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St. Peter's Church, Bromyard, Herefordshire

FROM the sturdy, squat Norman tower of St. Peter's, Bromyard, a Rudhall six has chimed out for more than 200 yrs. Now the octave is complete and such is the skill of 20th century tuning that Messrs. John Taylor have given to this market town bells that blend perfectly. There were bells here for centuries before the Rudhall foundry brought its wares to this countryside.

In the church there is much of antiquarian interest. A characteristic of the tower is the circular stair turret with its castellated top. The South and North doorways are examples of Norman craftsmanship and over one doorway there is a carving of St. Peter.

How the Norman font would have rejoiced the heart of the late Ernest Morris, who added these to his interest in bells. It is tub shape with two tiers of decorations, and one writer has interpreted one of these as representing the Tree of Life.

Probably the absence of arterial roads has enabled Bromyard to be largely unspoilt. Good specimens of 16th and 17th century architecture prevail and Tower Hall House is regarded as one of the finest specimens of half timbered buildings in a county rich in Tudor and Jacobean edifices.

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Peter's, Bromyard, Herefordshire

By T. COOPER

BROMYARD, a small market town (population 1,800), is situated in the beautiful countryside of the Worcester-Herefordshire border. The Parish Church of St. Peter is a large building with a plain low solid central tower. In 1553 the tower contained "v great belles" and later, in 1752, a ring of six Rudhall bells was installed in a heavy timber frame.

In recent years the "go" of the bells and the deterioration and movement of the bell frame began to cause concern and misgivings to the ringers, and, as one visitor remarked, they had developed into "a very lumpy ring."

In 1966 the P.C.C. received reports and estimates from the bellfounders with apprehension, as heavy expenditure on heating and decoration had recently been completed. An overdue major organ overhaul was already receiving their attention. But their interest and concern about the bells was shown by appointing in the early months of 1967 a small committee to investigate the problem of bell restoration.

10 YEAR LOAN SCHEME

The parish of Bromyard St. Peter's is in its seventh year as a Christian Stewardship Parish. With this in mind, the bell committee were able to devise a scheme to raise an interest-free loan of £2,000. This loan scheme was to be raised in £10 loan bonds, repayable at £200 each year over the next ten years. The principles were approval and accepted by the P.C.C. and the "get on with the job" was given to the bell committee. The money thus raised would enable the ring of six bells to be rehung in a new cast iron eight-bell frame. A gift of a new treble bell towards an octave by one of the ringers was a further incentive.

In June, 1967, the bell committee, consisting of three non-ringers and six ringers, launched the scheme with support and encouragement from the Vicar, churchwardens and P.C.C. members and using all local means of advertising available. Within a few days the first £1,000 was in hand. With the earnest desire to help so readily coming from the church members and the rest of the community (proving, incidentally, the love of the sound of bells inherent in our people) the attaining of the target was rapidly approaching. But "halt" came from the treasurer; and in a day or two news of a magnificent gift to the church and parish was forthcoming.

MAGNIFICENT GIFT

In thankfulness, and as a memorial to her late husband, George Granville Dowson, Maggie Dowson donated the cost of the new bell frame and one new bell to complete the ring of eight. How deep was the gratitude of the town and district is beyond me to assess and express; but I am sure that whenever the question of generosity arises Bromyardians will instinctively remember the name of Dowson.

Within a few days the £1,600 loaned had been repaid, and in September the bells were at John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough. Now came the gift of time and talent from the ringers: bell chamber completely cleared and cleaned, padstones formed to carry the new girders, woodwork treated with preservative, ringing chamber redecorated, electrical fittings renewed and extended, fetching and carrying up and down the tower steps until physical tiredness almost dimmed enthusiasm.

In November the ringers had been to Loughborough to see the two new trebles cast—had poked about everywhere in the foundry as ringers from many a tower have done before. They almost managed the foundry ring.

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT BELLS

It was strange with no Christmas and New Year ringing. We did try our hands at Triples through the kindness of the incumbents and the help of the ringers at the towers of Ledbury and Colwall. Limited service ringing also took place at towers in the district.

Winter slowly passed with continual enquiries as to "When are the bells coming back?" Right to programme, on March 18th, the work of installing the new frame and rehanging the bells commenced. Daily, with unhurried capability and control, Mr. Eric Fowler and Mr. Leslie Evans went about their task and soon all was ready for the great day.

In the presence of a large congregation on Friday evening, April 5th, 1968, the Bishop of Hereford, at an impressive service, dedicated the augmented ring of eight bells. Afterwards, ringers from near and far tried out the bells. It was clearly apparent that the founders and bellhangers had converted our "lumpy six" into an easy going and splendid sounding eight.

Now, as our regular service ringing routine comes back, we ringers realise how blessed and fortunate we were in this parish of Bromyard. We know that other parishes have striven and succeeded in greater and harder and more difficult tasks, where enthusiasm and effort and tremendous courage and example were needed. And we know that that courage can be found and sustained by faith and prayer, through willingness to give our service to our God and Church, and through our earnest desire to spread our Christian fellowship amongst all men.

THE BELLS

Treble—Thomas Cooper gave me 1968. (John Taylor and Co., 4 cwt. 17 lb.)

2nd—In Loving Memory of George Granville Dowson 1968 (John Taylor and Co., 5 cwt. 6 lb.)

3rd—Peace and Good Neighbourhood. (A. Rudhall 1752, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.)

4th—Prosperity to this Parish. (A. Rudhall 1752, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.)

5th—Abel Rudhall cast us all 1752. (8 cwt. 22 lb.)

6th—Thos. Williams, Churchwarden. (Abel Rudhall 1752, 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.)

7th—May the Church Flourish and her Enemies Decrease. (A. Rudhall 1752. Recast 1899.) Barwell, Founder, Birmingham. W. Martin, Vicar. T. Day, E. Powell, Churchwardens. (10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.)

Tenor—I to the Church the Living Call, and to the grave do summon all. (Abel Rudhall 1752, 14 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.)

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1968 PEALS

Mr. G. E. Thoday reports that, up to and including the April 19th issue, 766 peals had been published, called by 301 different conductors. In these, 1,988 ringers took part, in which 138 were ringing their first peal. Five ringers have already reached 25.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Worcester Arrangements

Headquarters will be the Giffard Hotel, High Street. Entrance to the hotel car park is off the Cathedral roundabout. The Wulstan Room is reserved as a meeting place, with bar, on Sunday and Monday evenings from 7 p.m.

Essential notices will be displayed in the Wulstan Room Lobby.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in the Cathedral at 7.45 a.m.

Civic Reception at the Guildhall, High Street, on Tuesday at 5.15 p.m. Application cards will be enclosed with reports circulated by the Hon. Secretary.

There will be an informal social evening in the Wulstan Room at 8 p.m. to which members and friends are invited.

Accommodation. — Members requiring the accommodation list should get in touch with the Accommodation Secretary, 32, Badsey Fields Lane, Badsey, Evesham, Worcs, without delay.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

The following tours have been arranged; own arrangement for transport and meals. Members of the Worcestershire Association acting as Ringing Stewards will be present at each tower to co-ordinate the ringing. The published times will be adhered to.

Saturday, June 1st, 1968.

Tour No. 1

Hallow, SS. Philip and James'	(8)	9.30–11.00
Ombersley, St. Andrew's	(6)	10.15–11.45
Droitwich, St. Augustine's, Dodderhill	(8)	11.00–12.30
Droitwich, St. Peter-de-Witton's	(6)	11.45– 1.15
Bromsgrove, St. John's	(10)	1.30– 3.00
Stoke Prior, St. Michael's	(8)	2.15– 3.45
Wychbold, St. Mary-de-Wyche's	(6)	3.00– 4.30
Feckenham, St. John Baptist's	(8)	3.45– 5.15
Hanbury, St. Mary's	(8)	4.30– 6.00
Claines, St. John Baptist's	(10)	5.15– 6.45

Tour No. 2

Kempsey, St. Mary's	(6)	9.20–10.50
Stoulton, Campanile	(6)	10.00–11.30
Earl's Croom, St. Nicholas'	(6)	10.40–12.10
Strensham, St. John Baptist's	(6)	11.20–12.50
Ripple, St. Mary's	(6)	12.00– 1.30
Bushley, St. Peter's	(6)	1.20– 2.50
Longdon, St. James Gt.	(6)	2.00– 3.30
Upton-on-Severn SS. Peter and Paul's	(8)	2.20– 4.10
Hanley Castle, St. Mary's	(6)	3.20– 4.50
Hanley Swan, St. Gabriel's	(6)	4.00– 5.30
Malvern Link, St. Matthias'	(8)	4.15– 5.30
Powick, St. Peter's	(6)	5.20– 6.50

Monday, June 3rd, 1968.

Tour No. 1

Broadwas, St. Mary Mag.	(5)	9.30–10.30
Martley, St. Peter's	(6)	9.45–11.15
Clifton-on-Teme, St. Kenelm's	(6)	10.30–12.00
Shelsley Beauchamp, All Saints'	(6)	11.15–12.45
Bewdley, St. Anne's	(8)	12.00– 1.30
Kidderminster, St. Mary's	(12)	1.30– 3.00
Stourbridge, St. Mary's Old Swinford	(8)	2.15– 3.45
Amblecote, Holy Trinity	(8)	3.00– 4.30
Brierley Hill, St. Michael's	(8)	3.45– 5.15
Dudley, St. Thomas'	(10)	4.30– 6.00
Old Hill, Holy Trinity	(8)	5.15– 6.45
Stourbridge, St. Thomas'	(8)	6.00– 7.30
Chaddesley Corbett, St. Cassian's	(8)	6.45– 8.15
Hartlebury, St. James Gt.	(8)	7.30– 9.00

Tour No. 2

Stoulton, St. Edmund, King and Martyr	(6)	9.30–11.00
Pershore Abbey	(8)	10.15–11.45
Little Comberton, St. Peter's	(6)	11.00–12.30
Great Comberton, St. Michael's	(6)	12.15– 1.45
Hinton-on-the-Green, St. Peter's	(8)	1.30– 3.00
Great Hampton, St. Andrew's	(8)	2.15– 3.45
Badsey, St. James'	(8)	3.00– 4.30
Bretforton, St. Leonard's	(8)	3.45– 5.15
Middle Littleton, St. Nicholas'	(6)	4.30– 6.00
Cleeve Prior, St. Andrew's	(6)	5.15– 6.45
Bidford-on-Avon, St. Lawrence's	(8)	6.00– 7.30
Salford Prior, St. Matthew's	(8)	6.45– 8.15
Evesham, the Bell Tower	(12)	7.00– 9.00
Norton, St. Egwin's	(8)	7.30– 9.00

COACH TOUR

A coach will leave the Cathedral on Whit Monday at 8.15 a.m. to tour the Worcestershire-Herefordshire border (fine countryside) with ringing at five towers. It will return in time for the Standing Committee meeting and evening ringing. Numbers limited to the first 40 applicants.

The cost, inclusive of lunch, is £1. Names, with fare, to Mr. P. Cattermole, St. Alban's House, The King's School, Worcester, by May 27th, enclosing s.a.e.

SERVICE RINGING

There will be no general ringing on Whit Sunday at Worcester Cathedral. Instead, bands have been arranged to ring at the following times:—

9.30–10.20 a.m. Two bands to ring touches on 12 bells.

5.00– 6.20 p.m. A quarter peal of Stedman Cinques by a band arranged by the Vice-President of the Central Council.

(An arranged band will also ring the Cathedral "Middle Eight" before the Communion service on Tuesday, 7.10–7.35 a.m.)

Sunday, June 2nd, 1968.

Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	10.00–11.00
		5.30– 6.30
Worcester, St. John's	(8)	5.30– 6.30
Worcester, St. Swithun's	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Claines, St. John Baptist's	(10)	10.15–11.00
		5.45– 6.30
Hallow, SS. Philip and James'	(8)	10.00–11.00
		5.30– 6.30
Malvern Link, St. Matthias'	(8)	9.15–10.00
		5.30– 6.30
Upton-on-Severn SS. Peter and Paul's	(8)	10.00–11.00
Welland, St. James'	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Evesham Bell Tower	(12)	10.15–11.00
		4.30– 6.30
Pershore Abbey	(8)	8.30– 9.30
		5.30– 6.30
Great Hampton, St. Andrew's	(8)	7.30– 8.00
		9.30–10.00
		6.00– 6.30
Badsey, St. James'	(8)	9.30–10.15
Droitwich, St. Augustine's, Dodderhill	(8)	10.00–11.00
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Droitwich, St. Peter's	(6)	5.30– 6.30
Hartlebury, St. James Gt.	(8)	10.00–11.00
Kidderminster, St. Mary's	(12)	10.15–11.00
		5.45– 6.30
Stourbridge, St. Thomas'	(8)	9.30–10.00
		5.45– 6.30
Amblecote, Holy Trinity	(8)	8.45– 9.30
		5.45– 6.30
King's Norton, St. Nicholas'	(10)	10.15–11.00
		5.45– 6.30
Selly Oak, St. Mary's	(8)	5.30– 6.30
Feckenham, St. John Baptist's	(8)	9.45–10.30

ADDITIONAL RINGING

Saturday, June 1st, 1968.

Worcester Cathedral	(12)	7.00– 8.30
Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	7.30– 9.00
Worcester, St. John's	(8)	7.30– 9.00

Monday, June 3rd, 1968.

Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	7.30– 9.00
Worcester, St. Swithun's	(6)	7.30– 9.00

Tuesday, June 4th, 1968.

Worcester Cathedral	(12)	6.00– 7.30
Worcester, All Saints'	(10)	6.30– 8.00
Worcester, St. John's	(8)	7.00– 8.30
Worcester, St. Swithun's	(6)	7.00– 8.30

PEALS

Applications for peals should be made as soon as possible to the Peal Secretary, Mr. G. L. Bowen, 35, Chesshire Avenue, Areley Kings, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs, enclosing s.a.e.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
Honorary Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax.

CORRECTION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

(See page 323)

Motion (9) (b) paragraph 1 should read: In the case of Doubles a "variation" be defined as the plain course of one method used with the call(s) peculiar to another method. Each variation shall be given its own name.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Margaret's Win District Striking Contest

The annual District striking competition was held at Bitteswell on April 6th. Five bands competed and Messrs. A. Ballard, B. G. Warwick and B. C. Law acted as adjudicators.

A sumptuous tea was laid on by the ringers and friends at Bitteswell, after which a District meeting was held.

