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The Church of St. Mary, Andover, Hampshire

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OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary's Church, Andover, Hampshire

By D. F. KING

THE Parish Church of St. Mary, Andover, is on a dominant site in the centre of the town and yet is more easily seen from the approaches to the town. Both parish and town are ancient and yet the church is comparatively new. As with other parishes in England, this is a history of two churches, but with common features—the dedication, the site and the bells!

The parish must have existed well before the Norman Conquest, though the church is not mentioned in the Domesday Book. However, at the end of the 11th century the church, with all its lands and possessions, was given to a Benedictine abbey in Anjou. By 1413 the Priory at Andover was dissolved, England being at odds with France at this time, and the church with its property was given to Winchester College, in whose gift the benefice still remains.

Unfortunately, many of the early vestry minutes and accounts are missing, but an alert vicar of Andover discovered one of the missing volumes at a London sale, which he promptly bought. This volume, covering the latter part of the 17th and early 18th centuries, has many references to payments to ringers for their services, particularly during the later part of the 17th century. Several of these payments were for what can be called royal occasions ("when the King was in Towne"), and it is also apparent that the burgesses of Andover were supporters of the seven bishops who defied the King in 1688 and who were tried for sedition. The bells in this year were rung when the bishops "were bayl'd out of the Tower" and when acquitted. There is an earlier reference to the bells being rung: this was in 1471 when the town was visited by the Duke of Clarence who, it is said, lost his life drowned in a butt of malmsey!

SPIRE COLLAPSES

The old church had a central tower topped by a spire 80 feet high, but this was blown down during the heavy gales of 1705. The spire was not replaced and the repair work not completed until 1712. There was a payment to the bellfounders of £11 13s. for repair of the bells. It is fairly certain that the tower had six bells at this time, because a nearby inn was the Five Bells in 1697 and the Six Bells by 1713. One wonders whether the augmentation took place after the damage. It is unlikely, however, that the bellfounders' bill would cover repair and an additional bell. In 1758 a ring of eight was cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack with a tenor of 16 cwt.

By the late 1830s concern was expressed

about the inadequacy of the seating in the old church, and a plan was drawn up to provide more pews. This was submitted to an architect to find out if it was practical; not only did he turn the scheme down but he also said that all ringing must stop as the tower, in his opinion, was unsafe. It was eventually decided to build a completely new church. This decision was no doubt helped by the fact that the money for rebuilding was not to fall on the parish but would be provided mainly by a wealthy local clergyman.

BUILDING THE SECOND CHURCH

Work on the demolition and rebuilding started in 1840, and by the middle of 1842 it was expected that the end of the year would see the completion of the church. Then part of the clerestory walls fell, to the consternation and anger of the local population. The furore which followed eventually quietened down and the church was sufficiently completed by August, 1844, to enable services to take place. Two years later the tower was completed. The architect had wanted to have a spire, but the clerk of works, taken on at the time of the collapse of the walls, was adamant that this was not possible. The builder's wishes prevailed, no doubt because the architect's reputation was a little less soundly based after the collapse!

In May, 1846, a few months after the tower was finished, the bells were rung in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday. It seems from the records that striking was not always good in those days, and "The Hampshire Chronicle" considered that the ringers had not done justice to this "fine peal of bells". Charitably, the paper put this down to the ringers' "advancing years" and their lack of practice during the rebuilding.

Sunday service ringing continued but the tower does not appear to have attracted many peals at this time. The year 1899 saw a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung for the first time by a local band and in 1905 the first peal of Grandsire Triples.

In 1947 the bells were retuned and re-hung on ball bearings with a metal frame, the third being recast and inscribed with the name of the vicar (the Rev. A. C. Fletcher Mard) and the churchwardens (J. A. Acherman and A. E. C. Macey). The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, at a cost of £2,000, the whole being found by public appeal.

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Andover District's Wonderful 40th Anniversary

AN unprecedented celebration has taken place in rural North West Hampshire in honour of the 40th anniversary of the Andover District. No fewer than 35 peals have been rung in 23 different towers. A principle observed was that every ringer capable of ringing a peal was invited to stand in the peal in his own tower.

With such a wide invitation it can be truly regarded as a District's own rejoicing. There were 18 ringers taking part in their first peal and six conductors scored their first peal in this capacity out of the nine who conducted peals. Altogether 46 ringers took part in peals, whilst at least eight more stood in the tailures and were unsuccessful in scoring a peal.

Of special note were the all local band peals—Plain Bob Triples at Highclere in their own tower, Grandsire Doubles at Broughton by Andover band, Plain Bob Doubles at Thrupton by Kingsclere local band and the local peal of Grandsire at Andover. "All those scoring a peal were Andover District members, and the enthusiasm shown has been well worth the effort," writes the District chairman, Mr. G. K. Dodd. "1968 will be a year to remember for Andover District members—a combined effort in which everyone played his part."

THE DAY TO DAY STUDY

Two attempts were planned for January 1st—at Andover and Kingsclere. The former was turned into a practice when the conductor arrived with a heavy cold. At Highclere the first all-local eight-bell peal was scored with Plain Bob Triples. Friday's attempt in the only ringable four-bell tower in the District was successful. The 15-year-old conductor, Robert Crocker, rang his first in that capacity. Here the treble is rung under the clockcase and can be troublesome if a straight pull is not used.

Saturday was a day of failures. The popular and easy-going six at Longparish suffered a broken rope after ten minutes; to Jack Wimlett, making his first attempt as conductor, this must have been disappointing. At Abbot's Ann in the evening Albert Green, also making his first attempt as conductor, lost a hunt-bell in Grandsire only eight extents from the end and, in the confusion, had to stop.

BROKEN ROPES

By now icy conditions prevailed, but the attempt to ring the first peal on the five bells at Wherwell went ahead as planned. These bells, previously unringable, now go well, but the ropes of 4 and 5 have had the clockcase built round them and these bells play up. Two false starts through broken ropes were made; both being replaced, the third attempt fared better, but with 18 extents behind us, down came No. 3 rope, and another failure was chalked up.

Tuesday night of the second week was down for Longstock, a first on the bells, but further snow on Monday made road conditions treacherous. We started out and got as far as the nearest phone box, where a call was put through to the Vicar of Midgham, who gave permission for the attempt to be made here. Twenty Doubles methods were scored on the back five there. The conductor, taking a tumble in the Vicarage, drove on thick ice. However, Berkshire road conditions were better and we arrived home safely.

On Wednesday the band got through to Goodworth Clatford and a first-class peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the good six, a portable tape recorder recording parts of it. Bradley Murduck was congratulated on his first as conductor.

"WOULD REJOIN!"

At Amport on Thursday Geoffrey Dodd was down to conduct a peal of Grandsire Doubles with five firsts. Before the start the tenor man said that he might have to rush outside, but to carry on without him and he would join in when he returned! Geoff told him not to worry. However, on the 22nd extent his worst fears were confirmed, and before he could call the bells into rounds Bill was gone—and so another failure.

The annual meeting on the Saturday (January 13th) prevented any further peal ringing, but on Sunday the Andover ringers were successful in ringing Grandsire Doubles at Broughton, only the second peal on the bells, which are not easy to ring. A further attempt at Burghclere was again put back because of flu, but Wednesday's (January 17th) attempt on the heavy-going six at St. Mary Bourne was successful, with Reg Crook doing his stuff as conductor and with three first peelers in the band. A first-class effort.

Thursday's attempt on the quiet six at East Woodhay was also successful. Doubles methods were rung with Philip Taylor calling his first peal as conductor. Albert Green's attempt at Leckford on January 20th failed in the first quarter peal, but the second attempt, at Longparish, was successful, Jack Wimlett calling his first peal. Another success was on the light six at Stockbridge on January 21st, when Phil Murduck called his first of Bob Minor as conductor, this being the second peal on these bells.

The peal at Tangley (a light ground-floor ring of five) was of Bob Doubles. This was on January 23rd, and George Beavis, the local captain, was attempting his first peal. Philip Taylor was deputising for Geoff Dodd as conductor and brought the peal to a successful conclusion with a nice steady beat on these good-toned bells.

The Barton Stacey peal on January 25th was also successful. Eleven-year-old David Goss rang the treble in fine style for his first peal, whilst his father, still suffering the after-effect of flu, was able to listen to the last six extents. Robert Crocker called his first peal on the easy-going six. On the same night the new six at Upper Clatford were pealed for the first time by a mixed team. Walter Mulford, a past captain of the other Clatford tower, fulfilled a lifelong ambition in ringing the tenor to three Doubles methods, Jack Wimlett having kindly reserved this attempt for Geoff Dodd to call the first peal on the bells.

The Saturday (January 27th) peal at Kingsclere was one of the best on the bells, also one of the quickest. The recording on the tape recorder of the last three courses was ringing of the highest order. Philip Murduck called Pritchard's popular peal of Bob Major. Another unfortunate failure was the Woolton Hill all-local band attempt on January 29th, when the treble rope broke in the last 720. This included two first peal attempts and a first as conductor.

The Tuesday (January 30th) peal was at Burghclere, but was again elusive. On Thursday night the difficult bells at Hurstbourne Priors were tackled, but with three of the bells sticking troublesome with slip wheels and sticking pulley wheels, it was called round at the quarter peal. So with January completed, 13 peals were successful, almost halfway to our objective, with a good number of first peelers and firsts as conductors.

INTO FEBRUARY

Into February, and the first peal on the Longstock bells, another ground-floor ring, with no unusual characteristics, where 12 Doubles methods were rung with the bells well spaced out; this was on the Saturday afternoon (February 3rd). At Whitechurch, another ground-floor ring of eight, the attempt for Grandsire Triples the same day hardly got off the ground.

Sunday, the anniversary of the District, found five of us again meeting at Wherwell, but with more broken ropes and three splices later there was only time for a quarter peal, probably the first on the bells. Tuesday, at Leckford, was more successful, with Robert Crocker again conducting. Difficulty with four and five in the last quarter peal was suspected as the bells were going dry. Nevertheless, they are the best-toned five in the District. Thursday (February 8th) at Amport again brought success with a well-struck peal of Grandsire Doubles and three first peelers performing. The bells are rung from the chancel and were rehung and tuned by Taylors.

An all-Kingsclere band attempt had been planned for Thrupton on February 10th and it gave great pleasure to the participants and to the organisers when Bob Doubles was successfully rung with two first peelers, one first "inside" and a first peal as conductor; all credit to this band. On Tuesday (February 13th), at Longparish, a 34 Doubles method attempt was reduced to 25 as one of the band was ill and a last-minute replacement was found. A very pleasing peal was scored. Thursday (February 15th) at last found us at Burghclere, where a joint Highclere/Burghclere band successfully rang Bob Minor. There were two firsts of Minor and one first pealer took part.

A WEEK OF FAILURES

The second attempt at Andover on Monday (February 19th) had every look of success until, just before the halfway, a late call put the bells into some confusion. However, all the band felt that the next attempt had every chance of success. The unusual toned five at Over Wallop also registered another failure on the Wednesday. A further attempt, again at Andover, on February 18th to ring Grandsire Triples failed through a shift course around the quarter peal mark and it was decided to strengthen the band before the next attempt.

Success came on February 21st with a peal in two Minor methods at Barton Stacey, Philip Taylor ringing his bell with two crushed fingers received when the car door was shut on them the previous night. Further success the next night was the first peal of Stedman Minimus at Newtown with three firsts of Stedman. Bernard Doe replaced Philip at the last minute when his fingers were too painful to ring a difficult treble.

The second attempt at Abbot's Ann was successful on February 24th, again a late replacement when David Goss was roped in 30 minutes before the start, and a good peal was successfully rung.

READY MONEY!

On the following Tuesday evening the first peal of Ready Money was scored at Tangley; one wonders where the name originated. It is quite tricky until one gets used to the bobs. This enabled George Beavis and Geoff Dodd to ring one together, both being well satisfied with the results.

Thursday evening proved rather a disappointment—the Bob Major planned at Whitechurch for the second attempt was changed to Bob Minor when we met short. However, a very good peal was achieved in the quick time of 2 hours and 45 minutes with some pulling on the back end, the long draught not making things easy.

So the second month of our peal anniversary was completed with 11 successful peals and three failures out of 14 attempts, a good average on the whole.

INTO MARCH

We entered March with a good peal of Doubles on the unusual five at Over Wallop, the second attempt here, and were congratulated afterwards by the Rector on some excellent ringing, this being a Saturday afternoon peal.



The Andover District officers, taken at the annual meeting at Whitchurch on January 13th. Left to right: Archibald W. Allston (deputy chairman), Rev. Hamilton Lloyd (auditor), Geoffrey K. Dodd (chairman, seen cutting the 40th anniversary cake), Jack C. Wimlett (hon. secretary and Executive Committee representative), Reginald Crook (Ringing Master). Afternote: The treasurer, Terry Tarrant, was busy collecting subscriptions.

The second attempt at Highclere, on March 4th, was specially organised for the regular practice night visitors to take part. A pleasing peal of Bob Major was scored with two firsts on eight and one first of Major, and a fast time with a good beat was set up with an experienced band.

Wednesday night's peal at Woolton Hill included three bandaged hands, one ringer suffering a sprained wrist, another with crushed fingers and the conductor also having a fractured finger in plaster; however, the two first peelers were in one piece and another successful peal was scored.

Into the second week and the wedding peal for Chris and Leslie on Tuesday night at St. Mary Bourne was the first in 42 Doubles variations for all the band.

12 DOUBLES FOR 12-YEAR-OLD

Ill-luck, however, dogged us on Thursday (March 14th) at East Woodhay, when at the end of the sixth extent of an excellent peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in what would have been a first for all the tenor rope parted below the sally.

Into the third week, and on Tuesday night another successful peal in 12 Doubles methods at Longparish, specially arranged for David Goss, now 12 years old, to ring his first peal "inside." On this performance he will definitely be one of our future Up-and-Coming Youngsters. However Wednesday night met with another disappointment when at Woolton Hill an attempt to ring four Minor methods failed after ringing an excellent 720 of Cambridge.

Thursday proved more successful with Plain Bob Minor at Upper Clatford. A mistake here is fatal, the bells being more than just noisy; a good peal was rung—the first of Minor on the bells.

To enable Reg Rex to call his peal of Grandsire Triples, a special attempt had been arranged at Kingsclere on Marsh 23rd. with four firsts in the method taking part. All went well until the end of the fourth part, when a late call caused confusion and "Stand" was called.

Sunday proved more successful, Kent Minor being rung in fine style on the light six at Stockbridge, again with three firsts in the method and a first in the method on the bells, both of the other two peals being Bob Minor.

A FIRST AT NETHER WALLOP

Afterwards we visited Nether Wallop. Here the movement of the frame against the tower walls prevents long ringing but we were able to obtain permission for a quarter peal and a good one in four Doubles methods was rung on this heavy five, no peal or quarter having previously been rung on the bells.

