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The Church of St. Thomas, Stourbridge, Worcs.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Tower and Bells of St. Thomas, Stourbridge

By Martin D. Fellows

COMMENCED around the year 1730, the erection of the "New Chapel," Stourbridge, was in 1759 nearing completion. It was in this latter year that a ring of eight bells was installed in the tower.

The church had been built by the townspeople, amidst much opposition from the Rector of Old Swinford, to fill the need for a place of worship in the industrial part of the huge parish of Old Swinford. It will be gathered that Stourbridge was but a district of the aforementioned parish, and in those days the centre of population was over a mile away from the parish church.

Arguments raged for many years as to the legality of having another church in the parish of Old Swinford, several Parliamentary Bills for the setting up of a new parish being rejected. Thus, the church became known as the "New Chapel" and the right of presentation lay in the people of the town. It is recorded that upon the election of a new minister for the church, the scenes were not unlike those which accompanied parliamentary elections of those times!

At long last, in April, 1866, the "New Chapel" was dedicated to St. Thomas by the Lord Bishop of Worcester and thus ended a state of affairs which must surely have been unique in the history of the Church of England.

The bells were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry by Lester and Pack, and it is recorded that upon their arrival at Stourbridge they were hung in the tower by the brothers Samuel and Robert Turner, who were then bell hangers to Lester and Pack.

FIRST PEALS

The first peal to be rung on the bells was reported in Berrow's Worcester Journal of October 3rd, 1771, and reads as follows:

"On Thursday last, were rung at the New Chapel, Stourbridge, a true and complete Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in three hours and 26 minutes, being the only true peal rung in that steeple."

Another peal was reported in the same newspaper of November 25th, 1773:

"On Monday the 8th instant was rung at Stourbridge in this County, in six hours and twenty minutes, a Compleat peal of Bob Majors, being 10080 changes by Eight young men of that town, upon Eight of the most Musical and best hung bells within a hundred miles of the place; and being by some thousands more than ever were rung within the same distance. So great was the pleasure and astonishment that many were induced to express their approbation, who before had a dislike to music of that kind."

A LOCAL COMPOSER

Readers will be interested to learn that around the close of the 18th century there was a ringer at the tower named Thomas Edwards, and it was he who, in 1792, produced the first known composition for a peal of Stedman Triples. The composition, however, is not in general use, due no doubt to an unfamiliar type of single being used.

By 1890, the bells were in desperate need of rehanging. A town's meeting was called and a committee there appointed to arrange

for the work to be done. The rehanging work was carried out by Messrs. Charles Carr & Co. and the bells were reopened on April 24th, 1892.

In 1900, the bells were once more in urgent need of rehanging and, in addition, the seventh bell had become cracked. On this occasion the restoration work was carried out by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. More repairs were carried out in 1909 by the same firm.

The bells gave good service until 1935, when they were again restored. They were removed to the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor & Co. where they were cleaned, retuned and four bells recast. In addition, the ring was rehung with modern fittings but, unfortunately, the old wooden bell frame was not replaced.

APPEAL FOR £5,000

This last restoration has seen the bells through to the present day, but during the last few years the bell frame has been giving indications that the end of its useful life is near. The Parochial Church Council is determined that the bells shall be restored completely, and on April 20th last launched an appeal for £5,000 to meet the total cost of not only having the bells rehanging but also of having the tower re-pointed and refaced.

A ten bell frame by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. is envisaged, and if money over and above the appeal figure is forthcoming the bells will be augmented to ten.

Donations towards the appeal figure, which will be gratefully acknowledged, should be sent to Mr. M. D. Fellows, c/o St. Thomas' Vicarage, 63, Market Street, Stourbridge, Worcs. Cheques should be made payable to: "St. Thomas' P.C.C. Bells and Tower Restoration Fund."

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759. (Weight 5cwt. 1qr. 3lb.). Recast 1935. Taylor & Co."

2: Ditto. (5cwt. 2qr. 21lb.).

3: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759" (5cwt. 2qr.).

4: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759 (6cwt. 1qr. 26lb.). Recast 1935. Taylor & Co."

5: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759" (7cwt. 3qr. 7lb.).

6: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759 (9cwt. 1qr. 9lb.).
To honour both of God and King
Our Voices shall in Consort ring."

7: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759 (13cwt. 7lb.).

Ye Ringers all who prize your health
and happiness,
Be sober, Merry, Wise and You'll the
same possess.

Recast by Mears & Stainbank, London, 1901."

Tenor: "Lester & Pack of London, fecit 1759 (18cwt. 3qr. 26lb., Note E).

In wedlock bands all ye who join with
hands your hearts unite,
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
to laud the Nuptial rite.

Rev. Charles Harris, Rector.

Josiah Hemus, Churchwarden, 1759.
Recast 1935. Taylor & Co."

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IMPORTANT
NOTICE

The Committee regrets that owing to the illness of Mr. J. E. Jeater there has been a delay in dealing with accounts of "The Ringing World" and also acknowledgment of subscriptions.

We are also sorry to state that Mr. Jeater's health does not permit him to continue as accountant.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING DEFICIT BY INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. E. A. Barnett New Chairman

RINGING is to cost more in Kent. At the 88th annual meeting of the Kent County Association at Rochester on Easter Monday the meeting approved the following increases to the annual subscription from January 1st, 1969.

Members 5s. from 3s. Life members £5 5s. from £3 3s.
Junior members 2s. 6d. from 1s. 6d. Non-resident life members 7s. 6d.

Mr. B. W. May, the hon. treasurer, reported a loss on the year of £141.

Upon the recommendation of the committee it was decided to appoint a chairman to the Association. These duties in the past had been undertaken by the late Mr. John Willis. Mr. E. A. Barnett was elected to the office and promised to do his best to carry on in the tradition set by Mr. Willis, Mr. F. White and Mr. E. H. Lewis.

In the annual report Mr. Corby referred to "the entirely unfair and destructive criticism to which the Association has been subjected in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'" He hoped that the hard-working officers would not be discouraged by the carping critics who would be better engaged in working to remedy the things of which they complained.

THE SERVICE

The choir at Rochester Cathedral was inadequate for the attendance at the service at noon. This was conducted by the Dean (the Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts) assisted by the Precentor (Canon P. A. Welsby), and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochester (Mr. and Mrs. J. Green).

After the Eastertide prayer for the renewal of faith in the Risen Christ, the following members who had died during the year were remembered: Vice-presidents A. G. Hill (Erith), G. H. Spice (Tunstall) and J. Willis (Folkestone); associate members Rev. J. Clifford (Rainham) and H. Reid (Willesborough); practising members R. Beard (St. Mary Cray), C. Chapman (Cliffe-at-Hoo), S. J. Gee (St. Laurence-in-Thane), S. Walter (Wickhambreaux); non-resident life members A. J. Bull and John Worth.

The Dean in his address said it was six years since the Association had held its annual meeting in the Rochester District and 12 years since their last service in that Cathedral. Recently he was privileged to dedicate some restored bells, and people were delighted to hear them. It was almost a resurrection in itself.

His text was taken from Acts ii: "They were all with one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind."

He thought a nation depended very largely on small groups that built up its strength. Of course they must have the government at the top, and individuals had their rights, but it was the groups that made up its strength. John Wesley recognised this when he formed his prayer cells. All of them knew that in the life of the Church they needed great worshipping units, but the Church also needed the smaller groups in which people got to know one another.

"THE SOUND OF HEAVEN"

The world they lived in was a difficult place; they were bombarded with sound, with radio and television and other noises. What the Christian Church needed was to tune in to the sound of heaven. Bells rang out the message that Jesus lives and the hope that it gave of the life beyond the grave. Therefore on that day they were offering themselves to Christ afresh in their fellowship so that the gift He had given them could be used to its full to His glory.

The luncheon was held in the old Corn Exchange and was attended by a company of 180. An excellent meal was supervised by Mrs. Feather and Mrs. Edmed, who had 38 helpers.

The general secretary (Mr. P. A. Corby) in his welcome to the guests thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for giving up their Bank Holiday to be with them, and the Dean and Precentor for providing one of the finest Easter services the Association had been privileged to

attend. "We shall remember this service for a very long time," he said.

Another very sincere "thank you" to the Dean came from the Rev. Peter Robbins, and the welcome to the guests was completed with three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus "in hand" rung by Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2, E. A. Barnett 3-4, Mrs. Robbins 5-6, C. Osenton (cond.) 7-8, E. J. Beer 9-10, Trevor A. Cross 11-12.

The Mayor, who was also invited to speak, said while he did not profess to be a bell-ringer, he thought that morning that the bells sounded wonderful; it was a really marvellous sound; he did not think they could get a better one and he congratulated the ringers. He had learned that day that bobbing was not just going up and down (laughter). The Mayor concluded by thanking the ladies for the excellent meal they had served.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Dean presided at the meeting and he was supported by Messrs. P. A. Corby, B. W. May (hon. treasurer), E. A. Barnett and B. J. Luck (vice-presidents). Apologies were received from Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. E. Barnett (who is now out of hospital), Messrs. G. J. Butcher, N. Davies, L. P. Pope and Miss B. Lankester.

Mr. Corby expressed the meeting's appreciation of the splendid article written by Mr. N. Davies on Rochester Cathedral for "The Ringing World" and the front page picture. Since their last meeting they had, he said, lost another of their vice-presidents by the death of Mr. G. H. Spice. His passing was after their report was written, but his name was appropriately mentioned in the service at the Cathedral. He would like to say how much the Association owed to the Spice family and in particular to George Spice. He was sure they would all like to join him in the tribute to his memory. The services of the other two vice-presidents who had died—John Willis and A. G. Hill—had been recognised in the annual report.

POINTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT

Membership		
District	Resident Members	Associates
Ashford	254	48
Canterbury	261	16
Tewinham	261	6
Maidstone	278	1
Rochester	220	11
Tonbridge	200	1
	1,354	83

RESTORATION WORK

Harry Parkes learned to ring at Mersham and has worked for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank as a bellringer for many years. He gave his services on a voluntary basis for the restoration at Mersham, where the bells have been tuned and rehung in a new frame with a replacement bell for one which was stolen

from Whitechapel Bell Foundry. A new band has been trained by District officers.

At Newchurch the fittings were removed locally and the bells await rehanging. At Kingsnorth work is proceeding, also locally.

The five at Eastry have been rehung. Wittersham bells were rehung by John Taylor and Co. and were rededicated in April. Work to the tower at Appledore was necessary to enable the bells to be rung. At Saltwood an overhaul has been carried out locally.

There is a revival of the possibility of the addition of two trebles to the four at Addington. The six at Chart Sutton have been rehung. Bredgar has a lovely new six cast out of the old five. The Vicar, the Rev. Stanley Evans, is to be congratulated on his enterprise in promoting this work.

Queenborough bells are ringable after a long silence due to essential work needed to the tower. A fund for the restoration of Newington bells has been started. After work by the local band, Hadlow bells are being rung one more—a major restoration is hoped. The extent of bell restoration work in the county in recent years is most pleasing.

HIT OUT AT CRITICS

A vigorous reply to the recent criticism of the Association was given by the hon. secretary in the concluding paragraph. Under the heading "General Comment" he wrote:

"The entirely unfair criticism to which the Association has been subjected in the columns of 'The Ringing World' is an extreme irritation throughout the county. As an Association, our record of achievement over 88 years is one of which to be proud. It is to be hoped that our hard-working officers will not be discouraged by the carping critics who would all be better engaged in working to remedy the things of which they complain. All who carry out the Association's work do so without pay, and it is in the worst possible taste for these armchair critics to indulge in the unpleasant sniping from which we have suffered."

"The decline in churchgoing will in the end have a serious effect on our activities. We sometimes forget that if there is no church there are no bells, and if no congregation ultimately no ringers. We have a great part to play in keeping all the bells of the county ringing for church services each Sunday. Will there be more service ringing in 1968 than there was in 1967? Each member can best serve by improving his own standard of ringing so that he can thus help to improve the general standard."

The report was adopted on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. J. Dafters. There were no comments.

Mr. B. W. May, in presenting the accounts, said a member in sending his application for tickets asked if the Association could support the Lord Mayor of London's "War on Want" appeal whereby they sent the price of one meal. The meeting showed its appreciation of the appeal by a retiring collection, which produced £6 2s.

Continuing, the hon. treasurer said membership was up, both for practising members and juniors. Last year's annual meeting at Maidstone only cost them about £7. The ringing schools did not cost anything—in fact that held at Tonbridge contributed £1. Printing the annual reports cost £194, and he thought they must make some arrangement for paying for them.

RECORD YEAR FOR GRANTS

There were no requests for grants from the Benevolent Fund, but the Belfry Repair Fund presented a different picture. He was happy to say that last year they made grants to

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Kent County Association Meeting—continued

eight towers, amounting to £175, which was a record for one year. Grants were: Hawkhurst £15, East Malling £25, Ashford £30, Brabourne £20, Preston-by-Wingham £25, Bredgar £25, Mersham £25, Appledore £10. Since the report was printed a donation of £25 had been given to Queenborough. The balance in their reserve fund was £170 against £271. The sum of £130 had been transferred to the Belfry Repair Fund. The accounts were passed.

RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS

Mr. Ian H. Oram, the peal secretary, reported a record number of peals with a total of 237, which was 30 more than last year's record figure. The increased total was difficult to explain; they could only assume that peal attempts had been more successful than before! There were three more Surprise Maximus peals than in 1966, including the first of Cambridge by an all-resident band. At the other end of the scale the Association's first (and, one hoped, last) peal of Minimus was recorded.

St. John's, Erith, again headed the list of towers, with 18 peals, followed by Sevenoaks with nine. Twenty-three peals were rung outside the county—an increase of nine. Forty-one members rang their first peal, an increase of only one, but nevertheless a very good total.

There were 53 conductors (nine more than last year); in one peal the calling was shared by three members, and 11 members were conducting peals for the first time—again a promising number. Bernard F. L. Groves headed the list of conductors with 35, followed by Christopher T. Osenton with 23 and Stanley Jenner with 20.