The chief item was the announcement of the results of the competition. St. Margaret's, Leicester, were the winning band, having clocked up only 55 faults. Mr. Ballard then presented the trophy to Mr. John M. Jelley, who captained St. Margaret's, at the same time adding some warm words of encouragement to the not-so-good bands. The congratulations of the District go to these very capable ringers.

The other bands who competed were Aylestone (73 faults), South Wigston (75), All Saints', Leicester (132) and Markfield (178).

Also discussed were the District Surprise Major practices, which are now a regular monthly feature. It was thought that these were achieving results, but the ringers they were being aimed at, i.e. the "learners," were not chiefly the people who were attending. Attendance at the moment seems to consist mainly of established Surprise ringers.

The secretary asked for guidance regarding District meetings where tea facilities were not available, in particular as to whether a service should be held or not on these occasions. Mr. Warwick thought that the omission of a service was a retrograde step, and in general it was felt that a service should be held as part of a meeting wherever possible.

Attending were 43 members and three visitors, the largest number at a District meeting for three years. The chairman, Mr. John Bramley, expressed his gratification at this good turnout.

A variety of ringing took place during the evening, which rounded off an enjoyable meeting. R. H.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Mr. P. Amos is standing as an independent candidate for the Northampton Municipal Council. He is fighting for the abolition of the Compulsory Purchase Act, and thinks it wrong for a person to be turned out without adequate compensation.

New Surprise Royal Record

But Not the 27,000 Objective

THE attempt to ring 27,000 Cambridge Surprise Royal at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 20th was called round at 18,000 changes after 9 hours and 10 minutes' ringing.

Ringing commenced at about 8.25 a.m. and the first five courses of the first part took approximately 55 minutes. The times for all the following parts were within about a minute of this time. By the time that the first part-end came up after 9,000 changes it appeared that the 27,000 would be accomplished with very little difficulty. However, as time progressed, mistakes began to occur and the conductor decided to omit the last bob on 890 in the second part, and ran the peal round two-thirds of the way towards the required target. (Having listened to more than two hours of tape recording, the decision appears to be a little harsh.)

Naturally the band are disappointed in not having rung the longest peal on ten bells. For over half the band it was their first experience of an attempt for a peal of considerable length and on the foundry bells it was found to be more taxing than had been anticipated (following the four peals of Surprise Royal rung on them last year). I have no doubt that we could have rung the complete length to quite a fair peal, but a record peal must be beyond question in every aspect.

It is the latter point which creates a technical problem, in that 18,000 changes exceeds the record of Surprise Royal and of Cambridge Surprise, but both of these peals took much longer to ring, being on much heavier bells. In the past we have always aimed at surpassing a previous record, either by ringing on bells of similar weight or by adding a considerable number of changes. This was our intention with the recent attempt, but by calling the peal round at a shorter length it is only 1,080 changes longer than the Yorkshire Royal record and 1,632 changes longer than the Cambridge record. We will rectify this situation in the not too distant future.

There were two changes in the band from that announced in "The Ringing World": both Richard Inglis and Bernard Groves were indisposed. I would like to thank Simon Humphrey and Alan Scholfield for standing in the peal in their places. I would also like to thank Lawrence Haines for umpiring and taping-in the ringing, instead of Alan Scholfield, who was called on to ring. Finally, thanks are once again due to Paul Taylor for the use of the foundry bells.

ROBERT B. SMITH.

UMPIRE'S REPORT

The attempt to ring 27,000 Cambridge Surprise Royal was scheduled to start at 8 o'clock, but for various reasons was delayed until 8.25. The first lead was a trifle shaky as the band adjusted to the bells, but the ringing rapidly improved and, by the end of the first course, everyone seemed happy. For the first ten courses the ringing was at a steady eleven minutes per course, except for the third course, which took 11½ minutes, probably in response to the conductor's "Push them along a bit"! In the eleventh course the back bells were brought into the "Home" and the ringing speeded slightly to 10¾ minutes per course—the little bells seemed to appreciate this return to familiar territory more than the big ones.

At 11.10, after the band had rung a normal length peal, the speed dropped to 11½ minutes and remained there until towards the end. At 12 o'clock someone remarked that "they" were open, and was immediately told to faint. Nearly an hour later the first third was completed—the distinctive 1234567908 being easily recognised. This change was the cue for shuffling of feet and stretching of backs as the ringers prepared for a further nine hours of ringing. At around 1 o'clock I was ordered to fetch "fish 'n chips" ten times. The thought of food must have inspired the band, for there was some excellent ringing at this time.

By half past one 10,000 changes had been rung on very difficult bells; soon afterwards the occasional trip began to creep in, rapidly corrected by the conductor. At 3.20 the half-way change came up, soon followed by the eighth part-end. At this point a high-level conference was undertaken, and a decision was made not to pass the 21,363 Stedman Caters or 21,600 Bristol Major. At 4.20 the band had rung more Cambridge Royal than any other team; at quarter to five the Cambridge Maximus length was passed, and minutes later the bob on 8-9-0 was omitted, leaving the bells in the backstroke home. This had a detectable cheering effect on the band, and the ringing proceeded, at a slightly faster 10¾ minutes per course, with but one trip to the end. At nearly ten past five a bob Wrong brought the bells into the plain course, and there followed two-and-a-half courses of very good ringing to finish the peal, after 9 hours and 10 minutes and 18,000 changes. The reason for the late start now became apparent: by the time the belfry had been evacuated the hostelry doors were opening . . .

No visitors appeared in the belfry; this could have been due to the Leicester Diocesan annual general meeting, which was also held that day. The ringing was certainly adequate for a record peal, and it was only the high standards set by the band that prevented the full length from being rung. I am sure that it is only a matter of time before the full 27,000 is rung, but, for the sake of future umpires (and ringers!) it would be better if rung somewhere other than at the foundry—I can still hear the plink-plonk of the little bells!

LAWRENCE J. HAINES.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BELL RHYMES

Dear Sir.—I was interested in the article on "Bell Rhymes from Northamptonshire." Mr. Thomas North puts "Pancakes and Fritters" into print in his book on "The Bells of Northamptonshire." He also mentions another one, and here it is:—

"Roast beef and marsh mallows,
Say the bells of All Hallows.
Pancakes and fritters,
Say the bells of St. Peter's.
Roast beef and boil'd,
Say the bells of St. Giles'.
Poker and tongs,
Say the bells of St. John's.
Shovel, tongs and poker,
Say the bells of St. Pulcher."

This sounds like Shrove Tuesday, as well it might, and Mr. North provides, quote:

"But hark I hear the Pancake Bell,
And Fritters make a gallant smell."

So with the sound of pancake bells in our ears and the smell of fritters in our noses I would suggest that Mr. Terry, of the Northampton Museum, gets hold of a copy of Mr. North's book. His library is sadly short of a notable work.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. C. HOOTON.

Ardingly, Sussex.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES E. FISHER

The Suffolk Guild lost one of its most respected members when Charles E. Fisher passed away recently at his home at Ufford, Suffolk. He had served the Guild with distinction, not only by virtue of the offices he held but in his belfrymanship and his undoubted ability as a ringer and conductor.

Charles was born in 1885 and spent most of his life in the picturesque village of Ufford. He started his ringing as a lad and records show that in fact he conducted his first peal at Ufford in 1902 for the Norwich Diocesan Association, which of course covered most of the county of Suffolk at that time. In all he rang 105 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association and a further 103 for the Suffolk Guild.

Charles Fisher commanded respect in any belfry by his many qualities. He had a quiet manner but there was always a twinkle in his eye and a lasting keenness to help beginners. He was an immaculate handler and striker, and was particularly fond of six- and eight-bell ringing. Over his long ringing life he often rang with the famous Leiston and Helmingham companies and was particularly proud of his younger brother, Frank, a most gifted conductor.

Charles held several offices within the Guild, including that of secretary and treasurer, and remained a vice-president until he died. The Suffolk Guild and many others will long remember him—his welcome to visitors, and the man that was Charles E. Fisher. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and family. May he rest in peace.

G. W. P.

MR S. C. COOK

With the death of Mr. Sydney Charlie Cook on March 10th members and ringers of St. Peter's Church, Hever, mourned the passing of the last of its "old brigade."

A native of the village, Charlie started work as a boy on Hever Castle Estate and stayed there for 52 years apart from a short break during the first world war, when he served with the Army and was wounded in France. His connection with Hever Church as a ringer covered a period of 55 years and during much of that time he was a member of the Kent County Association. He was also verger at the church for 30 years.

Although never a prolific peal ringer, he did take part in one or two during his earlier days, but his main interest was with the local band, of which he was captain for some time. A few years ago he was forced to give up ringing because of ill-health but maintained his interest in ringers and their activities through the columns of our journal, which was delivered to him regularly by one of the Edenbridge band. In addition to his own church, Charlie often used to ring at Chiddingstone and Edenbridge, and on the evening preceding the day of his funeral a half-muffled quarter peal was rung to his memory by a band comprising two members from each of the three towers.

MR. JOE HAYNE

An Appreciation

I have just read in my "Ringing World": "Abbotsbury, Dorset, has lost an old and respected ringer by the death on April 13th of Mr. Joe Hayne." How fitting and eloquent is that brief announcement and what memories are conjured up by it. To one whose introduction to ringing was in the Dorchester area in the early days of the last war, Joe Hayne was one of the stalwarts who helped to give meaning and character to the Exercise. He was forthright by nature, of complete integrity and sincere in his fellowship.

How he hated formality and loved to be Joe to all the world! With great delight he told the tale of a letter which once reached him, bearing the seemingly inadequate direction: "Joe, Abbotsbury." His love of the cricket field was perhaps even greater than that of the belfry, and many were the kindly taunts of the then Branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, if Joe missed a meeting or was late because he was "chasing a ball." And now he will be missing—both in the belfry and in the cricket field, but I am sure that both have been enriched by his life, for which we give thanks.

M. M. GODLEY.

University Students Help Southwell Guild's Membership

THE attendance at the 22nd annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, held at Southwell on April 20th, was most encouraging. The committee's fears that an annual meeting starting with the business meeting at 2.30 p.m. would prove unacceptable to the majority of the members was soon dispelled, and the attendance of upwards of 110 ringing members, plus their wives and visitors, proved that the ringers are interested in the running of their Guild.

The business meeting, presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, supported by the vice-chairman elect, the Rev. W. H. Snow, the retiring hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Raithby, and the hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton, was opened with a minute's silence for 14 members who had died since the last annual general meeting, namely, Mr. A. Munks (Mansfield Woodhouse), Mr. G. Oakley (Warsop), Mr. J. T. C. Barnes (St. Mary's, Nottingham), Dr. J. D. S. Thomas (Radcliffe-on-Trent). Mr. F. A. Salter (St. Peter's, Nottingham), Mr. W. Thornley (Stapleford), the Rev. W. B. Evans (North Wheatley), Mr. J. P. Wright (North Wheatley), Lady Sibell Argles (Holme Pierrepont), Mr. E. Wilcox (Nuthall), Mr. H. D. Argles (Holme Pierrepont), the Rev. Canon R. P. Tinsley (Holme Pierrepont), Mr. J. H. Marshall (Cotgrave) and Mr. F. L. Hemstock (Southwell).

The minutes were approved and the annual report, which had been in circulation for some weeks, was, with one or two minor amendments, accepted, on the proposition of Mr. S. W. Fossey, seconded by Mr. D. A. Whetton.

A SMALLER ANNUAL REPORT?

Mr. B. Hough said that in view of the cost of the annual report, almost 3s. per copy out of a 5s. subscription, perhaps consideration should be given to reducing the amount of material inserted, and suggested that perhaps the list of the members could be omitted and only a list of new members be inserted.

The hon. general secretary said that when viewed in isolation this figure was high, but when analysed the details were that the report cost was 2s. 8d. per copy, but if the income from peal fees were deducted from the total cost then the resulting figure was 2s. per copy (i.e. 40 per cent. of the annual subscription) and if the non-resident life membership subscriptions were also deducted then this figure would be reduced to 1s. 9d., which he considered was a reasonable proportion.

The hon. general secretary reported that membership had been maintained at over 500, mainly due to the inclusion of the Nottingham University ringers at Beeston, to whom he extended a very warm welcome.

Bell restoration during the year had been the lowest for some time. A donation of £25 had been made to Pinxton, where a new light ring of five had been installed and where it is understood three trebles had now been ordered to complete the octave. Beeston bells had been retuned, the sixth recast and the bells rehung with new fittings in the original timber frame.

The income to the bell repair fund had risen by £5 8s. 1d. to £157 3s. 3d. during the year, the total standing at £346 5s. 6d. This was a most welcome sign, bearing in mind that provisional donations had already been earmarked for East Retford, where the ten bells were to be recast and rehung, Aspley, where two trebles were to be added to complete the octave, and Arnold, where the four bells were to be restored with possible augmentation.

Lectures on bells and ringing with handbell demonstrations had continued during the year unabated, over 30 having been provided.

The hon. treasurer reported that a small loss of £8 17s. 6d. had been made on the year's working, but in view of the expenditure incurred over the visit of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to Nottingham and the Three Counties Festival at Derby this was considered reasonable.

PEALS LESS THAN USUAL

The peal committee reported that the total of 75 peals was the lowest for several years. Fifteen members rang their first peal and, considering the drop of 48 peals on the 1966 total, this drop of two compares very favourably. Three new conductors appeared against none in 1966.

The 69 tower bell peals were rung in 40 towers, 32 of them in the county. The six handbell peals were all rung by the same band. The conducting was shared between 30 people, the leaders being Ruth Blackshaw (12) and R. B. Mills (11). There were 173 ringers involved, 88 of whom were resident, representing 17 per cent. of the Guild membership.

Four new members were elected at the annual meeting—Miss Jill Kelley (Newark), David Woodhead (Edwinstowe), Peter Hayward (Woodborough) and David Brown (Gamston). The retiring officers were thanked for their services to the Guild during the past year, and especially the vice-chairman, the Rev. F. W. Stephenl, and the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Raithby, neither of whom is accepting re-election. The chairman (Mr. F. W. Midwinter), the hon. general secretary (Mr. W. L. Exton), the auditors (Messrs. C. J. Copp and B. Hough) and the trustees (Messrs. W. Nichols and F. W. Midwinter) were re-elected, there being no other nominations. The vice-chairman (the Rev. W. H. Snow) and the Peal Committee (Messrs. B. M. Buswell and R. B. Mills) were declared elected, there being no other nominations. Two nominations, Miss M. E. Chilton and Mr. H. Hanson, were received for the post of hon. treasurer and on a ballot Mr. H. Hanson was declared elected. Six nominations were received for the four Central Council delegates for 1969–71, and on a ballot Messrs. W. L. Exton, H. Poyner, R. B. Mills and J. D. Clarke were elected, the unsuccessful candidates being Messrs. C. W. Reed and B. A. Richards.