The peal in 42 Doubles variations all with a plain course of Plain Bob had been planned for some time and the different calls had been a regular feature of recent practice nights. It was in June, 1958, that the conductor first recorded a peal of Bob Doubles in six variations, thinking this was the limit. Times have changed and at least 20 more calls could have been produced if required. A good peal was rung at Burghclere by a mixed band from Highclere and Burghclere on March 26th. The next evening a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at East Woodhay, Mr. Webb having repaired the rope, the cause of our failure the previous fortnight.

Two attempts had been fixed for Saturday (March 30th) at Wherwell to ring the first peal on this anti-clockwise light ring of five, and at Woolton Hill for the first by an all-local band since 1938. It was a matter of regret that the latter attempt had to be cancelled. At Wherwell, after a further check of ropes, a good peal was rung with little difficulty on bells that will run away if allowed to do so. We would like to associate Phil Murduck and Jack Wimlett with this peal, both having stood in the previous attempts.

All that was left was Andover, and further attempts on Saturday and again on Monday (April 1st) each came to grief. However, Andover band are proud at having scored a quarter of Grandsire Triples with an all-local band, the first on record, and have vowed that a peal will be scored before the year is through.

G. K. DODD.

DEDICATION

NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE

At the foot of the Pennines, high on a hill above the village, stands the Church of St. Thomas, Newhey. The original bells, which were installed in 1877, have for many years been in such a poor condition as to render them dangerous to ring. It was therefore a proud moment for the local ringers and parishioners on Sunday, March 31st, when, before a large congregation, the Lord Bishop of Manchester dedicated the new ring of eight bells. These bells, which have been cast and installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., are lighter than the old ring, the tenor now weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. (Note C sharp.)

The dedication service, which took place in the morning, was followed by ringing, when a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major showed how delightfully rewarding this light ring is. The tower was open throughout the afternoon until Evensong and, despite the adverse weather conditions, over 60 ringers visited the tower. Some difficulty was experienced in controlling the trebles but, after a few minutes' ringing, most people adjusted to the weight of the bells (or should it be the lack of weight).

Practice night is Tuesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m. and Sunday service ringing 9 to 9.30 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

(The full story of the restoration of these bells will be the subject of a later article.)

WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—At the National Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Emily Paine 1, Janis Hensley 2, Martha Windrem (first Triples) 3, Ashton Applewhite 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, R. S. Dirksen 6, W. Theobald (cond.) 7, J. G. Fanfani (first Triples) 8. A welcome to Mr. W. Theobald to U.S.A. and to Mr. E. Curran to the Cathedral Close. Also on March 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Emily Paine 1, Janis Hensley 2, Betsey Proctor 3, Judy Alexander 4, Quilla Roth 5, Ashton Applewhite 6, Sarah Irwin 7, Marjorie Batchelor 8, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 9, J. G. Fanfani 10. First of Caters by an American band and of Grandsire Caters in N. America. First of Caters by all except the conductor, and his first of Caters as conductor.

Andover District History and Who's Who

By J. C. WIMLETT

ON Saturday, February 4th, 1928, a meeting was convened at Whitchurch for the purpose of forming a new District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild to be called the Andover District. Present were Mr. G. Williams (Master), the Revs. E. Jones, A. Lewis and M. S. Douglas and ringers from Basingstoke, Bramley, East Woodhay, Fareham, Highclere, Kings Somborne, Laverstoke, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Portsmouth, St. Mary Bourne, Steventon, Wetherwell, Whitchurch, Winchester and Woolton Hill. The Rev. M. S. Douglas, Vicar of Whitchurch, having been elected to the chair, called upon Mr. G. Williams to give reasons for forming the new District.

Mr. Williams outlined briefly that as the new Diocese of Guildford had decided to form a separate Guild following the division of the old Diocese of Winchester, a largely attended meeting of ringers from the Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth was held at Southampton on October 22nd, 1927, when it was unanimously decided to form a joint Guild and recommended that the area should be divided into eight Districts and that the Andover District should comprise the following towers: Eight-bell—Andover and Whitchurch; six-bell—Amport, Burghclere, Highclere, Hurstbourne Priors, Laverstoke, St. Mary Bourne, Sydmonston and Woolton Hill; five-bell—Abbot's Ann, East Woodhay, Longparish, Nether Wallop, Over Wallop, Tangle, Thruxton and Wetherwell.

FIRST OFFICERS

This resolved, the following were elected to be the first officers of the new District: Chairman, Rev. A. Lewis (Rector of Wetherwell); secretary, Rev. F. C. Sear (Vicar of Echingham); auditor, Mr. O. Smart (Andover); Central Council representative, Mr. Knapp (Highclere); Ringing Master, Mr. R. Rex (Woolton Hill).

It is to these gentlemen that we now say "thank you" for starting this new family named the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. The early years were not easy, travelling around the scattered towers was at best by push bike, but early records show that a great effort was made and by the end of 1929 eight towers remained in union with the Guild, and there were seven honorary members, one life member, three compounding members and 60 full members.

At Highclere, now having eight bells, a peal was rung on February 23rd, 1929. The pre-war years saw enthusiastic periods of activity and occasional changes in officers—Mr. O. Smart was elected Ringing Master in 1931 and the Rev. F. S. H. Marle elected secretary. Of interest, the local Press recorded a quarterly meeting at Abbot's Ann on September 12th, 1931 when special mention was made that despite the bad weather and the Schneider Cup race 30 enthusiasts turned up for this meeting.

In 1935 the Longparish bells were rehung and a treble added, and in 1937 Goodworth Clatford added three bells to make a new ring of six, which was dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on December 18th, 1937.

BREAK DURING WAR YEARS

Records lapsed after a meeting at St. Mary Bourne on April 18th, 1940, until a meeting at Whitchurch on July 15th, 1944, when 48 members attended from 15 towers covering a large area of the Guild just to be told there would be a combined practice at East Tytherley on August Bank Holiday (no doubt this was some Bank Holiday!).

The District began to function again with a meeting at Whitchurch on March 24th, 1945. The same officers were all re-elected and quarterly meetings arranged for Goodworth Clatford on June 23rd and Longparish on

September 27th. At the next annual meeting, on December 15th, 1945, the following new officers were elected: Rev. B. C. Taylor (Whitchurch), chairman; Mr. R. A. Hill, Executive Committee; Rev. T. Marsden, auditor. The next change came the following year, when the Rev. S. A. Gidlow (Goodworth Clatford) was elected chairman.

In 1947, three weeks after Andover bells had been rehung, the death occurred of Mr. O. J. Smart, who had then been Ringing Master for 17 years. His place was filled jointly by Messrs. N. V. Andrews and A. L. Mitchell; other changes were Miss M. Tanner to secretary, followed by Mr. J. A. Hill later that year, Mr. N. V. Andrews auditor, and Mr. O. Smart to Executive Committee. A new appointment was introduced in 1951, Rev. P. K. Venner to vice-chairman, and two years later Rev. P. Simcock was elected chairman, Mr. G. K. Dodd secretary and Mr. A. J. Hill treasurer.

NEW ENTHUSIASM

Geoffrey K. Dodd soon took over both offices and stirred up new enthusiasm and by the next annual meeting a vast increase in membership was reported, ringing members from 48 in 1953 to 84 in January, 1955, and honorary members from 18 to 29. This meeting saw another change, the Rev. J. P. Walton was elected chairman, to be replaced two years later by the Rev. P. K. Venner, with the Rev. Ann Large as vice-chairman. Because of the increased membership, Mr. A. W. Alliston, Mr. O. Smart and the secretary were all appointed Executive Committee representatives. The year 1958 saw the arrival in the District of the Misses Hazel and Cherry White, who were immediately elected treasurers, once again splitting the secretary/treasurer duties. Mr. A. W. Alliston took over the duties of chairman in March, 1960, which was subsequently ratified at the annual meeting the following year, appointments by this time being for three-year periods. In 1962 Mr. R. Crook was elected Ringing Master, the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd vice-chairman and Mrs. T. Tarrant treasurer.

Good progress was made during the next three years, striking competitions being arranged annually for the Aird Cup. This cup was originally donated by Malcolm Aird, of Tile Barn, Woolton Hill, prior to 1922, for competition between Woolton Hill, Highclere and East Woodhay. January, 1966, saw the next change of officers, Mr. G. K. Dodd to chairman, with Mr. A. W. Alliston deputy chairman, Mr. R. Crook Ringing Master, Mr. P. Murduck Deputy Ringing Master (a new appointment), Mr. J. C. Wimlett secretary and Executive Committee representative, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Tarrant treasurers. Since these appointments the accent has been on preparation for making this 40th anniversary a year to be remembered, and with the inspiration and leadership of our chairman, Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, such an epoch could not be allowed to pass without being well and truly celebrated, hence the attempt to ring a peal in every tower in the District during the first three months of the year.

ONE EXCEPTION

The peal programme is dealt with separately in an article by Geoffrey himself, but this history would not be complete without saying that peals or quarter peals have been scored in every tower in the District with the exception of Sydmonston, where, alas, the fabric of the tower is now crumbling so badly that the bells must remain silent until repairs are carried out. Summing up the peals: Peals rung, 35; ringers taking part, 46; first-peal ringers, 18; first as conductors, 7; first on the bells, 4.

R. Crocker took part in 29 peals (conducted 4), G. K. Dodd 22 (21), P. Taylor 21 (2), R. Newman 14, R. Crook 10 (2), J. Wimlett 9 (1), P. Murduck 9 (2).

Earlier, mention was made of the Aird Cup, which until last year was competed for by round ringers and method ringers in a combined competition, but last November, for the first time, the Aird Cup was open to competition among method ringers only, whilst teams capable of ringing rounds only competed for a new "Andover District Round Ringers Challenge Cup." This cup was generously donated by Mr. F. Gosling, of Newtown, to foster a keener interest among newcomers to the Exercise.

Kingsclere are the present holders of the Aird Cup with an excellently struck extent of Plain Bob Doubles, whilst Whitchurch were the first winners of the new cup with their band of ringers who all had less than 18 months' experience at the time of the competition.

It is coincidental that new District boundaries came into effect on January 1st, 1968, extending the Andover District further south towers, covering a total area of approximately 250 square miles of attractive Hampshire countryside.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District

Although only 20 attended the meeting at Newton Nottage on March 16th the ringing during the afternoon and evening was very satisfactory.

After the service a splendid tea was provided by the local ringers. At the business meeting the Morriston bells were discussed, and matters concerning their future were left to the District secretary to deal with.

The usual three meetings in each year were reduced to two—the annual general and the other during the early part of the year, the date and place to be left to the District secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded to all those concerned in making the excellent arrangements. J. A. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Baldock on April 6th. There was some delay in getting into the tower, since the key could not be found until 4 o'clock. Ringing lasted for only half an hour before the service, which was taken by the Rev. K. G. Martin. Tea followed the service and then came the business meeting, at which Mr. M. D. Tagg took the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the secretary, Mrs. Anne Agg, who was in bed with a sprained back.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston and Benington, recently transferred to the District. The intermediate evening meetings will be at Wallington and Offley—all pending confirmation. Members were reminded that the C.C. Hospitality Fund was now open and that so far only £11 had been received by the secretary.

Ringing continued until 8.30 with methods including Cambridge, Yorkshire and Stedman. M. R. W.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on March 30th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: F. W. Ellis 1, Katherine Hardy 2, B. C. Johnson 3, Julia A. Fellows 4, C. Forster 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, G. Dodds 7, J. E. Ewer 8, A. R. Carter 9, K. J. Darvill 10, G. Penney (cond.) 11, R. E. Hardy 12. First of Cambridge Maximus 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Rung after the installation at Evensong of E. Charles, C. Earle, K. Hart and H. Senar as honorary canons of the Cathedral.

TICKNALL, DERBS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Soar 1, Annette Cooke 2, Susanne Cooper 3, T. J. Marriott 4, A. J. Marriott 5, P. Marriott (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3.

Letters to the Editor

ST. CLEMENT DANES'

Dear Sir,—I feel sure I will not be the only person to point out a slight inaccuracy in the text of H. W. R.'s otherwise interesting article on St. Clement Danes' bells.

The eight bells cast in 1693 certainly did not originate from the Whitechapel foundry, as mentioned, but were cast by William and Philip Wightman at their foundry on Windmill Hill, Clerkenwell. The same foundry also cast bells for St. James', Piccadilly, and both sets of bells were ornately decorated with running borders of crosses, fleurs-de-lis and flowers alternating.

The augmentation to ten took place in 1843, the new bells being cast by one C. Oliver, who had charge of a small foundry at Wapping. Oliver also recast the second of the old ring of eight at the same time.

Little information seems to have remained about Messrs. C. and J. Oliver. Walters ("Church Bells of England") notes the existence of a foundry at Wapping, and gives the dates 1810-1845. However, in conjunction with the casting of a ring of six bells at Worth, Sussex, in 1844, Oliver's foundry is stated to be at Bethnal Green! It would be interesting to learn of the exact whereabouts of Oliver's foundry. It would seem very likely that Oliver learned his talents at Whitechapel before migrating elsewhere. A family of that name has been associated with the foundry since the late 18th century, and I gather that a lineal descendant is still in charge of the handbell shop.

In conjunction with St. Clement's bells, mention should also be made of the old Sanctus bell, cast by Robert Mot (1570-1604). It happily escaped the ravages of the Fire of London and the blitz, and has been restored to its original place in St. Clement's steeple.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DAVIES.

Ashford, Kent.

LADIES AT THE ABBEY

Dear Sir,—Miss Florrie Wyman is not correct in stating that she is the only lady to have ascended to the belfry and rung at Westminster Abbey. There must be other ladies who, like myself, have had this honour and pleasure, and were graciously received by the Abbey ringers.—Yours sincerely,

KATHLEEN M. LOCK.

North Mymms.

A LEARNER AT THE ABBEY!

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to disillusion Mr. Tonge (page 242) or Mrs. Wyman (page 262) but the Abbey is not the only church authority that does not allow many visiting ringers, and Mrs. Wyman is not the only woman to ring there. Whilst on tour in Hampshire a few years ago our band was refused permission to ring because "only the locals are allowed to ring here."

At about the same time as this I was granted the privilege of being allowed to ring at the Abbey, and both the young lady who was with me and I, together with another visitor, were given the full V.I.P. treatment, and the ringers would not hear of the young lady going without a ring, though only a learner at the time.—Yours faithfully,

R. GEORGE MORRIS.

Malvern Link.

LADIES AT THE ABBEY

Dear Sir,—Like Florence E. Wyman, I, too, have rung at Westminster Abbey. It was in June, 1924, when the Central Council met in London. I went up with the late Mrs. Fletcher, who was then Miss Edith Parker; I was Miss Phoebe Upshod. We both rang in a touch of Stedman.

I would not be surprised to learn that other ladies, too, have had the same good fortune.—Yours faithfully,

PHOEBE A. TOMLINSON.

Southgate.

YOUNG CONDUCTORS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the comment on Bellfounders' Gift Page in the issue of March 29th regarding a 12-year-old calling a peal, away back in 1904 a 12-year-old called a peal at Arklow, Co. Wicklow. The conductor was James Washbrook jun., who rang the 2nd to a peal of Grandsire Triples. The composition was Holt's ten-part; the peal took 3 hours and 12 minutes on Saturday, December 31st, 1904. The conductor scored his first peal on June 17th, 1903.