Two peals of unusual interest were rung—a peal of Minor in seven methods by a band of "Peters," and a peal of Yorkshire Major in which all the band had rung peals in 100 or more towers in the county.

A peal of Plain Bob in 14 methods had been rung, and two peals of Surprise Major, each in five methods, in which the methods were changed at both the half-lead and full-lead—being the first of their kind. The Central Council had yet to agree on a classification for this type of composition and they

had for the present called these peals "Half-lead Spliced Surprise."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Archbishop of Canterbury was elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected with the exception of the Bishop of Maidstone. Mr. P. A. Corby was re-elected hon. secretary, and in returning thanks for his election he stated that he had already intimated to the committee that he wished next year to be relieved of the office.

In congratulating Mr. Barnett on being appointed chairman, Mr. Corby said he was best man at his wedding. He also congratulated him on becoming a grandfather for the second time (applause).

Mr. May continues as hon. treasurer. He said that in a few weeks time he would retire from his ordinary work and hoped to have more time to visit Districts.

Mr. A. S. Richards asked to be relieved of his office as hon. auditor. He was thanked on the proposition of Mr. Stanley Jenner, who proposed Mr. H. O'Callaghan as his successor. This appointment was agreed to. Mr. May also thanked Mr. Richards for his work during the past 12 years. "He has been most efficient."

When Mr. Ian H. Oram was re-elected peal secretary there were congratulations on his recent marriage, and the Dean commented that the report was marvellous work.

Elected to the committee were Messrs. W. H. Dobbie, C. T. Osenton, N. Davies, E. J. Ladd, Dr. D. H. Niblett and Mrs. O. D. Tester.

The annual dinner was announced by the hon. secretary. This will be at the University Buildings, Canterbury, on September 21st. Arrangements are in the hands of Dr. Niblett and the Canterbury officers and general secretary.

Mr. Roy D. Mills and Miss A. Gibson (Ashted) were elected non-resident life members.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rochester officers led by Mr. T. Barton, Rochester District secretary, for the excellent arrangements for the meeting and lunch.

A full programme of ringing followed.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. SPICE

The death of Mr. George H. Spice, a few days before his 75th birthday, deprives the Kent County Association of a much respected member from a famous Kent ringing family. His father, the late William Spice, senior, lived in various parts of Kent and finally settled at Tunstall. It was in this area that George Spice spent most of his life, although he learned to ring at Charing, where his son-in-law, the Rev. P. T. Robbins, is now Vicar.

George rendered great service to the Association, first as District secretary in the Rochester District, and as general secretary from 1947 to 1954, being also the Central Council representative at this time. He was made a vice-president and although in recent years he did not attend many meetings he was a wise counsellor, whose opinions were at all times worthy of attention.

Mr. Spice presided at the Association's annual general meeting at Sittingbourne in 1962.

He took great pride in the outstanding performances of his son John and daughter Betty, especially in handbell ringing during their time at Oxford University. It would be impossible to exaggerate the importance and ultimate significance of these activities in rebuilding general ringing after the removal of the war-time ban.

George Spice was ever a friendly man, who treated ringers, young and old, with great kindness and courtesy.

Every sympathy will be felt with Mrs. Spice and the rest of the family, including Mr. P. J. Spice, his brother, who is so well known in all parts of Kent.

The funeral service took place at Tunstall on March 28th in the presence of a large and representative congregation, and cremation followed at Charing.

MR. H. L. PARFREY

An Appreciation

The Rev. Graham Hopper, writing in the Corston and Newton St. Loe Parish Magazines, says:—

"The joy of Easter must this year be tinged with sorrow. I refer of course to Mrs. Parfrey and her children. I have never experienced such a general feeling of shock and grief as that which was caused by the news of the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, Harold Parfrey. Yet the very fact that so many shared her sorrow must have been a great source of strength and comfort.

"When one considers the loss which she has endured, to speak of our loss seems almost an anti-climax. Yet the church at Corston has in Harold Parfrey lost a true and faithful servant. One thinks of him of course as tower-master and choirman; I think of him also as a father who led his family to their Sunday worship. It is in that capacity that we shall feel his absence most; such men can ill be spared."

MR. T. WARRINGTON

Mr. Tom Warrington, of Ruskington, Lincolnshire, died suddenly at his home on March 27th at the age of 82. He had been a local ringer for 56 years and the local tower captain for well over 40 years. Right up to the time of his death he was a regular ringer and his services will be sadly missed both by the Ruskington ringers and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for many years. He rang several peals for the Guild, one of the last, which he conducted, being to commemorate his 70th birthday.

G. R. P.

MR. JOE HAYNE

Abbotsbury, Dorset, has lost an old and respected ringer by the death on April 13th of Mr. Joe Hayne.

OVERSEAS NEWS

THE RHODESIAN GUILD OF RINGERS

An Active and Successful Year

At the annual meeting of the Rhodesian Guild of Bellringers on March 24th the following report for 1967-68 was presented by the Master (Mr. Harry O. Earle).

The half-yearly meeting was held at Que Que on November 25th and, with the help of the Salisbury contingent, some very good ringing was achieved.

The Salisbury tower continues to get the occasional recruit, the latest being Scouts aiming for the bellringers' badges, and I am sure by the progress they are making they will achieve their aim in fairly quick time. The numbers at practice night and Sunday evening ringing continues to maintain a reasonable level.

Que Que has only managed to retain one newcomer during the year, but he is worthy of note in that he is the first African to come forward, and I am pleased to say that he learned to handle a bell fairly quickly and his ringing is progressing satisfactorily. We have kept Sunday ringing going although at times it has been necessary for me to take two bells.

An open day at Salisbury on Saturday, January 27th, was well attended: over 50 members of the public turned up and were

conducted around the belfry and the ringing chamber and were given a demonstration of both tower- and handbell ringing, the latter by the Umvukwes girls under the guidance of Val Grossmith. A refreshment service was organised by Mrs. Cross and together with her band of helpers they did an excellent job. The afternoon was certainly a success in providing a source of interest for the public but not as a recruiting campaign.

Jennifer Way visited St. Paul's tower in Durban while on holiday there and returned a more confident and improved ringer. Four visitors from overseas were welcomed and joined in the ringing at Salisbury.

Although the year may appear to have been a dull one, especially as no peals have been attempted, it has in fact been quite an active and successful one. Emphasis has mainly been on improving our standard of striking and the results are noticeable in both towers; in addition, recruits have been introduced to elementary change ringing as soon as they become acquainted with ropesight.

Again I would like to stress the importance of keeping the bells ringing on Sundays and other special occasions, and appeal to all members of the Guild to make every effort to attend and ring to the best of their abilities.

25 Spliced Surprise Major Rung

Five Months of Preparation

Another new record in Spliced Surprise Major has been achieved by a band led by Jonathan S. N. Porter. After five months of study and attempts, a peal of 25 methods of Spliced Surprise Major was rung at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on April 6th. This involved 174 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

We are sure the Exercise will join us in congratulating the band on setting the Exercise a new record.

Jonathan S. N. Porter tells below the story of trials and tribulations before being crowned with success:—

"The peal had its beginning last October, when we rang Norman Smith's 14 all-the-work at Bushey. Our objective was to ring the 23 all-the-work, the band meeting once a month at Bushey, but we lost an attempt for 19 in November and met short in December. In February this year we again lost the 19 and it was felt: that having only monthly attempts gave the band too much opportunity to forget the methods. However, we decided to go all out for the 23 in March.

"Meanwhile I had asked Roger Baldwin about the possibility of extending Norman Smith's composition to 25 methods by the insertion of extending-lead (type mx) methods.

"Since he already had the proof scales for the entire 23-spliced composition, and placed these at my disposal, I set to work at once.

"I had a special preference for Belfast, a difficult method which we had rung the previous November. After much fruitless labour, and at the 21st attempt, this method was found to be true if rung after Lincolnshire—right at the end of the composition. Another method, Hereford, was fitted in almost at once and the job was done.

"The band had only about a week to assimilate these two extra methods, and even with John Mayne strengthening the band our attempt was a little over ambitious. But nearly three parts of the peal were rung, which, together with some extra practice in the time remaining, gave us valuable experience.

"Another attempt was arranged for a date a fortnight later and we met at Stamford Hill on April 6th, full of confidence.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Northampton Branch held its March meeting on the 30th at Brixworth (5). Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the Guild form of service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Burford, Rector of Brixworth, who gave a very interesting address on the history of the Church (Saxon, A.D. 680). Following this, tea was served by the ladies of Brixworth in the School Rooms to 45 members and friends. Visitors included ringers from Leeds, Derby and Cambridge. A vote of thanks was proposed to the ringers of Brixworth for the arrangements they had made, and to the Rector for the use of his church and bells.

Evening ringing resumed at Pitsford (6), where methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge.

All in all a good time was had by everyone, with the attendance well up on average; ringing was of a high standard.

"We began at a stately pace, and rather nervously, but the ringing soon settled down and apart from the occasional minor slip an excellent standard of ringing was maintained, and, with no serious incident occurring, the bells were brought round in 3 hours and 4 minutes, to the especial delight of the less experienced members of the band."

5,600 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN 25 METHODS

Adapted from Norman Smith's
by Jonathan S. N. Porter and Roge, Baldwin.
2345678 W H

3578264	—	Y
8375264	—	UVD BEF
5873264	—	LTG COM
7358264	—	SWR
5738264	A—	JZIKANXHP

A=In, Out, 4ths.

Comprises 224 each of Ashted, Belfast (X), Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury (O), Cornwall (V), Cray (K), Double Dublin, Glasgow, Hereford, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire (N), Lindum (M), London, Preston (Z), Pudsey, Rutland Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge Watford (F), Wembley, Whalley (E) and Yorkshire, with 174 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Spring Meeting of South-West Branch

About 40 members and friends attended the spring meeting of the S.W. Branch at All Saints' Holbeton, on April 6th. Throughout the afternoon the six bells were kept going to call-changes, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent.

Holbeton was at one time under the incumbency of a noted ringing cleric, the Rev. E. S. Powell, author of the Ringers' Handbook, and on the walls of the tower are boards recording a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung in 1910 by members of the Devon Guild, and also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung in the county of Devon.

The service was conducted by the present Vicar, the Rev. K. W. Knight, after which the members proceeded to the village hall for a sumptuous tea prepared by the ladies of the parish.

During the business meeting, Messrs. J. R. Michell and A. Michell, of Callington, and Mr. W. Rowe, of Stoke Climsland, were elected unattached members and were welcomed by the Branch chairman, Mr. D. R. Bould. It was decided to hold another Branch social on October 12th, and a committee of three was elected to make the arrangements. The secretary reported that a decision on the form of the Tom Myers memorial would be taken at the A.G.M. of the Guild, to be held at Bideford in May.

It was decided to hold a Branch practice at Sheepstor on July 13th, subject to permission, and the autumn meeting was confirmed for Tamerton Foliot on October 5th.

After the meeting further ringing took place at Holbeton and on the eight bells of nearby Noss Mayo.

R. A. S.

TECHNICAL

THE SINGLE IN CAMBRIDGE

By Richard Speed

SINCE the publication of Brian Price's 5,091 Cambridge Surprise Major some years ago the use of a single at Wrong to bring the bells round two changes after the lead-end has become quite common, particularly in methods with the Cambridge sequence of lead-ends and places in the first section. The advantages are most obvious in Maximus, where 5,042's can easily be produced, so avoiding undue wear on ringers and ropes.

An alternative, which does not seem to have been explored, is to start the peal from two changes after the wrong lead-end instead of finishing at that point. The effect of this is to put the bells into the course 32456. Below I give two examples of this—one of Cambridge and one of Lincolnshire. The Cambridge is interesting in that the calling is Middleton's throughout until the very last call, when a single is substituted for a bob to bring the bells round.

The peal of Lincolnshire uses a simple transposition of Simon Humphrey's excellent composition. It will be noted that the second is now never in 5-6 at a course-end and that, in this case, the final call has been converted from a single to a bob to bring the bells round.

In general we may say that with any regular treble-dominated Major method starting —38 and with the lead-end b, a composition of 5,152 changes can be converted into a 5,022 by this technique providing that the first call is a bob or single at Home. The only change required to the calling is to alter the last call at Home from a bob to a single or vice versa.

5,022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (32456) M W H

24356			2
45263	2	2	3
56432	2	2	2
63524	2	2	3
32645	2	2	3
23456	2	2	S

5,022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR (32456) M W H

34256			S
52346	—	—	S
36245	—	—	S
42365	—	—	S
54263	2		S
52463		3	S
43265	—		S
62435	—		S
56234	2		S
62354		2	S
53246		A	
23456		2	—

STOWE, BUCKS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. N. Weston (first quarter) 1, W. D. Lanyon (first "inside") 2, W. A. Yates 3, P. J. Lankester 4, J. L. Thorogood (first as cond.) 5. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, W. D. Lanyon 2, P. J. Lankester 3, J. L. Thorogood 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5.

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Letters to the Editor

THE CUPID PEAL AND OTHER MATTERS

Dear Sir,—I think it a great pity that Mrs. Newing sees fit to wash the Society's dirty linen in the public of the ringing fraternity. However, in such circumstances a public reply is called for to make quite clear that what was stated was not strictly true.

Firstly, only two members resident in Bristol did not attend the dinner. That their absence was not noticed is, I feel, to their credit.

Further, resident members are usually involved in chasing round Bristol, catering for the needs of the many visitors and non-residents, in looking after the many towers open. I am given to understand that it has never been a habit or necessity for resident members to attend a meeting which is primarily for non-residents, especially those unable to attend at any other time.

Mrs. Newing mentions the report of the dinner. I do not recall any similar report containing much information on the ringing during the day, which is generally not worth writing about. With so many towers open it would become yet another dreary report.

