and December, 1965.

East Leake.—A 3-bell tower here, the fourth bell is a small (13in. dia.) sanctus. Rehung by Taylor's in a metal H frame in the year 1920, they are spaced to accommodate six bells. The local band ring them with the treble half down, giving bells in the order 1213, 1213.

Normanton - on - Soar. — Politics keep this this pretty four from being rung. An opportunity recently showed that the bells go very well in spite of much neglect in recent years. Rehung by Taylors in 1897, when they recast all the bells, they were previously a complete four by George Oldfield II, in 1634/5. The tenor weighs about 8¼ cwt. The tower is a central one with a tall spire.

Norwell.—These bells were rehung in a metal frame by Taylor's in 1932 and a fourth bell was added one year later. The frame is arranged for the addition of two trebles at some future date. Although in good condition, the bell chamber has been of late much neglected and birds have gained entry. The bells are rung occasionally for service by Sutton-on-Trent ringers and go well. The tenor weighs 9-2-5 in G, diameter 39¼ in., by Taylor's, 1821. Treble and 2 by Taylor's also, in 1932-3. The third is a fine bell by Henry Oldfield, in 1591.

Oxton. — Eight cwt. four which go well. There is, or was till very recently, a local band. One quarter peal has been rung here, in November, 1963.

A wooden frame and plain bearings; the fittings are in good condition. The treble and tenor by Taylor's, 1885 and 1911 respectively; the 2nd and 3rd are by George Oldfield II.

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		5	5
		5	5
2			
5			
2			
3			

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W	3rds	H
2	5	5
2	x3	
3		
x2		

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(2)

4ths	B	3rds	H
5	4	1	4
x3			

(3)

4ths	B	3rds	H
5			
3	4	1	1
x3			

(4)

B	H
1	4
5	4
x3	

(5)

W	B	H
1	4	5
		4
x3		

(6)

4ths	B	H
	1	4
3	5	1
x3		

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