The collection for the Bell Repair Fund taken at the meeting realised £6 4s. 9d.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Provost of Southwell for the use of the bells, the ladies of the Newark District for the tea, the officers of the Guild for their past year's work, and in particular the hon. general secretary and his wife for their work in conjunction with the Central Council meeting last May, was moved by Mr. David Stainsby and carried unanimously.

Following the business meeting the twelve bells of the Minster were available up to tea time, when a most enjoyable tea, prepared and served buffet fashion by the ladies of the Newark District to the 130 people who had sent their names in, was provided.

Evensong held in the Minster choir was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood).

Further ringing then took place under the direction of the Newark District Ringing Master, Mr. P. Wakefield.

W. L., H. G. S.

Hereford Ringing School's Five Day Course

THIS was the first five-day bellringing course to be held at Hereford, following the request from last year's week-end course, which was the fourth one, that we might have a longer time under instruction in the tower to try to put into practice what we had learned in theory.

Our tutors for the course were Mr. G. T. Cousins, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

On Tuesday evening after Easter we all arrived at Hereford Teachers' Training College. After supper we had a lecture to start the course, then each day except Friday we had instruction and tested our theory using handbells prior to visiting a tower with our instructors. On Friday we went further afield and had tower practice as one group and instead of returning to the college for lunch we had a picnic on the church wall, Mr. Sharpe taking a photograph to prove ringers do not always make a beeline for the nearest "local." We were split up into two groups during the rest of the week, the advanced starting with Stedman and Cambridge, and the elementary bell handling to Plain Bob. By the end of the course the advanced had rung a quarter peal and the elementary were learning Kent and Bastow Little Court.

We would like to thank all the local people who welcomed us to their churches and made ringing possible in allowing their bells to be used for this purpose. Also to the instructors for their unfailing patience with us learners; at times they must have wanted to knock our heads together!

At one of the churches we visited someone, who shall be nameless, offered to get the key to the church. After he had been gone rather a long time we began to wonder what had become of him—well, we found out that the key was kept in the "local" in the churchyard!

As one of the instructors, we had Mr. F. Sharpe, who gave us, among other things, an "Illustrated Lecture on Bells." There was also some tune ringing done with him, but this was not on the syllabus and therefore done in "spare time."

The conductor of the quarter peal learned to call it in the morning during the theory class, then rang a quarter of Grandsire Triples that same morning; several of the band made their first in the method.

Of course, during the evenings when we had some "free time," if we wanted to find someone there was always the Bridge Inn; several individual instruction sessions were held by Mr. Sharpe and others in anything from methods to hanging bells in belfries, etc.

When we went to one tower, W. G. W. was heard to say something to the effect that he was going home with the carpet; the ringing chamber there was like a five-star hotel, where you sink into the carpet. Fortunately his "boot" was not big enough to hold it so it should be there next time you go!

We were all very sorry indeed to hear that Mrs. Moreton senior had had to go into hospital during the week and wished her a speedy and complete recovery.

A great deal of hard work went into the arranging of the course, and we all owe our thanks to Mr. W. F. Moreton, also for all the help he gave us during the week; many of us have gone home much better ringers for his and the others' continuous perseverance. We all owe a great debt to Mr. G. T. Cousins for arranging the towers for ringing in some very lovely villages and towns of Herefordshire.

On the Friday evening we were joined by some more students and two more instructors, Mr. P. G. K. Davies and Mr. A. Wingate, for the week-end course.

C. D. S. S.

Letters to the Editor

AN APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—On behalf of members of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild may I say how much we appreciate the space given us in your issue of April 19th to record our 40th anniversary celebrations?

I would like to make one small correction —that the conductor of the second attempt at Kingsclere for Grandsire Triples was Reginald F. Crook, and not Reginald Rex, as printed. Reginald Rex was the District's first Ringing Master and was invited for his past connections to take part in the Kingsclere attempt and also one at Woolton Hill, which was previously his home tower; unfortunately both were unsuccessful.

Our main object was to give as many District members as possible the opportunity to ring in a peal, and during the last month to advance the standard of the methods rung, giving individual ringers the opportunity of something new It was regretted that the Cambridge Minor planned for the last week had to be cancelled the night before, as it would have included five firsts in the method.

Again many thanks for your coverage. — Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD,
Chairman, Andover District,
Winchester and Portsmouth D.G.

STILL MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hunt has questioned the inclusion of 20 peals in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association Report for 1967, since the names of three ringers do not appear in the list of members in this Report.

The ringers concerned are members of the Association and their names were inadvertently omitted from the Report, as was explained at the Association annual general meeting held at Malmesbury on April 20th (which meeting Mr. Hunt did not attend, incidentally).

The format of the 1967 Report is a new venture. The Association officers are well aware that it does contain a number of errors, but these will be dealt with as a domestic matter within the Association.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE, Ringing Master.
E. MARY BLISS, Chairman.
CHARLES ROUSE, Secretary.
CYRIL A. WRATTEN, Treasurer.
MARGERY A. WRATTEN, Peal Secretary.

TWO CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—I have been informed that the peal of Little Bob Maximus we rang on handbells at Prestbury, Cheshire, was not the first. It seemed unlikely that it had not been rung before, but the records we had available showed that the Royal had been rung but apparently not the Maximus. The claim is now withdrawn.

Turning to another point, that of Mr. Blagrove's peal of Minor, apart from the fact that it was neither clever nor original, it was not Plain Bob either. It was Spliced Plain Bob and Original and should be recorded in the Central Council's analysis as such. If people carry on at this rate, especially those who are capable of better things, where will it end?—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.
Maple Grove, Cheshire.

FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. K. Mason has asked me to write and withdraw the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung at Aston on March 16th, 1968, due to the composition being false, and at the same time to include a brief note of how a false composition came to be used, in the hope that other conductors whose knowledge of composition is limited may avoid falling into the same trap.

One very often hears the expression "Any composition of X is true to Y." In the case of the peal at Aston the expression would read "Any composition of Cambridge is true to Yorkshire." In a great number of cases this will be true, but it is important to realise the limits within which this statement is correct. The conditions in which a statement of this nature should not be relied on are in compositions where the tenors are parted or in which singles are used. In the case of the peal at Aston a composition of Cambridge was used which included a fair number of singles. A composition of Cambridge with the tenors together and just one single at Wrong immediately prior to the bells coming round will, however, be true as all the changes after the single are common to both methods.

Mr. Mason also asked me to convey his apologies to all those who took part in the peal and others associated with it by way of footnote, peal analysis and comment in Belfry Gossip.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.
Leicester.

SOUTHWELL A.G.M.

Dear Sir,—The annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Southwell on April 20th will no doubt be officially reported in the usual glowing terms. As one present at that meeting I wish to voice an opinion which, as I have subsequently heard, I am not alone in holding.

After a long business meeting, which seemingly occupied half the afternoon, ringing was eventually begun at 3.45 p.m. During the following half-hour (only!) ringing included two touches of Cinques (both of which failed to come round) and three sessions of rounds too short to benefit any beginner taking the limited opportunity to ring at a twelve-bell tower. After the so-called "last touch" the majority of the ringers were packed off to await their tea at 4.45 p.m., some not having rung at all. Meanwhile a chosen few had the bells to themselves to "perform" on the back eight. After tea an "in" band again took over the bells to ring some unidentifiable method, leaving everyone else to hang around doing nothing until the service at 5.45 p.m. How the ringing was shared out during the evening I can only imagine, as I and others to whom I have since spoken did not wait to find out and went home.

Considering that it was supposed to be an annual general meeting, visited by people from considerable distances, I regard the event as a great disappointment, being marred by bad timing and selfishness I took along with me a beginner attending his first meeting. If he attends another it will certainly be a credit to his patience.

The tea, may I add, was excellent.. — Yours faithfully,

E. SHUTTLEWORTH.
Breaston, Derbyshire.

ASSOCIATION EXPUNGES FOOTNOTE

Dear Sir,—In "The Ringing World" of March 22nd you published a peal of Plain Bob Major rung at St. George's, Bristol, on March 2nd, the footnote of which occasioned a letter from Mrs. Angela Newing, which was published on April 5th.

At the annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held at Malmesbury on April 20th a resolution was unanimously passed that the footnote should not be included in the peal records of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The conductor of the peal has been informed of this decision.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE,
Ringing Master.
E. MARY BLISS,
Chairman.

ANOTHER LADY IN THE QUEUE

Dear Sir,—Another one for the queue of ladies who have rung at Westminster Abbey is my wife (Mrs. E. L. Hairs). As to whether she was the first lady to ring there I cannot say, as it is nearly 50 years ago. But I can remember when the "rumpus" first started—immediately after we had rung for Princess "Pat's" wedding.—Yours sincerely,

F. I. HAIRS.
Groombridge, Sussex

THE EXERCISE CONGRATULATES

Dear Sir,—I am sure the congratulations of the Exercise should go to Messrs. Saydisc, of Bristol, for their excellent EP record which gives examples of 6-, 8-, 10- and 12-bell ringing in that city. Surely also congratulations should go to the band who rang the short touch of Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe. The method may have been Erin, but the quality of the striking was Superlative!—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.
Whitstable, Kent.

METHOD NAMING

Dear Sir,—With regard to the (false) handbell peal conducted by Richard J. Parker, printed in "The Ringing World" of October 20th, 1967, I am informed by Geoffrey Dodds that the method names, which will stand, represent an incorrect extension from the Minor (see "The Ringing World," January 12th, 1968). Accordingly, as conductor of the first true peal of Major to include these methods, I rename —1458—1238—1238—38 as Radley (2nds) and Northcourt (8ths), and —1458—38 —1238—38 as Cliviger (2nds) and Barkby (8ths).

No change will be necessary in peal reports, but I apologise for the inconvenience caused to those who keep records of methods. I should like to thank Mr. Dodds for his help with extensions, and Mr. Derek Sibson for his unfailing interest in suspect reports.

On the subject of Spliced Plain Major, it has been pointed out to me that the record Spliced Plain belongs not to the 61-Spliced Major ("The Ringing World," April 4th, 1968) but to Frank Blagrove's peal of Doubles some years ago. The 61-spliced remains as the record Major on handbells and the record Plain Major.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.
Maidenhead, Berks.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—continued

QUARTER PEAL RINGERS "UNIMAGINATIVE" (?)

Dear Sir,—Our thanks are due to Mr. Alan Buswell for taking so much time and effort to compile a report of quarter peal ringing during 1967. What a pity that this otherwise excellent document had to be marred by the inevitable sneer at quarter peal ringers: ". . . how unadventurous and unimaginative quarter peal ringers are"—not even most or many, note you.

It is my belief that the majority of quarters are rung by local bands before divine worship; are rung by the people who were intended to ring the bells; and for the purpose the bells were installed by our generous benefactors. I, for one, would far rather ring in one quarter of Plain Bob Doubles as a preliminary to service and to the glory of God than any number of peals of this or that Surprise Maximus to the glory of the band and the county Association.

Any fool who has learned to ring two or three Surprise Major methods and has also learned how to use a telephone (though what is so wonderful in either achievement I fail to see) can then assemble a ready trained band with which to astound his humbler brethren. How much more worthy the man who maintains a local band ringing in God's service twice each Sunday, week in week out, year after year. One Elizabeth Barber is worth more to the Exercise than a hundred daft beggars prancing around Edgbaston belfry shouting about record lengths of Glasgow.

The doubtful honour of leading the quarter peal lists in Yorkshire falls to my tower, Longwood, where 12 of the 13 quarters were rung before service. Doubtful, since in a county boasting five Anglican cathedrals and more than 20 parish churches of major importance, in a county with a flourishing Association and 10 District Guilds, in a county which has more than its fair share of famous members of the Exercise, the leading quarter peal tower should be in a backwater of the Pennines and manned by a band of self-taught teenagers whose only reason for ringing is to be of service to their church.

Shame on you, peal ringers! Are you unable to teach local bands or are you just too idle? The fact that the total number of quarters in Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles is so high is ample proof that the majority of you are shirking your duty. If you would only devote more of your time and effort to your local tower, would attend Sunday by Sunday and practice by practice giving more of your skill and undoubted enthusiasm to the band there, then we should soon see an improvement in the standard of methods appearing in the quarter peal columns.—Yours faithfully,

IAN ROBERTS.

Huddersfield.

LATE REPORTING

Dear Sir, — There were two reasons for writing my previous letter (page 262), firstly to suggest a time limit for submitting peals and quarter peals, and secondly to inquire why those 1967 peals, published in March, were so late.

I think that there should be a time limit for submitting such performances and whereas a week is asking too much of some lazy people, eight months is beyond the other extreme. Can I suggest three weeks?—Yours sincerely,

GORDON H. BALDAM.

Taunton.

Note.—There is only one conclusion we can put on late reporting—indifference to the Exercise and this journal.—Ed.

A RINGERS' STORY

PORTRAIT OF A PRACTICE

By "FIFTH OBSERVATION"

(Though of necessity based on experience, this story is composed of absolutely fictitious elements.)

Part 1

Splat-splat-splat. Feet descending the stone steps of the turret stairway; Bob coming down from aloft

Mick looked up from Double Oxford. "Hullo, Bob."

"Hi, Mick." He came over to the bench and sat down.

"Phew, Mick," he remarked, loosening his tie, "I think you'd better take this practice. I'm not compos mentis."

"Tough day?" inquired Mick.

"Century's understatement. These juniors! Not a brain between the lot of 'em. I could cheerfully knock all their heads together."

"Make a grand front page story for us if you did. Chaos at Knapton's; Proprietor berserk! Quite a publicity draw for the old tower, too."

"Idiot," said Bob mildly; he was used to this sort of thing.

Feet pounding up the stairs—two pairs of feet—accompanied by much heavy breathing.

"Paddy and Tim," murmured Bob. "Well, will you take Tim or shall I?"

"Leave all to me," cried Mick. "Hullo, boys! Splendid to see you so early! Pad, you'd like to get the tenor up, wouldn't you? Just the job for a warm evening like this."

Paddy, who knew his Mick, emitted a groan indicative of extreme exhaustion. "Go on," said Mick, grinning.

"Oh, well, if I must," sighed the injured martyr, "but, Bob, why don't you do it?"

"Wouldn't deprive you of the practice," replied Bob from the bench.

"Tut," said Paddy delightedly. "I do all the work in this tower," and crossed to the tenor rope.