Finally I come to the real reason for her report. Perhaps Mrs. Newing is unaware of the fact that only one member of the band ringing in the peal of St. George's was not a member of the Society. As such, there was no "blowing his own trumpet" on the part of the treble ringer—he knew nothing of the footnote. How many other peal ringers actually set out to ring a peal for a specific occasion and get it? Many times a discussion following the peal is the reason for a footnote. Better this humorous note than a hypocritical commendation of some extremely obscure festival. Perhaps they would have been wiser to have worded it in a different manner. But however it is worded it shows an enthusiasm for Society traditions—traditions established by non-residents in resident days and passed on by the half-dozen or so who remained at the beginning of this year to the influx of freshers who accepted them. Without this new influx of people, who have helped to make the most united and friendly group in my three years, the Society in residence would not be.—Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN M. BREARLEY,
Secretary,
University of Bristol Society.

552 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—May I be so bold as to suggest to Mr. Viggers that he deletes from future issues of the "Ringers' Diary" the 552 of London Surprise Minor on page 49.

The reasons for this are (a) that it contains 65's at backstroke, and (b) an alternative without 65's is obtainable as published in a letter by "W. A." in "The Ringing World" on May 5th, 1967 (page 302).

It may be that Mr. Viggers was misled (I was, by the way the letter was worded), as to which 552 was the one indicated as being suitable for London, no 65's). It is as follows: Call the tenor W. H, Out, 2W, H, In, W, 2H.—Yours sincerely,

BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

Mansfield, Notts.

RULES BROKEN

Dear Sir,—In its annual report recently published, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association claims to have rung 77 peals during 1967. However, it would appear that at least 20 of these must be reclassified, presumably as non-Association, because the peals do not comply with "G. and B." rules.

Each of the 20 peals includes the names of persons whom I know to be resident in G. and B. territory, but the compilers of the report refuse to recognise them as members of the Association. The report purports to list all Association members, yet the names of Gillian M. Hunt, Brynley A. Shackleton and Anthony R. Peake are not included either under a tower or as "unattached". Since these persons are not recognised as members, the Association has not the right to claim any of the 20 peals in which they rang in 1967.

The compilers of the report also seem to be accusing my wife of bigamy—her name is published in one peal as Gillian M. Sweet! No doubt the participants of each of these 20 peals will look forward to having their 1/- per rope peal tax refunded by the G. and B.—Yours, etc.,
D. J. HUNT.

Bristol.

PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the composition of the peal of Rutland S.M., which I conducted at St. Giles', Lincoln, on March 9th, 1968, is false.

I therefore withdraw this peal with apologies to all who took part.—Yours sincerely,

Lincoln. JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

THE LADIES' CHAMPION REPLIES

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's gentle chiding of myself and the Ladies' Guild ("R.W.", page 282), I cannot see how she is in any position to comment either on my standard of assessment of the meeting or the standard of ringing, since she was not there.

It is well known in East Kent that Miss Court is not averse to antagonistic attacks on the Ladies' Guild, but she should not take umbrage at having travelled to Sittingbourne and then not getting a ring. I would suggest that had she intended to go to the meeting she would most certainly have had a good ring—I do not consider 7.30 p.m. to be a good time to set out for a meeting from a town some 50 or 60 miles away!

Miss Court will, perhaps, one day realise that married women cannot devote the same amount of time to ringing as she does. The ringing at Sittingbourne did finish early—communications were disrupted because of a train crash; the weather was foul and people had to get to homes as far afield as Sevenoaks, Lewisham, Greenwich and Burmarsh. In any case, some of the ladies present were not as young as they once were and the ringing proved enough for them.

If Miss Court wants to go ringing as recreation after a hard day of demolition I would suggest she organises her own nearer to the area of work: but I am sure she would not get many with her—she would most certainly not get this frail correspondent!

Might I suggest, Miss Court, that you give a little sympathy and consideration to a Guild which is trying its best? People in glass houses should not throw stones, and you cannot burn the candle at both ends!—Yours, etc.,

JIM HEDGCOCK.

Liverpool and Cantab.

ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD

Dear Sir,—Of particular note, following recent correspondence in "The Ringing World", is the quarter peal of 6-Spiced Surprise Major rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, by a band composed entirely of Sunday service ringers. When at full strength we can manage London, Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal and all standard methods on eight bells.—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN MARRIOTT.

Bedford.

TO TRY AGAIN FOR 10,784 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the attempt to ring 10,784 Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells on March 24th was unsuccessful. The ringers were Gerald Penney 1-2, Julia A. Fellows 3-4, Martyn L. J. Jordan 5-6, Brian J. Woodruffe 7-8. Another attempt is to be made early in May—details to follow.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

YOUNG CONDUCTORS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query in your issue of March 29th concerning the youngest conductor, my son George called a peal of Plain Bob Major three weeks before his 12th birthday, and Roddy composed and conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at 11 years and 7 months.

I do not know if either constituted a record and I cannot recollect that they were claimed as such at the time.—Yours faithfully,

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

Grundisburgh.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I must ask permission to withdraw the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Sevenoaks on March 30th and reported on page 288 of "The Ringing World" of April 12th.

Unfortunately I misread the composition and called three Homes where I should have called three Wrongs. This is entirely due to my own carelessness, and the composition as printed in the current Kent County Association report is true.

I apologise for the disappointment to the band and for the inconvenience to the various recorders of peals.—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

BRIXHAM SURPRISE CATERS

Dear Sir,—When in Rome do as Rome does." I take that as the "order of the day" as with the exception of Babbacombe this is a call change area. Generally speaking, the striking is first-class. We at Brixham are fortunate in having a good ring of ten and we get some good call changes on eight and ten.

Sometimes we even "mix it." As there are only five or six of us who have reached the "dizzy heights" of Grandsire Doubles we keep the ten going by ringing Grandsire Doubles on the back six and "call" changes on the front four. By prearrangement, when "Go" is called, the front four go 2143 and change every time a bob or single is called. By this means everyone is kept happy (I hope), and we might break into a gallop and ring Triples (or even Caters) one day—who knows?—Yours faithfully,

PLAIN BOB.

P.S.—I hope my tower captain approves of this.—P. B.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Letters—continued

**BELLE COMPETITION WANTED
—FOLLOWED BY DATING!**

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter from Michael C. Broad headed "The Belle of Bellingers Wanted" in your issue of April 12th.

I would like to endorse all this gentleman says relating to the organising of a "Miss Bellingering" competition. I find "The Ringing World" of great interest, but at the same time I feel that its pages could be brightened by feminine charm of the campanological world.

If such a contest is organised I would venture to suggest that Mr. Broad is allowed to date the winner, and myself date the runner-up!—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN C. LAW.

Blaby, Leics.

QUARTER PEAL ANALYSIS

Dear Sir,—First I should like to say how interesting I found the quarter peal analysis compiled by Mr. Buswell. He must, I know, have put a lot of time into it, as I have for several years carried out a similar one for the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

However, I feel I must take him to task over his comments regarding quarters of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. I quote: "The total number . . . is very large and rather depressing, since they show how unadventurous and unimaginative quarter peal ringers are." If Mr. Buswell could find time to read the notes appertaining to these, to him, unadventurous and unimaginative quarters, he would find many contain people who are ringing their first quarter or first "inside" or in the method. To prove to myself as much as to him I have made a quick check on April 12th's "Ringing World," No. 2973, and find nine have such notes, while eight do not. Of those eight no doubt some are all the band can ring or at least it is the strength of the weakest ringer in their midst.

In conclusion, I feel it must be very encouraging to a learner to get his first quarter at the first attempt and for that reason (well, perhaps for the sake of good striking as well), I usually keep to the one or other of the methods in question. There is an increase in methods in subsequent quarters.—Yours faithfully,

K. SANSOM.

Buriton, Petersfield.

RINGING IN DURBAN

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to my old friend Cyril Chambers and to Geoffrey Armitage for their sterling work in Durban. As Walter Knight rightly points out, the peal at St. Mary's was a fitting tribute to Cyril's years and years of dogged persistence. At St. Paul's there seems to be an earlier claim for the first quarter on the bells when E. Bishop conducted 1.440 Bob Minor on January 29th, 1955, when Cyril scored his first in the method. I believe the first quarter in Natal to have been Grandsire Triples on September 22nd, 1925, at St. Mary's, and then a gap of 30 years until S. Osborn called Grandsire Doubles on August 20th, 1955. At St. Paul's a band of Servicemen, conducted by B. G. Key, unfortunately lost Grandsire Triples in May, 1942.—Yours sincerely,

V. SHEPPARD.

Brighton.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
AGENDA FOR WORCESTER MEETING**

The third session of the 26th Council (71st annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, 1968, at the Giffard Hotel, Worcester, at 9.45 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.30 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 1.45 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence..

Application to affiliate to the Council:—

Society of Sherwood Youths.

Welcome to new members by the President.

1. Election of Life Member.
Mr. T. W. White.
Proposed by Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. E. C. Shepherd.
2. Election of Honorary Members.
Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Messrs. B. Austin, J. Betjeman, F. E. Collins, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and H. L. Roper retire and are eligible for re-election. There are three vacancies.
3. Loss of members through death.
4. Minutes of the last meeting.
5. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
6. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
7. Presentation of the 1967 Accounts.
8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.

MOTIONS

9. (a) To amend rule 17 by substituting the word "four" for "five" in the fourth line.
Proposed by V. Bottomley, seconded by F. W. Perrens.
- (b) To add the following to the Decisions of the Council—
1. In the case of Doubles a "variation" be defined as the plain course of one to another method. Each variation to another method. Each variation shall be given its own name.
2. A "variation" must in the case of Doubles be capable of producing 120 true changes.
3. In order that a variation may be deemed to have been rung, at least one plain lead and all the calls needed to produce that variation must be rung. This does not prohibit the use of spliced plain course methods which use only one call, i.e., variations such as those based on St. Simon, St. Martin and St. Osmund (or other groups) where there is one call in every four leads and, in the other three leads, each of the other three methods is rung. This rule may be extended to cover extents using more than three calls as long as the required splicing is contained within the non-called (i.e. plain) leads. In no case may a call be deemed to give more than one variation unless the leads preceding or following that call are spliced.

4. Multi-method variation peals on seven bells or less, the object of which is to contain more methods/variations than have previously been rung to a peal, shall be limited to 5,040 changes.
5. The arrangement or composition (as the case may be) of record multi-method/variation peals on any number of bells shall be printed in "The Ringing World" within the period between the ringing of the peal and the meeting of the Central Council in the following year.
Proposed by C. A. Lewis, seconded by F. E. Dukes.
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
(a) Standing Committee.
(b) Literature and Press Committee.
(c) Biographies Committee.
(d) Overseas Ringing Committee.
(e) Sunday Service and Education Committee.
(f) Peals Analysis Committee.
(g) Peals Collection Committee.
(h) "Ringing World" Committee.
(i) Records Committee.
(j) Towers and Belfries Committee.
(k) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
(l) Methods Committee.
11. To determine the date of the 1969 meeting in Hertfordshire.
12. To determine the place of the 1970 meeting.
13. Any other business.
VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Honorary Secretary.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Quatt on April 6th. Quatt, a beautifully situated and unspoilt village, has held the title of the best kept village in Shropshire.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening on the pleasing ring of six was under the direction of Mr. Alan Jones, Ringing Master, who looked after the interests of the young ringers present.

At the service a most interesting address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. D. W. B. Manning, who took as his theme "What mean you by this service?" He hoped ringers did not regard their ringing just as a hobby. A very nice tea was served in the Village Hall. Suitable thanks were expressed to all those concerned in making the meeting so enjoyable.
J. B.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Yeates 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan F. Cooper 1, J. L. F. Floyd (cond.) 2, Christine T. C. Wilkins 3, Leah D. Floyd 4, R. E. Gerhardt 5, S. Mallett 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. G. Milroy.

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Quarter Peal Analysis for 1967

DETAILS OF METHODS WITH LEADING COUNTIES

By ALAN A. BUSWELL

(Continued from page 280)

Method	County
Minimus	38
Grandsire Doubles	505
Plain Bob Doubles	376
Other methods	104
2 Doubles	191
3 to 6 Doubles	250
7 to 11 Doubles	69
Over 11 Doubles	13
Plain Bob Minor	642
Surprise Minor	147
Other methods	102
2 Minor methods	177
Over 2 methods	76
Grandsire Triples	539
Plain Bob Triples	104
Stedman Triples	173
Other methods	42
Plain Bob Major	246
Surprise Major	134
Other methods	107
Grandsire Caters	114
Stedman Caters	35
Other methods	10
Plain Bob Royal	39
Surprise Royal	16
Other methods	15
Grandsire Cinques	6
Stedman Cinques	11
Other Cinques	3
Plain Bob Maximus	3
Surprise Maximus	5
Other methods	2
Total	4,294

County	Count
Dorset	8
Somerset	84
Kent	44
Cornwall	13
Kent	24
Kent	40
Kent	10
Hampshire	6
Kent	82
Surrey	30
Kent	19
Suffolk	26
Hampshire	9
Hampshire	45
Kent	18
Berkshire	19
Essex	6
Kent	19
Essex	22
Essex	13
Surrey	16
London	8
London	3
Yorkshire	6
London	4
Middlesex	3
Staffordshire	3
Essex	4
11 Counties with	1 each
London	2
3 Counties with	1 each
Leicestershire	2
2 Counties with	1 each

FALSE COMPOSITION OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—It has been pointed out to me that the composition used for the peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at St. Giles', Lincoln, on March 9th, 1968, is false. The error is an obvious one and I apologise to the band and in particular to the three young ringers who rang their first peal in the method. I am also very sorry that Jack Millhouse, who has been kind enough to call most of my compositions for the first time, has fallen victim to this, my first error since taking an interest in composition.

As the composition has received fairly wide circulation, I should mention that it is a 5,088 in two parts with two courses added in the second part, including calls at In and 5ths, in order that anyone who has the composition in their possession can destroy it.