As a matter of interest, his brother Walter scored his first peal at the same tower on January 21st, 1905, when only 10½ years old.

The last peal in which any Washbrook took part in Ireland was on September 11th, 1909, when five of the bells in the peal of Grandsire Triples were handled by four Washbrooks: Harry (2), James W. senior (3 and 4), Walter (5) and James junior (7). James senior conducted the peal as well as ringing Nos. 3 and 4.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda, Co. Louth.

A MEMORY OF EDINGTON PRIORY

Dear Sir,—Your enjoyable article on Edington Priory in a recent "Ringing World" brought back vivid memories of Saturday, July 30th, 1949, when I was fortunate to join an outing arranged (I think) by Mr. E. G. Caple, of Clevedon.

After ringing at Seend, Keevil, Steeple Ashton and Bratton, the band began to apologise about the next tower, which we were visiting for the experience rather than the pleasure. And experience it certainly was—ringing with the criss-cross timbers creaking and groaning all around you and, at intervals, when the bells got in a certain position, the bell frame hit the wall of the tower with a resounding smack.

At that time the tenor rope had a second rope-end spliced in, and it was just as much as two men could do to keep her going behind to Doubles. The locals knowingly left me the fifth.

To my ear, the bells were the middle six of eight, with the tenor half a tone flat. On reading the bell notes in your article it would seem that the fourth was also half a tone flat.

Mr. Caple dropped me in Bristol just after eleven; from there I was able to catch a train to Yatton and walk three miles in pitch darkness, along strange roads, to Wrington.

It certainly was a day to remember.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

DELAYED PEAL REPORTS NOT SUB-STANDARD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Baldam's contention in his letter published on page 262 that performances are not reported to "The Ringing World" within one week of accomplishment are sub-standard performances is, of course, completely absurd.

The main causes for late reporting are that with the modern postal charges it is more economic, as well as convenient, to submit several performances at one time; further, sometimes it is necessary to ascertain a ringer's correct name, also, as is usually the case, a human oversight occurs, but these are just a few of the many reasons. It is stupid to suggest, as does Mr. Baldam, that only bad performances are delayed from publication. Does the conductor of such a performance think that a delay will rectify the damage caused by the ringing?

I can only surmise from Mr. Baldam's letter that he personally has had experience of a sub-standard performance being published some time after the event and would suggest that if this is so it was surely his duty to inform the conductor that he felt he could not continue the performance, and stand his bell, thus preventing any damage in public relations which a sub-standard performance causes, or, as a last resort, withdraw his name from the performance.—Yours sincerely,

KEITH E. BEALE.

Taunton.

Note.—We certainly agree with Mr. Beale. A notable example is that on March 9th the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths made seven attempts at nine-Spliced Surprise Major with each bell doing all the work. We understand that only one attempt was lost, and that through outside interference. The report has yet to reach this office.—Ed.

FIRST PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In the interests of accuracy, I must point out that Mr. W. J. Robinson did not take part in "the first peal of Spiced Surprise Major ever rung," as stated on page 261. That peal was rung at Whitley Bay on May 14th, 1924; the peal in which Mr. Robinson took part was rung at Warnham on June 11th, 1927.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Rugby.

A QUESTION TO BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see J. R. White's letter condemning the use of a pseudonym by one of his fellow members of the Birmingham University Society. Would he please now explain what tomfoolery lies behind the report of a quarter peal rung by the Society at Edgbaston Old Church for Evensong on March 10th (page 245), when the eight bells were rung by ten people (or nine, not counting the wretched J. P. Richards, who appears under his real name as well)? Furthermore, as I am informed that one of the ringers in this quarter is the Master of the Society, would he also please say how this exemplifies the Society's disapproval of such performances?—Yours faithfully,

C. A. BARRON.

King's Heath, Birmingham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

SECOND PAGE OF LETTERS

ST. CHAD'S TOWER

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter dealing with the tenor bell at St. Chad's, Lichfield (April 5th, page 260), may I contribute some small detail from my forthcoming publication, "The Campanological History of Staffordshire," the product of 15 years' intensive study.

I first inspected the bell in question in January over ten years ago, and at the time took rubbings and detailed notes.

The imagined inscription and lettering are nothing more than a set of badly composed devices, shallow and quasi-medieval in form similar to most very early local-cast work. (It would be wise to dismiss the founder Michael de Lichfield at this point.) The forms are not placed in any logical or sequential order, thus it is impossible to determine any attempt at an inscription.

Arabic numerals certainly do not appear on the bell, which is of transitional contour, similar to two other bells in the county which came from the early Nottingham foundry, and are dated around 1500. The seventeen forms and sundry other indistinct marks defy interpretation. Alphabet bells were an early form of attempted decoration and scraps of casting gathered from here and there often sufficed.

During my studies I have come to place little faith in the work of Charles Lynam, whose Victorian publication contains numerous errors of dating and inscription. His attempts to find order in the forms present on the tenor of St. Chad's, Lichfield, are a projected ideal of that which he wished he had found!

A far more searching and informative examination of the bell, its history, documentation and probable casting are contained in my study of the county bells, from which the above paragraph has been constructed.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR S. JENNINGS.

St. Margarets-on-Thames, Middlesex.

POOLE WAS OVERLOOKED

Dear Sir,—I was rather surprised to read in "The Ringing World" on page 258, in the article on Edington Priory, that the only ring of ten bells in the Diocese of Salisbury is that at Wimborne. Surely E. C. S. has rung on or at least heard of the ring of ten at Poole, which cannot claim to be in any county other than Dorset, and whose band are loyal members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

JUDITH A. ROBERTSON.

Blandford Forum.

DOUBLES CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—May I correct a few slips which crept into the list of names of Doubles variations on page 231, between naming and publication, and which several people have already been kind enough to point out. Reverse Grandsire with a Wallflower bob and Antelope single should be St. Clears, not St. Cleer, and Reverse New Grandsire with a Grandsire bob and Pink's single should be Ruyton, and not Ryton. Both Ryton and St. Cleer already exist, being Winchendon Place with a Grandsire single and St. Remigius with a P.L. of All Saints' respectively. Both these mistakes were also transmitted to the peal report, which should be amended correspondingly.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD UNDERWOOD.

Manorbier, Pembro.

MILES PLATTING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Since the announcement of the Joint Manchester Branch meeting with the N.W. District of the Ladies' Guild at St. John-the-Evangelist's, Miles Platting (see "Ringing World," page 194), the Rev. Timothy A. Baines (curate-in-charge) has received a letter from the Stroud area of Gloucestershire asking what price was being asked for St. John's bells. The letter went on to say that the writer had read in the columns of "The Ringing World" that the bells were for sale as the church was being demolished.

May I point out that no "For Sale Notice" has appeared in the columns of this journal, as the exact date of demolition is not known. At the time of writing the church is due to be demolished in five years' time, but this date could be brought forward at a week's notice to 12 months, depending on the city's financial position in obtaining compulsory purchase orders.

It is hoped that by the time the church is demolished the Manchester Branch will have found a home for the bells in the Manchester Diocese.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN WARD,
Manchester Branch Secretary.

NOT SUB-STANDARD

Dear Sir,—As a ringer in the peal at Hessele on July 22nd, 1967, I feel I must point out to Mr. Baldam (page 262) that this peal was by no means sub-standard; in fact it was of a higher standard than many of the peals that I have rung in and listened to.

I cannot vouch for the other five peals, but in our case it was presumed that the conductor had sent the peal off for publication; it was only whilst looking through some old "Ringing Worlds" that I realised he had not done so. As a result I mentioned that to R. H. Jordan, who consequently sent the peal for publication so that personal records could agree with official ones.

May I suggest that in future Mr. Baldam has first-hand experience of the standard of peals before he criticises them so unnecessarily; also that he leaves the Editor to make his own decisions about what should or should not be published.—Yours faithfully,

RODERICK R. HORTON.

Hessele, Yorks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Ashford District at Hothfield on March 16th was surely a record-breaking one. In addition to the Ashford District officers, the secretaries of the Maidstone and Lewisham Districts, two other Ringing Masters and the hon. treasurer of the county were present. In all, over 60 ringers, representing 24 towers, were counted.

In the absence of a local Vicar the service was conducted by the Rev. P. T. Robbins, the lesson was read by Master G. Sparks and John Spree was the organist.

Tea was arranged in the Village Hall by the local ringers under the guidance of Mr. R. S. Sparks. A short business meeting was conducted by the chairman (Mr. A. S. Phelps), at which Master M. S. Davies was elected an associate member.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. and consisted of standard and assorted combined methods. "Social life" was enjoyed in a nearby tavern, and it is known that several ringers were still journeying home in the early hours of Sunday morning.

A. P. S. B.

PSEUDONYMS AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—Having gained a notable victory over the Glasgow long length issue, it would seem that Mr. Richard J. Parker now seeks further "fame" in your columns, probably on the ground that even bad publicity is better than none at all. I refer, of course, to his use of a pseudonym when reporting the peal of 23-Spliced Plain Minor rung for the Birmingham University Society, published on page 191 of "The Ringing World."

As a ringer in that peal I should like to endorse what Richard Parker says in his covering letter to you published on page 259: of "The Ringing World"—namely that the peal was not a hoax but was a true and complete peal. As such it was therefore a valid peal and the onus was on the conductor to publish it correctly.

I do not think Richard Parker could have intended you to publish this covering letter as it seems to be incompatible with his letter intended for publication, signed James P. Richards. It is abundantly clear that by reading the two letters together the only irregularity was Mr. Parker's use of a pseudonym in the report of the peal. His sole reason for this "childish behaviour" was, on his own admission, that he did not wish to be associated with a peal of Minor. Surely the time to consider association with a peal is before the peal begins, not after its publication in "The Ringing World."

Finally, I should like to apologise to your readers, who will no doubt have been amazed by the stupidity of this topic and annoyed at its use of valuable space, but I must emphasise that there is a fundamental principle at issue—for, if we are to allow the use of pseudonyms and the conductor's withdrawal of the peal when he refuses to reveal his identity, surely the publishing of peals in "The Ringing World" will become a farce.—Yours faithfully,

RUPERT A. CLARKE.

Harborne, Birmingham.

AND IN QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—I wish to dissociate myself from the "quarter peal" rung at Edgbaston on March 10th ("Ringing World," page 245). As published, this performance is two changes short of the requisite length for a quarter peal, and thus does not qualify as a quarter peal, anyway. Added to this, two of the names published were intentionally changed (T. Pryor should read M. Pryor, M. B. Tyres should read M. B. Jefferies). The conductor produced the composition out of his head as the performance progressed, and laughingly admitted at the finish that the composition was "as false as old boots." During the performance, there being nine ringers for eight bells, ringers on the treble and tenor changed over (the conductor appears under his "nom de cloche" of James P. Richards on the treble). All in all, the whole thing was of insufficient mathematical or musical quality to qualify as a quarter peal, and should never have been submitted to "The Ringing World" as such.

Regular readers of "The Ringing World" letters column will have little difficulty in guessing who the conductor of this quarter peal was—Mr. Richard J. Parker. I would like to add my condemnation of his action to that of Mr. James R. White ("Ringing World," page 259), who hopes "that the whole Society will not be judged by the childish behaviour of one member."—Yours sincerely,

H. J. BAKER.

Bournville, Birmingham.

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Some Caters Methods and Compositions

By M. S. BRUCE

NO ringer of Major or Royal would relish a constant diet of only two methods. In Caters ringing, however, there are no more than that—in common use, at all events. Grandsire and Stedman are the staple of our nine-bell ringing, varied only occasionally by Erin or Plain Bob; this despite the many excellent and musical methods which exist in all the established categories: single-hunt, twin-hunt and principles. I have listed a few of them as a starter, and a very little research will turn up dozens of equal merit, which for interest will rival most Major methods, and for music are comparable with Stedman Caters.

A METHODS WITH A SINGLE HUNT

New College Bob Caters.
This method is a straightforward extension from the Doubles and Triples method. Its peculiar merit is the arrangement of the music round the lead-end/head, when the 9ths place bell makes a double whole-turn, and the bells in 4-5 and 6-7 do lightning work, causing a repetition of the roll-up followed by a shift to the next musical phrase, itself repeated. The coursing order is well maintained, and while the method is simple, it has more interest than Plain Bob or Grandsire, and is well worth ringing.

The method:

3 1 9 3 9 3 9 3. h.l. 9. l.h. 129.

135274968 4ths place bob.

All peals of Bob Caters are, of course, true for the method, and one is given as an example having courses of tittums, reverse tittums, back-stroke home, handstroke home, and — 57968; more variety, in fact, than the usual peal of Grandsire contains.

5,148 NEW C B CATERS

V 1 3rd 4th W H M 23456789
— 1 — 3 23457689
5 S (6) 23457698 (6)=BBSBBS
S (5) 23457968 (5)=BBSBB
1 3 23457689
Repeated.

For bands who want something more challenging, the next method, with lightning work on the front and London work (7-6-7 and 9-8-9) in the back places, may be worth a trial. It also has the coursing-order, while not undisturbed, at least partially intact in the middle places, and the double-dodging effect in 6-7-8-9 is musically valuable.

The method:

3 1 5 3 149 5 9 145. h.l. 9. l.h. 129

35274968. 4ths place bob. Compositions as for Plain Bob.

As far as I know it has not been named; in any case it is only one of many which a few

moments' work with pencil and paper can produce.

B TWIN-HUNT METHODS

These are produced (like Double Norwich Caters) by adding a hunt bell to an existing Major method. For instance, the simple Court method—

—14—38—18—h.l. 18, l.h. 18 "H"

adapts to produce an excellently musical Caters method, more musical than Grandsire, because of the extra dodging, and much more interesting to ring, without being likely to tax the ability of a moderate ten-bell company. But there is no need to be confined to right-place methods, and Double Mancroft Caters, in itself a useful method, is a member of a family which includes Double Sandringham Caters and several methods descended from "irregular" Major forbears. The peal below is also true to Double Sandringham.

DOUBLE MANCROFT BOB CATERS

3 1 5 (169) 7 3 149 5 9 7 9 5 149 3 7
169 5 1 : 25374968.

Bob, ring 369 for (169).

Single, ring 12369 for (169).

5,040 DOUBLE MANCROFT BOB CATERS

1	2	3	6	7	23456789
					(a) 63452978
		S		S	23465 (a)—4, 5, 8S
3					53264
3		(2)			23564 (2)—BS
3					43265
3					53462
		S		S	23456
3	S				32456
2			S		24357968
3	S				42357
3	S				74253
					42356789
—	3				34256
S	3				24356
—	3				32456
					63452
—	2S		S		23456

C PRINCIPLES

The field here is wide open. I cannot off-hand recall more than half a dozen Caters principles, all of them closely related, and there must be thousands possible; so many that one hesitates to recommend any one above its rivals, or to deal with such a vast subject at all in such a short note as this. For practical and musical purposes, we can narrow the field somewhat; principles with plain courses too long or too short, which do not keep the heavy bells together at least part of

the time or whose composition is precarious will never find favour; so it will perhaps not appear unreasonable if my remarks are limited to a few structures of the Stedman family. For one thing, they are more familiar than most methods, and a band is likely to take to a method not far distant from one it knows rather than to a completely strange one. For another, the repeated dodging behind has a real musical value, and lastly few of them are difficult to compose or ring.

