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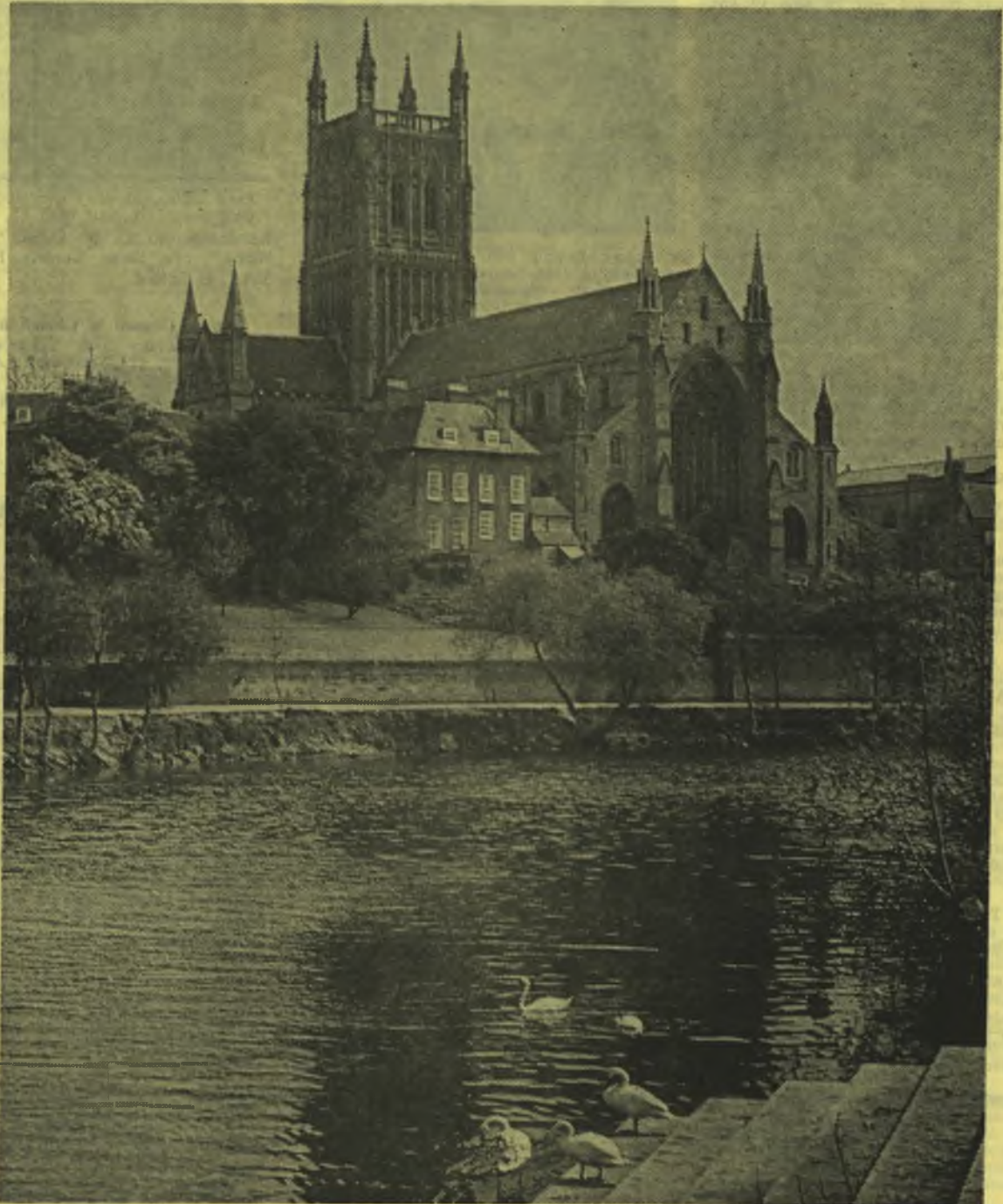
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Worcester Welcomes Central Council



The Cathedral from the River Sever

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Worcester—the City & Countryside

By **DAVID BEACHAM**,
General Secretary

Worcestershire and Districts Association

THE Worcestershire and Districts Association had been in existence for only 20 years when the Central Council first came to Worcester in 1902, so that the forthcoming visit, 66 years later, will be a new experience for ringers in this part of the Midlands and one to which we look forward with great pleasure.

Though not a large county, Worcestershire is very diverse and has many interesting contrasts in its countryside, churches and bells. Those of you who are able to take part in the ringing tours we have planned will be able to experience these contrasts and we hope that their pleasant memories will always remain with you.

Most of the county lies in a central plain through which runs the River Severn. Down the eastern side flows the "Warwickshire" Avon, which joins the Severn at Tewkesbury. Flanking this plain on the western and eastern sides are the hills of Malvern and Abberley, Cotswold and Bredon, with the Clent and Lickey hills to the north. In the north, too, lies the industrial area where parts of Worcestershire and Staffordshire and that "island" of Worcestershire, Dudley, make up that heart of the first Industrial Revolution known as "The Black Country." It is in this area of confused county and diocesan boundaries that most of the "Districts" in our title occur. There are a number of good octaves here, including the new light Taylor eight at Amblecote and the mellow old eight at Halesowen.

Through the west of the county flows the River Teme, and its valley and surrounding hills are a particularly beautiful part of England. Here are to be found cherry orchards and hopyards, some of the latter providing hops for that famous brew from across the Irish Sea! There are some interesting sixes here, but not many rings of bells altogether.

VALE OF EVESHAM

Over in the south-east, the Vale of Evesham, watered by the Avon, is a famous fruit and market-gardening area, and its "oceans" of plum blossom are a great tourist attraction in the spring. Bredon Hill lies in the Vale and "to ring around Bredon Hill" makes a good ringing outing, and one can well appreciate Housman's well-known lines. The fine 12 in Evesham's magnificent bell tower and the famous "bird cage" ringing chamber of Pershore Abbey also attract many ringing visitors.

In the central area lie many villages and hamlets connected by a bewildering network of country lanes. Travel along these north-east from Worcester and you are in the "Ambridge" district, and followers of the famous radio family on their way to ring at Hanbury Church (a fine eight) and passing the several timbered farms and cottages will have no difficulty in seeing—in their imagination at any rate—"Brookfields Farm," complete with Dan Archer!

"THE FAITHFUL CITY"

The city of Worcester stands on the Severn with the Cathedral only a few yards from its banks. Historically, Worcester is famous for its battle of 1651, in which the city—"the Faithful City"—held out long enough for Charles II to escape and begin his flight from the country—via the Boscobel Oak, of course! The house in which Charles stayed still stands in New Street. Not far from here was the site



of John Martin's bell foundry, which was operating in that period. Walk along New Street and its continuation, Friar Street, and you pass more fine Tudor houses until you emerge near the Cathedral, confronted on its north side by its latest piece of redevelopment in which stands the Council's headquarters for the week-end, the Giffard Hotel. Because of the demolition which took place a few years ago, a well-known Sunday newspaper reported it as "The Sack of Worcester." Some old and interesting buildings have, regrettably, disappeared, and opinions on the worthiness of their replacements naturally vary. Those of you who have known the Worcester of the past are left to judge for yourselves.

Worcester is the home of some well-known products. The famous sauce is made here as well as Royal Worcester porcelain, and the manufacture of gloves is one of its oldest industries. The cricket lover will know that opposite the Cathedral is one of the prettiest grounds in the country, and the first tourist match is always played here. Further along the river bank is Pitchcroft, providing the racecourse, a fairground and games pitches.

We hope that this sketch will give you some idea of what Worcestershire has in store for you. Paul Cattermole's book will provide all the information you need about the churches and bells, and the members of our Association are waiting to welcome you into our belfries this Whitsun.

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
Hallow	(8)	7.30- 8.00
Claines	(10)	6.30- 7.30

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

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THE DIOCESE BIDS THE CENTRAL COUNCIL WELCOME



A Greeting from the Patron of the Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association, the Lord Bishop of Worcester, the Rt. Rev. L. Mervyn Charles-Edwards, D.D.

On behalf of the Diocese of Worcester I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for their Annual Conference, which this year is taking place in the City of Worcester.

In the well-known poem "Bredon Hill," by A. E. Housman, the poet says—

*"In summertime on Bredon
The bells they sound so clear;
Round both the shires they ring them
In steeples far and near,
A happy noise to hear."*

Wherever you go in the southern part of the County Bredon Hill is a landmark, and each of the villages round the Hill has a fine ring of bells.

Our own Worcestershire and Districts' Change Ringing Association, which was founded in 1882, keeps the art of campanology going in the Diocese, and it will be a great encouragement to all our bell-ringers to know that the Central Council will be coming to us this summer. I shall look forward to meeting members and giving them my personal welcome. Although, alas, not a bellringer myself, I am a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' Society of Bell Ringers, and during my incumbencies at Market Drayton in Shropshire, Newark on Trent in Nottinghamshire, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London, not only had the help of splendid ringers, but counted them among my own personal friends, as I do the ringers of Worcestershire.

✠ MERVYN WORCESTER.

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 about 5.45 p.m. for the convenience of Standing Committee members, and then travel to Claines (10) for ringing (6.45-7.30).

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters will be the Giffard Hotel, High Street.

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

Council meeting, Giffard Hotel, Tuesday, 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception, Guildhall, High Street, Tuesday, 5.15 p.m.

Informal social evening, the Wulstan Room, Giffard Hotel, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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.