The composition was produced in an attempt to obtain the record number of combination roll-ups in the method, and the appended composition was obtained at the same time. I should be pleased if someone could tell me what is the greatest number obtained in standard peal length. The greatest number I have managed (in a true composition) is 127, and this composition was published in "The Ringing World" of June 18th, 1965.—Yours apologetically,

London, W JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

5,280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

M	W	H	23456
—	x		52364
	x	—	36245
	x	—	24653
—	x	—	35426
—	x	—	62534
	x	—	53246
	x	—	24365
	x	—	46532
	x	—	32654
—	x	—	45236
	x	—	23564
Repeat twice.			
x=S 3rds.			
S 5ths.			

Contains 129 combination roll-ups.

At Malta G.C. the Bells Chime in Great Confusion

By A. V. Sheppard

ONCE upon a time some was condensed his impressions of this Mediterranean island in the aphorism "Yells, Bells and Smells." Today the smells have gone and the yells have given way to car horns, but the bells are still there, chiming in great confusion for all the offices of the Roman Catholic Church. And the skyline, too, is dominated in all directions by town and village churches of impressive size and architectural splendour—old and new, raised up by a devout people who proudly claim to be more Catholic than the Pope himself. One thinks of the small town of Mosta, where the dome, surpassing that of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is the third largest in Europe.

The capital, Valletta, was planned in 1569, after the defeat of the Turks by the Knights of St. John, and today there seems to be a church on every other street corner. In the northern quarter of the city stands the Anglican pro-Cathedral of St. Paul the Apostle, whose very graceful 200 foot spire is an outstanding landmark overlooking Marsamxett harbour. On the site the Knights of the German Langue built their Auberge in 1574, being entrusted with the defence of the adjacent St. Sebastian bastion and the German Curtain. Napoleon abolished the regime of the Knights in 1798 and, two years later, British Forces, at the invitation of the Maltese, ejected the French and took control.

In the beginning Anglican worship took place in a disused kitchen of the Governor's palace. By 1813 there was need for larger premises and a suggestion was made to take

over St. John's Co-Cathedral, the great Catholic Mother Church of Malta, for the English Protestants. Very wisely, the Governor refused. Queen Adelaide, widow of William IV, spent the winter of 1838 in Valletta and found the 2,000 English civilians still had only the old kitchen for a church, and that consequently many stayed away. Early the following year she wrote to tell her niece, the young Queen Victoria, that she had decided to build a church herself. The old German Auberge, now a mill and bakery, was rapidly demolished and Queen Adelaide laid the foundation stone on March 20th, 1839.

The original estimate was for £8,000, but alterations and additions inflated the cost to £20,000, which exhausted the Dowager Queen's resources, and at the consecration in November, 1844, the spire was unfinished. St. Paul's is built entirely of Malta's honey-coloured limestone in the architectural style of a Greek temple; the form is preserved by the disconnection of the tower, which is joined to the west corner of the church by a short corridor.

The six bells are hung in a robust frame of pine on the same level as the louvres; they are all lettered "C. and G. Mears. Founders. London 1845"—except the third, which has the date omitted. The diameters are: Treble 28½ ins., second 31½ ins., third 34½ ins., fourth 34½ ins., fifth 39 ins., tenor 42 ins., suggesting a weight of 12½ to 13 cwt. The canons are strapped to wooden headstocks, which are notched for wheels, and the tenor has a stay. Apart from this, a careful inspection showed no signs of any fittings, slider pins, ropeholes, or anything to suggest they were ever meant for ringing, yet curiously the ends of the pits

of the fifth and tenor have been cut away as if to allow a free passage for these bells to turn over. Quite recently the frame has been reinforced underneath each of the plain bearings. Chiming is carried out by steel wires attached to the clapper flights and activated from a set of levers sited two floors lower down the tower. Prominent in the ringing chamber is a printed card with the figure rows of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

The spire was slightly fissured by the earthquake of 1886, and during the last war bomb blast shattered all the doors and windows, but apart from a demolished pinnacle, victim of an anti-aircraft shell, the tall and lovely spire came through unscathed, and the bells still chime their ordered and disciplined sound over this golden city lapped by an emerald sea.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On March 31st, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Bell 1, Pamela J. E. Sturdy 2, Mrs D. A. Chapman 3, D. Voss 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. G. Exell 8. Rung for a united service; also as a farewell compliment to the ringer of 4 who is shortly moving to Bath.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On March 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Clifton 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, Violet Relf 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, R. Lucas 5, J. R. Cooper 6, G. Stewart 7, M. W. Marshall 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Bill and Barbara Latter.

WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Mackie 1, Caroline Mackie 2, Elizabeth B. Mackie 3, P. L. Mackie (first "inside") 4, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 5, A. P. Foster 6. For the People's Service.

PUZZLE CORNER

SOLUTION TO URANGWOT 4

Among the entries it was gratifying to read the odd complimentary remark on the puzzle, but this was counterbalanced by a suggestion to the Editor from one young lady that Mr. Surr "should be removed from society as a potential menace because of his diabolically ingenious puzzles. Schoolwork had been nil on two days it seems in her case, but I had warned George when he put the idea forward, as you will remember. Apparently the maths teacher thought the puzzle impossible, but this was not borne out by the receipt of 18 correct entries, from which that of Michael D. Ling, of 17, Stanley Road, Sutton, Surrey, was drawn as the winner.

No ringer may appear twice in a horizontal or twice in a vertical row with any other ringer. It will be observed that corner positions are common to horizontal and vertical rows, whereas the others are not. Each ringer will have to appear twice in corner positions and twice in the others to avoid exceeding the number of different combinations available. Further, in this second type one appearance will have to be in 2 or 6 and the other in 4 or 8.

A cannot be in 2 or 6 in II as it would combine with B or C again horizontally. It must, therefore, occupy 4 or 8. In 4 it could not find two suitable partners, having used up H and G in I and F in IV and B and C are already fixed. Thus, A must be 8 in II and to avoid B horizontally must be 6 in III. B has to go into 8 in IV. Along similar lines C has to occupy 4 in III and 6 in IV. Working on IV, it will be found that 4 must be D or E and 7 must be D or H. The various limited possibilities can be tried to find out what is acceptable and so produce the solution:—

I	II	III	IV
A B C	B H G	B D F	D G A
H D	A F	G C	B E
G F E	C E D	E A H	H C F
T. SURR.			

SHERWOOD YOUTHS SEEK C.C. MEMBERSHIP

The Sherwood Youths' first meeting for 1968 was held at Loughborough on March 30th, members attending from Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, and there were visitors from Kent and Warwickshire. Ringing commenced at the Foundry, the Master (Mr. G. A. Dawson) being in charge. As was to be expected, the pleasant but very light bells proved difficult to handle and the standard of striking was moderate. Tea, kindly arranged by the Misses A. Henson, M. Beard, J. Pilgrim, D. Green, T. Nelson and Mrs. Gobey, was taken at the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the secretary reported on the investigation into the Crofts Manuscripts now in the possession of St. Peter's Church, Nottingham. After some argument it was decided to request that the manuscripts be deposited in the Nottinghamshire Record Offices, where they will be kept under the correct conditions and will be available for inspection by any member of the public.

The secretary also reported on the condition of W. Crofts' grave, stating that it was in need of repair. It was agreed to remove all the brickwork and lower the stone to ground level. The meeting also agreed that the Society should apply for affiliation to the Central Council. Eight new members were elected.

Ringling followed at the Parish Church. Methods ranged from rounds to London Major and included a touch of Erin Caters, a most suitable method for short musical touches. Thanks are due to Mr. R. Wilson for making all the local arrangements. D.S.

URANGWOT 5

In the first four problems in this series I have found myself with the job of writing up the subject matter provided by conversation with fellow ringers. This takes time and so I was very grateful for this problem that was written up and submitted to the Editor, who passed it on to me for my comments. "I hope you will publish it and I hope that we shall have other people to follow his example," I said.

The recent quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Clashwell gained little recognition, but in some ways it was a greater achievement than some peals of Surprise Major. The tower is a fair size for six bells but the ringing chamber includes a large clock case and a staircase, which hinder ropesight. In fact they hinder ropesight so much that no ringer can see more than three other ropes and often has to dodge with a bell which cannot be seen. Trying to dodge with an odd-struck bell is bad enough, but when you can't see the bell you are dodging with a sharp ear is essential. At Clashwell it is difficult for a strange team to ring good rounds as there is no resemblance to a rope circle, with one and two falling in opposite corners, and you do not necessarily follow the ringer who stands next to you.

During the quarter peal the tenor ringer could only see Harry and kept a variable distance behind him. The treble ringer could see Lesley and Carol, with glimpses of the one on the third almost hidden by Lesley. Lesley's rope came down so close to the third that she preferred to ring with her back to the treble and facing the third "to avoid possible accidents". Alan could only see the fifth, so he remembered what the fifth was doing and pulled his rope accordingly. Ringing almost entirely by ear and rhythm, he handled the most difficult bell very well. Duncan called the bobs and singles. He was cramped in a corner where he could rest on both walls at once, but he could see the other three working bells and he watched Ann carefully when she was involved in singles.

There are no mirrors or spy-holes in the ringing chamber so any ringer who sees another ringer can also be seen himself by that ringer.

You might care to try your hand at sketching this unusual ringing chamber and placing the band for this quarter peal. If your entry is correct and first out of the hat you could win something towards the cost of a new edition of "Dove" and you could see whether Clashwell has been included. T. SURR.

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

10,784 OXFORD T.B. MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Another attempt to ring 10,784 Oxford T.B. Major on handbells will take place on Sunday, May 5th, 1968, at the School, Pancake Lane, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. The attempt will start at 11.30 a.m. and the composition is to be as used in the previous attempt ("Ringing World," page 201).—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Wheathampstead, Herts.

BELLS OF BRISTOL RECORDED

Saydisc Specialized Recordings Ltd., Meeting House, Frenchay, Bristol, have placed the first of their "Bells of Britain" recordings on the market. This recording deals with the bells of Bristol, and the price is 12s. 11d. post free.

Mr. D. J. Gay, Tower Master at Weston-super-Mare Parish Church, contributes the following review:—

The recording consists of method ringing at the following four churches: St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Erin Cinques; The Lord Mayor's Chapel, Grandsire Doubles; The Cathedral, Spliced Cambridge and Little Bob; and St. Stephen's, Stedman Caters. With the recording, an excellent set of notes is included covering the methods rung, the history of the churches and their bells with interesting inscriptions, ringing a bell and changes, Society rules and bell foundries.

The methods recorded are all well struck and show the high standard achieved by the Bristol ringers. The outstanding recording is without doubt St. Mary's, Redcliffe, and the disc interpretation, providing your recording equipment is truly versatile, of the tenor bell is a masterpiece.

Saydisc, the record publishers, inform me that this seven inch recording is the first of a series of church bells, this being "Bells of Britain," Vol. 1, SD 127.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Hertford County Association had at the end of December £150 in their Central Council Fund.

Winchester College Society has now a very useful band. A peal was rung at St. Mary the Virgin's, Harefield, Middlesex, in 13 methods/variations by men in the school.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild have a new record in Spliced Treble Bob Minor with 51 methods rung in a peal at Flore on April 6th, conducted by Graham C. Paul. Good work!

To help to defray the cost of a set of new ropes at Clay Cross, a charge of 10s. will be made for all peal attempts. The new ropes have been ordered.

The first peal on the bells at All Saints', Tooting Graveney, one of Yorkshire Surprise Major, was rung on April 6th. It is to be regretted that the name of the Rev. A. E. Clayton, who did so much towards providing the bells, was not in the band. However, the church was represented by the presence of the Rev. Michael Hart.

The Society of Sherwood Youths are seeking membership of the Central Council.

The Rhodesian Guild of Bellringers has its first African member. He rings at Que Que and learned to handle fairly quickly.

Mr. W. Parrott, secretary of the Surrey Association, is retiring. Mr. Colin Cook has been nominated as his successor.

In the table dealing with quarter peal ringing in 1967 there was a typographical error under Durham. The leading tower was Lancashire not Lancashire.

When the Rev. James Tomsett was ordained in 1964 he was appointed to St. Mark's, Surbiton, which has a fine tower with no ringable bells. We now learn that on May 1st he is going to St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and that both he and Mrs. Tomsett are looking forward to some active ringing again in the bell-filled diocese of Bath and Wells. Mr. Tomsett was for many years captain and secretary of the St. Mary's, Wimbledon, band.

The Veterans' Reunion at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, has been altered to June 15th. On the original date the Bishop of London is dedicating a memorial to the late Rector (Mr. Treacher), who was very helpful to the Veterans when arranging their first reunion.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

RETURN OF BROMPTON REGIS BELLS

The remote Brendon Hills of West Somerset on Wednesday evening, April 10th, heard a sound which has been missing from them for many years—the bells of the parish church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Brompton Regis.

It is over 30 years since the five bells were last rung, although they were, on occasions, chimed up to 1957. Then about ten years ago they were sent to Messrs. Taylors, Loughborough, and ever since the people of Brompton Regis have been working hard to raise funds for the strengthening of the tower and for the retuning of the bells.

And now they are back in the village. At 9 o'clock on the Tuesday, a grey and misty morning, a lorry bringing the bells back from Loughborough drove up to the village and was met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Woodburn, and about 20 of the villagers who, led by the processional cross and singing "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven", escorted the lorry and its load to the church. There a short service was held in the churchyard and the bells were blessed.

The work of rehangng was carried out by Mr. Fidler, from the bellfounders, assisted by Messrs. Gould and Rogers, from Dunster. A slight difficulty was encountered when it was found that the tenor bell was slightly too large to go through the door, but a little ingenuity on the part of Mr. Fidler overcame that.

By Wednesday evening the work had been completed, and ringers from Dunster, Dulverton, Exford, Bampton and Taunton assembled to try out the bells. Prominent among them was the Rev. H. F. Warren, R.D., Rector of Exford and Master of the Diocesan Association. For nearly an hour the ringers rang in relays and many people were drawn to the church to see them in action. The more active among us climbed the somewhat hazardous spiral stair to the bell chamber to see—and be deafened by—the bells swinging in their new cages.