The front five were left habitually up. "Tim," said Mick, "time for our handstroke practice."

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The tenor was raised — as Paddy's scarlet countenance testified. Tim, replete with handstroke practice, sat on the cool stone window-ledge and thought roseate thoughts of Being Good Enough to Ring on Sundays like all these other clever people. . . . There was a silence, broken only by a windmill whirr from the clock case in the corner, announcing the unpalatable fact that it was eight o'clock already

Then the Troughton girls arrived.

"Oh, good evening, Bob—Mick—boys! Sorry we're a bit late. We had company to tea, and they stayed—"

"—rather a time; in fact we've left Mum and Dad to carry on entertaining them. I say, Mick, how did you get so brown?"

"Just what I was going to say! You don't know how lucky you are. And what a super shirt Paddy's got!"

The Troughton girls amply made up for their lack of usefulness in the campanological field by their ornamental and social qualities.

But Bob was still feeling a little disagreeable — sundry thoughts of his recalcitrant juniors persisted in recurring, and "Can't ring anything much yet, of course," he remarked heavily, regarding the assemblage with a hint of disfavour.

"Oh, Bob," protested the Troughton sisters. "We've got Doubles," said Jill reproachfully.

"Best wait until somebody else—ah, Martin," exclaimed Bob, with the air of a shipwrecked mariner who has sighted a sail.

Martin was a quiet, self-effacing young man destined for university and a B.Sc. "Not ringing yet?" he said as he entered. "Thought I'd be late. The Cocks brigade are on their way," he added.

Lethargy dropped from Bob. "Right! Grandsire," he announced. "Sandra take treble, Jill take second. Pad, you on the third, and remember to hold her off at hand. I'll bump tenor. Mick and Martin, fight it out for four and five between you, and for the privilege of conducting, unless Pad—."

"Oh, I don't think I could," said Paddy, untruthfully.

"—as I was saying, unless Pad would like to call his own bell as observation. That'll be, er, bob-plain-bob-plain-single-plain and repeat. Try that! You'll double-dodge behind at the calls, and make third's at the plain leads. O.K., treble. Set 'em going."

The younger Troughton sister looked portentously round the band.

"All ready?" she inquired, as though about to start a race. "Look to; treble's going. . . ." She put her weight on the sally. "She's gone."

Ti-ti-TANG-di-da-BONG, said the bells of St. Dunstan's as they set off into rounds.

Paddy had only once in his life called a touch before. He swelled to twice his size.

"Go, Grandsire," he commanded, in the peremptory tones of the conductor; "and let's have some striking, please."

. . . . . .

Clash! Crash! Da-ti-bong.

Crash! Wallop! Ti-da-bong.

"Oh dear, oh dear," said the Cocks brigade, hastening up the hill in the last of the evening sunshine

Leslie, immaculate in fawn slacks and flaring orange shirt, permitted himself a faint shudder.

"We are needed, my friends," he declared, increasing his pace as he swung through the lych-gate into the precincts of St. Dunstan's; before Sue and Jane had fairly accomplished the length of the path he was through the tower door and rapidly ascending the steps to the ringing chamber.

Outside the ringing chamber door he paused to regain breath. From the altercations within it was clear that Grandsire was at any moment due to grind to an unpremeditated halt.

"Four! Course me down!"

"Rubbish! I'm following two."

"Pad! Is it me in the hunt?"

"Yes—er, no—that is, yes! Take me from lead, quick! Five, you're behind somewhere! Get down, treble! There! You've nearly made me miss my call. Bob—no, I mean Single! Oh, blow! Stand!"

Tinkle, clash, BONG. Silence.

(To be continued)

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On April 21st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: S. Hare (first of Kent Major) 1, D. C. Brown 2, G. W. Limmer 3, J. D. C. Finch (first of Kent Major) 4, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, G. R. Shedden 8. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen and for the annual St. George's Day District Scouts' and Guides' Parade Service.

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Llandaff and Monmouth Association

THE 75th annual general meeting was held at All Saints', Newport, on April 20th and was attended by approximately 90 member; the decision to move the meeting away from Easter Monday appeared to be popular with the majority of the members. The bells of All Saints' Church and St. Woolos' Cathedral were available throughout the afternoon and after the meeting.

The Association form of service was held at All Saints' conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. A. Jones, assisted by our hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, the lesson being read by the Master, Mr. I. Davies. The ladies of All Saints' Church had provided and served a really bounteous tea in a local hall and they were sincerely thanked for their efforts by the Master.

Before the start of the meeting we were entertained by a short film show given by the Rev. A. W. McAdam, Vicar of Grosmont, illustrating the work which he and his parishioners had carried out in removing the old bells and frame, transporting them to and from London, making a new frame and re-installing the lot into the tower.

The Rev. J. A. A. Jones took the chair for the meeting, supported by the Master, Mr. I. Davies. The meeting paid silent tribute to eight members who had passed away since the last annual general meeting—Harold Blick (Cowbridge), John E. Bloxham (Cadoxton), Herbert Davies (Pentre), Harry Green (Porthkerry), Edgar Lufl (Usk), A. Nicolls (Pontypridd), Albert Probert (Llangibby) and Edward Thomas (Bonvilston).

INCREASE OF 51

The hon. secretary, Mr. M. J. Pryor, reported that the year had been one of steady progress both as regarded recruitment and the advancement of the art. During the year there was a net increase of 51 members, the total membership being 393 ringing members, five honorary life members and one honorary member. Whilst this is most satisfactory we still have towers within our area with bands of ringers not in membership. An appeal was made to bring these towers into the brotherhood of the Association. Both Branches had reported good attendances at the meetings with an average of 50 to each. At the Central Council meeting, held at Nottingham last year, Mrs. J. S. King was elected to serve on the Broadcasting and Television Committee, our other representative, Mr. T. M. Roderick, is already serving on the Towers and Belfries Committee, and our representatives are to be congratulated on the active part they play in the Council's affairs. The work of collecting together past numbers of "The Ringing World" and having them bound is now complete, and thanks are due to our librarian for this work. During the early part of 1967 the bells of St. Woolos' were placed on ball bearings and a major task of rehanging the ring at Grosmont is being carried out by the Vicar and his parishioners working under directions from a local architect and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

AND 51 PEALS

Fifty-one peals were rung during 1967, the same number as in the previous year. Mr. T. Yeomans headed the list of peal ringers with 18 peals, whilst Miss Susan Harber led the ladies with nine peals. The band at Llandaff Cathedral rang a peal of Caters by a Sunday service band, a very creditable performance. Mr. Gwyn Lewis rang his 150th peal for the Association and conducted a peal in which both his father and his son took part. Mr. David J. King rang his 200th peal and David J. Hughes, of Usk, had "circled" his home tower. In conclusion the secretary stressed that the production of the annual report was a team effort—Mr. David Llewellyn continues to check the peal records, and a very big "thank you" is due to Mr. I. Davies, who again, with the assistance of two lads from Cowbridge Grammar School, produced over 400 copies of the report.

The hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, presented the accounts, which showed total assets of £252 0s. 6d., an increase during the year of £26 3s. 7d. The fact that the accounts are in such a healthy position is due to the large amount of work which various members do for the Association. None of the officers, including the Central Council representatives, had claimed any expenses, and again the annual report had been produced by Mr. Davies for the cost of the materials. Both of these reports were adopted and the officers thanked for their work during the year.

The librarian reported that some 40 books had been loaned out during the year, whilst other ringers had attended at All Saints' Church to do research into the books held there. This was considered to be most satisfactory and made the setting up of this library well worth while. The librarian, Mr. L. Bainham, was sincerely thanked for his work.

The secretary reported that the new Bishop of Monmouth had accepted an invitation to become a joint president of the Association in the place of the Archbishop of Wales, who recently retired. Mr. R. J. Stewart was elected Master for the coming year and installed in office by the retiring Master. Mr. Davies thanked the members for their support during his year of office, and Mr. F. J. Hannington expressed the feeling of all in thanking Mr. Davies for continuing to work so hard for the Association The other officers were re-elected.

It was decided to purchase a copy of W. G. Wilson's "Change Ringing" for the library.

The secretary was instructed to obtain insurance cover for the Association's set of ten handbells.

£50 DONATION

A proposition from the Management Committee that the sum of £50 be donated to Grosmont to assist in meeting the cost of rehanging their bells was carried unanimously after the new Master had very ably explained the cost of the work and what the parish was saving by making the frame and installing it themselves. The Vicar of Grosmont thanked the meeting for their generosity and hoped to see many of them at his church when the bells are dedicated, probably some time early in June.

The secretary gave details of the arrangements made for the anniversary dinner to be held in October and hoped that the members would support this function.

It was decided that the next annual general meeting shouuld take place at St. John's, Cardiff, on Saturday, April 12th, 1969.

In conclusion, Mr. T. M. Roderick thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The members then made their various ways to further ringing and those casual social gatherings for which the fraternity is noted M. J. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Westerham on April 6th. Some of the members were able to help by ringing for a wedding, while others occupied the ringing time usefully at Sundridge.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Aidan Chapman, who extended a warm welcome to all present.

The business meeting was held in the church with Mr. S. Jenner in the chair. The secretary reported on the success of two evening practice meetings, one at Horsmonden, at which 45 were present, and the other at Lamberhurst, which attracted 36. The announcement was made of a forthcoming cricket match with the Maidstone District on July 7th, and a ringing school to be held on May 11th. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and to the Rector of Sundridge.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. F. Thomas 1, Miss E. J. Darby 2, Miss G. E. Perry (cond.) 3, P. Dickinson 4, G. Walker 5, J. Murfitt 6. Half-muffled for morning service.

RICHMOND-ON-THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL

The annual competition in the Bell Ringing Section of the Richmond Music Festival was held at Isleworth on April 6th and was one of the most successful yet. Five bands competed in the tower bell contest, and ringing included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and the most ambitious yet—Grandsire Caters. The adjudicator was Mr. A. P. Cannon, who listened for nearly two hours to the efforts of the various bands, and a very high standard of striking was achieved by all of them The winners of the shield were Frank Lufkin's Colchester team, and after some general ringing those present adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, and so popular was the afternoon that nearly 70 ringers and their friends sat down to tea, which was provided by the ladies of Isleworth Parish Church.

After tea, handbell ringing took place. Unfortunately only one team entered in the change ringing section, but they gave an excellent performance and easily passed the minimum mark necessary to be awarded the handbell change ringing shield; this was the team from St. John's, Hillingdon.

The last handbell ringing item was tune ringing; something a little different for most of the ringers present. There were two entries—one from St. Giles', Ashtead, and the other the De Brome Handbell Society. The standard of both teams was extremely high and only one mark separated them, the De Brome ringers gaining the shield.

The provisional date for the next year's competition is Saturday, March 29th, at the same church. Teams considering the possibility of taking part should write, after September, to Mrs. D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, when they will be sent a syllabus. Teams who have entered previously will automatically be on the mailing list and need not write.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Bellringers from eight towers in the Dorchester Branch and visitors from Canterbury met at Upwey on April 20th for the spring quarterly meeting. The six bells were rung to a variety of methods up to Cambridge Minor under the direction of Mr. E. H. Amey.

The Rector, the Rev. A. Leslie Jones, conducted the Guild service, and the organist was Mrs. J. Poyner, from Preston, the lesson being read by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. An excellent tea was provided by lady helpers and everyone had a piece of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duke's wedding cake.

At the meeting members paid tribute to the memory of Mr. J. H. Hayne, tower correspondent and ringer for many years at Abbotsbury and a former Branch secretary. Details were given of the arrangements for the forthcoming Guild Festival at Wimborne Minster tomorrow.

Subject to approval, evening practices will be held at Bere Regis on May 18th, Cattistock June 1st, Piddlehinton June 17th, Wyke Regis June 29th, and Maiden Newton July 27th. Next quarterly meeting: St. Peter's, Dorchester, on July 13th.

FRATERNAL FRIENDLINESS

Dear Sir,—Having been elected a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers as recently as April 20th I feel I should like to put on record the great spirit of friendliness which I have found exists among all bellringers.

Although only a novice as yet, I have been struck by the patience and warm welcome extended to myself by the more experienced bellringing fraternity, especially when they join in ringing mere "rounds" for my benefit.

In conclusion, I cannot praise too highly our president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, not only for their dedication to the Exercise in general but also for their helpful guidance to me and many other learners. — Yours sincerely. GEOFFREY EDMANDS.

Nuneaton, Warks.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On April 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Sonia Hughes 1, Jennifer Bradley 2, R. Stephens 3, G. Lewis 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, R. J. Ward 6, R. Horsington 7, M. Roberts 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Monmouth, which took place at St. Woolos' Cathedral the same day.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Bennett 1, Miss P. Powell 2, Mrs. D. Reeves 3, J. Carter 4, P. Davis 5, M. Sayers 6, R. Reeves (cond.) 7, B. Davis 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. Sayers, father of the 6th ringer, who died on March 30th.

ALTON, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Ann Biddlecombe 2, H. Moody 3, E. Hedger 4, G. Noakes 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. In honour of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Laver 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, J. V. A. Stedman 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, J. A. Laver 6. For Evensong.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Barsby 1, Cherrill L. Everard (first of Minor) 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, M. G. Godwin 4, J. R. Perkins 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For Parish Eucharist.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Ann Harris 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, D. J. Winchester (first in four methods) 3, D. R. McLean 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, I. S. Holland 6. 150th quarter for 5. For Evensong. Also on April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob) on handbells: Ann Harris 1-2, I. V. J. Smith (first on handbells as cond.) 3-4, D. J. Winchester 5-6. First on handbells 1-2 and 5-6.

BICKER, LINCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Key 1, R. Reynolds 2, N. B. Fovargue 3, H. Barsley 4, W. B. Dawson 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, R. Stephenson 7, R. Howard 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. P. Morriss.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian R. Cleaver (first quarter) 1-2, T. C. Hine (first quarter) 3-4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5-6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On March 16th, 1,320 Bob Minor (tenor covering): G. Saunders (first quarter) 1, P. Dodd 2, Mrs. Moore 3, H. W. Moore 4, P. Suckling 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Fuller 7. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Peacock and Mr. C. Firmin, faithful members of St. Mary's. Also on April 16th, 1,320 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): G. Saunders 1, Mrs. Moore 2, P. Dodd 3, H. W. Moore 4, P. Suckling 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Fuller 7, D. Kemp 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. G. Bowen, wife of Dean Bowen. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Dodd 1, Mrs. Moore 2, P. Dodd 3, H. W. Moore 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, G. Saunders 6, J. Fuller 7, D. Kemp 8. In honour of Easter, and a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Coppin, 76 years old, a faithful member of St. Mary's.