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
5.30- 6.30

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
5.30- 6.30

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

Kempsey, St. Mary's (6) 5.30- 6.30

Hinton-on-the-Green, St. Peter's (8) 10.00-10.30
5.15- 5.50

Bromsgrove, St. John's (10) 10.15-11.00

Halesowen, St. John Baptist's (8) 10.15-11.00
5.30- 6.30

Hartlebury, St. James Great (8) 10.00-11.00

Redditch (St. Stephen's) (8) 9.00- 9.45

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 (8) 2.15- 3.45

Old Swinford (8) 3.00- 4.30

Amblecote, Holy Trinity (8) 3.45- 5.15

Brierley Hill, St. Michael's (10) 4.30- 6.00

Dudley, St. Thomas' (8) 5.15- 6.45

Old Hill, Holy Trinity (8) 6.00- 7.30

Stourbridge, St. Thomas' (8) 6.00- 7.30

Chaddesley Corbett, (8) 6.45- 8.15

St. Cassian's (8) 7.30- 9.00

Hartlebury, St. James Gt. (8) 7.30- 9.00

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"WE'LL MAKE IT A MEMORABLE AND ENJOYABLE VISIT"

By William B. Cartwright, Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association



It was in the year 1902 that the Central Council last visited Worcester. At that time I was only a small toddler living in a Worcestershire village known as Selly Oak. This place had the honour of being twice referred to in the Domesday Book. It was then called "Escelie" (pronounced Ess-Selly). From the records it appears that from a revenue point of view it was a very remunerative part of Worcestershire. I would not suggest for one moment that that was why in the year 1911 Selly Oak was absorbed into Greater Birmingham and became Selly Oak, Birmingham, instead of Selly Oak, Worcestershire!

It was here that I learned to ring, and in those early days I never thought that I should aspire to be Master of an Association which had the honour of having their invitation accepted by the Central Council and that I should have the pleasant task of writing a welcome to the members to our lovely county of Worcestershire.

We hope to publish a brochure giving information about Worcestershire and its bells, which will be sent to members and will also be available to non-members. I am sure this will be found to be both useful and interesting. Consequently there is no need for me to extol here the advantages of Worcestershire.

Therefore I would now say what a great pleasure it is to me to welcome all Council members and their wives, boy and girl friends and all others who will be coming to Worcester at Whitsuntide. I can assure all who have not visited the city before that they have a treat in store. The Cathedral is certainly worth a visit, as it contains one of the finest rings of 12 in the country. Listening to the bells from the opposite bank of the River Severn is to be recommended.

Come, then, to Worcester, members of the Central Council and all your friends, in the knowledge that we shall do our best to make your visit enjoyable and that all our ringers are determined to see that nothing is left undone which can be done to make it a memorable one.

THE BELLS OF WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

By JOHN C. SLATER

TO anyone viewing the Cathedral from the outside, perhaps the most striking feature is the sharp contrast between the plain exterior of the Early English nave and chancel and the richly decorated central tower. This splendid tower was completed in 1374 and it is fairly clear that it was not originally intended to carry any large bells, so that it is remarkable that it now contains a ring of twelve with a tenor of 49½ cwt., three semitone bells and a four-ton bourdon.

Actual history of the bells begins in 1220, when three bells were cast to hang in the newly completed campanile. This must have been a curious structure consisting of an octagonal base 60 feet high by the same in width, surmounted by a lead-covered timber spire making a total height of 210 feet. (The tower is 196 feet to the top of the pinnacles.) The completion of the tower caused four more bells to be cast but it is doubtful whether they were hung at that time in the tower. At the Reformation the campanile contained four bells which were taken down but not destroyed and we shall see later that three of them are still in existence.

Information is scarce until 1647, when the campanile was demolished, all the bells by this time being hung in the tower. Additions were later made and bells recast until we find that in the mid-19th century the Cathedral had a ring of eight with a tenor of 20 cwt. approx. But it appears that for many years ringing had been on State occasions only and although competent bands existed at other churches in the city the Cathedral had no band of its own.

REV. R. CATTLEY'S INITIATIVE

By the 1850's the fabric was in a very dilapidated state and a restoration was commenced which took nearly 20 years to complete. This work was very thoroughly carried out but no plans were made for the bells at the time. However, in May, 1863, it was discovered that the 2nd bell had been stolen, and although this caused rather a stir no moves were made to replace it until later that year, when the Rev. R. Cattley, Minor Canon, wrote to the local papers proposing a grand new ring of ten bells (tenor 36 cwt. in D), a "powerful clock" and a great hour bell of four tons to be installed in place of the old ring. He had interested several influential people and the cost was estimated at £2,000, which was to be raised by public subscription.

Initially the scheme met with some opposition as it was felt that the clock and bells project would divert subscriptions from the restoration funds, but Cattley successfully countered this by forming a committee that included not only the Mayor but the Earl of Dudley, at that time the wealthiest man in England. Cattley was very busy in the early months of 1864, as he not only formed his committee but found subscribers to contribute over £1,500, took the Astronomer Royal to task on the accuracy of the clock and contacted E. B. Denison, Q.C., for advice on the whole project. Denison (later Lord Grimthorpe) became very interested and visited Worcester in March and gave a public lecture on clocks and bells.

The lecture gave the project good local publicity and two months later Cattley announced that £2,009 had been subscribed and that the old bells were to be taken down immediately. Unfortunately he seems to have reckoned without the Dean and Chapter, who called a halt as they had not been informed of his objectives, and in any case they wanted professional assurance that the tower was capable of carrying the new ring safely. Two architects reported favourably upon the scheme, as the load imposed by the bells was to be carried down to the crossing by a system of massive timber trussing.

OLD BELLS—FOUR IN NORFOLK

The old bells were taken down and sold. The oldest, Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7, were bought by Mr. Tyssen Amherst for his house at Didlington, Norfolk, and are now at Didlington Church. The first three of these were cast by William Burford, of London, at about the time of the tower completion in 1374, and the old 7th was cast by "John Danyell's successor" c.1480. The treble (1641) was given by the Dean and Chapter to the then new Church of Holy Trinity, Worcester, which has recently been closed, and through the prompt action of the present Dean the bell has now returned to the Cathedral. Of the remaining old bells, the 5th and tenor have disappeared without trace.

Meanwhile Cattley's proposals received official approval, but shortly afterwards the scheme was enlarged to a ring of 12 with a tenor of 42 cwt. in D, no doubt due to Denison's influence. Owing to the tower restoration involving the rebuilding of the top 20 or 30 feet, the clock and bells had to wait a few years until this work was complete. In the interval Denison wrote up the specification for the bells and also designed the clock. John Taylor and Co. were selected to cast the bells.

No doubt due to pressure of subscribers who wanted to see (or hear) something for their money, the order for the bourdon was given in 1868 and the bell cast in September of that year. It weighed 4½ tons, diameter 6ft. 4½ins., and was a maiden in B flat. Upon arrival at the Cathedral it was hung up for swing chiming in a frame in the north transept, and until the bell was raised in the tower it became the practice to chime it inside the Cathedral before services. Denison visited Worcester early in 1869 to hear the bell and, as it met with his approval, the order was given for a ring of 12 (tenor 50 cwt. in D flat), with a semitone between 4 and 5 for the top note of the Westminster Quarters. Throughout the rest of the year the frame and its supporting structure were built so that when the bells arrived they were taken up almost immediately. Mr. Tyssen Amherst, incidentally, supplied the letterstamps for the inscriptions, a beautiful alphabet taken from bells at South Somercotes, Lincolnshire, dated 1423.

The "try-out" was on May 25th, 1870, but the dedication and opening was not to take place until all the money had been found. A sum of £4,310 had been subscribed and £700 was still required. The clock, made by Joyce, of Whitchurch, was installed and set going the following year.

CARILLON INSTALLED

A few months after the try-out a local industrialist, Mr. J. W. Lea, offered the gift of a carillon machine to play tunes, and after much wrangling between members of the Chapter the gift was accepted. Gillett and Bland, of Croydon, received the order to supply an Imhof machine to play 28 tunes, but initially it was to play only seven. Soon after the installation of the machine in December, 1872, it was found that the choice of tunes was very restricted and although the funds were still £850 short of expenditure, Cattley was again appealing for subscriptions, this time for two more semitone bells. The public must have begun to wonder where or when the clock and bells project was going to end! Fortunately a donor came forward for the two bells and these were cast and hung in 1875, the number of tunes being increased to 28 and containing a fair selection of Victorian "pops" such as "Home Sweet Home" and "My Lodging is on the Cold Ground."

Shortly after this, subscriptions dried up completely and the Dean and Chapter had to come to Cattley's rescue and relieve him of a debt of over £700. The total cost of the work was £6,200—over three times the original esti-

mate. Cattley went on to form a society of ringers, which was the forerunner of the present Guild of voluntary bellringers. He also had a hand in the erection of other public clocks in the city.

As before, ringing was for State occasions only and it was not until 1893 that any Sunday service ringing took place. It was during this year that the first peal was rung, on December 14th, and was 5,093 Grandsire Caters conducted by Lionel Longney. Only six peals were rung up to 1928 and only one upon the 12—Stedman Cinques—the remaining peals being Grandsire Caters and one of Bob Royal in 1919, the tenor being rung single-handed by Joseph E. Sykes.