One of the oldest inhabitants of Brompton Regis was heard to remark: "I never thought I'd hear that again in my lifetime." It is to be hoped that he will hear it regularly now, for eight potential ringers from the village are receiving instruction each week at nearby Exford. C. H. F.

A NOBLE ART

A Poem for Bellringers by D. Goss

Lead, hunt up, two blows behind, dodge three
four down and what do you find?
Hunt down and lead, hunt up, you're on the
track.
Dodge three four up, two blows out back.
Hunt down and lead then place. That's all.
Then into rounds in the belfry tall.
The conductor shouts, with lustiness, "Stand,
'Twas a perfect course, my merry band."
Some jolly ringers make belfries sway.
And others are likely to break a stay!
And what's on the end of the rope? you may
say,
Well, of course there's the bell, with the head-
stock and stay.
And on Sunday mornings at a quarter to nine,
The bellringer is ready to ring at this time.
For an hour till the service is ready to start
He will ring his bell steady, and right from
his heart.

The above poem is dedicated to the ringers of Sandy Church. Mr. C. Blain has now a band of young ringers of average age 13, capable of rounds and Grandsire Doubles.

SURPRISE RINGING IN NORTH NORFOLK

The need has long been felt in the Northern Branch of the Norwich Association for an advanced eight-bell practice, for although in Norwich, where numbers are strongest, there has been a slow improvement on higher numbers, and interest in Minor ringing is maintained at St. George's, Colegate, opportunities for ringing Surprise Major were limited to Branch meetings and to occasions when poor attendance or late arrivals at St. Peter Mancroft reduced the band to eight. Outside Norwich there is no single tower that can regularly muster a Surprise Major band. The establishment of a monthly Surprise practice at East Dereham was therefore warmly welcomed.

The first task was to become as well acquainted with London and Bristol as with Cambridge and Yorkshire, and it has been a pleasure to help people through their first or second courses in these methods. For the slightly more advanced, a start was made in the field of spliced, and touches in five and six methods were brought round at the third practice. The month following saw concrete results of the practice, quarter peals of Spliced Surprise Major in six and seven methods being scored. Though they were not perfect, the standard of striking was high, and only one serious trip occurred. When one considers that only one of the band had previously rung spliced with London and Bristol included, the results are indeed satisfying. Peal attempts are planned.

The only regret to be expressed is that the attendance at these practices, despite notices in "The Ringing World," has been limited to ringers from three towers—Dereham, Wymondham and St. George's, Colegate, Norwich. It is hoped that many more will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity of improving their own ringing and the general standard of ringing in North Norfolk which Mr. George Adams and his supporters have offered.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

Dublin University Guild sallied into Limerick led by Helen Hubert, the outgoing Master, and Jonathan Barry, the incoming Master, on March 30th. Ringing took place at St. Mary's Cathedral and also at Doneraile. The Guild was dined by Limerick people and picnic lunches were provided by the ladies. There was a sight-seeing visit to Cashel. "A very enjoyable tour," writes the man on the spot.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The N.W. Branch held a successful quarterly meeting at Elveden (8, 17 cwt.) on April 6th, with about 50 people visiting the tower during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting the chairman, Mr. C. Hancock, announced that Robin and Janet Rogers would shortly be leaving Suffolk, and thanked them for the effort they had put into the Guild during the past three years.

Since the introduction, last autumn, of monthly Friday evening practices to replace the Saturday practices between the quarterly meetings, far more younger members have supported and enjoyed the meetings, and 1967 resulted in a 30 per cent. increase in Branch membership. It was particularly encouraging to see the younger ringers during the evening at Elveden, as the sustained interest and progress of bellringing for the future depend upon this generation more than any other.

R. H. R.

MAJOR J. HOWARD FREEBORN TO MARRY

The marriage of Major J. Howard Freeborn and Mrs. Ada Miller will take place at the University Church of Great St. Mary, Cambridge, today (Friday, April 26th) at 12.30 p.m., when the 12 bells will be rung by the Cambridge Youths and the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, of which the bridegroom has been a member for 57 years and for which he has rung 40 peals out of his total of 222.

Major Freeborn has been a widower for over four years, and his bride, whose first husband was a prominent Cambridge lawyer, a widow for over a year. Their address will be 52 Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge (48268).

"MOSS MAYO"—(EVER BEEN HAD?)

Plain Bob writes: "I was interested in 'Moss Mayo' (Belfry Gossip, April 12th). After seeing a notice in 'The Ringing World' that a meeting was to be held at Holbeton with Moss Mayo in the evening, I thought 'Two new towers, a nice run and a change of country.' As I failed to find Moss Mayo in 'Dove's', I thought it must be a new eight.

"However, my wife and I enjoyed the run to Holbeton and had a long chat with a 'local' about the district. After tea we were made very welcome by a gentleman who introduced himself and asked if we were going on to Revelstoke. I said 'No, we are going to Moss Mayo.' He must have thought 'I've got a right one here,' but he kindly explained it all and off we went to 'Moss Mayo—Revelstoke,' St. Peter's.

"Needless to say a footnote has been added in my 'Doves'."

BLACKBURN BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

Eight hands entered for the Blackburn Branch striking competition at St. Peter's, Burnley, recently. The bells were available for an hour's practice at 2.30 p.m. In the competition methods varied from call changes to Cambridge Surprise Minor and Bob Major.

The results of the competition were given after tea by John Partington, the other judges being Dennis McCormick and Ian Goldthorpe. The three teams to go forward to the Association's final are: St. James', Accrington (Bob Major) 33 faults; Blackburn Cathedral (Bob Minor) 16; St. Peter's, Burnley (Bob Doubles) 24.

A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Mary Smith and her young helpers for the excellent tea. The evening's ringing varied from call changes to Surprise Major. A good day's ringing was enjoyed by everyone. A. H.

LOOKS BACK ON 808 PEALS

Through his unfortunate illness (multiple sclerosis), Mr. John A. Acres, who now resides at Chigwell House, Chigwell, Essex, has had to conclude his ringing days with a splendid total of 808 peals. He occasionally enjoys a touch on handbells with ringers from Barking-side who visit him and in reading of the activities of his many friends in "The Ringing World." His work for the Exercise has not, however, ceased. He is still peal secretary to the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Mon., April 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
Margaret Wright Treble 5
Christine Andrew 2 6
Michael J. Platt 3 7
Basil Jones 4 Tenor
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Taylor, Vicar of Norbury 1945-1968.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.
David Allman Treble 4
John R. Scott 2 5
David A. Godfrey 3 Tenor
Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Conductor's 450th peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, containing 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.
Ian F. Garvie Treble 5
Clare F. Dolphin 2 6
L. Michael Callow 3 7
Ian D. Thompson 4 Tenor
Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with congratulations to Clare Dolphin, for whose 21st birthday this peal was arranged.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Feb. 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.
Colin M. Shaw Treble 4
*Jennifer Brackenbury 2 5
Norah Carlisle 3 Tenor
Conducted by John V. Chadwick.
* First peal in seven methods.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSN.
CLAY CROSS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.
Peter H. Wright Treble 4
Arthur S. Smithson 2 5
Albert Wheeler 3 Tenor
Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. W. Swain, of Morton, who celebrated their golden wedding on April 20th. Also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Fri., April 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.
Dennis E. Pepper Treble 5
Donald F. Murfet 2 6
*Hilary Muirhead 3 7
Philip J. Rothera 4 Tenor
Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
* First peal in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLAISDON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and eight each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's.
Tenor 8 cwt.
Peter Clarkson Treble 4
*Margaret Powell 2 5
Ralph Hazel 3 Tenor
Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Geoffrey Parsloe and Linda Batson, Also as a compliment to Mrs. E. Goddard on completing 60 years as village postmistress.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Mon., April 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HERWICK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G
William A. Godwin Treble 4
Terence J. Hester 2 5
Peter Pearce 3 Tenor
Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt. 63 lb. in G
Robert C. Kippin Treble 4
Heather A. Walters 2 5
Alan Tubbs 3 Tenor
Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* 50th peal. First of London Minor by all except the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHART SUTTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) St. Clement's College Bob, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Surfleet Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.
Martin L. Howe Treble 4
Derek Slater 2 5
John A. Howard 3 Tenor
Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.
First peal on the new bells.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., April 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Double Bob and Single Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Childwall Bob and Thelwall Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.
Valerie J. Howard Treble 4
Maurice Thompson 2 5
Philip J. Simmonds 3 Tenor
Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.
*Edmund Rothwell Treble 5
*Martin E. Snape 2 6
Ronald Kenrick 3 7
Keith J. Walpole 4 Tenor
Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method
Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Carole Jones, daughter of the ringers of the 7th, to Mr Cedrik Jones, and of Frederick Pearson, of Emmanuel, Southport, to Miss Kathryn R. Gregory.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt
Roger J. Starbuck Treble 5
John L. Morris 2 6
*Alastair M. Elliot 3 7
Rowan S. Bradley 4 Tenor
Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Peter Chilton and Miss Susan Ashton, ringers at this church, who were married earlier in the day.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., April 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Richard Clifton 2	Dan S. Pont 6
Edward F. Gobey 3	John W. Rawson 7
*Frank Chambers 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Kent Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Wed., April 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*Cherrill L. Everard .. Treble	Rupert A. Clarke 5
Malcolm D. Barsby 2	†Maurice R. A. Kirk 6
Mary C. Poyner 3	B. Stedman Payne 7
E. Alan Jacques 4	Roger I. Kendrick Tenor

Composed by John Holt. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal on eight bells. † 100th peal for the Guild.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Neville W. Price Treble	Brian L. Burrows 5
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	John Watkins 6
Robin A. Gilliver 3	William Johnson 7
Stephen C. Wells 4	K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* 75th peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the second. First in the method by a band from the Hinckley District of the Guild. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

James W. Haw Treble	*Philip H. Reynolds 5
Rhoda Reynolds 2	Walter Tomlinson 6
Beryl N. Reed 3	John Walden 7
*Philip C. Pitchford 4	John Freeman Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method "inside."

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 48 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman, Grand-	
sire, St. Simon, and St. Osmund. St. Albans and St. Ambrose. Eyn-	
sham and St. Ninian, Eilford and St. Felix, Cassington and St. Patrick,	
St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Peter, St. Nicholas and	
St. Remigius. St. Giles and Ch. rch Gresley, St. Andrew and Horslev,	
Shareshill and St. Cleer. St. Thomas and St. Dominica, Winchendon	
Place, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton, St. Luke, Plain Bob, Kennington,	
April Day, Seighford, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's	
Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb. All Saints, Rushall, Marchington,	
Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, and four extents of	
Plain Bob.	
Frederick W. Pinchbeck Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Peter A. Slight 4
*Owen Homewood 3	Denis A. Frith 5
	Thomas A. Relf Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Slight.

* First peal in 48 methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss B. A. McKinley, of Barrowby, and Mr. A. W. Scott, of Ingoldsbv, who were married previous to the peal.

THE LANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*E. John Evans Treble	M. Jack Pryor 5
Christopher Aldridge .. 2	Stephen Fenwick 6
Rhian N. Bagshaw 3	Paul J. Bagshaw 7
Thomas Yeomans 4	James Clatworthy Tenor

Composed and Conducted by James Clatworthy.

* First peal of Major First peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr and Mrs. Leslie N. Melton on the birth of a son, Ian Nigel

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Plain Bob, two of April Day, five 240's and 28	
extents of Grandsire.	Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
Raymond J. Mayle Treble	Harold Preece 4
Thomas E. Hiddins 2	William T. Petty 5
Nigel V. Hill 3	Cyril Phillips Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Ann, daughter of the ringer of the 4th, and Allan Coles.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., March 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 METHERINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.	
Joan Hooton Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Alick Cutler 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Frank T. Blagrove 7
G. William Critchley .. 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band.

TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5600 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 25 methods, comprising 224 each of Ashted, Belfast, Bristol, Cam-	
bridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Here-	
ford, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey,	
Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley	
and Yorkshire, with 174 changes of method and all the work of each	
method for every bell.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.
Colin G. Wright Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
Martyn L. J. Jordan 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
Timothy G. Pett 3	Roger Baldwin 7
David E. Rothera 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Adapted from N. Smith's. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
Greatest number of methods yet rung to an all-the-work peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.	
Robert H. Newton Treble	Arthur Newton /.. .. 5
*Gwendolyn Reeves 2	Roland Biggs 6
Dorothy R. Fletcher 3	†Joyce I. Cornwall 7
Kathleen E. Fletcher .. 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal of Major. † Has "circled the tower."

WEST HENDRED, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Ipswich, (3) Cambridge,	
Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall,	
(5) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (6) St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall,	
Rosehill, Radley and Hanney, (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt.
*J. Richard Poole Treble	*Jonathan R. Rowson .. 4
Christopher I. Rowson .. 2	*A. Keith P. Poole 5
*Anne M. Carpenter .. 3	James R. White Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Fri., April 5, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.	
Roger W. Smith Treble	Burley P. Morris 6
Graham C. Paul 2	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 7
Barry E. Saunders 3	David J. Marshall 8
Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith .. 4	Alan A. Paul 9
Charles E. Truman 5	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

FLORE, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Containing 51 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Oxford,	
Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Kingston, Duke of Norfolk,	
College Exercise, Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob, Pontefract, Wath,	
Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight, (2) Ely, Wilmslow, Bokedone,	
Fotheringay, Balmoral, Rotherne, Chestow, Knutsford and Skipton	
Delight, Bourne and Hull Surprise, Nelson Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge,	
Beverley, Surfleet, Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise, (4) Castle-	
ton, Peveler, Leasowe, Melandra and Beeston Delight, (5) Abbeyville,	
Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland and St. Werburgh Delight, (6)	
Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate and Willesden	
Delight, (7) Braintree Neasden, St. Albans, Charlwood and Wragby	
Delight, with 100 changes of method.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 4
*Alan A. Paul 2	Graham C. Paul 5
David J. Marshall 3	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 250th peal. Most methods rung to a peal of Minor by all the band and for the Guild.