CARTER'S PRINCIPLE

In Stedman, the first twelve changes form the equivalent of a lead in a treble-dominated method, and the first place in the middle of the quick six links one block with the next. An extra parting change—5ths place in Doubles 7ths in Triples and so on may be substituted to produce a principle very close to Stedman, but much more musical. Carter's Caters keeps the coursing-order behind throughout the course, and it is as musical to listen to as it is cacophonous to pronounce! Unfortunately, it is difficult to compose, but the rewards for success are even greater than in Stedman; it is also interesting to ring.

Another Carter's principle which might be of interest is formed from a block of five bells plain-hunting on the front, alternately forwards and backwards, while the bells in 6-7 and 8-9 triple dodge. At each parting change there is Stedman work on the front and extra lightning work in 4-5.

The method:

5 1 5 1 5 1 5 9 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 9. Stedman calls.

5,040									
Start with rounds the head of a quick 8.									
Course-heads are slow eight-heads.									
3	4	5	6	7	18	(123456789)			
	S	3		S		142375968			
2			S			2341			
						(a) 124357968			
—		S				4132			
(3)		S				3142			
2		S				4213			
2		S				1324			
—			S			412357698			
2		S				2314			
2		S				1432			
2		S				3241			
—			S	—		134257689			
—		S				4123			
(3)		S				2143			
—		S				4231			
2		S				3124			
2		S				2413			
—			S			321457896			
2		S				1423			
3		S				241357968			
						(b) 241573968			

(a)=1s, 4, 10s, 12s.

(b)=1s, 10s, 12s, 14s. Round 8 ch. previously. Omit either group of bracketed calls.

A version of this principle also exists with the work divided into tens—with four dodges behind—but although this is, theoretically, the purer method structurally, the long dodging, especially at a bob, makes it less desirable.

Enough has been said to show how much potential is untapped in this field, as in so many other less practised areas. I hope that some bands at least may be stimulated to experiment with new methods and new approaches to ringing, for there is more still to be discovered here than in the more explored paths of Major.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. C. Case 1, A. Haseldine 2, W. J. Chester 3, R. Haseldine 4, T. E. Roberts 5, C. E. Truman 6, G. B. Green (cond.) 7, M. Hooten 8.

WYE, KENT.—On March 27th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (six methods): Mm. T. Cullingworth 1, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 2, D. C. Manger 3, C. J. E. Wyld 4, F. G. Huckstep 5, N. J. Davies 6, R. Swift 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

YATTON, SOM.—On March 28th, 1,344 Glasgow Surprise Major: Heather Walters 1, S. Brown 2, P. Bridle 3, P. J. England 4, J. Brain 5, S. Woodcock 6, R. G. Edwards 7, R. C. Kippen (cond.) 8. First of Glasgow 2, 4 and 6.



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ARCHAEOLOGY

WERE THERE TWO LEWIS COCKEYS, BELLFOUNDERS?

Dear Sir,—A mystery surrounds the identity of Lewis Cockey, who cast the bell standing in the porch at Clevedon. and we at Frome would like some help in its unravelling.

Walters, in "Church Bells of Wiltshire," 1929, confidently calls him a British founder on the strength of an entry in Yatton churchwardens' accounts for 1690, but he, or someone of the same name, was in Frome from 1682-1684, when a bell was given to augment Frome's five to six, and again after 1690. He is apparently the father of the better known William Cockey, bellfounder of Frome, though we cannot check at the moment as some of our church records are away being copied.

This presents no particular difficulty as he could well be itinerant, but the L C bells themselves present another problem. The one at Farleigh Hungerford is of a quite different style from, for instance, Clevedon and Sutton Veny. Are there, then, two bellfounding Lewis Cockeys at the same time, one Lewis Cockey and someone of the same initials, or one bellfounder using two different methods?

The Farleigh Hungerford bell was made by the older waste bell method. The outer surface of a clay bell was worked smooth and the lettering stuck on as thin squares and oblongs of clay, which had been pressed into moulds. The surface finish of the metal and the raised squares around the letters show how this was done. The other bells were made by smoothing the inside of the cope and stamping the letters into it. Is there any other bellfounder known who used both methods of casting?

Bellfounding is an art as well as a craft and one would expect, as in any other art, the style of the apprentice to be influenced by that of the master. The Farleigh Hungerford bell merely has L. C. William Cockey used W (bell) C, Lewis Cockey L (bell) C, in flat, sheet-metal lettering very much like the I (bell) L of John Lott the elder, of Warminster. John Lott used not only the lettering but the running vine and almost exact copies of the royal arms of Richard Purdew, R (bell) P, who was in Edington in 1615. There was a Richard Cockey, pewterer, of Warminster, who supplied brasses for Frome bells in 1624. Lewis may have been his relation, as later Frome Cockeys had Warminster connections.

L C bells are recorded at Holt (1695), Sutton Veny (1695-6) Bitton (1694), Farleigh Hungerford (1681), Hinton Charterhouse (1687) and Clevedon (1695), also Frampton in Dorset. The help we need, please, is a search in the churchwardens' accounts, if they are available, at these places and round about these times, for any mention of bells or of Lewis Cockey, and a check to see whether the bell itself is L C or L (bell) C, if it is still in existence. What exactly was written at Yatton in 1690, and is Lewis Cockey's baptism recorded at Warminster?

When we have been able to get all the facts together we hope we shall be able to send you the solution to the mystery.—Yours sincerely,

EUNICE D. OVEREND.

Frome, Somerset.

PORTBURY, SOM.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Helen Kirkpatrick 1, Susan Moore 2, S. Bateman 3, W. Willans (cond.) 4, V. James 5, R. Haskins 6.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Bennett 1, R. Hill (first of Minor) 2, T. Bennett 3, B. Spiers 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Haylins.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/var.): Susan Frankland 1, Anne Oakley 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. For morning service. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Anne Oakley 1, R. Carter (first Minor "inside") 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

THE REV. F. H. S. MARLE

The Rev Frederick H. S. Marle died in March at the age of 80 years. He was ordained in 1910 and served curacies in Devonshire, Berkshire and the Isle of Wight before going to Hampshire, where the rest of his life was spent. He became curate of Burghclere, in charge of Newtown, and then moved to be Rector of Deane, near Basingstoke, in 1933, with charge of Ashe in 1935. For 35 years until his retirement in 1966 he served these two parishes. One of his predecessors at Deane was the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Stedman fame.

Mr. Marle was never a great peal ringer though his name is on a board at Burghclere, but he had a great love of music and delighted to ring and to be with ringers. He took an active part in the work of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild in North Hampshire and, until age began to take its toll, shared in the Ringing Week of the Clerical Guild. He was a kindly man, with a pleasant sense of humour and a delightful chuckle.

On the day before his memorial service in Deane Church a band of neighbouring ringers honoured his memory with a quarter peal on the bells there. This was in his favourite method, Grandire Doubles, and was conducted by his friend and Rural Dean, Canon F. A. Sanders. May he rest in peace after his long and faithful ministry.

MR. WILLIAM (BILL) KIRKPATRICK

On April 2nd the Chester Diocesan Guild, and St. Mary's, Lymm, in particular, lost one of its most stalwart members by the sudden death of Bill Kirkpatrick.

Although not a great ringer by peal ringing standards, Bill achieved greatness by his unselfish devotion to Sunday service ringing. Even at the age of 76 years Bill was one of the most regular Sunday ringers in the Lymm band and set a fine example in attending both morning and evening ringing. He rang at Lymm for 64 years, being for many years tower captain.

Bill had a full and active life. His sudden passing came as a great shock, since he had been ringing as usual on the Sunday previous and seemed in the best of health and spirits. His friendly face and cheerful disposition will be sadly missed by all his many friends.

At his funeral on April 6th the local band paid their last respects by ringing the bells half-muffled for the service. The Chester Diocesan Guild was represented by the Master, Mr. A. R. Elkins. Ringers from neighbouring towers, who rang handbells at the graveside, also joined members of the local band in two attempts at a half-muffled quarter peal, both of which, unfortunately, failed. J. M.

BOOK REVIEW

ANOTHER BOOK ON THE FENS

Mr. Trevor A. Bevis has now published a companion to "A Guide to the Fens and Fenland Churches," which is now entering its third edition. This is "A Letter from the Fens," which is a great novelty. In a sense it embodies the craftsmanship in the Middle Ages with the facilities of the modern Press. The book is handwritten and freely illustrated by the author. The pages were then photographed and produced on a litho-offset press.

The author knows the Fenlands from his youth. His boyhood was spent in Pinchbeck, in the tulip field county, recalling the tulip processions with dozens of pretty Lincolnshire lasses conveyed on ingeniously-designed floats. There are delightful character sketches of Fen folk—the most rural of rural inhabitants. They are descendants of a race who fought to survive. The relentless enemy was the winds, the rains, the seas, rivers and marshes. This has resulted in a defiant attitude: a law unto themselves and often rude and uncivilised behaviour to visitors.

The letter gives very personal impressions of Peterborough, Ely and Cambridge. It deals with the building of the magnificent Fen churches and the process of building these churches, abbeys and cathedrals, both as regards craftsmanship and finding the money for such undertakings.

There is a romantic side to "The Letter," the loss of King John's treasure in The Wash and the defiance of Hereward the Wake to William the Conqueror. Diagrams are used to tell the story of the Saxons' final fight against the Normans.

This book is a very worthwhile effort. To those who love the countryside and yet able to find entertainment in the town, "A Letter from the Fens" is an enjoyable companion. It is obtainable from Trevor A. Bevis, 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs, price 4s. 6d. post free.

MR. E. BURNETT

The death occurred recently of Mr. Ernest Burnett, at the age of 85. Mr. Burnett learned to ring at Sharow, near Ripon, over 60 years ago and continued to ring until his health failed four or five years ago. He had read "The Ringing World" since it was first published and took "The Bell News" before that.

A railwayman, he had worked at Kirkby Stephen and at Hartlepool. Since his retirement he had lived in Darlington, and for several years was in charge of ringing at St. John's. Cremation took place at Darlington on April 7th, and the service was attended by some of his ringing friends.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Rosemary Snowdon 1, Rosemary Meyers 2, Gillian Thomas (cond.) 3, Margaret Powell 4, K. Bellew 5, F. Crofts 6. In memory of Mrs. R. J. Brocklehurst, a devoted church worker.

BELFRY GOSSIP

March belfry has recently scored its 60th quarter, nearly 30 people having rung "firsts." We learn from Darley Dale that Mr. J. Frank Smallwood is shortly moving to Blackheath, an area in which he lived for many years.

Mr. R. C. Stevens informs us that the correct weight of Croydon tenor is 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp. (Not C, as given in the peal of Londinium Surprise.)

Writing from Malta, Mr. G. E. Thoday states that he has visited St. Paul's Cathedral, Valletta, where the verger was kind enough to let him see the ring of six bells. These are hung dead for chiming. Unfortunately, as it was Saturday, Mr. Thoday was not allowed to ring them.

The ringer in the fourth in the peal at Conle on February 24th was David G. Carr, and not as printed on page 207.

Mr. W. H. Riddle, of Flixton (Manchester), has had to go into hospital for an operation. The Manchester Branch send Bill their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

We hear that there were drinks all round for the Clapton, Beds, band in the Golden Lion following the success of one of the members in our crossword competition.

The composition of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at North Mymms, Herts, on March 16th, 1968, was Thurstan's four-part, and not Heywood's transposition, as recorded on page 268.

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CHANGE RINGING RESTORED TO WHERWELL

Some three miles from Andover is the pretty village of Wherwell, Hants, often depicted on calendars and postcards for its attractive thatched cottages, although motorists will know it better for the hairpin bend halfway down the 1 in 10 hill on the Andover approach into the village.

To ringers there is little significance except to those with an intimate knowledge of "Dove's," as the church has a light ring of five bells with a tenor of 7 cwt. hung in two tiers in a very small spire.

Andover District ringers had long given up the hope of ever ringing the bells; they had been chimed for many years by a keen young local learner, who played hymns as well as changes, and the previous incumbent was most unsympathetic to enquiries to inspect or look at them, his reason being that the shingled spire was unsafe.

Records of a District meeting having been held there in 1929 was the last indication of when the bells were last rung. However, application to the new incumbent in January, 1967, met with a very welcome reception, and we were met by the churchwarden and tower captain and given every assistance in the small amount of work that was required, and the bells were rung with no difficulty for 45 minutes to various Doubles methods. A splendid tea was given us before returning to Highclere for service ringing.

A further visit was paid a month later, when we rang the bells for service and we were given a welcome when we attended the service afterwards and were thanked from the pulpit for our services. A further survey of the tower was to take place, so we awaited the verdict of this before making a further visit. However, the Bishop's Waltham ringers were made welcome on their outing. I do not think they realised the bells had previously had a long silence and they found them a pleasant ring.

Our next visit was in January, 1968, in connection with the Andover District's 40th anniversary celebrations, but a spate of broken ropes and some difficulty with the fourth bell slip-wheeling prevented the successful peal being rung until March 30th—details elsewhere.

Details of the bells are as follows:—

Treble	Warner, T.	1858
2	Gilletts, recast	1950
3	William Cor	1707
4	William Cor	1707
5	William Cor	1707
Frame and fittings		1858

We hope they will prove a useful addition to the Andover District and that Mr. Carter and his enthusiastic young band will one day learn the art of change ringing and join our Guild of ringers. G. K. D.

A FAMILY QUARTER

Family quarter peals are rare. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, of 24, Mount Drive, Bedford, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at Goldington on April 4th. The band consisted of the father and mother and four daughters. All are Sunday service ringers at Goldington Parish Church when they are at home.

A RECTOR THEY ADMIRE

Bingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild have an admiration for the Rev. A. R. Hayward, Rector of Woodborough, which has a four-bell tower. A very good meeting with an attendance of upwards of 70 was held at his church on March 9th. He not only conducted the service (and his daughter, a learner-ringer, was a very good organist), but he paid for his tea and finally washed-up! "A real worker," comments our correspondent.

At the meeting four new members from Woodborough—the Misses L. Hoskins, S. Welch, P. Hayward and T. Sinfield—were enrolled. Ringing at Lowdham until 8 p.m. ended a very happy meeting.

Guild annual meeting, April 20th; June District meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

MELTON DISTRICT DINNER

Ringers and wives and friends held their annual dinner at the Kings Arms, Scalford, on Saturday, March 23rd. The excellent spread was served by candlelight owing to a failure of the electricity supply. The guests were the Vicar of Melton Mowbray (the Rev. G. H. Codrington), who proposed the toast "The Leicester Diocesan Guild," and Mrs. Codrington. The District chairman, Mr. R. Preston, replied.