CHIDEOCK, DORSET.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. A. Hiller 1, D. B. Ellery 2, R. Williamson 3, F. Knight 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Holmes, married at Holy Trinity Church, Bradpole, this day.

CRAWLEY, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,320 April Day Doubles: D. C. Jackson 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5.

CLOVELLY, DEVON.—On April 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline Whitnall 1, T. Shepheard-Walwyn 2, A. N. Hine 3, C. F. Longridge 4, D. Ley 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minimus: A. E. Cooper 1, A. A. Parsons 2, Sandra P. Fairfield 3, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 4.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On April 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters): J. C. Davidge 1, Jill M. May 2, Jill P. Oakshott 3, T. Skilton 4, J. F. Oakshott 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, P. J. Munday 8, R. D. Mills 9, K. B. Burgess 10. First of Stedman Caters for 3, 4 and 5.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On April 21st, 1,340 Doubles (three variations): J. Dawson 1, Miss E. J. Foster (cond.) and G. A. Dawson 2, Miss S. O'Neill 3, Miss S. Anthony 4, R. J. F. Watson 5, S. Rippon 6. For Evensong.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On April 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Dennis 1, Mrs. Wyatt 2, Mrs. Guy 3, F. Taylor 4, L. Bailey 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. Rung on the 60th anniversary of the conductor's first peal. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

QUARTER PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, J. King 2, H. Colcombe 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, J. Bailey 5, P. Henry 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, P. Hartt 8. For evening service. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. Bailey (first of Triples) 1, J. Bailey 2, Mrs. G. Webb 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, W. Webb 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. Rung for Easter Evensong. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, J. Bailey 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. For evening service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Elliott (aged 12) 1, F. W. Whiterod 2, P. Elliott 3, Miss W. M. Elliott 4, C. W. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. First quarter 1. For Evensong, and as a 76th birthday compliment to J. Elliott, grandfather of ringer of 1.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 21st, a specially arranged quarter of 720 Single Oxford and 720 Plain Bob was rung on the back six to mark the birthday of H.M. the Queen: Shelagh R. Collins 1, D. Gagen 2, W. W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (360 May Day, 480 April Day and 420 Plain Bob): Susan M. Tonks 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, F. M. Bowers 4, A. P. Smith (cond.) 5. Rung for the birthday of the Queen, and the Lelant Youth Club service.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. T. E. Burnett 1, Valerie Edge 2, Brenda Stone 3, Jean Kelly 4, C. A. Moxon 5, A. J. Illingworth 6, J. E. Andrews (first Triples as cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 4. Rung by the advanced section of the Hereford Ringing Course.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): Judith Brooks 1, R. A. Birch 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Taylor 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): A. Neilson 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, M. Taylor 6.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Harper (first quarter) 1, Rev. P. Newing 2, J. W. Nicholls 3, V. W. Rigg 4, C. M. Povey (first as cond.) 5, L. J. Joynes 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four Reverse Canterbury and 6½ Grandsire): L. Childs 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

SHILTON, WARKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Whitfield 1, Delphine E. L. Holman 2, Caroline Mackie 3, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 4, Shirley E. Jones (cond.) 5, Shirley E. Ruddlesden 6. Rung by a band of teenage ladies from the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Clark (first quarter) 1, E. Lloyd 2, C. Baugh 3, D. Walters (cond.) 4, N. Smith 5, G. Rushton (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Clark 1, C. Baugh 2, N. Smith 3, D. Walters (cond.) 4, V. Nash 5, G. Rushton 6. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, Plain Bob): Diane Clark 1, M. Hughes 2, Pamela Turner 3, E. Lloyd 4, D. Walters (cond.) 5, G. Rushton 6. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Clark 1, N. Smith 2, G. Bailey 3, D. Walters 4, V. Nash (cond.) 5, G. Rushton 6.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,380 April Day Doubles: V. Hollands 1, R. Bushell (cond.) 2, Miss P. Tomsett 3, M. Lacey 4, F. Dadson 5. First in method by all the band.

SUTTON-VENY, WILTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Payne 1, L. Hawkins 2, Miss R. Payne 3, P. Roynon 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6. Rung for the centenary service of the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Payne 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, L. Hawkins 3, E. Norris 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, P. Roynon 6. Rung by members of the British Legion for the A.N.Z.A.C. commemoration service.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 27th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. New 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Mrs. P. Wilton 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, M. Penny 5, R. Hulme 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, M. Stanley 8, D. Carr 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10. For Confirmation service.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Reynolds 1, R. Stephenson 2, N. B. Fovargue 3, W. B. Dawson 4, J. H. Taylor 5, H. Barsley 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. P. Morriss, tower captain and Branch Ringing Master. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): R. D. Holland 1, R. Reynolds 2, R. Howard 3, A. Key 4, W. B. Dawson 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, C. Stubley 7. Rung for 8 a.m. Communion.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At the Church of All Hallows, on March 31st, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret Hawkins (first quarter) 1, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 2, Margaret Chapman 3, P. W. Bevington 4, Julie Armstrong 5, C. R. Harris 6, Anne Horsford 7, M. Dane (first quarter) 8. First in method for all the band.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—At All Saints' Church, on April 11th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Pickering 1, Mrs. K. Belcher 2, Mrs. R. Tooby 3, G. Pickering 4, J. Morris (cond.) 5, N. Chaplin (first quarter) 6.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Horspool 1, Patsy M. Barnes 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, R. N. Scholes 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist on Maundy Thursday.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On March 31st, at the Church of St. John, 1,280 Windsor T.B. Major: L. Stilwell 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Margaret Wenban 3, A. C. Wenban 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. Gosling 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers in North London are warned to beware of a man who may try to obtain money from them.

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild had an increase of 51 members in 1967. They also rang 51 peals.

Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, who has been hon. secretary and treasurer of the Clerical Guild of Ringers for the past 15 years, has resigned. His successor is the Rev. P. T. Robbins.

In our story of Edington Priory it should have been mentioned that Imber is now a part of this parish. "This is the reason," writes the Rev. Ralph E. H. Dudley, "that we are appropriating the bells from there."

Timothy Angell, aged 12, of Bradford-on-Avon, who started ringing last September, rang the treble to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on March 31st for the service at which he was confirmed.

The enthusiasm of the Vicar of Bredgar for the rehanging and augmentation of the bells of his church was rewarded when he participated in a peal of Cambridge Minor recently on the new bells. The conductor was also particularly pleased to take part, as he had taught the Rev. S. M. Evans to ring in 1943.

The peals of Cambridge Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 16th, were rung consecutively, each ringer ringing the same bell.

The Rawlins School Campanological Society was restarted last September under the direction of Mr. D. L. Alderton, with the invaluable help of some members of the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leicestershire, who joined this school in 1967. Since then some 60 or 70 pupils have tried ringing, of whom at least 10 have gone on to ring at their local church towers.

The Porthkerry (Glam) ringers rang at four towers on their April outing, at Penhow (6) in the morning and at Lydney (8) after lunch, where they were asked to ring beyond their scheduled time for a special service for Scouts. At Newland, in the Forest of Dean, trouble with a stay necessitated the removal of the Hastings tip, and with a stayless third some good ringing was enjoyed on a fine six. After tea at Monmouth the last tower was at Skenfrith (6), where the Rector joined in the ringing.

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LLANELLI NOW HAS A RING OF EIGHT

The dedication of two new bells and the opening of the restored tower and ring by the Lord Bishop of St. David's (Dr. John Richards) took place at St. Elli's, Llanelli, on April 20th. The six old bells were rung up singly before the service and the two new ones after the dedication, then as the Bishop returned to the sanctuary a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss Joan Bailey (Llanelli) 1, S. V. Rees (Llanelli) 2, R. E. Scudamore (Llandeilo) 3, F. Sharpe (Launton, Oxon) 4, S. P. Rogers (Pembroke) 5, Rev. R. W. Thomas (St. Florence, Master) 6, P. C. Rogers (Pembroke, Ringing Master) 7, W. P. E. Sage (Burry Port) 8.

The Bishop based his address on the story of the madman possessed by the legion of devils whom Jesus cured; by this miracle Our Lord made it possible for the man to return to his own family and friends and live in harmony and unity with them. He said that the two new bells had had to be tuned in such a way that they, too, could take their place in the existing ring of six and become a harmonious ring of eight.

The lessons were read by Mr. F. Sharpe and the Rev. D. Jenkins (curate); the organist was Mr. Alan Morris. The anthem sung by the choir was accompanied by organ and handbells. There was also a trumpet descant to the last hymn.

The whole congregation was entertained to tea, and the ringers, who returned to the tower afterwards, enjoyed their evening's ringing on the light eight.

The restoration of the tower (attributed to the 12th century) has cost almost £6,000.

B. M. R.

WALSALL RINGERS' SUPPER

Early in 1967 a sum of money was left to the Walsall ringers to be invested and the interest from this investment to be used to provide a supper annually for the ringers during the month of April.

The first of these suppers was held on April 24th at the Quo Vadis Restaurant. The ringers met in the belfry before proceeding to the restaurant for the meal. Conviviality was the theme of the evening and an excellent meal was served which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Jackson) joined us in time for a meal, much to the ringers' satisfaction, and he was very enthusiastic over the result of our efforts re the supper. At 10 p.m. we reluctantly left for home, everyone very delighted at our get-together and looking forward to next April.

J. S. E.

RINGS OF TEN IN DORSET AND WILTS

E. C. S. writes: "I regret that in my note on rings of ten in Dorset and Wiltshire I omitted to mention Poole. I have tried to find some reasonable excuse for the error but I have not succeeded! I must apologise to the Poole band, and I thank Judith Robertson for drawing attention to my careless mistake."

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, Saturday, May 18th, Hull Parish Church, 5 p.m., Superlative Surprise Maximus. Saturday, May 25th, Kendal, 2 p.m., Surprise Royal.

BROKEN STAY FOR CHARTHAM BRIDE

The six bells at St. Mary's, Chartham, Kent, were kept busy on Easter Monday on the occasion of the marriage of Martin E. Harrisson and Janet E. Cluett. A half-peal of 2,520 Plain Bob Minor was rung in the morning by an integrated band from Sturry and Chartham, and the bells were also rung before and after the wedding.

The bridegroom, originally a ringer at St. Nicholas', Sturry, is well known in Middlesex ringing circles, and before the wedding he and his best man rang in a touch of Minor with the local ringers.

After the wedding the bride was presented with an inscribed broken stay in remembrance of her early days of ringing at Chartham. All ringing friends wish Martin and Janet the very best for the future and hope they will find every happiness in their new home in Croydon.

"A WORTHY LIST"

Miss Anne Horsford, of Twickenham, commenting favourably on the reduction in the "tower grabbers" list, writes: I would like to see a list of those people who have rung for more than 100 services in their own church, attended at least 50 each year and taught at least two pupils per year to handle a bell. These, I feel, are the people worthy of names in 'The Ringing World.'"

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The following officers were elected at the annual general meeting on April 24th: President, W. J. Ridgman (Queens'); Master, A. F. Scholfield (Clare); secretary, R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse).

CHEW DEANERY'S STRIKING CONTEST

The sixth annual striking competition of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Butcombe on April 20th, when a record entry of 12 teams representing nine towers took part. The splendid setting, fine weather and ready co-operation of the Rector made this a memorable occasion, and the judge, Mr. A. M. Tyler, of Bristol, was kept very busy.

The test piece was again 120 changes of Doubles or Minor, with not more than 12 whole pull of rounds before or after. Each team was also allowed up to two minutes unmarked rounds to get the feel of the bells.

When all the teams had rung, the Rector, the Rev. A. W. J. Reader, and the judge joined the competitors and churchyard critics for tea in the Village Hall, after which Mr. Tyler gave his placings and comments on the performance of the various teams.

The results were: 1 Long Ashton 17 faults (made up of 34 half-faults), 2 Backwell A 26 (10 whole, 32 half), 3 Kingston Seymour B 27 (5 whole, 44 half), 4 Kingston Seymour A 28 (4 whole, 48 half), 5 Yatton 29 (11 whole, 36 half), 6 Nailsea A 30 (4 whole, 52 half), 7 Backwell B 31 (14 whole, 34 half), 8 Portbury 38 (18 whole, 40 half), 9 Nailsea B 43 (10 whole, 66 half), 10 Wraxall 62 (37 whole, 50 half). Wrington and Winford were disqualified for not ringing the required number of changes.

After thanks were accorded to all who had contributed to such an enjoyable competition and certificates were presented to the first and second teams, Butcombe and Nempnett Thrubwell towers were available for general ringing.

M. J. H.

MUCH PUBLICISED EAST RIDING RINGERS

For many years the East Riding ringers have had an annual Easter tour, cycling around various areas of the country, sampling many fine rings of bells. The 1968 tour failed to differ in this respect and the ringers enjoyed every tower—contrary to a report published in the "Lincolnshire Echo."

Our tour was a success at soon as we arrived at the Lincoln Youth Hostel. Here, before an excellent meal, we began to ring Plain Bob Major on our handbells. This advent brought the warden to investigate and on hearing that we were touring Lincolnshire to ring at neighbouring towers he arranged for the Press to publicise it. Next morning we received a telephone call from the "Yorkshire Post" asking for an interview, which was immediately given. That afternoon the "Lincolnshire Echo" greeted us at Navenby, but their report gave an inaccurate story and was not given by the spokesman for the party. Our fame seemed to be increasing. The following day saw the B.B.C. filming us for "Look North" at Eagle, and on Friday Anglia Television made a film for their equivalent programme. By now we were so well known that whenever we asked someone the way we were immediately recognised as "being on the television last night."

Despite the fact that only 11 ringers took advantage of the tour, the standard of ringing was high, Surprise Major being rung as well as Plain and Surprise Spliced Minor. Probably our best ringing took place on the easy-going extremely fine ring of eight at St. Giles', Lincoln.

It was agreed by the band that the tour was made a success by the tremendous hospitality at Lincoln Youth Hostel, and all hope to visit it again in the near future.

R. A. B.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER

It was in February, 1908, that Bill Shute first learned to ring at Buckhorn Weston, Dorset, and now, 60 years later, he is still going strong. During this time he has tirelessly taught many learners and rung many peals with his boundless enthusiasm. For over 40 years he has been a popular Ringing Master for the North Dorset Branch, since its inception. From 1935 he has lived at Ferndown, which was in the parish of Hampreston. Here he gave invaluable assistance to the local band, and so it was felt this tower was a suitable place for a congratulatory quarter peal. This was rung on April 27th, and the band hope that this tribute in some small way will show their appreciation to Bill for all he has taught them and other ringers. We now look forward to Bill achieving 70 years as a ringer.