1928 RECAST

Although ringing was rather intermittent up to the turn of the century, the bells had acquired quite a reputation for heavy going, due mainly to wear and tear and tower movement. There was also some dissatisfaction with the tuning as the trebles were rather wild and upon several occasions rehanging was contemplated. Of events leading up to the 1928 recast, very little is known except that no funds were available to meet the cost. It is believed that Mr. E. P. Thomas, of Claines, contacted sufficient donors to offset some of the cost which resulted in the 15 ringing bells (all the semitones had been hung for ringing from their installation) being recast and rehung in new fittings, and the bourdon retuned. The new tenor weighed 42 cwt. 2 qr. in B, and the retuned bourdon 82 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in A. The old inscriptions were reproduced on the new bells, again in the Somercotes alphabet. The work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. at a cost of £1,380.

The first three peals on the new bells were two of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximos, the latter being conducted by William Pye, who rang the tenor single-handed. To date, a total of 30 peals has been rung and all the ringable bells rung to peals. The semitone bells have always been flat 4th, flat 6th and flat 8th and it is possible to arrange a major 12, a major and minor ten, one major and three minor eights and four major and three minor sixes. Ropesight is sometimes difficult, however, as the flat 4th is directly behind the 8th. The bells are rung once each Sunday by the Cathedral Guild, founded in 1893.

THE ARRANGEMENTS—continued.

Whit Monday.

Tour No. 2

Stoulton, St. Edmund,		
King and Martyr	(6)	9.30-11.00
Pershore Abbey	(8)	10.15-11.45
Great Comberton, St. Michael's	(6)	11.00-12.30
Little Comberton, St. Peter'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

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Freda Burke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Nita Marshall 2, W. Barwell 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Daniel (first quarter) 1, A. N. Hine 2, R. H. Toop 3, P. R. Denton 4, J. L. Queen (cond.) 5, C. C. A. Phillips (first quarter) 6. For Maifans.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT WORCESTER

William Baden Cartwright, The Master

Born in Selly Oak and lived in the area all his life. Commenced ringing career at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, in 1919, under the tuition of the late Samuel Grove, Harry Withers and other stalwarts of that time. Rang first peal at Harborne (Stedman Triples) on January 12th, 1920, ringing the treble with the celebrated John Carter ringing the second. The peal was conducted by the late George Pigott. Not a prolific peal ringer—280 peals to the end of 1967, having conducted 108 of them, 199 for the Worcestershire Association, the remainder for various Associations.

Elected Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, in 1923 and has continued in that office ever since. Joined the Worcestershire Association in 1918. Appointed Ringing Master, Northern Branch, 1922-1924; secretary, Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, 1934-1936.

Served on Association's Central Committee since 1938. Elected a vice-president in 1947. Elected Master of the Association 1956 and still occupies that office. Represented the Worcestershire Association on the Central Council since 1951. For some years past has been the honorary legal adviser to the Central Council.

David Beacham, General Secretary

David Beacham was born in Gloucestershire in 1932 and until 1934 lived for most of that time in the village of Twynning, near the Worcestershire border, where he learned to ring on the Rudhall six in 1946. He also rang at the neighbouring parish church of Ripple, where he rang his first peal (Grandside Doubles) on October 27th, 1947, conducted by Charles Haylings. His eight-bell ringing was learned at Upton-on-Severn under that redoubtable character Charles J. Camm.

Ringers living near the boundaries of two Associations know the divided loyalties this situation can cause and, for a time, he rang in both counties, learning 10- and 12-bell ringing at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, practices as well as supporting his own local ringing. In 1952 he began his association with ringing in Worcester and joined the Cathedral Guild in 1953. He was Master of this Guild from 1956 to 1959 and hon. secretary from 1961 to 1966. Like many Worcester ringers, he is a member of two bands and is tower captain at All Saints'. His peal total is 132 (conducted 10).

He has been general secretary of the Association since 1962 and a representative on the Central Council since 1956. His main interests are the planned training of ringers and bell restoration.

In 1964 he moved from Twynning to Hallow, Worcester, and took a three-year training course at Worcester College of Education and is now teaching in a Bromsgrove secondary school. Previously he was a horological engineer. His wife, Kitty, also a teacher, was a Worcester ringer, though she has not rung for some years. They have a 15-month-old son, Jonathan.

CIRENCESTER BRANCH STRIKING CONTEST

St. Mary de Crypt ringers won the first striking contest of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, held at Longney on May 11th. Ringing Bob Minor, they had only seven faults. Other placings: Barnwood (Grandside Doubles) 12 faults; Upton St. Leonards "A" (call changes) 14; Brockworth (call changes) 15; Churchdown (Grandside Doubles) 19; Upton St. Leonards "B." who had only been ringing for about six months, 47. The judges were Mr. W. B. Kynaston and Miss Valerie Willard.

At a short business meeting five new members from Upton St. Leonards and Barnwood were elected.

Record Crowd at Yorkshire A.G.M.

THERE was an attendance of over 150 people at the Association's annual general meeting on May 4th, held in York for the first time since 1961. This very gratifying increase in numbers on the good attendances during the last year or two caused headaches to the various Ringing Masters, especially to Mr. Alan Hartley, in charge of the heavy ring at the Minster.

The Minster Society was well organised for the day, however. Mr. Alan Leggett, its secretary, solved the car drivers' parking problems by arranging for the Dean's Park to be open for the Association's use; members were ushered over the temporary bridge over the huge hole under the central tower to evening prayer in the choir, a service, with its music, much appreciated, though the choir was outdone in "Unchanging God"; and the St. John's College Society, organised by Miss Joy Watkins, catered admirably in the College for tea. The only pity was that there were not more bells fairly close to the city.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley, presiding over the annual meeting, said the attendance was probably a record for the Association, at least since the First War. He declared the following officers elected: Peal secretary, Dr. T. D. Spencer; report editor (a new office), Mr. R. Ducker; composition secretary (a new office), Mr. W. E. Critchley; general secretary, Mr. W. F. Moreton. The two honorary auditors elected were Mr. W. Barton and Mr. C. F. Dempster; representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, Mr. E. Hudson and Mr. J. N. D. Chaddock.

INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

The president informed members that the Standing Sub-Committee, at the General Committee's request, had begun to consider what might be done in 1975, the Association's centenary year. While several suggestions for this event were still being considered, it had been decided, with the General Committee's agreement, to invite the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to hold its 1970 meeting in Yorkshire, and the invitation would be made this year at Worcester. No centre had yet been chosen.

The report for 1967 was then presented, and members were given an opportunity to ask questions about it. A further opportunity will be made at the September meeting at Knaresborough on September 21st.

The report includes these remarks on meetings: "We are well aware, that with increasing numbers attending meetings, there is the problem of organising good ringing, and we are at present considering the matter in an effort to improve standards. There appears to have been a misunderstanding in some quarters about the content of the programmes of meetings in that it was suggested that there was no provision for those visitors who were unable to ring changes. We would like to make it clear that Ringing Masters do cater for all ringers. We would like to take this opportunity of stating that the first consideration should be to have good ringing, and that call changes properly rung are to be preferred to advanced methods which are beyond the capabilities of one or more of the band. We sympathise with those members who wish to attempt 'something new' at a meeting and we see no objection provided adequate preparation is made and that the Ringing Master is given proper support by those qualified to give it."

The retiring peal secretary, Mr. Eric Critchley, gave his 16th and last report. The total of 225 peals included Surprise Major in no less than 24 different methods. There were 42 compositions in the report. He mentioned particularly that Mr. Neil Donovan, of Rotherham, had called Yorkshire Royal as his first peal a conductor. Mr. Critchley was warmly thanked by the president for his work during the last 16 years, especially in producing the report each year.

New members elected were: Gail Horton, Gillian Gardiner, Robert Watson, Michael Rollason, Richard Harrison, David Rankin, John Brierley, Kenneth Ineson, Stephen Emmet, Valerie Gardiner, John Gibson, Philip Charlesworth, Glyn Scourfield, David Burkinshaw and David Schofield. Cynthia Barnett, Christine Broadley and William Thow were elected non-resident members.

"BELLS & A LIVE CHURCH"—MELDRETH DEDICATION

THE president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) on May 11th visited Holy Trinity, Meldreth, Cambs, to dedicate two new bells.

He concluded an inspiring address to the large congregation of ringers and villagers with this message: "This is what Meldreth bells recall every time they ring: The Church is alive! The Church has a message worth proclaiming and is proclaiming it. The Church is a fellowship whose members give service, varied yet united. The bells invite all to share the Church's life, so believe its message—to serve the Lord."

The Canon reminded the congregation that for 1,000 years there had been a church in Meldreth. In an England which has so largely lost the respect of other peoples, where the spirit of paganism is so obvious—crime, drugs, dishonesty, immorality—the fact that there are so many Christians seems miraculous.

Amid a dissatisfied people, here is the Church with its buildings cared for by personal generosity, with more and more churches being built, with a moral influence out of all proportion to the numbers who worship and with more and better ringers than perhaps ever before.

Oh yes! Anti-Christ is strong! the atheists shout loudly. So, even, do some clergy who prefer publicity to priesthood. Indifference, persecution, apathy face the Church in many places. Despite these things—perhaps because of them—the Church is alive! There's more self-criticism, more planning for future opportunities, less self-satis-

faction, more courage among church folk for a very long time. Judge what has happened here! The Church in Meldreth is alive!

The Church is a fellowship, a family to which people either commit themselves or do not commit themselves. It has no room for mere hangers-on. Every church member should offer service of some kind to the community. The service provided here by those whose names you'll read in "The Ringing World" next week and by their friends is an object lesson which deserves to go down in history, of how to render service, how to dedicate skill to God and the community.

One sometimes hears of ringers who are not members of the Church family. What a reflection on that branch of the Church family! How miserable to have a congregation whose members have not enough of the spirit of service to raise a band of ringers amongst them. How splendid it is to know that every time Meldreth bells ring for worship, here are members of the worshipping family offering service to Our Lord by proclaiming the Gospel.