An enjoyable social evening followed, which was organised by Mrs. D. and Miss A. Day and Mrs. Woodcock.

NEW ORGAN FOR MR. H. BADGER

Recently we recorded a peal rung at Dorchester Abbey to mark Mr. Harry Badger's 50 years' membership of the Oxford Guild. Harry writes that he is afraid his Sunday ringing will be curtailed as he has just been appointed organist of St. Mary's, Bayswater, Headington. This church is a daughter church of St. Andrew's, Headington, where the ring of six bells has recently been rehung by Messrs. White, of Appleton.

SILVER WEDDING AT WILLINGDON

The peal columns record an interesting achievement at Willingdon, Sussex, on March 30th. Specially arranged to mark the silver wedding anniversary of county secretary Bob Percy and his wife, Betty, it was called by their daughter, Janet (her first of Doubles as conductor). The inclusion of twins Susan (another first) and Charles nearly completed the band. At this initial attempt as a family they were joined by an old friend, Clive Brettell, to make the peal the first by a Sunday service band at the tower.

On the preceding practice night Mr. and Mrs. Percy were taken by surprise when the Vicar, the Rev. W. Greenfield, came into the belfry, and after some "speechifying" presented the couple with some wine glasses and an electric clock, tokens of regard from the clergy and ringers.

A QUESTION FOR THE C.C.

Mr. John A. Acres writes thanking Mr. Frank Blagrove for his reply to the request for the extent of Bob Minor at Dorney (no singles). He adds it is now for the Central Council to decide whether such an extent can be accepted in their analysis.

RINGING COURSE AT BISHOP'S LYDEARD

The rival attractions of the Grand National and an outing to Cornwall clashed with a second half-day ringing course of the Bath and Wells Association on March 30th. Bishop's Lydeard Village Hall provided first-class facilities for the lectures and tea, and ringing took place in the evening at Ash Priors and Halse. On this occasion there were only 18 students, half the number at Barrington last October.

Guidance was offered on the recognition and cure of basic handling faults; on bell, frame and rope maintenance and splicing; and some hints on the principles of conducting. The lecturers were Harry Sanger, Michael Horseman and John Gilbert, who hope that their work will prove useful to those who participated.

BILL THEOBALD AT WASHINGTON

The first quarter by an American band was rung on March 30th at Washington Cathedral, conducted by Richard S. Dirksen. It was Grandsire and was the first of Caters by all the band except the conductor and his first as conductor.

Mr. William Theobald was at Washington on March 25th. After an unsuccessful attempt at Parker's 12-part, Bill called a quarter of Grandsire on the light eight at the Cathedral. It was a welcome to Mr. Edward Curran to the Cathedral Close and to Mr. Theobald to the United States. There was to be a return visit to Washington on Easter Monday, when Bill was to have another shot at the peal.

WIRRAL BRANCH'S MEMORIAL PRIZE

"Good Ringers. Pull your Best . . .
 And lo, the great bell farre and wide
 Was heard in all the countryside
 That Saturday at eventide."
 (Ingelow.)

This was the quotation in the parish magazine announcing the March meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held at St. Hilary de Poitiers, Wallasey. Ringing during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Lightfoot Surprise. The service was conducted by the Rector and Rural Dean, the Rev. W. N. Digby Thomas, assisted by the Rev. Bernard L. Ellison.

During the course of the meeting held in the Parish Hall, following an excellent tea served by the local ringers, the Thomas Rogers Memorial prize was presented for the first time. During the past 18 months, donations had been received from local ringers and from many towers in the nearby district in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Rogers. Ringing Master for over 15 years. The money donated has been invested and the annual income is to provide a prize. On this occasion the prize was awarded to a young, keen, progressive, regular Sunday service ringer, Thomas E. Howarth, of St. Mary's, Overchurch, Upton, Wirral.

After addressing the gathering, Miss Mary Rogers presented the award, which was a year's subscription to "The Ringing World." In reply, Mr. Howarth thanked the band at Upton for teaching him to handle a bell, together with his fellow members of the Branch who had helped him master the art of change ringing. M. W. H. J.

TOWER BELL PEALS

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

ALL RUNG TO CELEBRATE THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ANDOVER DISTRICT

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Jan. 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr 27 lb.

Ann Newman Treble	*Robert Newman 5
Peter Furness 2	Philip G. Taylor 6
*William Furness 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Robert J Crocker 4	Charles Taylor Tenor

Composed by H Hubbard.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on eight bells First all-local band peal on eight bells.
Rung by the Highclere Sunday service band.

NEWTOWN, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 plain courses. Tenor 6 cwt.

Peter Furness Treble	Bernard Doe 3
Ann Newman 2	Robert J Crocker Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Crocker.

First peal as conductor First of Minimus for all the band.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Tues., Jan. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 20 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman and Grandsire and two extents each of the following: Salwarpe. Old Swinford. Wychbold. Broadwas. Clifford's Pleasure. Little Aston St. Columb. Reverse Canterbury. Southrepps. Windrush. Wollaston Norfolk. Dedworth. April Day. Seighford. Old Kennington and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Ann Newman Treble	Robert Newman 3
Robert J. Crocker 2	Philip G Taylor 4

Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd

Most methods by all the band except the conductor.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*David King Treble	Philip Murduck 4
Denby Murduck 2	Bradley Murduck 5
†Jack C. Wimlett 3	E. Cox Tenor

Conducted by Bradley Murduck.

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

BROUGHTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Joyce Sturgess Treble	*Roger C. Wimlett 4
Jack C Wimlett 2	Terry Tarrant 5
*Gilbert B Warner 3	Walter Mulford Tenor

Conducted by Terry Tarrant.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung by the Andover Sunday service band.

ST. MARY BOURNE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Jan. 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Stephanie G. Goodyear .. Treble	*Brian H Oakes 4
Gilbert B. Warner 2	Reginald F Crook 5
Jack C. Wimlett 3	*Barry J. Hodgson Tenor

Conducted by Reginald F. Crook.

* First peal.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Thurs., Jan. 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods/variations, being seven extents of Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Kennington, Norfolk and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt.

Bernard Doe Treble	Robert Newman 4
*Peter Furness 2	Philip G. Taylor 5
Robert J Crocker 3	James Webb Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.

* Most methods to a peal First as conductor.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas
On Sat., Jan. 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. 1 lb

*Jackie Starke Treble	Brian H. Oakes 4
†David King 2	Jack C Wimlett 5
Gilbert B. Warner 3	Walter Mulford Tenor

Conducted by Jack C. Wimlett.

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

STOCKBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Sun., Jan. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor 7 cwt

Susan S. Rickard Treble	Robert J Crocker 4
Denby Murduck 2	*Jack C Wimlett 5
Bradley Murduck 3	Philip Murduck Tenor

Conducted by Philip Murduck.

* First peal "inside" in the method.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. K. Holden.

UPPER CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Grandsire and Plain Bob and 2160 April Day, method changed at each 720. Tenor 9 cwt 16 lb. in A

Philip Murduck Treble	Terry Tarrant 4
Jack C. Wimlett 2	Geoffrey K Dodd 5
Bradley Murduck 3	Walter Mulford Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Plain Bob, seven extents each of April Day Grandsire, Old and Norfolk. Tenor 7 cwt 12 lb. in A flat

*David Goss Treble	†Philip G Taylor 4
Robert Newman 2	Robert J Crocker 5
Albert Green 3	Bernard Doe Tenor

Conducted by Robert J Crocker.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First as conductor.

KINGSCLERE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Susan Rickard Treble	Denby Murduck 5
Robert J Crocker 2	Reginald F Crook 6
Bradley Murduck 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Philip Taylor 4	Philip Murduck Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Philip Murduck

TANGLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., Jan. 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt 1 qr. 18 lb

*George Bevis Treble	Robert Newman 3
†B. Doe 2	Robert Crooke 4
Philip G Taylor Tenor	

Conducted by Philip G. Taylor.

* First peal. † First "inside"

LONGSTOCK, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/ variations, being two extents each of Salwarpe, Broadwas, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Windrush, April Day, Old and Kennington 12 extents of Plain Bob and 10 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

Charles Taylor Treble	Robert J Crocker 3
Robert Newman 2	Philip G Taylor 4

Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd

First peal on the bells

LECKFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas

On Tues., Feb. 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Grandsire, 13 extents of Plain Bob, seven extents of April Day, seven extents of Old Doubles and one extent of Norfolk. Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 4 lb.

Christopher Pack Treble	Miriam Green 3
Albert Green 2	Philip G Taylor 4
Robert J Crocker Tenor	

Conducted by Robert J. Crocker.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.
AMPORT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
 On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

being 42 extents of 10 callings Tenor 9½ cwt.
 Philip G. Taylor Treble | *Martin H. Routh 4
 Michael G. Lynds 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 Frederick A. H. Lynds .. 3 | Robert J. Crocker Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal.

HRUXTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Sat., Feb. 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Tenor wt. 3 qr. in A.
 William Verney Treble | Philip Murduck 4
 Susan Rickard 2 | Denby Murduck 5
 Bradley Murduck 3 | *Michael Verney Tenor

Conducted by Denby Murduck.

* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor. First peal by Kingsclere Sunday service band.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Tues. Feb. 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

in 25 methods/variations, being one extent each of Derwent, Trent, Welland, Thames, Charlton Salwarpe, Old Swinford, Alveley, Broadwas, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Windrush, Wollaston, Hilmarton, Norfolk and Seighford, and three extents each of Old, April Day, Litchurch and Kennington and 10 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.
 *Frank R. Tonge Treble | †Philip G. Taylor 4
 Robert J. Crocker 2 | †Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 Bernard Doe 3 | Frank R. Rich Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* Has "circled the tower" three times. † 25th peal together. Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
 On Thurs., Feb. 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.
 *David Goss Treble | Philip G. Taylor 4
 *Michael J. Goss 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 Robert J. Crocker 3 | †Peter Watts Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Wed., Feb. 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Robert J. Crocker Treble | †Robert Newman 4
 *Philip Murduck 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 Philip Taylor 3 | Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal in two Minor methods. † First of Minor.

NEWTOWN, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
 On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN MINIMUS

Tenor 6 cwt.
 Bernard Doe Treble | *Robert Newman 3
 Robert J. Crocker 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Minimus ever rung.

ABBOT'S ANN, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sat., Feb. 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

being 14 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, seven extents each of Norfolk and Old. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.
 David Goss Treble | Miriam Green 3
 Christopher Pack 2 | Albert Green 4

Robert J. Crocker Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Crocker

* First peal "inside."

TANGLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
 On Wed., Feb. 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 READY MONEY BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt.
 George Bevis Treble | Robert J. Crocker 3
 Robert Newman 2 | Philip Taylor 4

Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method ever rung.

WHITCHURCH, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
 On Thurs. Feb. 29, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.
 *David King Treble | Philip Murduck 4
 Terry R. Tarrant 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 Robert J. Crocker 3 | Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.
 Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alliston.

OVER WALLOP, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat., March 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being three extents each of Norfolk, Windrush, Old and Kennington, six extents of April Day and 12 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.
 *Jack C. Wimplett Treble | *Peter Furness 3
 Robert Newman 2 | Robert J. Crocker 4

Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* Most methods rung to a peal.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
 On Mon., March 4th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 27 lb.
 *Michael J. Goss Treble | †Robert Newman 5
 Philip Murduck 2 | Philip Taylor 6
 Peter Furness 3 | *Peter Watts 7
 Robert J. Crocker 4 | Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.
 Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. William Kewell, vice-captain at the Highclere tower.

WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
 On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being one extent each of Hudibras, Ready Money, Windrush, Norfolk, Thames, Derwent, Welland, Charlton, Old, Seighford and May Day, six extents each of April Day and Kennington and 19 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
 Robert J. Crocker Treble | Philip G. Taylor 4
 Robert Newman 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 *Richard Sutton 3 | *Christopher Kendall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal.

ST. MARY BOURNE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Tues., March 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Woodhay, Marston, St. Veronica, Salwarpe, Old Swinford, Alveley, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Dumbleton, St. Adwena, Broadwas, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, Royston, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Ready Money, Windrush, Wollaston, Hilmarton, St. Saviour, Dedworth, Primrose, Snodsbury, Lillingdon Parva, Derwent, Welland, Trent, Newnham, Thames, Charlton Norfolk, Old, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, May Day, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
 Tenor 12 cwt.

Gerald B. Evans Treble | Philip G. Taylor 4
 Robert J. Crocker 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 Frank R. Tonge 3 | Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First 42 method/variation peal by all the band.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher Smith, of Longparish, and Lesley Heath, of St. Mary Bourne, married the previous Saturday.

LONGPARISH, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Tues., March 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, being one extent each of Ascension, Burghclere, Ready Money, Norfolk, Charlton and Old, three each of Northrepps and St. Helens, six each of Dedworth, Grandsire and April Day and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Robert J. Crocker Treble | Philip G. Taylor 4
 *David Goss 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 Michael Goss 3 | Frank R. Tonge Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on an "inside" bell.

UPPER CLATFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Thurs. March 21, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt 16 lb. in A.
 David King Treble | Philip G. Taylor 4
 Robert J. Crocker 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
 Jack C. Wimplett 3 | Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

STOCKBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., March 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Jack C. Wimlett Treble	*Robert Newman 4
Reginald F. Crook 2	*Terry R. Tarrant 5
Robert J. Crocker 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.
Rung to welcome the Rev R. Kirkpatrick as Rector in charge
of Stockbridge when inducted Rector of neighbouring Houghton.

BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Tues., March 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

In 42 variations as follows: Ascension, Burghclere, Old Hudibras.
Ready Money Hudibras, St. Agnes, Norfolk, St. Michael, Charlton,
Buttercup, Avon, Trinity Violet, Windrush, Wollaston, St. Saviour,
Hilmarton, Worthington. St. Thomas the Martyr, Cherwell, Weston,
Derwent, Welland, Trent, Newnham, Gooshill, Bladon, St. Epworth,
Nettlebed, Thames, Old, Dedworth, Primrose, Snodsbury, Lillington
Parva, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, May Day, Kennington, Tich-
borne and Plain Bob.

*David Goss Treble	Philip G. Taylor 4
Robert J. Crocker 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
*Michael Goss 3	*Peter Watts Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal in 42 Doubles variations. First peal in 42 Plain Bob
Doubles variations.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Martin

On Wed., March 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Robert Newman Treble	Philip G. Taylor 4
Philip Murduck 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Robert J. Crocker 3	Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band and on
the bells.

WHERWELL, Hants.—At the Church of St. Peter and the Holy Cross.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Kennington, Dedworth and Grandsire and 1,440
each of April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt

Reginald F. Crook Treble	Robert J. Crocker 3
Peter Furness 2	Philip G. Taylor 4

Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells; previously unringable until January, 1967.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., April 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OLD HUDIBRAS DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt.