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

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., March 21, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

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

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., April 2, 1968, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

The "Churchill" peal. Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Richard J. Tibbetts Treble	James W. Belshaw 7
Susan E. Smith 2	Terry R. Hampton 8
James Insley 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
Maurice F. Edwards 4	George E. Fearn 10
John R. Insley 5	Charles A. S. Webb 11
Vernon Green 6	Norman J. Goodman .. Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Sidney George Chaplin, member of the St. Martin's band for the last 30 years, who died on March 23rd, 1968.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Wed., March 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Sixths place bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Raymond Aldington .. Treble	*James W. Belshaw 5
John R. Insley 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
James Insley 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Norman J. Goodman 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble	John N. Lindon 5
Susan E. Smith 2	Eric Spence 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Susan E. Smith Treble	*Geoffrey T. Horritt 5
Stephen W. Barton 2	John N. Lindon 6
*Joyce J. Barton 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
James W. Belshaw 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

* First peal of Major.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	James W. Belshaw 5
George E. Fearn 2	Terry R. Hampton 6
Maurice F. Edwards 3	James Insley 7
Susan E. Smith 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORFE MULEN, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Hubert.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

John N. Longridge .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 4
*Mary E. Elmes 2	*Ross G. W. Robertson .. 5
William T. Perrins 3	Timothy F. Collins Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEYDOUR, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., April 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Denis A. Frith Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 5
Peter A. Slight 2	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 6
Sheila M. Anthony 3	Simon Humphrey 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Richard A. G. Inglis Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

Rung to commemorate Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

CHURCH PULVERBATCH, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, one extent of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 20 lb. in B.

Stephen T. Yates Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 4
Alan J. Fletcher 2	Richard B. Dorrington .. 5
Christopher J. Bennett .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Boys' Brigade H.Q.

(formerly the Church of St. Mary-at-Quay)

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Jennifer M. Andrews .. Treble	Neville F. Whittell 4
W. Keith Whittell 2	Robert J. Southgate 5
Alan R. Andrews 3	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

TOOTING GRAVENEY, London.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 19 lb. in B.

Alan R. Patterson Treble	Alan E. Bagworth 5
Christopher F. Mew 2	Frank E. Darby 6
Rev. Michael Hart 3	Nigel Thomson 7
Alan D. Flood 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Michael Bruce.

Conducted by David E. House.

First peal on the bells.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOWEDNACK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Tewinock the Confessor.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Rev. A. S. Roberts Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
*Morley P. Tobin 2	Alan Carveth 6
*Margaret Swain 3	Robert Edwards 7
Anthony J. Davidson .. 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.

On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 22 methods/variations: (1) St. Uny, (2) Stedman, (3-4) May Day, (5-6) Seighford, (7-8) April Day, (9-10) Plain Bob, (11-12) Allstreet, (13-14) St. Frideswide, (15-16) St. Lucy, (17-18) St. Quintin, (19-20) Keysoe, (21-22) Pink's, (23-24) Zennor, (25-26) Ladbroke, (27-28) St. Anne, (29-30) Middleton Stoney, (31-32) Bluebell, (33-34) Daffodil, (35-36) St. Helen, (37-38) Longparish, (39-40) Newborough, (41-42) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

*Valerie C. Allen Treble	Anthony J. Davidson .. 4
Anthony Locke 2	†F. Malcolm Bowers .. 5
†Anthony P. Smith 3	Denis Stephens Tenor

Conducted by Anthony P. Smith.

* First peal on six bells. † First in more than one Doubles method/variation. Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal for all the band, for the Guild and in the county. First in more than one Doubles method/variation on the bells. First of Doubles as conductor. Rung for the Festival of Easter.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Winchester College Society)
HAREFIELD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., April 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods/variations, being two extents each of Old, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Kennington, and four extents each of Antelope, St. Swithin, St. Valentine, St. Margaret, Allestree, St. Quintin, St. Helen and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*Robert W. T. Slack .. Treble	Simon M. Jack .. 4
*N. Graham Hughes .. 2	Anthony J. Mason .. 5
Barry R. M. Johnson .. 3	*Alastair M. Donaldson .. Tenor

Conducted by Barry R. M. Johnson.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung by men in the School only.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., March 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret A. Swain Treble	Robert Edwards 5
Susan E. Smith 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Stephen W. Barton 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Arranged by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

HINTON-ON-THE GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Harold B. Schofield Treble	John Clements 5
Frances Fairbank 2	Ian Lloyd 6
Hugh Evans 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
Shirley M. Drew 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. (C.W.C. No. 10.) Conducted by G. R. Drew.
First peal in the method.

ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—1258—36—12—38—16.34.7. 1.h. 2

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.	
Fred Hodgson Treble	Vernon Bottomley 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley 2	Tom M. Cox 6
Trevor Tarbatt 3	Philip H. Tockock 7
*David Town 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Shirley A. Worsnop and Anthony M. Binns.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. E. Burton's four-part. Tenor 11 cwt.	
Adrian Dempster Treble	Edward Hudson 5
Michael J. Pickup 2	† Alan T. Winter 6
*Peter F. Town 3	David A. Town 7
*Jennifer A. Dunning .. 4	Christopher M. Tuckett .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher M. Tuckett.

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

(Beverley and District)

WALKINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Cambridge, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) Norwich, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Ronald Ducker Treble	Maris C. Stephenson .. 4
Elizabeth Johnson 2	Roderick R. Horton 5
Graham K. Smith 3	David S. Johnson Tenor

Conducted by David S. Johnson.

Rung for the wedding of Patricia A. Teal, who for several years has been a regular local ringer.

KIRK ELLA, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents in eight methods: (1) Norwich, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) York, (5) Primrose, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

A Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 4
Howard C. Palmer 2	Ronald Ducker 5
David S. Johnson 3	Ian G. Campbell Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

First peal of Surprise and in eight methods on the bells.
Rung for the dedication, on April 3rd, of St. Luke's Church, Willerby, a daughter church of St. Andrew's Parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESEAN GUILD.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.

On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 1-2 | John R. Scott 3-4

Frank R. Morton (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal of Minor "in hand" by all.

THE DERBY DIOCESEAN ASSOCIATION.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., April 5th, 1968, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

Geoffrey Bridges 1-2 | *Alec Humphrey 3-4

David J. Marshall (cond.) .. 5-6

* First peal "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESEAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELtenham, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Wilersey Road.

On Wed., April 10, 1968, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Valerie Willard 1-2 | Cyril A. Wratten 3-4

Hugh N. Evans (cond.) .. 5-6

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossilli, 55, Wick Avenue.

On Fri., Mar 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED MAJOR

In six methods, being 768 Wellington Little Court, 768 Gainsborough Little Bob, 512 Little Bob, 1,024 Plain Bob, 1,024 Reverse Plain Bob and 1,024 Double Plain Bob, with 383 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Frederick W. Ellis .. 1-2 | Julia A. Fellows 5-6

Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3-4 | Roger D. R. Brown 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Major in six methods on handbells by all the band.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts.—At Rhossilli, 55, Wick Avenue.

On Sun., April 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5216 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Gerald Penney 1-2 | Martyn L. J. Jordan 5-6

Julia A. Fellows 3-4 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7-8

Arranged from T. B. Worsley's 17,824.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MARDALE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

*Joseph Whalley 1-2 | *Mary W. Whalley 3-4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6

* 50th peal "in hand" together. First peal in the method.

MARDALE BOB MINOR: —1456—16—16. 4ths.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESEAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.

On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

David F. Moore 1-2 | Alfred Ballard 5-6

*A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 3-4 | Peter J. Staniforth (cond.) 7-8

* First Surprise peal "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESEAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.

On Tues., April 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker .. 1-2 | George E. Feirn 5-6

Margaret A. Parker .. 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by W. H. Inglesant. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

THE OXFORD DIOCESEAN GUILD.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berks.—At 80, Lambourne Drive.

On Fri., March 22, 1968, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*John S. Hopwood .. 1-2 | Christopher I. Rowson (cond.) 3-4

Jonathan R. Rowson .. 5-6

* First peal on handbells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESEAN GUILD.

ROTHERSTHORPE, Northants.—At 57, Banbury Lane.

On Tues., April 9, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Paul 1-2 | Graham C. Paul 5-6

David J. Marshall .. 3-4 | Roger W. Smith 7-8

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Louise Powell 1, Penny Cocks 2, N. Bennett 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On April 4th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: T. Wylie (cond.) 1, S. E. Davis 2, M. E. Hearnshaw 3, A. Noton 4, G. W. Hawksworth 5, L. Udall 6. First in the method by the local band. A birthday compliment to ringer of third.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Keeley 1, Mrs. L. Powell 2, H. D. Bishop 3, Mrs. E. Pannell 4, J. T. Barrett 5, C. W. Powell (cond.) 6, F. Knight 7, G. S. Morris 8. Rung as a farewell to the Pannell family after a lost peal attempt.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. F. Judge 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, E. R. Vega 3, N. I. Alnatt 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5. For Palm Sunday.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on March 11th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, Avril Ivin 2, Charlotte M. Harris (first in method) 3, A. H. Smith 4, R. L. Piron 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6, A. E. Rushton 7, C. M. Orme 8. Also on March 24th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods: Jill K. Orme 1, Avril Ivin 2, Kathleen A. Marriott 3, M. J. Marriott 4, R. L. Piron 5, R. H. French 6, C. M. Orme 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong. Also on April 7th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Avril Ivin 1, Kathleen A. Marriott 2, Jill K. Orme (first of Surprise) 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, M. J. Marriott 5, S. J. Ivin 6, R. H. French (cond.) 7, C. M. Orme 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

BLAENAVON, MON.—On April 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Marion R. Bennett 1, Gill J. Colleypriest 2, A. W. E. Bainham 3, P. N. Chambers 4, P. S. Bennett 5, R. G. Wilkinson 6, R. Stewart 7, D. L. Phillips (cond.) 8. A 17th birthday compliment to ringer of second.

BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. Boast 2, A. W. Foreman 3, O. P. Claxton (cond.) 4, D. Boast 5, R. Filby 6. For the United Churches Family Service: also to celebrate the birth of the second grand-daughter to the ringers of 1 and 3.

BOBBING, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. Lacey 1, F. Dodson 2, Miss P. Tomsett 3, R. Bushell (cond.) 4, L. Mitchell 5, S. Lynes (first quarter) 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Moore 1, G. B. Davis 2, B. C. Jones (first quarter) 3, F. W. Box 4, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 5, H. E. Wicks 6. For Evensong. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): T. Angell 1, G. B. Davis 2, P. S. Gaisford 3, F. W. Box (cond.) 4, G. Parsons 5, S. Moore 6, H. E. Wicks 7, B. Moore 8. For Confirmation.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods/variations): Cynthia E. Barnett 1, Patsy M. Barnea 2, R. N. Scholes 3, L. Atton 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For Palm Sunday and as a birthday compliment to Cynthia Barnett.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Jean Henderson 1, R. L. Jones 2, L. Goodall (cond.) 3, L. C. Way 4, M. R. Wycherley 5, R. Collis 6, R. W. Powell 7, S. Darvill 8. For Matins.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On April 5th, 1,280 4-Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland): W. S. Rice 1, J. Sheppard 2, G. Hebdon 3, Brenda Boyce 4, G. Salmon 5, R. C. Taylor 6, D. G. Massey 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8. First of Spliced 2, 3 and 4.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Tovell 1, Miss E. J. Darby 2, Miss J. Bilham 3, P. Dickinson 4, C. R. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Walker 6. For Confirmation and a farewell to C. R. Smith, captain of this tower, on his departure to York.

CONGRESBURY, SOM.—On April 4th, 1,280 Dorchester Surprise Major: M. Dodson 1, P. J. England 2, G. Hebdon 3, W. S. Rice 4, R. W. Rice 5, J. Brain 6, S. Brown 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

COULSDON, SURREY.—On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Philippa Hewett (first quarter) 1, D. Little 2, E. Ernschaw 3, A. N. Brock 4, D. J. Atkins (cond.) 5. First quarter in more than one method for all. For Evensong.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Kerr 1, G. A. Packer 2, R. W. Morant 3, W. F. Gibbons 4, E. J. Holloway (first of Stedman) 5, B. Harris 6, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 7, S. Carter (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and the visit of the Lord Bishop of Chester.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on April 6th, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: K. Taber 1, Mrs. C. Foster 2, Mrs. J. Kimber 3, J. Davidge (first on 12) 4, Miss E. Timmins 5, N. G. T. Steere 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, C. M. Foster 8, N. Thomson 9, B. J. Stone 10, R. J. Talbot 11, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 12. First of Maximus 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11. Also on April 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, E. W. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. Fisher 5, N. Brown 6, N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 7, K. Taber 8, C. M. Foster 9, A. Brown 10. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On March 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, Mary Roast 2, Yvonne A. Murray 3, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 4, T. Spurgeon (first of Surprise Major) 5, P. J. Came 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. L. Towler 8. An engagement compliment to Yvonne A. Murray and James L. Towler; also for the birth of a son (Neil Anthony) to Angela and Nigel Rowling.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): L. Atton 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, R. S. Russell 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4, S. B. Bell 5. Rung on the 100th anniversary of the death of James Brudenell, of Deene Park, seventh Earl of Cardigan, commander of the Light Cavalry Brigade at Balacava.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Holloway 1, C. Woodward (first in method) 2, Pamela Powell 3, F. Godden 4, W. F. Judge 5, D. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, F. Absalom 8.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss J. Felton 1, Miss S. Davis 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, B. Read 4, P. N. Felton 5, M. Sprackling 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service. Also on April 7th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Davis 1, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 2, A. M. Stacey 3, B. Read 4, P. N. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, M. Sprackling 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For morning service.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,376 Spliced Bristol Cambridge London, Pudsey, Rutland Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. P. Mortlock 1, Janet House 2, K. S. Hohl 3, G. P. Adams 4, P. Adcock 5, G. H. Pullin 6, M. Cubitt 7, D. E. House (cond.) 8. First of 7-Spliced by all except conductor.