It is hoped to hold a ringers' social gathering on June 29th at Hampreston, to which all Bill's many friends are invited. Details will be announced later.

77 YEARS A RINGER

Congratulations to Mr. J. Cheetham, of Dunholme, Lincs, on his 90th birthday. Appropriately the occasion was commemorated by a peal of Minor in seven methods at St. Chad's Church, Dunholme, on April 15th.

Mr. Cheetham learned to ring at North Collingham, near Newark, 77 years ago. His service to Dunholme Church, where he was married 52 years ago, has been conspicuous. He was the first secretary to the Parochial Church Council and later became Vicar's warden. His service in the belfry has been outstanding.

TOWER BELL PEALS

RECORD PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 9 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 18000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	Michael W. Crowder	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Jeffrey Brannan	3	Basil Jones	8
Simon Humphrey	4	Brian Harris	9
Richard S. Starkie	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Umpire: Lawrence J. Haines.

This is the greatest number of changes ever rung to a peal of Surprise Royal, to a peal of Royal on tower bells and to Cambridge Surprise.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	David J. Purnell	6
Brian Bladon	2	David P. Hilling	7
John N. Diserens	3	D. John Hunt	8
Martin C. Faulkes	4	Noel J. Diserens	9
Alan J. Frost	5	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark.
On Sat. April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F.

William Hibbert	Treble	John W. T. Hibbert	5
Michael V. Chilcott	2	John H. Napper	6
Roger F. Overington	3	Dennis Randall	7
David E. Parsons	4	John Chilcott	Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of William Hibbert's first peal of Stedman Triples, rung in this tower in April, 1918.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Leonard A. England	Treble	*Alan D. Flood	5
*Walter S. Rice	2	*Christopher R. Jenkins	6
*Roy W. Rice	3	Norman Summerhayes	7
*Geoffrey Hebden	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by J. Jaggar. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal in the method.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb.

Leonard A. England	Treble	Roy W. Rice	5
Malcolm S. Loveday	2	Walter S. Rice	6
Alan D. Flood	3	*John C. Sheppard	7
Norman Summerhayes	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Edgar T. Skipsey.
* First peal in the method.

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	*John C. Sheppard	5
*Malcolm S. Loveday	2	Michael G. Bartlett	6
*Jennifer M. Andrews	3	David G. Massey	7
†Neville F. Whittel	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.

PITMINSTER, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Andrew and Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

Keith E. Beale	Treble	*Rodney A. C. Cross	4
*Mervyn Aston Arscott	2	Leslie H. Arscott	5
Graham Nabb	3	Robert Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Minor.

(Bath Branch)
WELLOW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Julian.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 31 methods/variations: (1–2) Stedman, (3–4) Winchendon Place, (5) St. Miles, (6) St. Luke, (7) St. John, (8–9) St. Nicholas, (10) St. Giles, (11) St. Thomas, (12) St Andrew, (13–14) St. Martin, (15) St. Paul, (16) St. Peter, (17) St. Leonard, (18–19) St. Simon, (20) St. Albans, (21) Cassington, (22) Eynsham, (23–25) Reverse Canterbury, (26) Southrepps, ((27) St. Colomb, (28) Clifford's Pleasure, (29) Wychbold, (30–32) Plain Bob, (33) Kennington, (34) Old, (35) Norfolk, (36) April Day, (37) Dedworth, (38–39) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (40) Fortune, (41–42) Grandsire. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Kay Whittiker	Treble	Peter J. Devrell	4
Julian E. Newman	2	David A. Burt	5
Alan F. Lee	3	Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
Most methods in a peal by all the band and on the bells. First peal in 31 methods for the Association.
Rung following the wedding of Lieut. A. R. Perkins, R.N., and Miss Judith Miller, daughter of the Vicar.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	Michael Platt	5
T. Felicity Ashford	2	*David J. Danby	6
Gerald Parsons	3	David J. Midgley	7
Roy Worrall	4	Raymond J. Ballard	Tenor

Composed by L. Goodall. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal in the method. First of Bristol as conductor.

HARTFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

*Jenny Green	Treble	Harry W. Howard	4
*Roger Green	2	Geoffrey Green	5
Reginald W. Worrall	3	Christopher J. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Green.
* First peal for conductor's son and daughter.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 24, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' six-part Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Rev. S. M. Evans	Treble	Rev. R. Keeley	5
Rev. P. T. Robbins	2	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	6
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	3	Rev. M. Hart	7
Rev. R. C. Lucas	4	Rev. R. W. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ILKESTON, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Edward F. Gobey	5
Clive A. Thrower	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	David J Marshall	7
John V. Chadwick	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David W. Friend.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Peter J. Eves	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Edward W. Roast	3	George E. Thoday	7
Richard J. Housden	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison, also a 73rd birthday compliment to Mrs. M. L. Dowsett.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LYDNEY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris's transposition of Bruerton's 12-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*J. Martin Rice	Treble	Jack A. Long	5
*Keith W. Scudamore	2	*Roger M. Day	6
William F. Scudamore	3	Geoffrey T. Horritt	7
†Kathryn R. Lloyd	4	*E. Geoffrey Beech	Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit. On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. SIMON'S COLLEGE BOB CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.

Douglas A. R. May	Treble	David J. Tubbs	6
Jill M. May	2	Harold A. May	7
Carolyn Tubbs	3	Stanley G. Ponting	8
Tony Skilton	4	Malcolm C. Powell	9
John F. M. Maybrey	5	Christopher M. White	Tenor

Composed by D. A. R. May. Arranged by F. T. Blagrove.
Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

First peal of Caters in the method by all the band, for the Guild and in the county.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

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

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Edna and Charles Denyer on their silver wedding.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOSBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 10 methods/variations, being two extents of Wychbold and Windrush, four extents Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, April Day and Rev. St. Bartholomew, six extents Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

Roy K. Williams	Treble	Charles E. Biggs	4
Leonard J. Walters	2	James Ward	5
C. William Nutt	3	George Gwynne	Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.

Most methods of Doubles to a peal on the bells.

Rung for the Easter Festival and as a birthday compliment to C. William Nutt.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 RICKMANSWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb

Eric Edmondson	Treble	Anthony R. Carter	6
*Katherine S. Hardy	2	Michael D. Frost	7
Christopher Forster	3	John E. Ewer	8
Bertram C. Johnson	4	Robert E. Hardy	9
Frederick W. Ellis	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Gerald Penney

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal in the method by all the band.

TRING, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 24 cwt.

*George H. Austin	Treble	Brian M. Barker	5
Walter Ayre	2	Richard G. Austin	6
Howard Collings	3	Gerald Penney	7
Augustin V. Good	4	Francis M. Byrne	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

Rung as a welcome to Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grace.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRENCHLEY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

*Marilyn J. Chidwick	Treble	Colin A. Tester	5
Simon A. B. Wigg	2	†Malcolm Barden	6
Olive D. Tester	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Alexander Waddingon	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BREDGAR, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Stanley B. Dobbie	Treble	Rev. Peter T. Robbins	4
*Rev. Stanley M. Evans	2	*Philip A. Corby	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	3	Walter H. Dobbie	Tenor

Conducted by Walter H. Dobbie.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the new bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	‡David J. Danby	8
*Margaret Wright	3	*Derek J. Marshall	9
*Michael J. Platt	4	J Barry Pickup	10
Christopher M. Movley	5	§Edward Jenkins	11
†James E. Andrews	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by P Border. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ First of Cambridge Maximus. § 100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

John R. Ridley	Treble	James Hedgcock	6
Christopher J. Jones	2	Dennis R. Jones	7
Michael Thomson	3	William E. Court	8
Martin E. Snape	4	*B. Stedman Payne	9
Rachel J. Sinden	5	Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* 50th peal on 10 bells and 50th peal on this bell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	†Michael H. Tompsett	5
John P. Partington	2	Michael J. Platt	6
*John Smith	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Alan P. Ogden	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* First peal attempt. † First "inside."

TWO CONSECUTIVE PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
*Michael J. Platt	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
James E. Andrews	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* 25th peal. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Michael J. Platt	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
James E. Andrews	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan

Central Council regulations complied with.

LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter. On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Robert Moore	Treble	*Geoffrey Tembey	5
James Blackburn	2	Alan Capstick	6
*Stanley Richardson	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	7
Stanley Anderton	4	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Composed by W Hubbard. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal of Triples in the method. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., April 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*J. Barry Pickup	Treble	†Christopher M. Movley	4
§Patricia A. Etchels	2	‡Richard S. Starkie	5
††Michael J. Platt	3	¶Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

* 300th peal. † First of Minor, and has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. ‡ Has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus this week. § First on six bells and first of Surpgrise "inside." ¶ Has now conducted peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, also 25th peal this year.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Musbury On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

John P. Partington	Treble	†John Smith	4
*Christine Broadley	2	*Wyn Pugh	5
†Janet Lawson	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

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

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5065 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D

Herrick B. Bowley	Treble	Murray A. Coleman	7
*Sheila J. Staley	2	Shirley Burton	8
Peter J. Staniforth	3	T Edward Harrold	9
*John Harrold	4	E. Alan Jacques	10
Richard Grant	5	William J. Root	11
Roy Stephenson	6	Edward R. Whitehead	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton (14). Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung in memoriam Cyril B. Innocent, verger at Leicester Cathedral for 40 years and beloved friend of the ringers.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Feb. 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb.

Cynthia M. Wells	Treble	Tony R. Natt	5
Christopher M. Sturgess	2	William Johnson	6
K. Paul Gilliver	3	John Watkins	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	A. James Poynor	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. James Poynor.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Aylestone.
On Fri., April 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Peter J. Staniforth	Treble	W. Arthur Riddington	5
Andrew S. Hayden	2	K. Paul Gilliver	6
Tony R. Natt	3	A. James Poynor	7
Robin A. Gilliver	4	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung fully muffled, excepting the tenor, open at backstroke, for Good Friday Evensong.

WIGSTON MAGNA, Leics.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 19, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

*Herrick B. Bowley	Treble	Andrew R. Carter	5
†Jean M. Whait	2	Cecil H. F. Knight	6
John E. Harrold	3	T. Edward Harrold	7
Richard J. Carter	4	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by T. Edward Harrold.
* 400th peal. † First peal. 50th peal in the tower.

WHITWICK, Leicester.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., April 23, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Frank Chambers	Treble	Ronald D. Hughes	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Edward F. Gobey	6
*John W. Rawson	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Richard Clifton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

(Syston District)
SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

George A. Barber	Treble	N. Roderick Ellway	4
Michael W. Brown	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Clive J. Mobbs	3	Maurice R. A. Kirk	Tenor

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	David C. Carrott	5
Terrence Carrott	2	C. Victor Waite	6
Jacqueline Quickfall	3	Harold F. Gibson	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	4	Jack L. Millhouse	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sat., March 30, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, Durham, London, Surfleet, York, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	4
*Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Audrey R. Alexander	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 100th peal of Surprise

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 15 methods: (1) Burnaby Delight, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Rosehill, Radley and Hanney, (6) Cambridge, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Jonathan R. Rowson	4
J. Richard Poole	2	James R. White	5
Anne M. Carpenter	3	A Keith P. Poole	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
The conductor has now "circled the tower" from tenor to treble in order, conducting each peal. Sixth peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
OXFORD.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., April 23, 1968, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720 Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

P. Gerald McIlhone	Treble	Philip J. Daniel	4
Peter H. Mackie	2	J. Paul Coad	5
Jeremy R. Pratt	3	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.
Rung on St. George's Day for the introduction of decimal coinage.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Easter Day, 1968 in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 CORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Richard F. B. Speed	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	David J. Marshall	7
Patrick I. Chapman	3	Barry E. Saunders	8
Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Graham C. Paul	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method.

CORK SURPRISE ROYAL
f 30—30, 14—12—30, 14—14, 50, 14—36, 70, 18—78, 90.

LOIS WEEDON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Mary & Peter.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CHADKIRK TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A.

Kilby R. Holtom	Treble	Graham C. Paul	4
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Roger W. Smith	5
Bridget Bates	3	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being 720 each of Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and 2,880 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Roger N. Scholes	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	4
Patsy M. Barnes	2	Stephen J. Franklin	5
Cynthia E. Barnett	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
Rung as a belated welcome to the Rev. J. H. I. Jones as Rector of Preston. Also a birthday compliment to Christine Broadley.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Katharine Burchnall	Treble	Peter Wakefield	5
Grace Burchnall	2	Harry Poyner	6
*Derek J. Tysoe	3	Colin W. Reed	7
Mary C. Poyner	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Wightman. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Major. First of Major in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the treble and second.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Oxford T.B and two extents each Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	Derek J. Tysoe	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Harold Stevenson	5
F. William Midwinter	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Norman William Stevenson, son of the ringer of the fifth, and Miss Janet Elizabeth Farmer, who were married at Hougham, Lincs.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., April 17th, 1968, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Bryan Birkett	Treble	†Philip Rogers	4
†Keith Hilton	2	Linda M. Wilkinson	5
Harry Poyner	3	S. Geoffrey Pick	Tenor

Conducted by S. Geoffrey Pick.
* First peal including Treble Bob † Most methods to a peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Linda M. Wilkinson, Diane Coates, Geoffrey Pick and Paul N. Mounsey.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Wed., April 17, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*H. James Wightman	Treble	W. Keith Whittle	4
Winifred Lockwood	2	E James Lockwood	5
†Peter Archer	3	Alan R. Bridges	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Bridges.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
Katharine M. Thorley	2	Peter S. Bedford	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	Rev. Peter N. Bond	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, Sussex.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*Mrs. R. Jean Osbon	Treble	Laurence C. Way	6
Herbert E. Audsley	2	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Arthur G. Mason	3	John A. Howard	8
Reginald V. Johnson	4	John W. Smith	9
Ernest J. Ladd	5	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary de Haura.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Colin J. Champion	Treble	James M. Hills	5
Roger E. Peckham	2	Henry C. Weaver	6
Olive D. Tester	3	James H. Lilley	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchford. Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
Rung to celebrate the marriage this day of the Vicar's daughter, Miss Jane Froggatt, to Mr. Keith Jones.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 64 lb. in E flat.