Gerald B. Evans Treble	Robert Crocker 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Philip Taylor 5
Peter Furness 3	Frank R. Tonge Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ian Fletcher and Miss
Penelope Goddard, married the previous Saturday.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, York, Durham, Wells, London,
Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

Eric Naylor Treble	Philip H. D. Jones 4
David Targett 2	E. John Targett 5
Eric C. Wadman 3	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Adrian P. Beck and Miss
Judith Bloomer, who were married at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, this day

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

POTTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and St.
Clement's and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Clarke Treble	Anthony H. Smith 4
John G. Flint 2	Roger J. Giddings 5
David G. Carr 3	Christopher R. Hardy Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RUNCORN, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., March 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Lucy P. A. Hopkins .. Treble	Douglas Lowe 5
John E. Bibby 2	William Allman 6
Betty Lowe 3	Keith J. Walpole 7
Walter Allman 4	John R. Bibby Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Geoffrey V. Graham and Beryl
Jones at the church on the previous Saturday.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ADDERBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Thomas M. Barlow .. Treble	Ian V. J. Smith 5
Ann Harris 2	Peter M. Wilkinson 6
Jane Foster 3	Alan R. Baldock 7
Joan Berestord 4	Dennis Berestord Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Berestord.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley,
Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Richard Wilcox .. Treble	Denis R. Carlisle 4
Alec Humphrey 2	David J. Marshall 5
Geoffrey Bridges 3	*David W. Friend Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* 250th peal. First of seven Surprise Minor for 2, 3 and 5.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRANCEPEETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Fred Hodgson .. Treble	David R. Cox 5
*Anne H. Whaley 2	Philip M. Park 6
Ian V. Wintrip 3	Thomas Cooke 7
William A. Thow 4	Denis A. Bayles Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

* First peal of Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Queenie Cresswell .. Treble	John A. Warner 5
†Jennifer M. Millbank .. 2	†Peter G. Brown 6
Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	Alan R. Syder 7
†Jennifer M. Syder 4	†Robert J. Lindsell Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. ‡ 150th
peal and 100th of Surprise.

Rung in honour of the centenary of St. Michael's School.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT WAKERING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods comprising one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

Hubert H. Fuminger .. Treble	Alfred J. House 4
*Stephen G. Halliwell 2	†Bernard C. Sadler 5
David Sloman 3	Michael J. Hallett Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Hallett.

* First peal of Minor † 50th peal.

COLNE-ENGAIN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew

On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Ipswich, Beverley Surfleet, Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Walter Arnold Treble	Keith W. Brown 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	James L. Towler 5
Yvonne A. Murray 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

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

On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, York, London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Walter Arnold Treble	Keith W. Brown 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	†James L. Towler 5
*†Yvonne A. Murray 3	*George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 WHALLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

John R. Southey Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
David E. Rothera 2	Christopher W. Woolley .. 6
Martyn L. J. Jordan 3	Roger Baldwin 7
David A. Carpenter 4	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sun., March 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, consisting of 1,280 Cambridge, 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Lincolnshire, 1,120 Rutland with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

Joseph Thornley Treble	*Bernard Moss 5
*Albert Greenhalgh 2	*James E. Andrews 6
*James Cunliffe 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
Brian A. Tomlinson 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal of four-spliced First of four-spliced as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., April 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	*Frank Chambers 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	*B. Stedman Payne 6
*Dan S. Pont 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DITCHINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., March 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, viz. (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B. (3) Beverley and Cambridge, (4) Double Court (5) St. Clement's (6) Kent T.B. (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick C. Guntton .. Treble	Stephen F. High 4
Godfrey G. Walpole 2	J. Barry Pickup 5
Norman P. J. Cossey 3	H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Kenneth Mansel Lewis, Rector of Ditchingham and Rural Dean of Loddon.

SAXHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., March 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Roger E. Peckham Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
Norman P. J. Cossey 2	Stephen F. High 5
H. William Barrett 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

Rung to mark the engagement of Roger Peckham to Wendy Everest and as a rather belated 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary E. White of Walsall.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents Tenor 4½ cwt.

Owen P. Claxton Treble	Charles R. Catchpole 4
Albert G. Harrison 2	*Dennis G. Boast 5
*Thomas G. W. Boast 3	Harry B. Fuller Tenor

Conducted by Harry B. Fuller.

* First peal of Minor

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Gillian Mowle and Malcolm Precious, who were married here this day. Also a birthday compliment to Charles Catchpole

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's one-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Roger Oshon Treble	Ian Wickens 5
Derek Slater 2	John A. Howard 6
M. Iain Davey 3	David D. Smith 7
John R. Norris 4	Tom Latham Tenor

Conducted by David D. Smith.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Ian M. Robinson and Diane Dobson.

WILLINGDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's of Stedman, 16 120's of Plain Bob and 20 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Susan J. Percy Treble	Janet M. Percy 4
Betty Percy 2	†Clive Brettell 5
Robert W. R. Percy 3	Charles R. Percy Tenor

Conducted by Janet M. Percy.

* First peal † First of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor. First peal by a local band

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringers of 2 and 3.

HANDRELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At Churchfields.

On Sun., March 24, 1968, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 30 methods/variations being two extents each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Fortune Tredington Preston Thrumpton, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Rev. Canterbury Clifford's Pleasure and one each of St. Columb, Southrepps, Little Aston, Wychbold, Honeysuckle Wallflower, Cowslip Folke, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Seighford, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet and Cadbury. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTONHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 14, Willersey Road.

On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank 1-2	Hugh N. Evans 5-6
Valerie Willard 3-4	Cyril A. Wratten 7-8

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal of the method "in hand" by all the band, in the county and for the Association

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Rochester District)

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.

On Wed., March 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Trevor A. Cross 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Frank J. Matthews 3-4	Edward J. Beer 7-8
*Nicholas J. Chesson 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a mark of respect to Mr. G. H. Spice, vice-president of the Kent County Association, who died on March 22nd, 1968.

RUNG FOR THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANDOVER DISTRICT W. & P. G.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: M. Lynds 1, F. Lynds 2, G. Warner 3, R. Wimplett 4, J. C. Wimplett (cond.) 5, W. Mulford 6. Also for the christening of Wendy Tarrant, daughter of Andover tower captain. Also on March 10th 1,260 Grandire Triples D. King 1, Mrs. J. Tarrant 2, G. Warner 3, T. Tarrant 4, J. Wimplett 5, R. Wimplett 6, A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, W. Mulford 8. First in method 1, 3, 6. For Matins.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On March 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Taylor (first quarter) 1, G. Dodd 2, P. Furness 3, R. Crocker (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. Furness 5, C. Taylor 6.

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS, HANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (April Day Plain Bob and Grandire): P. Murduck 1, G. Dodd 2, J. Wimplett 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Taylor 5, R. F. Crook 6. A peal attempt called round.

KINGSCLEERE, HANTS.—On March 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Rickard 1, M. J. Goss 2, B. Murduck 3, C. Butler (first of Major) 4, D. Murduck 5, P. Watts 6, G. K. Dodd 7, P. Murduck (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Kathleen May Lawrence, a former Kingscleere ringer, on the day of her funeral.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On March 30th 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. B. Dobson 1, F. Tonge 2, R. Crocker 3, C. Smith 4, R. F. Crook (cond.) 5, B. Doe 6. Rung previous to the wedding of Mr. Ian H. Fletcher and Miss P. Goddard, a local ringer by Longparish ringers and friends.

NETHER WALLOP, HANTS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Newman 1, R. Crocker 2, J. C. Wimplett 3, R. P. Crook 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells.

ST. MARY BOURNE, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Mrs. B. Dobson 1, B. Oakes 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, F. Tonge 4, R. F. Cook (cond.) 5, A. Kingston 6. Rung immediately after the wedding of Christopher Smith and Miss Leslie Heath at this church.

WHERWELL, HANTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandire): J. C. Wimplett 1, P. G. Taylor 2, R. Crocker 3, P. Murduck 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 31st, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Louise Powell 1, N. Bennet 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

APPLEBY WESTMORLAND.—On March 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Elizabeth Metcalfe (first in two methods) 1, A. Capstick 2, N. M. Newby 3, J. Bagmall 4, T. F. Metcalfe 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6.

ASHEADE, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth Gibbs 1, D. Barnes (first "inside") 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Gillian Laver 4, J. A. Laver 5, R. D. Mills 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, J. V. A. Stedman 8. For Evensong. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: J. V. A. Stedman 1, Gillian Laver 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. A. Laver 4, R. D. Mills 5, J. L. Hayns 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, D. Barnes 8. 25th together 3 and 7. Rung for the wedding of Caroline Gibbs and G. Joblin.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Cynthia Jennings 1, M. Kirkham 2, Margaret Hall 3, A. S. Burdige (cond.) 4, R. C. Ingram 5, A. Short 6, D. T. Flinnemore 7, E. J. Franklin 8. For Evensong and to celebrate the engagement of Mr. Maurice Kirkham to Miss C. Fox.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: G. McCormick 1, M. Pring 2, P. Brandon 3, W. Linkstead 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, M. Taylor 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. Service for 50th anniversary of the R.A.F.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. M. Chambers 1, D. Cooper 2, V. A. Walton 3, L. D. Shaw (first as cond.) 4, J. K. Walton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on March 31st, 1,260 Norfolk Doubles: Miss H. J. Mitchell 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3, A. Swaton 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, B. Sarll 6. First in method for all. For Evensong.

BATHFORD, SOM.—On March 30th, 1,440 4-Spiced S Minor (York, Durham, Primrose, Norfolk): P. J. Devrell 1, J. E. Newman 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. J. Orledge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Mamey (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On March 24th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: 1. Banner 1, E. F. Fossberry 2, H. Wood 3, C. B. Fynes 4, R. Franklin 5, G. Rix 6, R. Banner 7, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 8. For Mothering Sunday.

BINEGAR, SOM.—On March 24th, 1,296 Cambridge and Ipswich S. Minor: Mary Jones 1, R. G. Beck 2, E. Wadman 3, R. E. Beck 4, E. I. Targett 5, A. P. Beck (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

BRAINFREE, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Chapman 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Susan Chapman 3, Mrs. Jennifer Syder (first as cond.) 4, Jennifer Stillbank 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, A. R. Syder 7, C. Barker 8. For Evensong for St. Michael's Primary School centenary and a compliment to Sally Mulseman, married the previous day. Also on March 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. H. Gillingham 1, Mrs. Queenie Cresswell 2, Susan Chapman 3, Mrs. Jennifer Syder 4, A. R. Syder 5, H. G. Felton 6, C. Barker 7, A. Wilfen (cond.) 8. For morning prayer and the baptism of Richard James Lindsell, the son of the tower master and Pat.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On March 10th 1,260 Grandire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): H. D. Bryan 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, I. Thomas 6, R. J. Mayle 7, S. Henson 8. A compliment to the Rev. Thomas Jones on his retirement after 26 years as Vicar.

BRISTOL.—On March 29th, at St. James Church, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: G. W. Massey (cond.) 1, G. Salmon 2, Brenda Boyce 3, P. J. England 4, M. G. Bartlett 5, D. G. Massey 6, W. S. Rice 7, R. W. Rice 8, R. C. Taylor 9, E. T. Skipsey 10. First of Yorkshire Royal 6 and 9.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Spiced Triples (Grandire and Oxford Bob): K. Clarke 1, Miss J. Hayward 2, Mrs. R. Woodley 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, J. Clarke 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. First of Spiced Triples 2, 5.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandire and Plain Bob): S. Glynne Butler 1, L. Christine Slater 2, Gillian Bosworth-Smith 3, P. J. Day 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, K. Davies 6. First quarter 1, 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 1.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Doubles M. S. Turner 1, Brenda Jarvis 2, D. J. Atkins 3, G. H. Baldam 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. L. George 6.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: R. A. Blewitt 1, E. Eldridge 2, Doreen Hague 3, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4, I. H. Focock 5, D. Fowles 6, J. R. A. Muller 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. With best wishes to John Dieppe and Janice Penning married this same day at Bray.

DEANE, HANTS.—On March 30th 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Miss C. M. Kemp 1, Miss L. Holbrook 2, Mrs. E. C. Sanders 3, M. S. Holbrook 4, Canon P. A. Sanders (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Hassell 6. Half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Frederick H. S. Marle, Rector of Deane (1933-1966).

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EXETER.—At St. Luke's College on Feb. 4th 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles ("in hand"): G. H. Baldam 1-2, J. N. Longridge 3-4, M. S. Turner 5-6. Non-conducted and silent. Also on Feb. 20th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): M. S. Turner 1-2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4, D. J. Atkins 5-6. Ditto on Feb. 22nd. Also on March 11th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): M. S. Turner 1-2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4, G. H. Baldam 5-6.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. N. Itoone 1, P. Holsworth (first "inside") 2, D. Toone 3, A. C. Cooper 4, W. Duncan 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6. Also on March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Holsworth 1, C. N. Itoone 2, W. Duncan 3, A. C. Cooper 4, A. W. Bird 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6. Also on March 23rd 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Holsworth 1, C. N. Itoone 2, D. Toone 3, R. Peckham 4, A. C. Cooper 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6, S. Itoone (covering) 7.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandire and Plain Bob Doubles: Thelma-Lynn Willis (cond. 1. Gr. first as cond.) 1, D. Wilcocks 2, Corinna Smith 3, C. Forster (cond. P.B.) 4, J. H. Payton 5. First of Doubles 1, 4. In memory of E. W. Smith, grandfather of ringer of 3.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first as cond.) 1, S. G. Pick 2, S. I. Yates 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, P. R. Johnson 5, R. B. Dorrington 6.

HOLKHAM PARK, NORFOLK.—On March 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. S. Williamson 1, M. J. Howes 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, R. E. Peckham 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5, S. F. High 6.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7 covering): R. G. Bumstead 1, A. R. Fuller 2, R. H. Rogers 3, B. E. Whiting 4, T. Spurling (cond.) 5, Theresa R. Orms 6, F. J. Potter 7.

HOUSLOW WEST, MIDDX.—On March 24th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Patricia Copas 1, A. K. Fortin 2, R. K. Russ 3, M. J. Palmer 4, P. N. Felton 5, R. J. Collis 6, L. C. Way 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. For Evensong. First of Rutland for all except 2 and 3.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandire, Plain Bob): G. Rose (first quarter) 1, Miss E. A. Burton (first quarter) 2, R. H. Redwood 3, J. R. Hough (cond.) 4, Miss J. K. A. Cook 5, J. Burton (first quarter) 6.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Gay Meyrick 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Mary Carveth 3, Valerie C. Allen 4, E. H. Langley 5, G. D. Carter 6, A. J. Davidson 7, D. Stephens 8. For the institution of Rev. J. E. Prothero to the benefice of Lansallos and Talland.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOM.—On March 23rd, 1,224 London and Cambridge Minor: R. G. Beck 1, R. E. Beck 2, D. Targett 3, P. J. Chivers 4, E. J. Targett 5, A. Beck (cond.) 6. For the marriage this day of Mr. W. Vaughan and Miss Sheila Smith.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on March 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: 1. Minns 1, R. Minns 2, J. Parkin 3, M. Todd 4, H. Gibson 5, C. Sharp 6, D. Phillips 7, G. Paul (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on March 25th, 1,259 Grandire Caters: M. Parkinson 1, D. Phillips 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, C. Sharp (4), W. Tomlinson 5, P. Pitchford 6, H. L. Pask 7, H. Gibson 8, G. Paul 9, J. Walden 10. First of Grandire Caters 2, 4, 6. Rung for Lady Day.