There was a large congregation at the service and after the reading of the lesson a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by V. Nutton, B. Threlfall, F. Haynes and Mrs. Threlfall. The bell carol was sung before the sermon. Mr. W. Hughes represented the bell-founders at the dedication ceremony, which was followed by rounds by the local company.

Tea was prepared by Mrs. Gibson and Miss Jean Sanderson and served in the Village Hall and there was ringing at both Melbourn and on the newly dedicated bells.

Letters to the Editor

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S SECRETARY EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. E. Shuttleworth for his letter regarding the annual general meeting of the Southwell Guild. (See "The Ringing World," page 362.)

There are many incumbent difficulties attached to the arranging of an annual meeting at Southwell, as opposed merely to obtaining permission to attempt a peal on the bells. The General Committee of the Guild considered all the many other factors that have to be taken into consideration, i.e. the service, business meeting, accommodation available, tea facilities and ringing times, etc. The only item not known to them at the time was that the Minster choir would be away on holiday, and that no other choir would be in attendance for the service. This, incidentally, is the first time that I can ever recall this happening.

The committee's decision, whilst not ideal, was felt to be the best arrangement in the circumstances. The times were fully advertised.

The business meeting was completed, despite a rather long wait for the votes to be counted, in just over an hour. This for an annual general meeting is surely reasonable.

The ringing arrangements were in the hands of the appointed Ringing Master, and, in view of the numbers attending, the general consensus of opinion was that he did a very good job in the difficult circumstances. One of the main difficulties with Southwell is that there are no other towers in the immediate vicinity.

With regard to the ringing at the times other than those advertised, I can assure you that this was not with my permission. If ringers seek out the verger and he admits them to the tower and locks them in, I am in no position to stop them ringing, much as I deplore this.

Considering that this was the Guild's annual general meeting, the main item on the agenda was the business meeting, and for once ringing must take second place. I would not have thought personally that this was the ideal meeting to take a beginner for his first meeting, especially with a view to ringing on the 12 bells.

Finally, if Mr. Shuttleworth wishes to make his criticism constructive, perhaps he would like to offer his services to the Guild in the capacity of a Ringing Master.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON,
Hon. General Secretary.

CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in the June edition of "Ideal Home" of Son et Lumière to be presented at Christ Church, Oxford, from June 27th to September 28th (nightly except Sundays), to be narrated by Sir John Gielgud:

"Twelve centuries of events and personalities connected with Christ Church are embraced, from an early virgin saint up to such distinguished past students as composer Sir William Walton, poet W. H. Auden and actor-writer Emlyn Williams. As well as 13 Prime Ministers, 10 Viceroys, a clutch of notable Churchmen and others."

Will the bells of Christ Church be heard in this, I wonder?—Yours sincerely,

STELLA G. CAPO-BIANCO (Mrs.),
Purley, Surrey

GETTING FACTS STRAIGHT

Dear Sir,—Everyone is entitled to his opinion, but it seems that one, Ian Roberts, has overstepped the mark. Let us get this one fact straight: Any ringer who stands in a peal attempt should be aiming at the target of approximately three hours of good ringing in a method that he or she has learned and on bells that are either a pleasure or a challenge to ring.

With this in mind it follows that it takes more than "any fool" to "learn two or three Surprise Major methods," and that the mental and physical effort involved in scoring a record peal of Glasgow is outside the capacity of the "hundred daft beggars prancing around Edgbaston belfry."

Having thus removed the idiot population (if it ever existed) from our peal bands, we are left with ringers who usually are willing to stand in quarter peal attempts at their own towers able enough to aid any "first" in the band and generally to help in keeping law and order in moments of crisis. This, of course, is a form of tuition that your correspondent chooses to ignore.

The choice of a method presents an interesting exercise in facts. If Mr. Roberts chose to analyse the composition of peal bands he would probably find that those scoring peals in the so-called "advanced methods" are represented by almost the same names. In standard method peals rather more variety appears. Descending the scale of achievement, the field for choice of quarter peal bands being larger (even the most dedicated ringer occasionally having other commitments!), the predominance of the so-called simpler method must follow. A quarter peal band used to be regarded as the first step to greater things, and one must start somewhere.

An answer to the perplexing question of bells, their uses and who should ring them, would tax the ingenuity of a bench of bishops: need I say any more?

In closing, may I suggest that our Mr. Roberts would have been more usefully employed walking across to Kirkburton and enjoying a "jar" at the hostelry known to many as "The Twitters"—perhaps then I need not have written this letter. — Yours faithfully,
M. W. HARBOTT.

Ashtead, Surrey.

1967 PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—It has come to my notice that the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield, in February, 1967, was false.

I must, therefore, as conductor, withdraw this peal and tender apologies to the band and all concerned.—Yours sincerely,

Whitefield, Manchester. F. JOHN NELSON.

A LITTLE HELP

Dear Sir.—At the end of last year I undertook the formidable task of trying to train a completely new band of ringers at Harmondsworth (a tower which has too long been silent).

It was not long before Mr. Frank Blagrove (Windsor) and Miss Anne Horsford (Twickenham) generously came to my aid, and have continued coming almost every Monday.

How heartening it is to know that amongst the ringing community there are those who still believe in, and execute with such cheerfulness the old proverb "A little help is worth a deal of pity."—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET A. WAY (Mrs.),
Longford, Middlesex.

"THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT"

Dear Sir,—Recently I was reading the Home Office pamphlet headed "Watch Out—There's a Thief About." This contains a few elementary principles of crime prevention intended to encourage the public to safeguard their property.

It occurred to me that not infrequently incumbents and ringers alike fail to take elementary security precautions to ensure the safety of "the tools of the Exercise." I can think of many churches which I have had occasion to visit recently where belfries are left unlocked and property, such as books and handbells, often of value to the tune of several hundred pounds, left to the tender mercies of itinerant felons.

It was therefore with some apprehension that I read in "The Ringing World" dated March 22nd, 1968, a letter from Vernon Bottomley which stated "it is unlikely that anyone will attend with lifting tackle and transport without first making inquiries." Unfortunately, there are only too many of the criminal classes willing and eager to attend with "lifting" tackle, and inquiries at that stage would hardly be expected.

To illustrate this, only recently three men were convicted at Chippenham of stealing a church bell, and only a few weeks ago a bell weighing perhaps half a hundredweight was stolen from the now derelict St. Mary Redcliffe School premises in Bristol. This has now been recovered intact.

Instances of theft from and malicious damage to church premises are increasing—one has only to think of the recent sacrilege at Canterbury. In view of this, in my opinion more care should be taken on our part in connection with the security of the belfry and fittings. Perhaps if the church had been secured effectively the recent incident at Stapleford, Wiltshire, might not have happened.

Incidentally, are we to assume from the article on page 178 of "The Ringing World" dated March 8th, 1968, that the Wiltshire Constabulary are currently scouring Salisbury Plain in order to apprehend the alleged offenders? I think not.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL J. RIGBY.

Bishopsworth, Bristol.

THE OTHER WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Dear Sir.—What is all this recent fuss about ringing at Westminster Abbey? Last Sunday morning I was taken to the Abbey by a friend, and after a friendly introduction I enjoyed a very pleasant ring on the ten bells. Before all your correspondents rush off to London to find out why the two trebles are not rung, I should point out that to ring at this Westminster Abbey they will have to travel about 6,000 miles to British Columbia. Here they will be welcomed by the monks of the Benedictine Monastery at Mission City, about 40 miles east of Vancouver. They will enjoy change ringing on the fine ten, which were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HALLETT.

New Westminster, B.C.

TOWER GRABBERS

Dear Sir.—Whilst I do not wish to comment on Miss Horsford's views on the tower-grabbers' list, I do feel that her ideas of what one should have done to have one's name mentioned are rather simple.

Surely almost every ringer and churchgoer who is keen will have exceeded these qualifications.—Yours faithfully,

A. D. LILLEY.

Ickleton, Cambs.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD'S HEALTHY YEAR

A satisfactory year was reviewed at the annual general meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, where the Vicar of Stretton (the Rev. G. Lane) conducted Evensong. Previously there had been ringing on the fine six at All Saints'. Upwards of 50 members enjoyed tea in Friars' Walk School, provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brittan, Mrs. G. M. Dunn and helpers. They were thanked by Mr. R. A. Weston.

In the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. B. Worthington) Mr. Welton presided at the meeting. Heartening proceedings were the election of 17 new members (seven from Packington and three from Winhill being prominent), and Mr. J. H. Brittan (hon. treasurer) reporting the accounts to be in a healthy state with an increased balance.

In his report Mr. J. H. Cotton (hon. secretary) mentioned that seven meetings were held during the year, 20 new members elected, giving a total membership of 18 honorary and 140 ringing. The Coming-of-Age, Dinner was attended by 70 members and friends.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

Recording peals, Mr. Cotton said the total was ten fewer than last year. Mr. R. Cotton was the only first-pealer. Personal milestones passed in Guild ringing were Mr. J. W. Cotton's 600th, J. K. Smith's 100th and G. R. Edwards' 100th. Leading peal ringers during 1967 were J. W. Cotton 35, J. K. Smith 29, R. J. Clifton 24. Leading conductor D. P. Jones, 15 peals.

There were certain changes in the officers. Mr. Welton, owing to business commitments, was unable to continue as chairman; his successor is Mr. G. L. Roobottom. Mr. T. Pryce, auditor for 22 years, also retired and Mr. G. Brown fills the vacancy. Resolutions of thanks were passed to these officers and to those continuing in office for their work in 1967.