Stephen Kirby	Treble	David J. Forder	6
Katherine Maundrell	2	Frank J. Matthews	7
Thomas H. Francis	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Derek C. Jackson	4	Tom Chapman	9
Edward W. Colley	5	R. Roger Savory	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BASING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip Murduck	Treble	Barry J. Davies	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Ronald K. Russ	6
William Birmingham	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First true peal in the method, replacing the false peal rung at All Saints', Basingstoke, on April 16th, 1966.

UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Mary of Upham.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 18 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Walter J. Stubbington	Treble	Ramon A. Stone	4
†Sally E. Stacey (13)	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
‡Valerie A. Rushforth	3	†Frederick W. Sherfield	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ First "inside."

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

WOOD GREEN, London, N.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents, differently called. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	Christopher J. Easton	4
Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Peter G. Holden	5
*Rodney Horder	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Robert Edwards	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
J. Clifford Skidmore	2	†Michael J. Fellows	6
Morley P. Tobin	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
*Roger A. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Robert Edwards.
* First peal of Surprise. † 250th peal for the Association.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
J. Clifford Skidmore	2	Peter L. Bill	6
*Stephen W. Barton	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Michael J. Fellows	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 20, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

Janet Warwick	Treble	*David A. Town	6
William Davidson	2	*Philip M. Park	7
Peter Wishart	3	Thomas Cooke	8
*Peter F. Town	4	Roland Park	9
Dennis G. Blows	5	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

27-course block reduced. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	*Michael R. Meadows	5
*Susan Mitchell	2	*Ronald J. Snack	6
*Iris M. E. Lemare	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
*Ronald R. Warford	4	John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in the method. 200th peal as conductor. 225th for the Association.

DORE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,344 Rutland, 1,248 Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 91 changes of method with all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Susan Jackson	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Neil Donovan	2	*David Nichols	6
John S. Seagar	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Ronald Snack	4	J Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Spliced.

ESCRICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., April 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FRAMLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Frederick A. Munday	Treble	Ian North	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Alan Hartley	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

DEWSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*John M. Ineson	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	5
Ernest B. Betts	2	*John Wightman	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley	3	*Geoffrey Richardson	7
*Ruth Richardson	4	*Douglas Carruthers	Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett, sen. Conducted by Vernon Bottomley.

* First peal.

Rung by the Sunday service band for the Festival of Easter, and as a compliment to the Vicar, Canon E. C. Henderson, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Pontefract.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Michael R. Meadows	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Alan Hartley	6
Ian G. North	3	Ronald Snack	7
Neil Donovan	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

DEWSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Jeanne E. Bottomley	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	5
*Avis Thompson	2	John Wightman	6
John M. Ineson	3	Geoffrey Richardson	7
Ruth Richardson	4	Douglas Carruthers	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeanne E. Bottomley.

* First peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

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

ESCRICK, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb in F.

*Katharine M. Thorley	Treble	Susan E. Thompson	5
James Thorley	2	A. Colin Banton	6
Jennifer E. Pearce	3	Christopher J. Groome	7
Alan Sheppard	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal on eight bells. First with three generations of Thorleys.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Gail Cater	Treble	David S. Lockwood	5
R Ann Johnson	2	Alan Clifton	6
Robert Cater	3	Ian North	7
Patricia Lockwood	4	Eric Robinson	Tenor

Composed by Wilfrid F. Moreton Conducted by Ian North.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., April 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
†Alan Potts	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
Robert B. Smith	9–10		

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Oxford T.B. Royal. † First of Treble Bob Royal "in hand."

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
*J. David Atkinson	9–10		

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first of Stedman on handbells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jenny Alcock and Alan F. Scholfield; also as a birthday compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves.

WILLASTON, near Nantwich, Cheshire.—At 4, Coppice Road.
On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 1 Hour and 54 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		

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., April 22, 1968, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 124 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	*Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., March 6, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price	5–6
Kenneth R. Davenport	3–4	*Jeffrey L. Claughton	7–8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

* First peal on eight handbells.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., April 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C Price	5–6
Noel J Diserens	3–4	Wilfrid G Wilson	7–8

Composed by H. J Howlett. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

WARFIELD Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Thurs., April 11, 1968, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3–4
Stanley G. Scott	5–6		

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the University College of Swansea.
On Sun., March 31, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 SPLICED MAJOR

In four methods, being 3,888 Plain Bob, 768 Little Bob, 372 Gainsborough Little Bob and 192 Double Plain Bob, with 134 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1–2	J. Arthur Hoare	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Edmund J. Morris	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in four Major methods on handbells by all except the conductor, for the Guild and in Wales.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—In the ringing chamber of All Saints.
On Sat., April 13, 1968, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

J. Martin Thorley	1–2	A. Colin Banton (cond.)	3–4
Jennifer E. Pearce	5–6		

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

FITZHUGH.—June and Godfrey are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Deborah Sally, on Saturday, April 27th, 1968, at St. Mary's Hospital, Eastbourne. 3894

SHEPHERD.—On Saturday, April 20th, 1968, to Maureen and Charles, of Jonquilla, Sanctuary Road, Holsworthy, Devon, a daughter, Helen Margaret, a sister for Catherine and Richard. 3908

ENGAGEMENT

WATKINS—ANDREWS. — The engagement is announced between David Edward Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Watkins, of Belvedere, Kent, and Rosalie Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. G. Andrews, of Kemerton, Worcs. 3861

DEATH

MAWDESLEY, Jack.—On April 28th, 1968, at 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, suddenly after a short illness. Will be sadly missed by all ringing friends, especially at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, and Coppull. No flowers by request. Donations to St. Peter's Bell Fund. 3874

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BRIDLE.—The address of Peter and Diana is now 10, Downland Close, Church Mead, Nailsea, Bristol. 3896

CLAINES, WORCESTER, St. John the Baptist's—All communications regarding bells to be addressed to the new tower secretary, Mr. J. E. Whittall, 5, Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester. 3909

DYE.—The address of Paul and Erica is now 17, Fairfield, Cholsey, Berkshire. 3867

REED.—The address of Frank Reed is now 2, Elm Road, Credenhill, Hereford. 3868

TAYLOR. — The address of A. Stephen Taylor is now 49, Station Road, Harpenden, Herts. Tel. 3470. 3905

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CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT.—For the months of May, June and July, Aldridge, Staffs, practice night will be Tuesday instead of Monday, 7.30-9.30. 3875

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT. — All Saints', Cockermouth, practice night will now be Thursday, not Wednesday, in future. Will all owners of "Dove" please note. 3877

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—Surprise Major practice, Friday, May 10th, 7-9 p.m. Methods: London, Rutland, Bristol, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey and Lincolnshire. All welcome.—G. P. Adams. 3885

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: Meldreth (8), and Melbourn (6) available after tea. **Names for tea, please,** to J. G. Gipson, The Nook, High Street, Meldreth, Royston, Herts. Tel. Melbourn 375.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3813

S.F.E. WHITSUN TOUR.—All friends welcome to join Sussex Tour, June 1st to 4th inclusive. Details from Frank D. Mack, 7, Bapton Lane, Exmouth, Devon. 3868

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The new peal secretary is Dr. T. D. Spencer, 298, Batley Road, Wakefield. All peal reports, fees and compositions should in future be sent to him. 3872

WOULD the person who lost his hat at the annual meeting at Accrington, April 27th, contact A. V. Williams, 289, Whalley Road, Accrington, Lancs. Tel. ACC 31845. 3871

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

TOWER OPEN DAY
Sat., May 18th, 1968
Ringing Exhibition and refreshments 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
In aid of Cathedral completion fund. 3888

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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

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

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

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

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING
May 25th, 1968

Rochester Cathedral, 10.30-11.30.
Lunch at 1.15 p.m. at Adelaide Suite, Castle Restaurant, 71, Castle Street, Canterbury.

Business meeting at 2.45 at St. Alphege's Parish Hall, King Street, Canterbury. Canterbury Cathedral 4.15-6.

Sevenoaks Parish Church 7.30-8.30. Social evening at the Vine Tavern, Sevenoaks.

Accommodation for lunch is limited, so early application is advised (cost 14s. each). Names to me by May 18th, please. Cars may be parked at yard of Twymans Ltd., Old Dover Road, Canterbury.

J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 3844

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Chesterfield District

Monthly Meeting and Annual Striking Contest

CLAY CROSS (6), SAT., MAY 11th
Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m.
Tea 5 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. D. Bunting, 160 Williamthorpe Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, or myself, please, **without fail.**—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec.

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The A.G.M. will be held on Sat., May 11th. Bells: All Saints', Poplar 1.45-2.30. St. George-in-the-East 3-3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street 4-4.30. Service in St. Olave's 4.30, followed at 5 by tea and the meeting. A film on the Society's activities will be shown. Names for tea to C. Starbuck, 148, Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, London, S.W.2. 3793

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Annual General Meeting
HORSHAM
Saturday, May 11th, 1968

Route 1	
West Hoathly	10.15-11-15
Turner's Hill	11.00-12.00
Worth	11.45-12.45
Crawley	12.45- 1.45
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Warnham	2.45- 3.45
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Danehill	10.00-11.00
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Ardingly	11.30-12.30
Balcombe	1.00- 2.00
Slaugham	1.45- 2.45
Lower Beeding	2.30- 3.30
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West Grinstead	10.00-11.00
Cowfold	10.45-11.45
Bolney	11.30-12.30
Cuckfield	1.00- 2.00
Horsham	2.30- 4.00
Service	4.15
Tea (Horsham High School)	5.00
Annual General Meeting ..	6.00

Names for tea to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Telephone E.G. 23815. 3837

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LATE NEWS

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. P. Laflin, of 25, Hallam Street, Stockport, on April 30th.

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The May meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on May 11th. Ringing during afternoon and evening. Cups of tea only will be provided. All ringers will be made welcome.—Trevor Tarbatt. 3903

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at Keynsham (8), May 11th, 6.30–8 p.m.—R. M. Virgin. 3892

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Practice at Wiveliscombe (8 bells), Saturday, May 11th, at 7 p.m. 3878

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Consett, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Ringing at Blackhill in afternoon—St. Aidan's 2–3 p.m. and St. Mary's R.C. 3–4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Tyson, 1, Seymour Street, Consett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Huntingdon District — Striking Competition at Holywell on Saturday, May 11th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Please send names for tea (except members of ringing teams).—H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3842

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—A.G.M., Moreton-in-Marsh (8), May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m. Bells available to 8 p.m. 3863

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slymbridge (6), Saturday, May 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester. 3862

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cotleigh, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth. Tel. 2795. 3864

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Chilton, Chess Bungalow, Dawes Lane, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth. 3847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Snodland, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss L. King, Papermakers' Arms, Constitution Hill, Snodland.—M. L. H. 3827

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —St. Mary's, Rotherhithe Street, S.E.16, Saturday, May 11th, 3–4 p.m. Tea and meeting Church Hall 4.15. St. Alfege's, Greenwich Church Street, S.E.10. 7–8.30 p.m. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, May 11th. Bells: All Saints' (6) 2.30–3.30; St. Modwen's (8) after meeting until 8–8.30. Service at St. Modwen's 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Friars Walk Schools. Subscriptions due. Reports will be available. 3833

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 3826

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Bingham District. —Meeting, Elston, May 11th. District round Crawford Cup contest. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 3865

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Heveningham on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Badingham (5). Names for tea to Mr. J. Pigney, The White Horse Inn, Badingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk. —T. N. J. B 3824

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Didbrook (5), May 15th, 7.30 p.m. 3890

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Writtle on May 15th, 7.30 to 9. All welcome. —I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 3689

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District. — Evening meeting, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Thursday, May 16th. Ringing 7.30 to 9.15.—E. H. Kilby. 3910

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at East Bedfont, Friday, May 17th, 7.45 p.m.—M. J. Palmer. 3853

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Butleigh (6), Saturday, May 18th. Ringing 6.30. — P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 3882

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Winford (6), Saturday, May 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3897

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—Meeting at Monks Kirby (8) on Saturday, May 18th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 8. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Davies, School House, Monks Kirby, near Rugby. Please make a good attendance.—L. Trevor. 3902

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District.—Striking Competition, Thorington (6), May 18th, 2.15 p.m. start. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Thorington, Colchester. 3880

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Wheathampstead, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to F. W. Ellis, 130, Marford Road, Wheathampstead.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 3818

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath (8), May 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. T. H. Norris, 49, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey, Herts.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 3876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' Guild (Kent Branch) (A.G.M.). — Meeting at Tenterden, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify Miss V. Relf, 3, The Bungalows, Shrubcote, Tenterden, by Thursday, May 16th.—A. P. S. B. 3835

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Littleham, Exmouth, May 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Ringing at Exeter Cathedral after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. J. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, by Monday, May 13th. 3828

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Special meeting, St. Matthew's (6), Ipswich, May 18th, 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting St. Matthew's 6 p.m. Sproughton (6) 7–8 p.m.; Bramford (6) 8–9 p.m. A good attendance, please. Gentlemen very welcome.—J. Lester, Dis. Sec. 3872

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Misterton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 3901

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Branch meeting at Bassingham on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by previous Wednesday, please.—G. R. P. 3821

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Upton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise and Bob Doubles. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3889

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Nor 26W, by previous Thursday, please. 3860

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cholsey, May 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, not later than May 14th. 3818

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wing (5), May 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. Scholes, Lindisfarne, Wakerley Road, Harringworth, by Tuesday, 14th. 3866

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Barnby (Crawford Cup contest), Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Tysoe, 2, Valley View, Coddington, Notts, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Tysoe, Dis. Sec. 3887

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Aldridge on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting also reverts to 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for latter, please, to Mr. J. Burton, 23, Portland Road, Aldridge, Walsall, Staffs (Tel. Ald. 52869) by Wednesday, May 15th latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 3694

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Midhurst and Lodsworth on Saturday, May 18th. Midhurst (6) 2.45 to 4.25. Service at St. Mary's, Midhurst, at 4.30. Tea at Midhurst at 5.15. Ringing at Lodsworth (6) from 6.30 to 8.30. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 3904

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ten-bell practice for ringers with experience of inside ten-bell ringing, Truro Cathedral, May 18th, 6 p.m.–7.30.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 3884

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Twyford and Owslebury, May 18th. Bells available: Twyford (8) 2.30–4.15. Service 4.30. Tea, Owslebury Village Hall, 5.30. Business meeting follows. Bells available: Owslebury (6) 7.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. E. B. Whitear, 2, Farm Cottages, Low Hill Farm, Fishers Pond, Eastleigh, by Monday, May 13th, please. 3846

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SATURDAY, MAY 25th, 1968

At GAYTON, NORTHANTS

Committee meeting in Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m.
Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o) to be obtained before Tuesday, May 21st, 1968, from Rev. E. G. Orland, The Rectory, Gayton, Northampton.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

10.30–12.30	12.00–2.00	1.30–3.45
Alderton (5)	*Towcester (6)	*Easton Neston (8)
Grafton Regis (5)	*Greens Norton (6)	Blisworth (5)
*Cosgrove (6)	Bradden (5)	Collingtree (5)
*Potterspury (6)	Blakesley (5)	Milton (5)
Wicken (8)	Lichborough (5)	*Rothersthorpe (5)
*Whittlebury (5)	Pattishall (6)	*Bugbrooke (5)
*Paulerspury (6)		

2 p.m.–4.15 p.m. *Gayton (6).