LINSLADE, BEDS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): R. Peddar (first quarter) 1, W. Insley 2, J. Dase (first "inside") 3, C. Radcliffe (first quarter) 4, J. Vickers 5, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 6, J. Grienel (first of Minor) 8. For Mothers Day.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' (the R.A.F. Church), on April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, Sheila M. Dobble 2, Gwyneth James (first in method) 3, C. W. Woolley 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, E. A. Barnett 6, W. H. Dobble (cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the R.A.F. Also on March 24th 1,295 Grandire Caters: Miss E. Timmins 1, Miss G. Bosworth-Smith 2, Mrs. C. Foster 3, Miss C. Slater 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, A. J. C. Brown 6, C. M. Foster 7, B. J. Stone 8, R. J. Talbot 9, P. R. Johnson 10. First on ten for 2 and 4. For afternoon service.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, F. Priddle 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. I. R. Marshall 5, I. J. Read 6. A compliment to Mr. J. R. Chick (local ringer) on his marriage to Miss V. D. Scriven.

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DEATH

BURNETT.—On April 3rd, 1968, in hospital, and of 103, Neville Road, Darlington, Ernest Burnett, aged 85 years. 3757

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BULLEN.—As from April 22nd, the address of Ron Bullen will be 7, Ripon Road, Lower Edmonton, London N.9. 3737

Mr. Arthur Tomlinson's new address: 41, Sunnyside Avenue, Wiltshire, near Blackburn, Lancs. Tel: Blackburn 47162. 3759

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Country Meeting, 1968

A meeting will be held in Canterbury on Saturday, May 25th. Lunch will be arranged. Full details later.—J. G. A. Prior. 3697

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 1968, at Hoole, Chester

Annual meeting 2 p.m. prompt, in the Church Hall of All Saints', Hoole, Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. B. Martin, Vicar of All Saints'.

Tea 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. Cost of tea tickets 5s. 6d. All applications for tickets to Mr. E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester, not later than Monday, May 13th.

Towers open before the meeting: Dodleston (6), 10-10.45 a.m.; Tarvin (6), 10-11 a.m.; Eccleston (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon; Handbridge (8), 12 noon-12.45 p.m.; St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 12 noon-12.45 p.m.; Hoole (6), 12 noon-1 p.m.

Available after tea: Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6), Christleton (8) 6-7.30, Backford (6) and Eccleston (8) by arrangement till 8 p.m.—Henry O. Baker Gen. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Special practice (London and Stedman), St. Mary's, Ealing, Monday, April 29th.—M. J. Palmer, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3641

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Monthly practice at Tilehurst on April 20th. Bells available 7-9 p.m. 3752

MAY FESTIVAL

St. Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. MAY 4th

An all-day event for ringers and their families. Activities include: Striking contest, quizzes, model train set, audio corner, garden school and handbell ringing. Playgroup for toddlers.

Festival service 4.15 p.m. Send for detailed programme from R. Stephens, 41, Barrow Green Road, Oxted, Surrey. Your support will benefit Christian Aid.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — Flower and Music Festival, including handbell recitals, April 26th, 27th and 28th. Bells available: Saturday 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 3-3.30 p.m. and 8.30-9 p.m.; Sunday 10-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 and 8.30-9 p.m. 3778

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BILLINGSHURST. —There will be no practices on April 19th and April 26th due to holidays. 3746

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

STOWMARKET

Annual General Meeting, Sat., April 20.

Choral Service - 4 p.m.
Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.
Followed by A.G.M.

Details of ringing in last week's "Ringing World."

Tea bookings to: Andrew T. Beckwith, 49, Alston Road, Ipswich. (Tel. 58652.)

A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors. 3717

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TEESSIDE PRACTICES. — As from April 25th, practices will be held each Thursday at Ormesby (8) and each Friday at Stockton (10). Both practices start at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3753

MEETINGS

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —April meeting to be held joint with the Halifax Association at Penistone, combining ringing meeting and contest on April 20th. Judge and marker for the day, Messrs H. Chant and N. P. Moxon respectively. Names for tea to Mr. I. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe.—T. Tarbatt. 3677

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pulford, Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 followed by tea. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. C. C. Robert, Elmwood, Rossett, near Wrexham. 3715

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.W. District.—Meeting, Waltham Abbey (12) Saturday April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Miss S. F. Thomas, 71, Kingsfield Drive, Enfield, Middx. 3609

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 20th, at the Parish Church, Leamington Spa. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. The following towers will also be open from 2 to 4 p.m.: St. Nicholas', Warwick, Wellesbourne, Kineton. Other towers may be available, if so will notify in later notice. Names for tea to H. C. Burt, Bowood, Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa.—J. L. G. H. 3614

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Evening meeting, Caxton, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) 6 p.m. Special methods: Norwich Surprise and Single Oxford. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 3713

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Malmesbury, April 20th, 2 p.m. Tea (meat) 6s. 6d., at 4.30 p.m. Association service, Malmesbury Abbey, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open: 10-11.30 Marshfield, Colerne and Watermoor; 11-12.30 Grittleton, Shipton Moyne, Kemble and South Cerney; 12-1.30 Aveing, Oaksey and Minety; 11-1.30 Malmesbury; 7-9 Malmesbury, Tetbury and Shipton Moyne. There will be no towers open during the meeting or the service, S.A.E. and 6s. 6d. for tickets to Mr. J. E. Billings, 8, Athelston Road, Malmesbury, Wilts, as soon as possible.—Charles Rowe, Hon. Sec. 3706

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Penistone on April 20th. All bands welcome to compete. Entries and names for tea to Mr. I. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. The contest will be judged by Mr. H. Chant. Four bands and under, test piece 720 changes, decreasing if number of bands exceeds four. This date will not be changed.—T. Tarbatt. 3676

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held at Hitchin on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing arrangements: Codicote (6), 9.30-10.30; Knebworth (8), 10-11.30; Stevenage (8), 11.30-12.30; Graveley (6), 12-1; Great Wymondley (6), 1-2; Barkway (8), 9.30-10.30; Barley (6), 10.30-11.30; Wailington (6), 11.30-12.30; Sandon (5), 12-1; Ashwell (6), 1-2; Baldock (8), 1.30-2.30; Norton (8), 2.30-3.30; St. Ippolyts (6), 3.30-4.15; Hitchin (8), 3-4.30; and after the meeting, Offley (6), 7-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Boys' Grammar School, 5.15. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. C. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin (tel. 3612).—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 3669

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. April 20th. Bells: Barwell 9.30 to 10.30, Earl Shilton 10.30 to 11.30, Thurlaston 11.30 to 12.15, Kirby Muxloe 12.15 to 1, Quorn 10 to 11, Mounsworth 11 to 12, Wanlip 12 to 12.45, Kidworth 10 to 11, Thurnaby 11 to 11.45, Humberside 11.30 to 12.15, Leicester—St. Margaret's 1.30 to 2.45, St. John's 2 to 3, Cathedral 2.30 to 4.15, All Saints' 1.45 to 2.45, St. Mary's 2.45 to 3.30. Service Leicester Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea at Old Newton's Boys' School 5 p.m. Social evening at Aylestone Parish Hall. 3727

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at All Saints' Church, Newport, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available: All Saints' 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Woolos' Cathedral 1.30-3.30 p.m. and from 7-8.30 p.m. Service at All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please to M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 3585

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Evening meeting at Uffington, near Stamford, Lincs, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. Welcome by the Rector at 6.30 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3725

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting of Western Deaneries at Lyng (5) on Sat., April 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Reepham 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Reepham (6) and Salle (8). Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Norwich NOR 69X, by Wednesday, April 17th. 3748

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The A.G.M. at Witney (8) on Saturday, April 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business after. Names for tea to E. R. Venn, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford. 3734

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting. Maxey, April 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Ufford (4) also available 3-4 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to Secretary. —R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 3726

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Culworth, Saturday, April 20th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, by previous Tuesday. 3740

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Lowick at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th. All welcome. Names for tea to M. Hawkins, 62, Lyveden Road, Brigstock, Kettering, Northants. 3749

ST. THOMAS SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE.—WORCS.—Ringing Festival, Saturday, April 20th, in Stourbridge area to support launching of appeal to restore St. Thomas bells and tower. Bells available: Brierty Hill (8), 2-2.45; Amblecote (8), 2.30-3.15 and 6.15-7.30 if required; Wollaston (6), 3-3.45; Old Swinford (8), 3.30-4.15; Stourbridge (St. Thomas 8), 4-8. Tea 5 p.m. to St. Thomas Church Hall, Market Street, for all those who notify the undersigned. —M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge. 3671

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Southwell, Saturday, April 20th. Business meeting, Trebeck Hall. 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 5.45 p.m. Ringing between business meeting and tea, and after Evensong. Names for tea to J. W. Rathby, 205, London Road, Balderton, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3604

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice at Penkridge on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3693

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Burgess Hill (8) Saturday, April 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. M. Hills, 28, Sullington Way, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, BN4 6 PJ. 3719

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Westbourne, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 3739

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, Brockenhurst (6), April 20th, 2.45-4.30. Tea at Bow Windows Cafe, Lyndhurst, 5.15 (cost 3s. 6d.). Service 6.15. Ringing to follow at Lyndhurst (8). Names for tea essential to L. F. Cobb, 1, Avonvale Cottages, Kingston, Ringwood. 3712

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, April 22nd. —M. J. Palmer 3639

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on April 23rd at 8.15 p.m. Practices: April 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 30th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; May 7th, St. Lawrence Jewry; May 14th, St. Giles', Cripplegate. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 3698

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot (8) on Tuesday, April 23rd, 7.30 to 9. Special method: Rutland. 3779

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Great Wakering (6), April 24th, 7 p.m. Killamarsh, Plain Bob and Grandsire methods. 3772

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Learners' practice meeting, Humberside (6), Thursday, April 25th, 7 p.m. 3750

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Corston, near Bath, Friday, April 26th, 7.45 p.m.—B. J. 3733

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Friday, April 26th. Bells (8) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with special attention for L.A.C.R. cert. of proficiency.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 3751

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shipham, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—M. Legg. 3747

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barton St. David (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horthorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 3760

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at 5.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3761

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Witton, Northwich, on April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Please make own tea arrangements. Special method: Lincolnshire S. Major. 3709

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Upwell, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (own food) 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3777

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Busley (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to P. Screen, 22, Springfield, Hardwicke, Gloucester, by Tuesday, 23rd. Please note change of date. 3685

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Moreton Valence (6), April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Quodegeley (8) (7th cracked, not ringable) available after business. Names for tea (essential) to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens Longlevens, Gloucester, by Thursday, April 25th. 3766

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Chedworth (6), April 27th, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Pearce, Sec. 3768

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Tuesday, April 23rd. Please note—no names no tea!. 3776

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will be held at Thames Ditton on April 27th. Competition ringing will begin at 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea following for those who notify Miss J. Dauris, 22, Ellsworthly, East Molesey (Tel. 01 398-5089) by previous Wednesday, please. 3770

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstons, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. V. Powell, 21, Ethelstan Crescent, Hereford, by 24th. No names, no tea. Everyone welcome. 3701

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gillingham, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. D. Chapman, 41, Bettlescombe Road, Rainham. Gillingham definitely not later than Saturday, April 20th.—T. Barton 3691

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—The annual District striking contest will be held at Sapcote on April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Competition ringing after tea. Names for tea please, to Mrs. M. E. Brown, Harecroft Farm, Stanton Lane, Sapcote (Tel. 728), by Wednesday previous.—C. M. Wells, Dis. Sec. 3736

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be at Accrington on Saturday, April 27th. Towers open: Whalley, 10.30-11.30, Darwen 12.30-1.30, Blackburn Cathedral 1-2.30, Oswaldtwistle 2-4, Accrington 2-4.15. Service 4.15 at Accrington. Tea in Willow Street School 4.45 followed by the annual general meeting. Ringing afterwards at St. Peter's, Burnley, till 8 p.m., and Accrington till 9 p.m. Requests for other Blackburn Branch towers to J. Pilkington 407, Wnail Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington. St. Michael's, Blackburn (morning). Holy Trinity, Burnley (evening), will be open if required. Names for tea (4s. each), including money with stamped addressed envelope, to Mr. A. V. Williams, 289, Whalley Road, Accrington—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 3514

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mellor District.—Evening meeting at Buckminster on Saturday, April 27th. Six bells. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 3730

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 27th. Holy Communion in Ringers' Chapel 8 a.m. Service in Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea in Tithe Barn 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Ringing: Welton (6) 10 to 11 a.m.; Dunholme (6) 11 to 12 noon; Scothern (6) 12 to 1 p.m.; Nettlesham (6) 1 to 2 p.m.; Lincoln Cathedral (12). St. Giles' (8), St. Botolph's (6) and St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6) 2 p.m. until service time and after the annual meeting until 9 p.m. except St. Giles'. Discussion on annual report at meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 3703

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, April 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Business to include election of officers and amendments to rules. Ringing: St. Peter's, 2.30-4.30 p.m. and in evening: St. Mary's, Staines, and Stanwell 2.30-4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 3764

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—South Eastern District.—Spring meeting at Ware and Hertford on Saturday, April 27th. Meet at St. Mary the Virgin's, Ware, 2 p.m. Tea and meeting at Police H.Q., Hertford, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to me at 58, Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent.—P. Shonk, Asst. Dis. Sec. 3766

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Long Stratton, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Wednesday, April 24th. 3767

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicester Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, by previous Wednesday, please. 3758

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch A.G.M., Bray, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead, by 23rd. 3646

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Moulton, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. Carr, 4, Lorraine Crescent, Northampton, by Wednesday previous. 3756

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beaminster Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome 3742

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Martin, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Damerham bells 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 23rd. 374*

QUARTER PEALS

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Buxhall (6) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Great Finoorough (6) in the evening. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Borley, 7, Brettenham Road, Buxhall, Stowmarket Suffolk.—M. Page, Dis. Sec. 3775

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting Warbleton, April 27th Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring own tea. Further ringing after tea.—G. Fitzhugh. 3771

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Alverstoke, April 27th Bells 3 till 8.30. Service 4.45. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5.30, followed by business meeting. Names for tea and remittance of 2s. 6d. per head to Mrs. H. Nobes, 6, Molesworth Road, Gosport, by Friday, April 26th, please. 3773

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Meeting at Mabe, Saturday, April 27th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. Names for tea by April 22nd. 3762

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Pensnett (8), Saturday April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. No business at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. John Walker, Tansey Green, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, Staffs, by Thursday April 25th—Bernard C. Ashford Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3722

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—An evening practice will be held at Coleman's Hatch (8) on Friday, May 3rd, at 7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend as there will not be another meeting until June 8th. 3754

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Studley (6), May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea to John W. Perkins, 46, Toms Town, Studley, Warwicks. —R. W. S. 3765

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Feering, May 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 Service 4. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Nichols, Alverstoke House, Feering, Colchester. 3769

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Branch meeting, Dunsford, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, Royal Oak, 4.30 Meeting after Christow and Bridford if required—G. Skinner. 3672

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, May 4th. Evening prayer at the Minster 4 p.m. Tea in St John's College 5. The Dean's Park (entrance through gate near N.W. tower) will be available for car parking. Please display card on windscreen with "Y.A.C.R." Subscriptions are due; reports will be available. Bells: Kippax (6), 10-11; Woodlifford (6), 10-11; Barwick-in-Elmet (6), 11-12. Bramham (6), 11.30-12.30. Tadcaster (8), 12-1 and 7.15-8.30. Acomb (6), 2-3.30. Huntington (6), 2-3.30 and 7-8.45. York Minster (13), 2.30-3.55 and 7-8. Names for tea to Miss J. Watkin 40, Meadowsfield Drive, Huntington, York, by previous Thursday—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 3679

MARTOCK, SOM.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. W. Dyer 1, T. E. Marks 2, G. W. Rendell 3, B. Look 4, E. T. P. Field 5, G. W. Rendell, jun. 6, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 7, C. More 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5, 8. For Confirmation service.