Two hours of good ringing followed, which included touches of Double Norwich C.B. Major, Plain Bob Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples at St. Modwen's.

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Gloucester and Bristol Association

THERE were two notable "firsts" concerning the annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Malmesbury on April 20th. It was the first time in the 90 years' history of the Association that Malmesbury had been visited for the annual general meeting, and this was due to the invitation of the octogenarian incumbent, the Rev. A. Beagham, supported very enthusiastically by the Chippenham Branch.

The second was the presence of Miss E. M. Bliss in the chair. She is the first lady to be appointed chairman of the Association, and she had a difficult meeting well under control from start to finish. A remark overheard afterwards was indeed a charming tribute: "She should now go on to become Lord Mayor of London."

Over 100 members were present and there were visitors from Australia, Middlesex and Cheshire. Proceedings opened with prayer led by the Rector of Brinkworth and tribute was made to those who had died during the year, with a special reference to John G. Jefferies, a past Master of the Association.

Following confirmation by the members, the chairman presented the report, calling attention to its new style. She gave special congratulations to the multi-method ringers on their achievements on tower- and handbells and to the cycling Vicar of Randwick on the augmentation of his bells.

The Ringing Master, Mr. W. F. Scudamore, spoke about the Association ringing competition to be held on November 9th, the Boundaries Sub-Committee and the state of ringing for services in the Association area, which left room for much improvement. "We must find fresh ways to get more Sunday service ringing," he said. "Achievements of young ringers should be acknowledged and there should be a programme of training with a good certificate after examination by a panel of good ringers."

Congratulations were expressed on a peal of Plain Bob Triples at Olveston, which had seven firsts of Triples and a first of Triples as conductor.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. C. A. Wratten, outlined points in the financial statement. Costs were up and there was a loss of about £9 on general management. The Belfry Repair Fund was down, as it was at last being used. The sum of £75 each had been voted to Randwick and Wincombe and £10 to Painswick, also £36 was well spent on subsidising the week-end course at Cheltenham. On the propositions of Messrs. C. Mogford and A. L. Barry the reports were adopted.

Peal No. 3,528 of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Swindon was challenged because it had singles at the half-lead. It was decided that it be left to see if the Central Council accepted it as a peal.

As there was only one nomination for each of the officers, all were re-elected en bloc after thanks had been expressed to all. Attention was then drawn to the fine new badges of office being worn by the chairman and the Ringing Master. The officers replied with thanks for the trust shown in them. Messrs. J. R. Taylor, C. A. Wratten and A. L. Barry were re-elected to represent Bristol, Cheltenham and Gloucester Archdeacons on the Central Council for 1969-71, but an election was held to find one for the Swindon Archdeaconry between D. J. Carr and A. R. Peake, the latter being elected by a very large majority. A decision made in 1931 that the representatives must come one from each of the Archdeacons and must also reside in the Archdeaconry they represent was still binding.

Recommended by their Branches and the Management Committee, Messrs. Bernard Phillips and A. W. Wright, of Bourton-on-the-Water, and John W. Sly, of Northleach, were made honorary life members for their services to their towers, Branches and the Association.

NO CHANGE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

An invitation to hold the next annual general meeting on April 12th, 1969, in Tewkesbury was accepted and it was decided that subscriptions should all remain the same as for 1967, viz.: 2s. 6d. for juniors under 16; 3s. 6d. for associates; 5s. for seniors, and the affiliation by parochial church councils to remain at £1 ls.

A number of propositions by members were next dealt with, and it was decided to print only a selection of compositions rung for the Association for the first time, all others to be available on request from the peal secretary.

A move to combine the offices of Ringing Master and chairman found no support, neither did proposals to alter some of the rules, but a proposition to have methods rung for the first time for the Association printed in place notation in the report was supported by the treasurer and secretary on behalf of the Management Committee and carried unanimously.

The next motion was ruled out of order, as the fixing of peal fees is the prerogative of the committee, and they have fixed it at 1s. per rope for 1968.

Again, a move to alter a rule to define the areas represented by the Central Council representatives was rejected as the decision made in 1931, which is still binding, made it unnecessary. Mr. G. Tudor, of Bristol, spoke of a possibility of the bells of St. Thomas', Bristol, being rehung and asked for steps to be taken to enable them to have a grant if the work is done.

Mr. M. Rose, of Cirencester, seconded by Mr. E. Mould, of Bristol Rural, moved that a footnote reference to "Cupid" be left out of the 1968 report. To this members agreed.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. H. Blacker and the Chippenham Branch for their work in arranging the meeting, tea and service, also to the chairman for the able handling of the meeting.

An excellent meat tea was enjoyed by those who had booked in advance. This was prepared by the ladies of the Branch, who were thanked for such a good spread.

The service in the Abbey was well attended and a source of inspiration. A touch on handbells was rung during the service and a collection amounted to £7. Good use was made of the bells available in the morning and again after the service. To finish, another remark overheard, this by one of the youngest members present, referring to the address by the Vicar: "Sermons are usually a bore and uninteresting, but the one today was good and worth hearing."

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A RINGERS' STORY

Portrait of a Practice—By "FIFTH OBSERVATION"

Part 3 (continued from page 363).

[Now, after a good selection of methods has been rung, comes the moment for which Paddy has been eagerly waiting—an opportunity to ring his first course of Cambridge and to prove to the band that, even if his conducting of Grandsire leaves something to be desired, he can ring Surprise with the best of them. . .]

Go, Cambridge. Paddy lost his head through sheer excitement. Me, really ringing Surprise. . . It this really me, really ringing Surprise? For a moment he floundered on the end of his rope; then came Bob's placid voice—"Pull yourself together, man. Double-dodge, lie."

In a flash his head cleared. The diagram returned to his mind's eye—the zigzag of third's place bell; double, lie, singles, fifths. . . He nodded vigorously to indicate to Bob that he'd got the message, found himself at the back, dodged twice, lay behind. Here came the treble—one dodge with her. And now fifth's place, while the treble lay behind; and another dodge with the treble, and two more blows behind. Goodbye, treble. Two more dodges, and then what? Oh yes. Fourth's place bell. Places. A three-four dodge first, then two blows in third's, two in fourth's, and here's the treble, dodge with her, then two in third's, two in fourth's and go in to—

"Three! You've missed your last dodge." Crunch-hiatus-bong-ti-ding. Paddy looked round wildly for guidance.

"In second's now, Pad. Snap and lead full." Paddy collected his scattered wits. One blow on the lead, one in second's and lead full—whatever next? Oh, run out. Good.

Straight to the back he hunted; now he was in sixths. What did he do? Dodge, he supposed. But was it double or single? He tried for a double.

Crunch!

"You should have lain behind there, Pad. Double with me. Oy! Me, Pad. Over me, not under. One more. Over me. . . Go in, Pad. First half of front work."

In went Paddy and arrived on the front, to discover that he couldn't remember for the life of him what the front work was.

"Bob! What is the front work?"

Bob sighed. "Come on, quick, dodge, Pad; then lead, dodge, second's, then lead, dodge, second's over the treble, and then you're second's place bell. . . Dodge again, Pad. . . now second's, now lead full. You're striking a bit wide; pull her closer in, otherwise you'll upset everyone else's striking. Second's place bell now."

Second's place bell. Fifth's place bell backwards. Dodging behind after the front work, then.

The front work was muddled through, the hunting out accomplished. Then double, lie, single. Sixth's place bell. Gosh, this course seems to have gone on for weeks. Imagine

ringing a peal of the stuff! On and on like this, without a break, for three solid hours. . . Gosh! The concentration you'd need would be phenomenal. I don't know if I'd ever be good enough to be able to. . . but perhaps if I practise a lot, and. . .

A stentorian shout from Mick brought him sharply back to the present moment. "Pad! Wake up; you didn't do your dodge after your full lead. Three-four places now—no, dodge first—now fourth's, now third's, now dodge, now fourth's, now third's, dodge again, this is all. . . Stand!"

Paddy, flushed, hot, filled with mixed elation and exhaustion, his ears still ringing with the voice of the bells and with words of command, regarded Mick solemnly through his forelock.

"Thanks a lot, Mick."

"A pleasure, Pad. Any day. . . within reason."

"Thanks, Bob. It seems so different when you're actually ringing it, doesn't it?"

"Ah, that's why they call methods like this 'Surprise'" responded Bob gravely, "because you never know quite what's going to happen next."

"Oh, that's not really why, is it?" asked Sue. "I thought it was like Delight and Pleasure and all those other funny classifications and didn't really mean anything."

"Search me," said Bob. "Seriously, though, Pad, that wasn't too bad, considering it was a first attempt. Have you ringing London in no time."

Paddy's world glowed. He was a Cambridge ringer. . . Henceforward, when he went to ringing meetings and practices and outings and people said "Catch hold for Cambridge," he would be able to take his place among the good ringers, the Cambridge ringers, the élite. At least, if it were a plain course he could—or a very easy sort of touch. He would stagger the next District meeting by his virtuosity. At least, if it were at a six-bell tower he would. . .

Whirr from the clock-case in the corner. Nine o'clock; time for Bob to bring the proceedings to a close.

"That's it for tonight, then, folks," he said, hunching himself into his jacket. "Someone

get the tenor down. Will you, Martin? Thanks. I'll entrust you with the task of locking up, then; here's the key, and could you make a special point of seeing that all the lights are turned off—somebody left the stairs light on last week. Coffee and hand-bells at my place for anyone who feels that way inclined. I'm off to get things ready. See some of you shortly. Cheerio!" And Bob departed, splat-splat-splat, down the stairs to the tower door and the outside world.