EAST MALLING, KENT.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter 1, P. Carter 2, S. P. Garner (first of Minor) 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. First by all the band on the bells A 21st birthday compliment to Stephen P. Garner.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Donaldson 1, R. W. I. Slack 2, N. G. Hughes 3, S. M. Jack 4, A. J. Mason (first of Minor as cond.) 5, B. R. M. Johnson 6. First of Minor 1, 2. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On March 26th, 1,260 Double (six methods/var.): S. Maggs 1, Mrs. M. Horseman 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, R. Perry 4, R. Smith 5, A. Perry (cond.) 6. In memory of Harold Parfrey, a former ringier buried the previous day.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. A. Collins 1, Miss M. Mackman 2, Miss I. M. Collins 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Fletcher (first "inside") 5, A. D. Elmore 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For the Mothers' Union Decenary Festival.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Burkey 1, Miss S. Cameron 2, Mrs. W. M. White 3, W. J. Parker 4, E. G. Howitt 5, R. H. Begrie 6. First quarter of Bob Minor 1, 2, 5. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dingle.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On April 7th, 1,289 Erin Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Deborah Bishop 3, M. J. Uphill 4, J. R. Pratt 5, A. J. Hampton 6, L. C. Way 7, A. E. Bagworth 8, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 9, E. J. Adams 10. For Evensong.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On March 30th, 1,694 Spliced Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Grandsire Triples: Mary Beach 1, R. B. Mills 2, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 3, Christine Mills 4, D. Beach 5, P. Nix 6, W. L. Exton 7, T. G. Goodwin 8.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Tomsett (cond.) 1, C. Mannering 2, M. Lacey 3, F. Dodson 4, R. Bushell 5, Rev. J. Green 6. For Evensong.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. E. Whiting 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. A. Underwood 3, A. F. Ballam 4, C. R. Nunn 5, T. Spurling 6, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. R. Fuller 8. First of Triples 1, 5, 6, 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Wells on the birth of a daughter.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pauline E. Stope 1, C. Robinson 2, Ann Plaster 3, Wendy B. Everest 4, R. E. Peckham (cond.) 5, M. G. Stone 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Stone on their 25th wedding anniversary.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (ten callings): A. P. Smith 1, F. M. Bowers 2, H. Miles (cond.) 3, M. L. Lidgey 4, M. Peters 5, Marion Smith 6. Rung for Evensong on Palm Sunday; also to mark the departure to the Far East of Marion Smith; also on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on March 31st, 1,303 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. A. Gage (first on ten) 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss D. M. Robotham 3, Miss R. M. Foreman 4, H. G. Hart 5, T. J. Lock 6, B. C. Watson 7, W. G. Knight 8, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 9, R. A. Gage 10.

LUTON, BEDS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Brenda P. Redfearn 1, D. Redfearn 2, Margaret P. Booth 3, K. Lewin 4, N. Garrard 5, A. Mayes 6, G. Hawkins 7, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 8, J. G. Newman 9, J. A. Booth 10. First quarter on 1, 2, 6. A welcome to Hilary Jane Garrard, born on March 21st.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On March 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Antrichan 1, F. Pack 2, Miss P. Winch 3, Miss M. Judge 4, P. C. Farnsworth 5, E. T. Eades (cond.) 6. A welcome home from Australia for Mr. and Mrs. W. Palin.

PEMBROKE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Lingard 1, S. Rogers 2, A. R. Trickett 3, Prudence Pattison 4, Mrs. E. M. Rogers 5, J. Prytherch 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, I. Russant 8. For Evensong.

PRITTELLWELL, ESSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Janet Hallett 1, D. Sloman 2, M. Hallett 3, Penny Halliwell 4, B. Sadler 5, P. Sloman 6, J. Belcham 7, H. Furminger 8, P. Sadler 9, S. Halliwell (first as cond.) 10. For combined Lenten Service.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM.—On April 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norfolk and Primrose): E. J. Chivers (cond.) 1, R. G. Beck 2, P. Jones 3, D. Mackay 4, P. J. England 5, J. Brain 6.

SOUTHPORT, LANCs.—At the Church of Emmanuel, on March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jackie Holmes (first Stedman) 1, Mrs. Celia D'Aeth 2, Lesley Finch (first Stedman) 3, Mrs. Marion Glover 4, M. E. Snape 5, J. Elliott 6, R. Kenrick (cond.) 7, B. Glover 8. For Evensong. Also on March 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. Celia D'Aeth 1, Jackie Holmes (first Cambridge) 2, R. Kenrick 3, J. Elliott 4, D. R. Jones 5, W. E. Court 6, E. Rothwell 7, M. E. Snape (cond.) 8. For Mothers Day.

TEAMES, DITTON, SURREY.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Donaldson 1, Miss A. Anthony 2, R. Caporn 3, Mrs. N. Hawthorne 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, R. Wilkins 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, who are leaving the district.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tilling 1, Miss M. Marshall 2, A. Edens 3, R. Christopher 4, D. Muttum 5, R. Ashman 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. For morning service.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOM.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Stevens (cond.) 1, H. Peart 2, W. Stevens 3, A. P. Craggs 4, L. Morrell 5, C. Baker 6. A farewell to H. Peart, who is moving to Wiltshire.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): J. Fry (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. H. Long 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. A. Grant 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Massey (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Cornwell 2, R. G. Hazell 3, A. Newton 4, D. A. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs 7, P. G. Harris 8. Rung at the time of the dedication of the new Daughter Church of St. Birinus, Booker.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On March 31st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, T. Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): J. E. Fox (cond.) 1, W. W. Cousins 2, D. P. Gagen 3, P. J. Gagen 4, H. Follen 5, C. Cousins 6. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

WOOLFORD.—On April 12th, 1968, at 61, Sadler's Way, Hertford, to Jean (née Barnett) and Jim, a son (Clifford Hugh), brother for Kersti. 3829

ENGAGEMENTS

FLOYD—BIRD.—The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. T. Floyd, and Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bird, both of Eynsham, Oxford. 3820

SEMKEN—McARTHUR.—The engagement is announced between Adrian Semken, of Ardleigh, Essex, and Heather McArthur, of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex. 3805

IN MEMORIAM

BRETT.—Treasured memories of a devoted wife, mother and grandma, Ivy Maud, who died on April 20th, 1967.—Leslie. 3795

HALL.—Treasured memories of our dear son, Patrick John, who died April 23rd, 1967. So sadly missed. 3803

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COUSINS.—The address of George T. Cousins, general secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and president of the National Police Guild, is now 7, Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye. 3790

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Please note the address of the new secretary and treasurer: R. Fletcher, 34, Dransfield Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 3RN. Tel. Sheff. 35208. 3789

SMALLWOOD.—The address of J. Frank Smallwood on and after April 25th will be Suite 15, Down, Morden College, Blackheath, London, S.E.3. 3801

TOMSETT.—The address of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Tomsett, as from May 1st, will be 27, Portway, Wells, Somerset. 3810

PERSONAL

"Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."—St. John xx, 29.

PUBLICATION

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—1968 Annual Report now available; increased by 16 pages, more articles and tower information. Price (unchanged) 2s post free, from A. J. Davidson, Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro, Cornwall. 3825

MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—Bellringing practice on Friday, May 3rd, cancelled, as The Bethersden Players' production, "Basinful of the Briny," by Leslie Sands, takes place in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th.—J.E.S. 3816

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Coach trip to Embleton (6) and Bamburgh (8) on Saturday, May 4th. Coach will leave Bewick Street (opposite Central Station), Newcastle, at 2 p.m. prompt. Approximate price 12s. (including tea). There are still a few places available. Ringing at Embleton from 3.30 approx. Tea at Bamburgh 5 p.m., followed by ringing. People not travelling by coach should send names for tea to reach me by Wednesday, May 1st.—D. Martin, 25, Countess Avenue, Whitely Bay. 3830

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

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth, Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Dedication of the augmented ringing of eight by the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. Everyone welcome. Tea 5 p.m., Village School. Ringing after service and after tea. Names for tea, please, to J. G. Gipson, The Nook, High Street, Meldreth, Royston, Herts, by Thursday, May 9th.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3813

MAY FESTIVAL

St. Andrew's, Limsfield 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.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Norwich, Saturday, May 4th

Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church 4 p.m. Tea at Chantry Hall at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow.

Bells available:—

Afternoon:
St. Giles' (8) 2.45-3.45
Evening:
St. Peter Mancroft (12) 7.00-8.30
St. Miles' (8) 7.00-8.30

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:

Garveston (6)	1.30-2.15
Hethersett (8)	2.30-3.30
St. Giles', Norwich (8) ..	2.45-3.45
Bergh Apton (6)	1.30-2.00
Brooke (6)	2.10-2.40
St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich (8)	3.10-3.45
New Buckenham (6)	1.30-2.00
Bunwell (6)	2.15-2.45
Mulbarton (6)	3.00-3.30

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich Nor. 57N, by Wednesday, May 1st.

H. Wm. Barrett, General Secretary. 3792

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE

St. Mary's bells are now at Whitechapel Foundry for retuning, two of them to be recast. Notice will be published of rededication in August. Until then, whenever possible, Friday practice will be continued at Laverstoke (6), Friday, 7.30-9. 3815

ROMSEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE

Until further notice, ringing will be as follows: Sundays 9.15-10 a.m. and, by special arrangement only, 5.30-6.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays, 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors welcome and may care to check beforehand by telephoning either I. H. Trueman (Braishfield 311) or H. J. Page (Romsey 2297). 3834

SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Ashbocking, Saturday, May 4th

Will teams please be present at 12 noon or as soon as possible.

Evensong 5 p.m. Tea and presentation of Shield, Hemingstone Village Hall. (2½ miles distant, directions given.) Entries and names for tea to S. Bloomfield, 1, High View, Hemingstone, Ipswich, Suffolk. 3791

CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LONG SUTTON

FLOWER FESTIVAL with ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Friday, May 3rd, to Tuesday, May 7th

The tower will be open for ringing at the following times:

Friday, May 3rd.—5.30 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 4th.—12 noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 5th.—9.30 to 10.30 a.m., 2 to 4 p.m., 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Monday, May 6th.—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All bellringers are welcome. Refreshments available 3817

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The attention of all members is drawn to the Secretary's notice of the Annual General Meeting on May 11th. Important constitutional changes may be necessary at this meeting to obtain recognition direct by the University instead of through U.L.U., as until recently. — D. J. R. Martin, president. 3800

VETERANS' REUNION.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London. Please note alteration of date to June 15th instead of 22nd. — J. Euston. 3806

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MEETINGS

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

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

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, Ellsworth, East Molesey (Tel. 01 398-5089), please. 3770

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

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

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, Bettescombe Road, Rainham, Gillingham.—T. Barton. 3691

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting, Husbands Bosworth, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 6.30—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3794

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

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, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 3646

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. 3780

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Atkins, 131, Hinwick Road, Wollaston. 3797

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

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A Surprise Minor practice will be held at Bicton (6), Saturday, April 27th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. 3811

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 Finborough (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

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. 3762

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, please. 3773

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Brading, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. East, 79, Avenue Road, Sandown.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 3814

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, Tansev Green, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, Staffs.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 3722

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice meeting at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, May 1st. Bells (12) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome —A. Ward, Branch Sec. 3798

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Goole, Thursday, May 2nd. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. No meeting during May.—L. M. Woodhead, Dis. Sec. 3839

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Northmoor (6), Friday, May 3rd, commencing 7.30 p.m.—E. M. Venn, Hon. Sec. 3812

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Elland, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birkett, 2, Napier Road, Elland, Yorks, by Wednesday, May 1st. 3824

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. John the Baptist's, Pitney (5, 7 cwt.), May 4th, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 3822

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at Felmersham. Service, tea and business meeting 4.30. Towers available (for one hour each): Cardington 9.30, Elstow 10.30, St. Paul's, Bedford, 11.30, Bromham 1.15, Clapham 2, Oakley 2.30, Pavenham 3, Odell 3.15, Felmersham 3.30 and evening, Sharnbrook 7.30. Names for tea to C. Payne, 32, George Street, Clapham. Tel. Bedford 57312. 3835

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 Peering, May 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Nichols, Alverstone House, Peering, 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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Offley (6) on Saturday, May 4th, from 5.30 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3827

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 4s. approx.). Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston. 3796

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Orlingbury, May 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. B. Butler, Kettering Road, by Tuesday previous. All welcome.—M. A. C. 3763

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray (10), May 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed at 5 p.m. by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Clamp, 44, Limes Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics, by previous Wednesday. 3897

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Attenborough. Bells (8) from 3.30. —S. Adams. 3831

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton, Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea to Mrs. Usher, The Vicarage, Everton, Doncaster, Yorks, by previous Thursday 3838

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced practice meeting at Fairwarp (8), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Cups of tea will be provided; please bring own cups. —Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 3826

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Spring Festival at Wendron (6), Saturday, May 4th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance. 3804

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Aiton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting at Buriton on May 4th. Bells available 6–8 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3787

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 windscreens with "Y.A.C.R.". Subscriptions are due; reports will be available. Bells: Kippax (6), 10–11; Woodlesford (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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Euston (5) on Friday evening, May 10th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 3833

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford Arundel (6), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Wellington (8) available 7 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 3832

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Christ Church (6), Wanstead, Saturday, May 11th. District heat of striking competition. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. P. Eyre, 4, Greenhays Drive, South Woodford, London, E.18. 3611

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold, May 11th. Striking competition in afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea in Winn Hall 5.15, followed by quarterly meeting. Bells available after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Fincher, Ivy Cottage, Dunsfold, Godalming, by Tuesday, May 7th 3808

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Penhow, May 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. H. Jones, Parc Cottage, Penhow, Mon. 3824

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival at Wimborne on May 11th. Festival service in the Minster Church of St. Cuthberta 3 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. J. Strickland. Address by the Rev. R. Keeley. Tea 4 p.m. in Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Tickets (6s. 6d.) obtainable from Mr. N. G. Kneec, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, before May 4th. No name, no tea. Bells available: 11.30-1 p.m., Cranborne (8); 1-2.30 and 6.30-8.30, Poole (10); 2-3 and 6.30-8.30, Wimborne (10); 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and 6.30-8.30: Canford Magna (6), Corfe Mullen (6), Gussage, All Saints' (5), Gussage, St. Michael's (6), Hampreston (6), Long Crichel (6), Lytchett Matravers (6), Lytchett Minster (6), Morden (5), Spetsbury (5), Sturminster Marshall (6), Swanage (8), Wareham (8), Wimborne St. Giles (8), Witchampton (6), Kingston L1, one bell out of order).—F. Slatford, Gen. Sec. 3809

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Great Totham on May 18th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea. 3690

CHANGING THE HUNT BELL

Dear Sir,—I am not eager to enter into any discussion which makes reference to the decisions of the Central Council, since these decisions are usually illogical, often inconsistent and sometimes contradictory. However, on the subject of calls, they are fairly concise and the letter from "Undergraduate" needs answering.