MELLS, SOM.—On March 30th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland and Bristol): G. Hebden 1, G. W. Massey (cond.) 2, D. Orledge 3, R. W. Rice 4, P. J. England 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. Baker 7, D. G. Massey 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

ORDSALL NOTTS.—On March 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. A. Walton 1, L. D. Shaw 2, H. Wagstaffe 3, J. K. Walton 4, D. Cooper 5, R. M. Chambers (first as cond. of Surprise) 6. First of Surprise 1 and 4.

PERTH, W.A.—On Feb. 3rd, at St. George's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Mann (cond.) 1, Nancie J. Page 2, T. Lambert (first in Australia), 3, J. Carter 4, Heather Mann 5, T. Gregory 6.

PRITILEWELL, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. J. Sadler 1, S. Halliwell 2, P. Sadler 3, C. Belcham 4, H. Furling 5, P. Sloan 6, D. Sloan 7, G. Bacon 8, B. Sadler 9, M. Hallett (cond.) 10. For Confirmation.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: L. Ann Mew 1, Alison M. Mann 2, Caroline F. Macge first of Grandire (3), C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, M. J. Uphill 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, Julie S. Armstrong 8. Half-muffled as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Rev. H. Collier, 20 years in this parish.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Erin Triples: R. Iomlin 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, A. House 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, J. Laken 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On March 9th, 1,295 Grandire Caters Amanda Hughes (first on ten) 1, Sandra Goodship 2, Joan Hanning (first in method) 3, J. L. Cloughton 4, Carol Martin 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6, W. Dunn 7, W. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, G. Knipe 10. With birthday congratulations to ringers of 3 and 6. Also on March 31st 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Knipe 1, Kay More 2, Sandra Goodship 3, Angela Hughes 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6, W. Inwood 7, A. T. Shelton 8. For Evensong.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On March 24th, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: I. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, S. Adams 6, J. Eborall 7, D. Oliver (cond.) 8. On Mothering Sunday and to welcome a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. D. Osbourne.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on March 19th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Dodds (first quarter, aged 12) 1, G. Penney (cond.) 2, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 3, A. R. Carter 4, M. D. Frost 5, R. E. Hardy 6.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Ley 1, Elizabeth A. Johnston 2, C. M. Movley 3, D. J. Jukes 4, C. L. Digby Munday 5, S. Taylor (first as cond.) 6. Rung by M.U.G.S. for Evensong.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, on March 10th 1,280 Spliced Cambridge and

Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. D. Cooper 1, M. J. Young (first of Sur. Major) 2, Patricia Rogers 3, J. Seager 4, S. R. Cole 5, J. F. S. Eborall 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, C. W. Longden 8. First of Spliced for all the band except ringers of 4 and 7. Rung for evening Mass. Also on March 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Barbara Hulley (first quarter) 1, Kathleen M. Higgins 2, Carole A. H. Patey 3, J. D. Cooper 4, Patricia Rogers 5, S. Cole 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, C. W. Longden 8. Both rung by the University of Sheffield Guild.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on March 24th, 1,260 Grandire Triples (back eight): Mary Lewis (first Triples) 1, Mary Andrews 2, J. Rae 3, K. Small 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, P. Clarke 6, F. Hurrell 7, P. Shonk 8. For Evensong on Mothers Day.

STAFFORD.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: N. Holland 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, F. H. Eley 3, I. G. Williams 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, F. R. Wiggin (cond.) 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, R. K. Mowforth 8. For Maids.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On March 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Christine A. Pepper 1, Ruth V. Hawkins 2, Margaret Burton 3, Margaret Ridgway 4, J. M. Pepper 5, D. Adams 6, M. Jack 7, J. G. Burton (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Margaret Booth and Harold Womham, both ringers at this church.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On March 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, D. Kingston 6. For morning service. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Grandire and Plain Bob): D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, T. Camp 5. First in four methods by all the band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Shirley A. Cox 1, J. E. Newman 2, R. I. Kendrick 3, J. H. Thompson 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6, I. P. Cox 7, M. J. C. Cannon 8. Rung in memoriam Harold L. Parfrey, Bath Branch Ringing Master, who rang his first and last peals in this tower.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary White 1, Valerie Rushforth 2, Sandra Pearce 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, W. J. Stubbington 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, E.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss V. Jones 1, T. Coles 2, Miss J. Gamble (first "inside") 3, Miss M. Wilkinson (25th quarter) 4, D. A. Wright 5, K. Warner 6, C. G. Wright (cond.) 7, F. Gibson (first quarter) 8. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Gamble 1, T. Coles 2, P. D. Chapman 3, D. A. Hewitt 4, D. A. Wright 5, E. Holman 6, K. Warner 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret, the conductor's cousin. Also on March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Gamble 1, P. D. Chapman 2, T. Coles 3, D. A. Wright 4, E. Holman 5, C. G. Wright (cond.) 6, F. Gibson cover. A birthday compliment to Ernie Holman. Also on March 17th 1,260 Grandire Triples: D. A. Wright 1, K. Warner 2, Miss J. Gamble 3, C. G. Wright (cond.) 4, D. A. Hewitt 5, T. Coles 6, E. Holman 7, J. Rixon 8. A wedding compliment to David and Maggie, from Barkingside.

LATE NOTICES

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Annual General Meeting

at

Liverpool

on

Saturday, April 27th, 1968.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Shalbourne (5) and Great Bedwyn (6), Saturday, April 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. at Great Bedwyn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Leckhampton (8), April 22nd, 7.30 p.m. 3786

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Farmborough on April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr.

K. I. Baker, High Standing, Bath Road, Farmborough, near Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3785

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Huntley, April 27th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Miss Turner, Gate House, Huntley Manor, Huntley, Glos. 3781

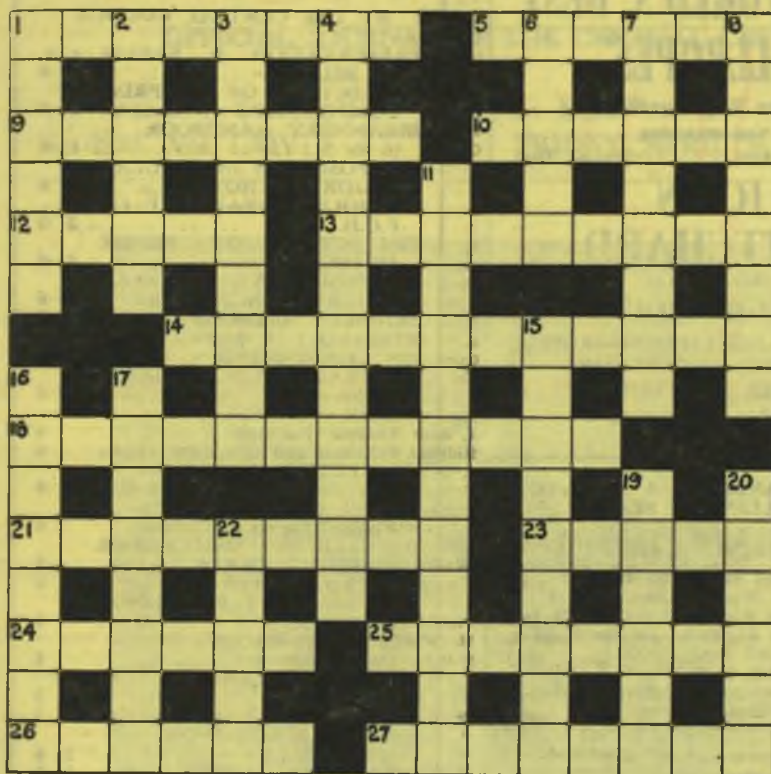
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Clun, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. 3788

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Spring meeting, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing, Heyford (Lower) (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Ringing, Rousham (6), 7 p.m. Names for tea to H. Adams, 19, The Square, Lower Heyford, Oxford, by April 24th. 3780

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Evening meeting at Preston Capes (5), Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 3782

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Not flights of fancy—the real thing! (3, 5).
5. The simplest of the five classic orders of architecture (6).
9. This could be St. George's or St. Thomas' in London (8).
10. Not quite dislocation (6).
12. Court places might provide an opportunity to hear these (5).
13. In other respects comes from where it's zero (9).
14. Rails and steam are with it but they exclude spiritual interests (12).
18. Not always descriptive of ringing audiences (12).
21. Does this make one come clean in Scandinavia? (5, 4).
23. Domain (5).
24. Definitely not vegetable or mineral (6).
25. Top ring with nothing and a transposition (8).
26. Slight adjustment necessary for dark belfries (6).
27. Issue—but not just from publishers (8).

DOWN

1. Long version of this is found in Somerset (6).
2. Naval base (6).
3. Put back in office (9).
4. Musical compositions would be required for this event (5, 7).
6. Sole answer will not do here (5).
7. The ultimate in daftness (8).
8. And this is daft too! (8).
11. As two words could have any sized ring, but as one it has a twelve (12).
15. This has two twelves! (9).
16. Author of a famous plan—no Grandsire Royal at Daventry? (8).
17. Activity common to whisks and parsons (8).
19. This clue is not so difficult (6).
20. One of the rarer girls (6).
22. Short advertisement and very much to the point (5).

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QUARTER PEALS

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On March 24th, 1,380 Kent Treble Bob Major: 1. A. Sheffield 1, A. J. Fletcher 2, Miss B. M. Pickering 3, J. Wellings 4, S. T. Yates 5, C. J. Bennett 6, P. G. K. Davies 7, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent T.B. Major by a Sunday service band of this church.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HANTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. T. Slack 1, S. M. Jack 2, Katharine Maundrell 3, T. M. Evans 4, A. J. Mason 5, B. R. M. Johnson 6, R. H. Youdale (cond.) 7, H. R. Jacobs 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 4, 8. First of Triples for the Winchester College Society.

BREASTON, DERBYS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Linda Brewin 1, Christine Browne 2, A. Humphrey (cond.) 3, A. Lord 4, C. Beawick 5, C. Slack 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marlon Kemp 1, A. W. Bond 2, Enid Hammond 3, M. G. R. Zobel 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, R. E. Skillwell 6, R. M. Ashman 7, B. Bladen 8, R. H. Newton (cond.) 9, J. M. Hills 10. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on March 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Bateman (first of Stedman) 1, D. J. Hunt 2, J. F. Pedler 3, B. Martin 4, T. Newlands 5, J. W. Collard 6, D. Rennolds (cond.) 7, N. Dawson 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Smith, chorister.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOM.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Jones 1, B. Mills 2, E. Forrest 3, J. Coombe 4, D. Gay 5, S. Lewis 6, J. Walton (first of Plain Bob Triples as cond.) 7, B. Williams 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all except 3 and 7.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 3rd, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Daisy M. Andrews 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, E. P. Duffield 3, N. F. Whittell 4, E. E. Davey 5, A. R. Andrews 6, W. Arnold 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on March 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Millatt (cond.) 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, A. R. Andrews 3, J. Felgate 4, N. F. Whittell 5, E. E. Davey 6. Also on March 24th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, F. G. Oliver 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, A. R. Andrews 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 1, E. Razzell 2, I. M. Parry 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, N. Brown 5, C. M. Foster 6, A. Brown 7, K. Taber 8. A farewell to Rev. M. and Mrs. Yorke on the former's appointment to Chelmsford Cathedral.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On March 22nd, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: V. Savage 1, R. G. Beck 2, G. W. Massey 3, G. Salmon 4, E. Naylor 5, D. Mackay 6, P. Jones 7, D. Massey 8, A. P. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10. In memoriam Harold L. Parfery, of Corston.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cooper 1, L. D. Shaw 2, V. A. Walton 3, H. Wagstaffe 4, R. M. Chambers 5, J. K. Walton (first as cond.) 6.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. G. Edwards 1, Miss J. A. Edwards (first quarter) 2, Miss S. M. Edwards 3, Miss C. J. Edwards 4, Miss M. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, J. H. Edwards 6. Rung in honour of Mary's 21st birthday.

HEMINGTON, SOM.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Green 1, Christine Green 2, H. Hawkins 3, Jennifer Durston 4, P. Gould (cond.) 5, R. H. Hawkins 6. First Minor 1, 2. A farewell to No. 6 on leaving for the Lake District.

IRSTOCK, LEICS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Helen Duffey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Rowley (cond.) 2, W. T. Goadby 3, B. Hoden 4, J. Tovell 5, H. Everett 6.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On March 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, R. P. Pearce (first of Minor) 3, A. Locke 4, G. D. Carter 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Minnion 1, Christine Earp (first of Minor "inside") 2, B. Hawkins 3, P. R. Daws 4, F. W. Taylor 5, A. G. Clark (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3. First in method 2, 3. Rung on the occasion of the funeral service of Cyril W. Savage at St. Peter's, Walton-on-the-Hill.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On March 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. White (first away from cover) 1, K. Lucas 2, P. Fleckwey (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, G. Lucas 5, L. Foster (first quarter) 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on March 17th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Felicity Cooke (first of Treble Bob) 1, P. A. Williams 2, C. Ricketts 3, P. S. Reading 4, D. S. Bishop 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, S. Fenwick 7, C. Quarley 8. First in the method 2, 3, 4, 5, 7. For Evensong. Also on March 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Anne Cooke 1, Felicity Cooke 2, S. Fenwick 3, T. Yeomans 4, C. Ricketts 5, Rev. G. Stickland 6, D. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8, N. W. H. Simon 9, F. C. Corney 10. Rung to mark the consecration of the Very Rev. E. S. Thomas as Bishop of Monmouth at St. Asaph's this day.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On March 23rd, 1,320 All Saints and Fawley Doubles: S. Kirby 1, Catherine A. Roberts 2, R. H. Roberts 3, W. R. Gilks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5. First in method, 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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