After him, at long, slow intervals, came his band; Mick with a Troughton sister on each arm; Paddy being congratulated on his achievement, and offered various hints on how-to-keep-right-in-Cambridge, by the Cocks brigade; old Bill and the wife, in spirit already back on Five Oaks Farm, discussing with one another problems relating to the weatherproofing of a series of new poultry houses; small Tim Alexander and the curate, discussing the topic of summer holidays with considerable fervour; and Martin last of all.

Whistling absently to himself, he knotted the tenor rope, released the clock-hammer and made for the door; then, struck with a sudden thought, he turned, his hand on the light-switch, and glanced rapidly round the ringing chamber. Had anyone left anything behind? Just as well to make quite sure. No. . . yes, someone had left behind a notebook of some sort.

Martin picked up the book from the bench. METHODS, it said, in black ink on the front cover; and when it came open readily at a well-thumbed page bearing a somewhat ill-drawn diagram of Cambridge. Minor Martin needed no further proof that it belonged to a certain young gentleman by the name of P. J. Markwick.

The trouble was that Paddy never stayed to coffee with Bob during term-time, there invariably being a fair (or unfair) amount of homework set by his French master on Thursdays. . .

"Oh, well, I'll look after it for him," thought Martin; and, with a last look round, he switched off the light, pocketed the notebook, shut the door behind him and began the descent of the stairs.

(Concluded)

A NORTH KENT WEEK-END

Organised by Mr. Laurie Mitchell, North Kent ringers and friends had a week-end tour of Dorset and South Devon on April 26th, 27th and 28th. The first night was spent at Stoney Cross in the New Forest. During lunch the next day at Dorchester it started to rain and poured all the afternoon. The clouds rolled away while the party were enjoying a Devon cream tea at Honiton. Evening ringing was at St. Paul's, Honiton, Ottery St. Mary and Clyst Honiton, and the hotel at Exeter was reached at 9 p.m.

On Sunday morning we rang at St. David's, Exeter, after attending Holy Communion which was arranged for the party. The morning was spent at Withycombe Raleigh and at Exmouth, ringing Mr. Frank Mack's light six. There was a roast turkey lunch at Beer, followed by ringing at Bridport and Wool. Tea was at Brockenhurst in the New Forest, where we met Mrs. Dunk. Ringing Masters for the week-end were Nicholas Chesson and Chris Osenton, and ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major. Thanks are extended to all who made us so welcome.

W. R. A. and F. J. D.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

After a lapse of three or four years the Guildford District held a striking competition again, at Dunsfold on May 11th. In spite of this attractive church being rather out of the way and on the edge of the District, five teams converged there. The Cathedral band were winners with 9½ faults. Stoke-next-Guildford 20½, Sherborne 21½, Chiddingfold 34½ and Bramley 55½.

Bramley, who, the judge said, were "very determined" are also to be commended for entering, as they are a new and almost entirely self-taught band, used to a very light six with short draught and finding themselves suddenly on heavier bells with a long draught. A thunderstorm rolled overhead as they were ringing and they almost thought the bells were coming down!

The competition ringing was followed by the service, when the Rector (the Rev. Edmund Lister) spoke of ringing, as well as everything else done, being to the Glory of God—and of course should be enjoyed as well. The organist was Mr. R. Fincher, and Mrs. Fincher, together with the other lady ringers or wives, provided a very good tea in the Village Hall. The business meeting followed, at which the judge, Mr. Douglas May, gave his comments and markings. Nearly 40 were present.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE GOULDING

Painswick has lost one of the oldest of its ringers by the death in hospital on May 12th of Mr. George Goulding, aged 74. He had been in failing health for some time.

He started to ring in 1920 and rang about 12 peals—all Grandsire and ranging from Doubles to Cinques. He was most regular in his attendance, serving the church also as a chorister for about 60 years and for some years as crossbrearer.

George was a printer by trade but during the depression in the 1920's he became a postman and nearly all his 40 years in the G.P.O. were spent at Painswick.

The funeral service on May 17th was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Heal) and was attended by many ringers and friends from the G.P.O. Handbells were rung over the grave and a muffled quarter peal to his memory in the evening.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS. — On May 5th, 1959 Grandair Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, C. W. Bragg 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, G. E. Fearns 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

HALF PEAL

GROTON, MASS., U.S.A.—On April 21st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: F. E. Ulen II 1, G. Davies 2, W. A. Theobald 3, J. T. Erichsen 4, S. B. Prudden 5, A. McDonald (cond.) 6. First half peal 1, 4, 5, 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DATE TOUCH

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1968 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 1,248 Plain Bob): T. Wyle 1, G. R. King 2, A. Richardson 3, S. Hough 4, D. Mottershead 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6.

THREE SERVICE QUARTERS IN LONDON ON MAY 12th

ALDgate, E.—At St. Botolph's, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Sandra C. Thexton 1, Patricia Copas 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, R. L. Jones 4, M. J. Palmer 5, L. C. Way 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. J. Collis 8. For Holy Communion.

DALSTON, E.—At St. Mark's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sandra C. Thexton 1, R. J. Collis 2, Patricia Copas 3, M. J. Palmer 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, R. L. Jones 6, L. C. Way 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8.

PENGE, S.E.—At St. John's, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: R. J. Collis 1, K. J. Rider 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, L. C. Way 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. C. Dabb (first quarter) 1, G. E. Kerley 2, E. J. Evans (first "inside") 3, D. L. Kerley 4, P. Jones 5, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 6, D. Evans 7, L. R. Scott 8. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. J. Evans 1, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 2, D. Evans 3, D. L. Kerley 4, D. C. Dabb (first "inside") 5, P. Jones 6, D. G. Kerley (25th quarter) 7, L. R. Scott 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Penny Cocks 1, Louise Powell (first "inside") 2, N. Bennett 3, C. H. Macve 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Home Guard anniversary service.

BANWELL, SOM.—On May 10th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: Rev. J. Tomsett 1, J. C. Sheppard (first Yorkshire) 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, L. A. England (first Surprise Major) 4, Miss B. H. Boyce 5, S. Brown 6, E. T. Skipsley (cond.) 7, G. G. Salmon 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Powell 1, Miss V. E. Dunne 2, J. H. Lott 3, Miss J. Spurgeon 4, M. R. Wycherley 5, R. J. Cooles 6, A. F. Udall (cond.) 7, E. Boyle 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on May 5th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: E. Naylor 1, Diana Bridle 2, G. Salmon 3, S. Woodcock 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, D. Mackay 7, M. J. Horne-man 8, J. Brain 9, W. H. Kingcott 10, E. J. Chivers 11, P. Bridle 12.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Stephens (first on eight away from tenor) 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, E. H. Langley 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, T. J. Bell (first on eight "inside") 5, T. R. Hart 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, W. S. Pryor 8. A thanksgiving for the life and work of Edward Sanders, previously captain of this tower.

CASTOR, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Sumner 1, C. Banks (first "inside") 2, A. E. J. Foster 3, A. K. Oliver 4, G. F. Oliver 5, F. E. Simey (cond.) 6. For morning service, and also as a 64th birthday compliment to the treble ringer and 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Foster, daughter of 3rd ringer.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On April 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. Roast 1, Mary Roast 2, R. J. W. Housden 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. West 5, T. Spurgeon 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. First in the method on the bells. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roast; also a birthday compliment to Paul Roast. Also on May 12th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Roast 1, P. J. Came 2, E. W. Roast 3, Yvonne A. Murray 4, T. Spurgeon 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6, J. West 7, J. L. Towler 8. For Evensong.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Buchanan 1, Miss A. Longman 2, J. Hartless 3, A. Buchanan 4, T. Matcham (cond.) 5, B. Buchanan 6.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On May 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Crawford 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, C. Baxter 3, Rev. R. Worsdall 4, J. Holmes 5, B. D. Hill (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. R. Worsdall who is leaving this parish.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Milham 1, Lynn Seton 2, T. Barnard 3, S. Sandford 4, F. Matthews (cond.) 5, P. Eves 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HAIRSTON, CAMBS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Barbara Phillips (first quarter) 1, Merry-n Hutchings 2, Frances Threlfall 3, R. L. Underwood 4, A. F. Schofield 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day. Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. M. Croall 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, S. Rayfield 3, F. J. Cheal 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, T. Wickins 6. A birthday compliment for Mrs. F. J. Cheal.

ILLOGAN, CORNWALL.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Barradell 1, T. J. Bell 2, D. Stephens 3, R. P. Pearce 4, T. R. Hart (cond.) 5.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara J. Duck 1, E. H. Langley 2, A. Locke 3, R. P. Pearce 4, T. J. Bell (first Minor) 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Gray (first on tower bells) 1, K. Lucas 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, D. Stott 4, P. Fleckney 5, W. White 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. James 1, H. N. Platow 2, Hervi R. Simpson 3, P. J. Munday 4, A. D. Elmore 5, R. D. Mills 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, D. E. Parsons 8.

LEEDS, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. G. Huckstepp 1, Brenda Davies 2, C. J. E. Wyld 3, P. Smith 4, A. Leeces 5, D. Manger 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, B. Johnson 8, N. J. Davies 9, H. Deacon 10, First of Stedman Caters 3, 5, 8.

LIANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Wilson 1, Mary G. Trent 2, Margaret Twigg 3, M. H. Tompsett 4, J. J. Cawdron (first in method as cond.) 5, D. Pendlebury (first quarter) 6. First Grandsire Doubles 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung by the University of Wales Society as an engagement compliment to David Watkins and Rosalie Andrews.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 11th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: N. D. Lomas 1, Eric Roughley 2, S. Hough 3, T. Wyle 4, K. Davenport 5, G. R. Gardner 6, D. Mottershead 7, F. J. Nelson (cond.) 8.

MARK, SOM.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Petheram 1, E. Forrest 2, Kay Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Doris G. Burrough 5, P. W. Ham 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, R. Lee 8. First Plain Bob 1, 5. Rung by the Sunday service band to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral on March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Heyes 1, Mary Heyes 2, G. Stewart (first "inside") 3, R. Turner (cond.) 4, R. Bampton 5, H. Rossell 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Turner 1, Margaret Aslett (first "inside") 2, M. Scowan 3, J. Roper 4, R. Bampton 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, N. Childs 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, Joanna Slater 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ted Perry, interred this day.

NEWTON, Lincs.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles four methods: A. C. Crawford 1, P. Pinchbeck 2, C. Baxter 3, J. Holmes 4, B. D. Hill (cond.) 5.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Mary Theobald 1, R. Pashley 2, Lynda Pashley 3, I. Taylor 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, A. Tanner 6. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mary Theobald 1, Lynda Pashley 2, Mrs. A. Matthews 3, F. Matthews 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, J. Warinton 6. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mary Theobald 1, I. Taylor 2, J. Ladd (cond.) 3, P. Feast 4, J. Warinton 5, A. Tanner 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Leary 1, Sue Heyworth 2, Judith Harvey 3, R. H. Johnston 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, J. R. Prau (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on May 12th, 1,320 Cambridge S. Minor: Rachel Kistruck 1, Judith Harvey (first of Surprise) 2, Sue Heyworth (first of Surprise) 3, J. K. Walton 4, S. F. Royal (cond.) 5, P. H. Mackie 6. For Matins.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 4th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Helen Haines 1, W. Willands (first of Caters) 2, Lesley Duguld (first on 10 bells) 3, Betty Daysh 4, G. Love 5, T. R. Taylor 6, R. Haines 7, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 8, G. Gammon 9, A. Hoodles 10. For the Annual Service of the Guild of Friends of Portsmouth Cathedral.

RADSTOCK, SOM.—On May 9th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (seven methods): R. Perry 1, R. G. Beck 2, J. Maggs 3, P. H. Jones 4, A. P. Beck (cond.) 5, R. Beck 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, on May 5th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: I. L. Dear (cond.) 1, J. F. Eborall 2, J. Hartley 3, S. R. Cole 4, J. D. Cooper (first Surprise "inside") 5, M. Young 6, J. S. Seager 7, C. W. Longden 8. By S.U.G.C.R. for evening Mass.

TUDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Dilley 1, D. H. P. Buxton 2, R. G. Crooks 3, A. Dilley 4, J. L. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. O. Kldby, member of choir and P.C.C. for many years.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On May 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Cairns 1, R. Naffab (first "inside") 2, A. King 3, E. P. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Fletcher 6.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Arscott 1, G. S. Morris 2, Mrs. C. N. Powell 3, D. Ellery 4, R. Williamson 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. G. Knight (cond.) 7, M. Symonds 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Diment, of Whitechurch, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris, of Lyme Regis, on their 36th wedding anniversary.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Dodd (first quarter) 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Caroline Madge 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (13 meth./var.): G. Bickerton 1, J. R. Scott (cond.) 2, J. S. Baker 3, G. A. Edwards 4, F. R. Morton 5, G. K. Green 6. For Evensong.

WRAGBY, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Rollason (first quarter) 1, L. F. Palmer 2, J. J. Durham 3, R. G. Green 4, M. G. Dodson 5, P. J. Cromthwaite (cond.) 6. By Leeds University Society.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Derby Diocesan Association has increased the peal booking fee to one shilling and sixpence a rope. This has been made necessary owing to increased printing costs.

The Bath and Wells Association has not scored a 12-bell peal since 1936. The recent attempt only reached the halfway stage despite the practice. Another attempt is contemplated.

Members who took part in the College Youths' peal at Christchurch Priory would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis for their hospitality after the peal.

Three of the four members of the ringing family at Newhey, Lancashire, rang in the first peal on the new bells recently. The parents achieved their ambition of ringing their first peal! Congratulations!

The peal rung at Birstwith, Yorks, on April 24th, was for the Sussex Association, and not the Yorkshire Association. None of the band was a member of the Yorkshire Association. A donation of 10s. (as requested) was made to the funds of Birstwith Church.

Three generations of the Arscott family rang in an in memoriam peal at Fitzhead, Somerset, for Stanley N. Bristow, on May 14th.

Mr. R. A. Ford, of Taunton, complains about the Salisbury Guild Festival at Wimborne. He states that three of the churches he visited were deserted with the bells "left up" and doors unlocked.

Miss Anne Simkins, of The School House, Fyfield, near Ongar, Essex, who is writing a project on the work of the Essex Association, asks for information on the Association, which was in existence in 1879, its present membership and its influence on ringing both then and now.

After the College Youths' successful peal attempt at Christchurch Priory on May 11th the company were entertained to refreshments by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis at Bourneheath, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne. The ringers offered congratulations to Mr. Philip Murduck, who revealed that he and Mrs. Murduck were celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary that day.

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A 21 YEARS' SILENCE AT CHAWTON ENDED

The bells of Chawton, Hampshire, are ringing again after 21 years' silence. They were rung for the first time on Sunday, April 7th, to welcome the Bishop of Winchester, who attended Matins.

On a bronze plate in the church is recorded: "To the Glory of God and in memory of Isabella Barbara Shaw Stewart, who fell asleep at Chawton House on the 4th August, 1883, two of the Ancient Bells of this Parish were erected in the belfry and four new bells were dedicated to the service of Almighty God." Also, there is in the porch, near the belfry door, a frame containing Chawton Belfry Rules, 1884; among the ringers' names appearing on this manuscript are those of George and William Pullinger, whose home was at Chawton at that time.

A framed record of the only peal on the bells prior to May 4th, 1968, appears in the ringing chamber; this peal was rung for the Winchester Diocesan Guild on June 14th, 1913, being seven different Minor methods conducted by Charles Edwards.

A plaque by the belfry door is inscribed: "To commemorate the Restoration of the Bells by the People of Chawton and well-wishers of the Church in 1937, the year of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI." The work was carried out by Gillett and Johnston Ltd., when the tenor only was rehung on ball bearings. The six bells are hung in two tiers in an oak frame with very little room to spare. There were ringers at Chawton until about 1938.

The peal rung on May 4th was made possible by ringers coming from Alton, Petersfield, West Meon and Warnford. The band have to thank Alan Kersey for ringing the treble at only a day's notice after two previous arrangements had been made for treble ringers, who, though living miles apart, caught German measles within a week of each other. The two very young ringers on 2nd and 3rd are pupils of Mr. Ken Tipper, captain at Petersfield tower, and he and they are to be congratulated on their very good performance.

Lastly, the bell installation has been repaired and maintained through the interest of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Selby Ash, Mr. R. D. Giles, churchwarden, the P.C.C., who are heart and soul with the bells now, and Mr. O. T. Cox, verger and sexton for 30 years, who gave invaluable help in every possible way.

Mr. R. Corke, captain at Alton tower, has taken over the teaching of new ringers, and Mr. Clive Chennell-White, also of Alton, is arranging ringing for services until the local band is in being.

C. E. B.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

By the Ancient Society of College Youths, June 1st, 12.30 p.m., Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Winchester Cathedral, and June 3rd, 2 p.m., Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

A SHROPSHIRE APPEAL

For the restoration and improvements to the bells and tower at Norton-in-Hales, Shropshire, over £3,000 is required. Mr. William Talbot, the ringing captain, writes thanking the Shropshire Association for the gift of £5 7s. 6d. subscribed at their recent meeting at Market Drayton.

A BUSY MONTH IN AMERICA

This is quite a ringing spring for Groton School. On May 3rd Rick Dirksen paid the School a visit and Plain Bob and St. Clement's were rung. On the 5th, about 100 members of the new English Guild of Handbell Ringers were entertained for their spring festival. They gave a recital lasting one hour of tune ringing in the chapel and then saw a demonstration of change ringing on tower bells in the belfry.

Mr. Russell Young drove to New York City on May 6th to meet Frank and Sheila Price and took them back to Groton, and the following day motored them to their cousins in Peterborough, New Hampshire. They were at the School on the 9th helping with the second band.

The first ring on the new bells at Smith's College took place on the 11th. The College is 75 miles from Groton and naturally there was a big assembly of ringers. Mr. Russell Young informs us that Frank Price is down to conduct a quarter peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor. The first band at Groton is practising Plain Bob Triples and it is hoped to attempt a peal soon.

Later in the month Tom Goodyer is expected from Sydney on his way to England. There are two other big ringing days for the School. On May 25th a number are going to Kent School and Smith's College to ring, and on May 26th every available ringer will ring at Hingham, Perkins and Groton.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD'S STRIKING COMPETITION

The annual striking competition of the St. David's Guild was held at St. Teilo's, Llandeilo, on May 11th, with eight teams competing, viz.: two from Pembroke and one each from Cardigan, Llandeilo, Llanelli and St. Florence, a team composed of members from the Swansea and Brecon Guild and a "scratch" band captained by Mr. H. Jenkins (Tenby).

After an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of the parish, the Mayor-elect of Cardigan, Mr. Percy Griffiths, who is the Guild auditor, proposed to them a vote of thanks. The Vicar then invited Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, Oxon, to give his adjudication.