Towers marked thus * are available after the meeting until 9 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Beverley, Saturday, May 18th. Minster bells 2–4 p.m. Service, Minster, 4 p.m. Tea, Minster Parish Room 4.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea. St. Mary's bells available evening to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. H. Parham, 35, Molescroft Road, not later than **Tuesday, May 14th.**—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3822

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be on Saturday, May 18th. Bells and ringing at Norton (8) 3 to 3.30, and Dore (8) 3.30 to 4.30 and after the business meeting until 8.30 approx. Election of a new secretary and three committee members. Due to unavoidable circumstance, only cups of tea available, so bring own food. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 3870

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at **Skipton** (8) on Saturday, May 18th, 6–8.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob, call changes. All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott. 3906

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice at Dorking 7.30–9 p.m., Monday, May 20th.—J. P. O. 3821

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Curry Rivel (8) on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. Ringing after meeting to 9 p.m. Names for tea **essential** to R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. (Telephone Ilminster 2435) by **Tuesday, May 21st** 3900

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Striking Competition at Harston (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. (Competition approx 2.30 p.m.) Tea 5 p.m. Village Hall. General ringing after tea.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 3893

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Churchill on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford (Tel. Kingham 472) by May 22nd. 3883

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at **Kedlington**, Sat., May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please note change of venue. It is hoped that the meeting on August 24th will be at Polstead. Names for tea, please to Mr. G. F. Senior, 127, Westward Deals, Kedington, Haverhill, Suffolk, by May 22nd.

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

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STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Crofts (first "away" from tenor) 1, Rosemary Snawdon 2, Rosemary Myers 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, K. Bellew 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Whitear (first quarter) 1, A. R. Walters 2, R. J. Southgate 3, M. H. Whittell 4, Rev. L R. Pizzey (cond.) 5, J. H. W. F. Hollins 6. For Evensong.

BRYANSTON, DORSET. — On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): C. F. Longridge 1, W. T. Perrins 2, M. J. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. F. Collins 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK. — At the Norman Tower, on April 6th, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. E. Rofle 1, A. Ballam 2, J. Stannard 3, R. Stannard 4, A. Feaver 5, H. Clarke 6, P. Everett 7, W. Goodship 8, C. Stannard (cond.) 9, J. Banks 10. Rung for the wedding of Miss Pamela Rowlands.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Spurling 1, C. R. Nunn 2, B. E. Whiting (first of Minor "inside") 3, Janet I. Rogers 4, A. F. Ballam 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6.

HASFIELD, GLOS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Richard W. Collins (first attempt, aged 12) 1, R. K. Williams (cond.) 2, Rosemary F. Collins 3, Ronald W. Collins 4, P. G. Hickey 5, R. J. Bullock 6. For Evensong.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS. — On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Heaton (first "away" from covering) 1, J. Whalley 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, W. Kenyon 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, Rev. R. Lindsay 6. Rung fully-muffled in memoriam Canon W. E. Bradley and Mr. T. W. Thompson, historian.

HEAVITREE, DEVON. — On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. S. Turner 1–2, J. N. Longridge 3–4, D. J. Atkins (cond.) 5–6.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Davidge 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. F. Oakshott (first of Minor) 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry, on April 5th, 1,440 Spliced T.B. Minor (29 methods): P. A. Slight 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, B. M. Buswell 3, W. L. Exton 4, D. A. Frith 5, R. Brian Mills (cond.) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, G. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, B. Butcher 2, G. Neilson 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 5, D. H. Gower 6. For Evensong.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rose Sharpe 1, M. Soper 2, Susan Thompson 3, Valerie Maynard 4, T. Pink (cond.) 5, W. Bradbrook 6. First quarter in the method by all the band. For morning service.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On April 9th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. R. Savory 1, Joy F. Butler 2, C. J. Butler 3, D. C. Jackson 4, J. S. Hopwood 5, R. Allinson 6, M. J. Butler 7, D. J. Forder (cond.) 8. First quarter 2, 3, 5 and 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX. — On April 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: Miss P. Nichols 1, P. Chapman 2, Mrs. J. Hallett 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor C. F. Longridge 1–2, J. N. Longridge 3–4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5–6.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. W. Foreman 3, O. Claxton 4, D. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled after Good Friday service. Also on April 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. W. Foreman 3, H. B. Fuller 4, D. G. Boast 5, O. P. Claxton (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh Ford, bellringer and chorister.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On April 19th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: M. Lacey 1, Miss P. Tomsett 2, J. Clark 3, F. Dadson 4, R. Bushell (cond.) 5. First quarter of St. Simon's for all the band.

STOURPAINE, DORSET. — On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, C. F. Longridge 3, D. J. Knight 4, M. J. Corry 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Angela Mary Horsey and Mr. William John Marker.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Parsons 1, E. J. Dicken 2, Christine A. Haynes 3, Sheila Parsons 4, G. H. Peers, jun 5, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor 1, 2, 3, 5. First quarter on front six of the ten.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stephanie Boddy (first quarter) 1, Monica Griffiths (first quarter) 2, Kitty Willers 3, Ursula Stubbings 4, M. Kitson 5, B. Threlfall (cond.) 6.

Restoration of the Bells at Newhey, Lancs

THE bells of St. Thomas', Newhey, had for years been the despair of intending peal ringers (the last successful peal attempt being in 1952), successive bands of local ringers had become discouraged, and the bells had been silent for long periods since 1939. In 1963, however, a new Vicar was appointed to the parish, and his wife, a non-ringer but bell enthusiast, gathered together yet another band of would-be ringers. We struggled, with the guidance of the only two of our number with any previous experience, until one evening the sounds brought a visit from the ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association, who had been passing through the village. On his advice and in response to his persistent invitations, we began timidly to visit other towers in the neighbourhood. By this time the second and fifth bells at Newhey were completely unringable and the two bellfounders were called in. These agreed that the complete structure was unsafe and nothing short of a new installation would suffice. Accordingly, the bells were rung down for the last time on June 28th, 1964.

At this stage the tower captain at Milnrow, our nearest neighbour, invited us to continue our ringing at this tower. This we have been glad to do and have benefited greatly from his guidance and experience.

Whilst enjoying ringing at Milnrow, we felt that something should be done about our own tower at Newhey and—in spite of opposition from some quarters—in March, 1965, the P.C.C. gave their approval to a bell restoration appeal, starting with a house-to-house collection, the target being £2,000 to restore the bells. Following this we had concerts, a slide show, cookery demonstration, competitions, etc., and received one donation of £50. The Lancashire Association gave £25 but we still had only a little over £500 by November, 1966, when the Vicar and his good lady returned to Ireland. One member of the restoration committee gave all her earnings as church cleaner over a period of 18 months to the fund, and with other smaller donations (not forgetting "kitty" money given to us over the years!) the fund stood at just over £600 when the new Vicar was inducted in July, 1967.

ORIGINAL TARGET TOO HIGH

From the outset we had the wholehearted support of the Vicar, but clearly our original target of £2,000 was too high. Money was needed for other purposes and we must settle for a lighter ring if we were to have any bells at all. Further letters passed between Vicarage and foundries (several also between our friend the ringing secretary and the foundries!), discussions were held with Lancashire Association members, and the present ring of eight decided upon. Money was now coming in more readily, chiefly due to the Vicar's efforts, but not forgetting another £25 from the Lancashire Association plus one of £10 from the Rochdale Branch and £50 which had been promised in 1965 "when we were nearing the target." There was, however, still the need to cut costs wherever possible, as local work, additional to the bellfounders' estimate, could add hundreds of pounds and kill the project. During one discussion certain Lancashire Association enthusiasts decided that one job they could do themselves would be to lower the bells, and this work was undertaken by four stalwarts from Heptonstall, Walsden, Milnrow and Newhey, with occasional help from a Todmorden ringer.

There were ripe remarks when the first four went up to plan their campaign. Pigeons abounded (with all that goes with pigeons!) and during the early weeks part of the task was to rid the tower of these uninvited guests. It was obvious that the main work was, to quote Thomas Edison, to consist of 1 per cent. inspiration and 99 per cent. perspiration. However, nothing daunted, the work commenced and before long the bell chamber resounded to breaking wheels and occasional chiming bells when pieces of unwanted timber missed their mark on their way to the floor below. Humour was rife and hearty laughter was added to what the local Press called "ghostly noises issuing from Newhey bell tower." A good system was adopted, half the evening being spent in dismantling and the other half in lowering the debris to the porch and thence to the tip. When it came to the actual lowering of the bells some good chain blocks and slings, kindly loaned by a local engineering works, were used. The height of the bells and the shortness of the chain blocks sometimes necessitated three chain blocks being coupled together to enable the porch floor to be reached. Unorthodox, perhaps, but constant checks regarding safety were made at each move. The Vicar kept us informed on his correspondence with the bellfounders, popping in with encouraging words and impressing with his interest and enthusiasm. All the bells were lowered and in the porch for Harvest Festival Sunday. This provoked a lively interest from the congregation, half of whom thought they were "rather big" and the other half "rather small"! The following day the bells were taken to Loughborough, transport having been arranged by the engineering works gentleman who had loaned the lifting tackle.

The old timber frame was next to be dismantled, and much sawing and hammering took place before the tower was empty. One point not overlooked whilst there was still somewhere to rest a ladder was the repairing of the louvres and blocking up of ingress points of the pigeons. All the work was carried out with great cheerfulness and entirely without mishap, and no praise is too high for the splendid volunteers, two of whom travelled many miles twice a week for the whole of the two months the job lasted.

DEDICATION SERVICE FIXED

At last the bellfounders could be told that the tower was empty and their plans were awaited with mounting excitement. The dedication service was fixed for March 31st, 1968, and the fitter from Messrs. Taylor arrived on February 27th with frame, girders, etc., to commence installation. At the beginning of this year we were pleased to welcome to our band a local unattached ringer of skill and experience who, owing to ill-health, had been absent from ringing for four years. With characteristic enthusiasm he now assisted the bellhanger at every possible moment, spending some of his annual leave days in the tower and generally making himself invaluable. The bellhanger commented that he had never hung bells so fast in his life!

All was in readiness a fortnight before D-Day and the ringers cautiously took hold for the preliminary trial. Apart from some minor adjustments, this went off surprisingly well, though it did not go unnoticed that we seemed to have a ringing chamber full of tenor ringers. (Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.) However, experience overcame the initial difficulty in handling and after a few constructive suggestions all that remained was the answer to "When are we ringing the first peal?"

Now that the bells were safely installed, attention turned to the ringing chamber. During the following fortnight many hours were spent in repairing the ceiling, then in general tidying up and cleaning. Regrettably there was no time to renew the lighting and decorate, but we feel sure our visitors on the day of dedication overlooked this.

The service deserves special mention. Everyone who helped in the restoration must have felt that this was a most fitting culmination of their efforts. For members of the original band the atmosphere could not have been more moving, the most poignant moment being when ringers, chosen from those who had worked so hard and officials of the Rochdale Branch, made their way quietly to the tower to ring for one minute after the Lord Bishop of Manchester had offered the prayer of dedication.

This then was what our Vicar described as a wonderful day in the life of our church, and it is with a feeling of intense pride that we at Newhey offer our hospitality to all ringers, whose brotherhood has been proved in this little spot in Lancashire. N. L.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, F. Sismey 3, Ann Smith 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5. Rung for Parish Communion.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, 6 covering): S. Hardy 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Catherine Hardy 3, R. Coughlan 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For Evensong.

BURMARSH, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and P. Bob): W. Beeching 1, Minnie Watts 2, Rose Wratten 3, Annie Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, A. Lamb 6. Also for the christening of Jonathan, son of Brian and Yvonne Watts.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—At Holy Cross Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bowman 1, Miss A. Toomer 2, Miss J. Pursur 3, Miss V. Ballard 4, F. G. Cook (cond.) 5, C. Wilkins 6. First in two methods 1, 3, 4. First "inside" for 4. For Evensong.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Green (first quarter) 1, P. Perkins 2, M. Hunter 3, C. Hardy 4, E. Roper 5, F. Roper (cond.) 6.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. Dickinson 2, T. F. Metcalfe 3, R. Moore 4, D. H. Garnett (first as cond.) 5, Rev. J. W. Garnett 6. By Sunday service band.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On April 14th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: H. B. Whitney 1, E. Houghton 2, Anne Houghton 3, E. Mary Farr 4, P. G. Williams 5, E. Conquest 6, R. Woodruffe (cond.) 7, K. Jackson 8. First of Grandsire Triples "inside" 2, 3. Rung to commemorate the christening this day of Jennifer Carol Needham (niece of 4th ringer).

MONTACUTE, SOM.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Irwin 1, G. W. Rendell 2, V. J. Farthing (cond.) 3, I. Read 4, H. Jones 5, G. W. Parkin 6. For Easter Day Evensong, and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Farthing on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Farthing introduced change-ringing to Montacute in 1948.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Long 1, B. Burton 2, R. G. Seymour 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, G. Blake 5, A. Peacock 6. First in method 1 and 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Foster (first quarter) 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Smith 4, G. Davis 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong on Easter Sunday, and for the baptism of Louise Davis, niece of 5th ringer.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Cowan 1, Helen Dadswell 2, Eileen Cowan 3, T. Edwards 4, Angela Holland 5, G. Muggeridge 6, A. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Cowan 8.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howell (cond.) 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss P. Bockland 3, D. Tomlins 4, N. Amphlett 5, R. Page 6.

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	1234567890E	5	6	19
A	21645378E90			
	615423	—		
	213465	—	—	3
	315462		—	3
	514362		—	2
B	4152638709E			
	513264		—	3
	314265		—	3
	412365		—	2
C	51426378E90			
	413265		—	3
	315264		—	3
	512364		—	2
B	2154638709E			
	513462		—	3
	312465		—	3
	214365		—	2

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