Firstly, the point about changing the hunt bell is a red herring. The hunt bell is not changed. Seconds place, which is the essence of Plain Bob, is made only when the treble is leading. "Undergraduate" states categorically and completely unjustifiably that it is "not possible to change the hunt bell in midstream." It is possible (see page 276) and there is no Central Council decision which prevents it being done. It is interesting to speculate on the musical possibilities of doing this in, say, Surprise Major.

The other points raised by "Undergraduate" are, I think, amply covered by the "Decisions" obtainable for half a crown from the address on the back page.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Curtis (first quarter) 1, R. Russell 2, M. J. Hawkins 3, S. B. Bell 4, H. Richardson 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 24th, 1,260 P.B. Minor: Mervyn Rose (first quarter) 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, C. Hancock 5, E. Nice 6. For Mothers Day and Patronal Festival.

Bell Rhymes from Northamptonshire

From Mr. Pat Chapman, of Daventry, we have received cuttings of "The Northampton Chronicle and Echo" telling of rhymes associated with the bells of Northamptonshire and elsewhere.

Mr. W. N. Terry, curator of the Central Museum, Northampton, makes the following interesting contribution:—

Some years ago I bought in Cheltenham a small book of poems for my then very young children. It is called "A Little Book of Old Rhymes," collected by Cicely Mary Barker and published by Blackie and Son Ltd.

Shortly afterwards we knew we were to move our home to Northampton, and on a number of occasions came to the town via Banbury and went up the Banbury Lane. As we drove along we used to sing together (for the obvious reason) one of the rhymes, which I quote in full herewith.

Pancakes and fritters,
Say the bells of St. Peter's.
Where must we fry 'em?
Say the bells of Cold Higham.
In yonder land furrow
Say the bells of Wellingborough.
You owe me a shilling
Say the bells of Great Billing.
When will you pay me?
Say the bells of Middleton Cheney
When I am able
Say the bells of Dunstable.
That will never be
Say the bells of Coventry.
O yes it will
Says Northampton great bell.

I think Coventry has accidentally been substituted for Daventry in this version which otherwise, apart from Dunstable, includes only Northamptonshire churches. The version from Canada, contributed by your correspondent W. McLean, seems to include only Northampton Town churches. (All Hallows' is, of course, an earlier form of All Saints'.)

I would very much like to hear of any other versions of this old Northamptonshire folk rhyme, and indeed of any other such items belonging to this area. They are dying out fast and if we do not record them now they will soon be lost for ever.

OTHER MEMORIES

Did every district have its own bell rhyme? I remember once hearing this:—

Moulton big jowlers,
Holcot ting tang,
Walgrave pretty merry bells,
Hannington cracked pan.

P. Knight, Lanesend, Walgrave.

Reading in "The Chronicle and Echo" about the nursery rhyme verse "The Bells of Northampton" reminded me of the little jingle my grandmother used to sing to me when I was a tiny girl.

Moulton great boulders,
Pitsford ting tangs,
Brixnorth little merry bells,
Spratton black pans.

Mrs. E. Judge, Lesson Road, Brixworth.

QUARTER PEALS

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On March 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. A. Darnell 1, W. E. Morris 2, Mrs. J. M. Morris 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, E. J. Thoday 5, A. J. Davey 6. P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alan Stanley Pettit, sidesman at this church and alderman of the borough.

HARBURY, WARKS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. C. E. Lawton (13, first quarter) 1, J. M. Windsor 2, R. A. Sheasby 3, S. T. Hauley 4, R. D. Brain 5, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 6. First "inside" 3, 4. A 20th birthday compliment to 3 and 5; also rung for Palm Sunday.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDD.—On April 6th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: Miss P. Copas 1, R. J. Collis 2, P. N. Felton 3, L. C. Way 4, J. R. Pratt 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except the conductor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. J. Willey 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, J. Carey and R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong. Also on March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Marsh 1, S. M. O'Neill (first Minor) 2, R. J. Willey (first "inside" Minor) 3, W. G. Marsh 4, R. Blackshaw 5, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 6. Also on March 20th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Hazel M. Carter 1, R. J. Willey 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Also on March 31st, 1,320 Doubles: H. M. Carter and J. Carey 1, R. J. Willey 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Loach and R. D. Marsh 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Conducted by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

ILTON, SOM.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Horsey 1, Barbara Dean 2, T. Locke 3, R. Dean (cond.) 4, R. Welch 5, B. Spiller 6. A 27th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Drew, and to wish Mr. Drew a speedy recovery from injuries received in a road accident. Also rung as a belated 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Jim Stenner.

LOCKING, SOM.—On March 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Jones (first of Stedman Doubles) 5, H. Button 6. For Evensong. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): V. Criddle 1, Jane Markham 2, Susan Stott 3, Yvonne Criddle (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5, P. Hicks (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Average age of band 16 years.

LONDON, E.—At Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, on April 7th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: R. J. Collis 1, Miss S. C. Thexton 2, K. G. Game 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, R. L. Jones 5, L. C. Way 6, M. R. Wycherley 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. For morning service.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Salvidge (first quarter) 1, A. Bratten 2, P. Wareham 3, H. Haynes 4, G. Wareham (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Stride (first quarter) 6.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. T. Godfrey 1, Mrs. E. E. Godfrey (first "inside" in method) 2, Miss F. Riley (first in method as cond.) 3, Miss F. Stocker 4, A. A. Nunn 5, Miss J. Blackburn 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Maynard 1, M. Soper 2, C. Ward 3, S. Taylor 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, P. Harris 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss R. A. Collins 1, J. Avenell 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, R. Collins 4, J. A. Collier (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 6. In memory of Sam Pether, buried at Worpleston this day.

POTNEY, S.W.—On April 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Cobb 1, L. Ann Mew (first of Major "inside") 2, Corinna Smith (first of Major) 3, Alison M. Mann 4, Julie S. Armstrong 5, Rev. M. Hart 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, A. R. Patterson 8. For Evensong.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On March 16th, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, A. H. Smith 2, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 3, R. J. Sharp 4, C. J. Groome 5, M. J. Marriott 6, R. H. French 7, C. M. Orme 8. Rung after a peal attempt was lost.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. Rung for the institution of the Rev. Morley Hattam; also a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. H. R. Trehella, a former vicar.

STUDLEY, WARKS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Weaver (first quarter) 1, J. Perkins 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, R. Spray (cond.) 5, R. Sutor 6. For the birth of a daughter to Doreen and Graham Stock.

BUILDING UP DOUBLES VARIATIONS BY DEREK C. JACKSON

(Continued from page 295)

Part 5

The following is not part of my scheme but a few lines of assistance to those a little confused by the mass of figures and the arithmetic that those "in the know" take for granted. These notes are written by one who has only in recent years fully comprehended their significance. One crumb of comfort is that such things as Place Notation do become more interesting as your understanding develops, and certainly no learner should be denied this fundamental instruction simply because the tower captain has never tried to acquaint himself with it.

I suggested that your new, basic method should be introduced by a distribution of Place Notation to the band. Let us take Method 3 (which is eventually found to be St. Simon's Doubles). The Place Notation is 5, 1, 5, 3, 5, 2nds, with lead-end 14253.

Since all regular symmetrical, the figures given are for half a lead only, i.e., until the treble is "at the back". The remaining figures are a mirror image about the

last given figure, i.e., write them out in reverse order.

12345

5
1
5
3

3
5
1
5

The treble will then lead, and your next piece of information states that 2nds is made here.
Thus:—

12345

5
1
5
3
5
3
1
5
2

This will contain a full lead of the method.

The first change of the method is obtained by keeping fifths place bell in its place, pairing off the other bells, and crossing over the pairs. Thus:—

12345 The second change requires the leading bell to stay in its place; cross over the other pairs. 12345
5 21435 5 21435
1 5 1 24153
5

The third change requires the fifths place bell to "lie still".

12345
5 21435
1 24153
5 42513

12345 The last change of the lead is rather difficult. The seconds place bell must "lie still", but the treble (First place bell) is leading twice. There is only one pair of bells to change over, 52, so the fifths place bell must also "lie still". Hence we find (and shall do so frequently) that the final place is NOT 2 but 1, 2 and 5. Thus:—

12345
5 21435
1 24153
5 42513
3 24531

5
1 41253
5 14523
125 14253

Part 6

This change (14253) produced at the backstroke lead of the treble is most important. It is known by 95% of the Exercise as the "Lead End". This is incorrect, according to an article in issue No. 2947, page 637, where Mr. York-Bramble suggests the name "Index Row". It is so important that the stated place notation always contains it as additional information. Primarily this is used to check that you correctly computed one lead of your method.

If you now repeat the complete process of Place Notation from the row 14253 you will write out the second full lead of the method. Another repetition gives you the third full lead, and a final repetition gives you the last lead. By drawing a line through the path of any bell, usually the number two, you can obtain the Blue Line, provided no mistakes have been made in the 40 changes. The Index Row 14253 can help you to check this. This is produced from 12345 at the treble's previous backstroke lead.

12345
The next Index Row 14253 can be calculated 1xxxx

The bell in 2nd position was in 4th position in the previous Row. The bell in 3rd position was in 2nd position in the previous Row. The bell in 4th position was in 5th position in

the previous Row. The bell in 5th position was in 3rd position in the previous Row.

Thus it must be 15432
The next is 13524
And the next 12345

This process is called Transposition. Now check your 40 changes at the treble's backstroke leads. They should be as calculated in our Transposition.

Part 7

Usually the Blue Line is produced by a much quicker process, using your one full lead. On another piece of paper draw five vertical, parallel lines, numbering the lines (NOT the spaces) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Now draw a pencil line through the path of number two bell in your written-out lead. Draw this diagram on your new piece of paper. At the end of the lead this bell has reached third position. During the next lead our bell will follow the path number three bell followed in the first lead. Draw a pencil line through the path of number three bell in your written-out lead. Join this diagram to the one so far drawn on your new piece of paper, first adding the words "This is where number three starts".

Number three bell has reached fifth position at the end of the lead. During the next lead our bell will follow the path number five bell followed in the first lead. Use your pencil again, and your Blue Line is now three-quarters complete, and contains the starting positions of number two, number three and number five bells. You should now be able to complete your Blue Line.

(To be continued)

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

On April 6th the Ilchester Branch held its monthly practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Trent. Over 30 ringers attended, representing 18 different towers. The Rector, the Rev. T. C. P. Brook, said the Belfry Office prior to ringing on this pleasant 18 cwt. six. Messrs. Gordon W. Rendell and W. E. Turner conducted the ringing, which included rounds, Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob Minor, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Stedman, London and Double Court Bob Minor. The Branch is grateful to the Rector and the Tower Master, Mr. H. Brooks, for their kindness in permitting the use of their bells.

Next meeting: May 4th, 7-9 p.m., at Pitney. Branch half-day outing, May 11th. M. M. L.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 27th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Kirby 1, Miss D. White 2, Miss J. Sturrock 3, A. Botterell 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6.

TABLE 2
CALL

Plain Course	Plain Bob	Old Doubles	Plain lead of	Grandsire	Reverse Canterbury	Pink
Plain Bob	Plain Bob	Single	All Saints	Single	Bob	Single
	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	Old	Seighford	April Day	Kennington	May Day
		O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 2, 3 or 4	O.B. 3, 4 or 5
Reverse Canterbury	Southrepps	St. Columb	Little Aston	Clifford's Pleasure	Reverse Canterbury	Royston
345, 1, 5, 1, 5 2nds	or St. Agatha	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 3, 4 or 5	Pleasure	O.B. 3, 4 or 5
L.E. 14253	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5				
St. Simon's	St. Simon's	Cassington	Elford	Eynsham	St. Alban	St. Ignatius
5, 1, 5, 3, 5 2nds	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 3, 4 or 5
L.E. 14253						
St. Martin's	St. Martin's	St. Peter	Austrey	St. Leonard	St. Paul	Churchill
5, 1, 5, 123, 5 2nds	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 3, 4 or 5
L.E. 14253						
St. Nicholas	St. Giles	St. Thomas	Shareshill	Lapley or	St. Nicholas	Heyford
345, 1, 5, 3, 5 2nds	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 3, 4 or 5		St. Andrew		O.B. 3, 4 or 5
L.E. 13524				O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5		Chilton
Winchendon	St. Miles	St. Luke	Ryton	St. John	Winchendon	O.B. 3, 4 or 5
345, 1, 5, 123, 5 2nds	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5		
L.E. 13524						
St. Osmund	St. Osmund	St. Patrick	St. Felix	St. Ninian	St. Ambrose	Amersham
5, 1, 125, 3, 5 2nds	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 3, 4 or 5
L.E. 14253						
St. Remigius	Church Gresley	St. Chrysostom	St. Cleer	Horsley	St. Remigius	Sarratt
345, 1, 125, 3, 5 2nds	O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5	O.B. 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 2, 3, 4 or 5		O.B. 3, 4 or 5
L.E. 13524						

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