The team with the lowest number of faults was the one from Swansea and Brecon, but as visitors were not eligible for the Shield the result was declared as follows: 1 Pembroke "A" 20 faults, 2 Llandeilo 31, 3 Pembroke "B" 53. Mr. Philip Rogers, captain of Pembroke and Ringing Master, expressed his delight at receiving the shield for the first time.

Mr. Sharpe and his Launton Handbell Ringers then gave a recital of handbell music, which has become the highlight of the competition meetings and is greatly appreciated by all.

Ringers then returned to the tower until 8.30 p.m.

B. M. R.

SURREY ASSOCIATION TURN DOWN AGREEMENT WITH GUILDFORD

The Surrey Association at its annual meeting rejected the motion of the joint committee with the Guildford Guild for earmarking certain towers in the Guildford Diocese where meetings can be held. They wanted freedom to hold meetings in all towers in the ancient county of Surrey. Report next week.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

On May 11th and 12th the Guild undertook its first overseas commitment—a tour of the Isle of Wight, the home of its president, J. B. Williamson, and as he had made all the arrangements they were excellent. The one adverse feature was of the membership's making—too few of them came; more's the pity for them, for they missed a delightful weekend in this delectable isle.

The president had, however, provided for all eventualities, and at every tower there were some of the Island's ringers, without whom the Guild would have been hard pressed indeed. Certainly we were most grateful for this reinforcement and for many other kindnesses.

The towers visited were at Ryde, Brading, Carisbrooke, Godshill and Whitwell on Saturday, and Chale on Sunday for morning service. Comparisons are odious, but the renown of Carisbrooke's octave has spread so far that to report our brief visit there as a memorable "highspot" should not offend. In any case, everywhere we went in belfries and outside was much enjoyed.

Now that the reconnaissance patrol has taken place we shall look forward to a renewed invasion another year, with battalion support.

D. L. G.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District held its annual competition on May 11th at Holywell. Five teams entered and the judges were Messrs. J. H. Bluff, H. C. Foster and B. F. Sims. Godmanchester were first to ring and they were followed by St. Neots, Brampton, Great Staughton and Eynesbury.

The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Rector, and after tea Mr. B. F. Sims gave the judges' views and advice and congratulated the competing teams on some good ringing. A special word of praise was given to the Great Staughton team (although not completing the test piece) for their spirit in entering; five of this team are schoolboys, aided and abetted by their Vicar.

The judges' decision was as follows: 1 St. Neots, followed by Brampton, Eynesbury, Godmanchester and Great Staughton. Mr. B. F. Sims then presented the Frank W. Lack Memorial Trophy to Mr. G. E. Bonham, the captain of St. Neots team.

Mr. A. J. Davey proposed the vote of thanks and it was then back to the tower for further ringing until 8.15 p.m.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS

The Lord Bishop of Ely will rededicate the recently rehung bells at Houghton on June 3rd. The original five bells have been unringable since 1960. As a memorial to the Rev. J. D. Ward, Rector for 30 years, a new treble has been added and the P.C.C. is raising over £3,000 for providing this bell, dismantling and rehanging the bells, bird-proofing the tower and other miscellaneous repairs.

The contract has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the village has now a delightful ring of six with a 10 cwt. tenor. The service is at 6.30 p.m. and the tower will be open for ringing until 8.45 p.m. Parking facilities will be available in the school playground, entrance from the Huntingdon Road.

H. S. D.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
KIDDERMINSTER. Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary & All Saints.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Alan R. Patterson Treble	Thomas J. Southam 7
David P. Hilling 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Frank E. Darby 3	John C. Eisel 9
Andrew N. Stubbs 4	David J. Purnell 10
Martin C. Faulkes 5	D. John Hunt 11
Brian Bladon 6	Michael P. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus by the Society.

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

Bradley Murduck Treble	Edward W. Colley 6
Bruce B. Rogers 2	Arthur V. Davis 7
Geoffrey K. Dodd 3	Philip Murduck 8
Denby Murduck 4	Raymond Haines 9
Alan A. J. Buswell 5	Ronald Marlow Tenor

Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*Richard C. Taylor Treble	†Roy W. Rice 6
†Michael G. Bartlett 2	†Walter S. Rice 7
*David G. Massey 3	§John C. Sheppard 8
‡Brenda H. Boyce 4	Edgar T. Skipsey 9
§Peter J. England 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed by William Pve.

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

* First peal of Royal and 50th peal. † First of Surprise Royal.
‡ First on ten bells and of Surprise. § First on ten bells.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's variation.	Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
*Alan G. Kent Treble	Brian J. Wyld 5
John Brain 2	*Edwin T. Dibble 6
Michael J. Stone 3	Cecil T. Clarke 7
Geoffrey H. Marchant .. 4	William J. Lott Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Wyld.

* First peal on eight bells.

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., May 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven 720's (different extents). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

*Raymond F. Arscott .. Treble	§Frederick C. Arscott .. 4
*†Adrian F. Arscott .. 2	‡Mervyn Aston Arscott .. 5
‡Mervyn Roy Arscott .. 3	‡Leslie H. Arscott .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

A family effort of three generations.

* Father and son respectively. † First peal of Minor. § Uncle and brother of conductor.

Rung in memory of Mr. Stanley S. Bristow, one-time instructor and Ringing Master of the Taunton Branch.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's odd bob (one-part).	Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. Treble	David Redfearn 5
Margaret P. Booth 2	Roger Baldwin 6
Brenda P. Redfearn 3	John R. Mayne 7
John W. Sinfield 4	James G. Newman .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

Rung as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to John and June Sinfield.

WOUBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

4ths place bob.	Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.
*Philip J. Rothera Treble	*Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5
*Susan Rothera 2	*Brian J. Woodruffe .. 6
*Andrew J. Slade 3	†David E. Rothera 7
*Robert E. J. Dennis .. 4	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

* First peal of Glasgow. † 25th peal together.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

John G. Flint Treble	David G. Carr 4
*Richard D. Brain 2	Christopher R. Hardy .. 5
Charlotte M. Harris .. 3	Anthony H. Smith .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

* First peal "inside."

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

On Sat., April 27, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

D. John Hunt Treble	Trevor Newlands 5
Bruce Martin 2	John W. Collard 6
*Nigel A. Dawson 3	David Rennolds 7
†Stephen J. Bateman .. 4	John F. Pedler Tenor

Composed by G. R. Newton.

Conducted by John F. Pedler.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob.

Rung by eight members of the Sunday service band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 2 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune. Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. Treble	James S. Baker 4
A. Doreen Edwards 2	*John R. Scott 5
*Frank R. Morton 3	Gordon K. Green .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 125th peal together as a trio. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" twice to peals. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

L. Michael Callow Treble	Hubert G. Summers .. 5
*Clare F. Dolphin 2	*Ian D. Thompson 6
John W. T. Taylor 3	Ernest J. Gower 7
Peter C. Randall 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by John W. T. Taylor.

* First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

M. Louise Slater Treble	John S. Barnes 5
*Adrienne Gibson 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Joan Beresford 3	Peter Beresford 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MATLOCK, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Ann M. Smith Treble	George H. Paulson 5
Susan E. Davis 2	Herbert E. Taylor 6
Burley P. Morris 3	Timothy Wylie 7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 4	A. Colin Banton .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Twenty-fifth different composition of Bob Major as conductor.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen to Matlock this day.

BURBAGE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., April 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

Timothy Wylie Treble	Elizabeth Barton 4
F Martin Stanway 2	Henry Kirk 5
Susan Davis 3	Alan G. Kirk Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Kirk.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Forster, recently retired as a ringer after 21 years at this tower.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*James W. Wheeler Treble	Jennifer Brackenbury .. . 4
Colin M. Shaw 2	John Moore 5
Joyce Chadwick 3	John V. Chadwick .. . Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal by an all Stanton band since 1932.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Thurs., May 9, 1968, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Peter G. Brown Treble	Richard J. Harrison .. . 5
*David Hymas 2	†Keith W. Brown .. . 6
Josephine A. Quilter .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. . 7
Yvonne A. Murray .. . 4	James L. Towler .. . Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Jennifer M. Andrews .. Treble	Arthur G. Button .. . 5
Rachel J. R. Orman .. . 2	†Urban W. Wildney .. . 6
Edward E. Davey .. . 3	Alan R. Andrews .. . 7
George N. Orman .. . 4	Neville F. Whittell .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Jennifer M. Andrews.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HEREFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 15, 1968, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Anthony Plows Treble	William P. Nash .. . 5
Frederick A. Harris .. . 2	Michael V. Powell .. . 6
Austin T. Wingate .. . 3	Thomas E. Wood .. . 7
Peter Hughes 4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to celebrate the Festival of Easter.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Frederick D. Ellis Treble	*Christopher Forster .. . 4
Stephen P. Darvill .. . 2	Kenneth J. Darvill .. . 5
*Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 3	*Peter T. Dale Tenor

Rung silent and non-conducted.

Umpire: Robert E. Hardy.

* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles on the bells.

Rung for the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEWISHAM, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's four-part.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Michael Rigby Treble	†Robin A. Grant .. . 5
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Dr. David T. Hollis .. . 6
Christopher J. Easton .. 3	John Pladdys 7
Richard A. J. Bower .. . 4	Christopher P. Starbuck Tenor

Conducted by Christopher P. Starbuck.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Audrey R. Alexander .. Treble	Peter G. Holden .. . 5
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Christopher P. Starbuck .. 6
*Christopher J. Easton .. 3	Graham W. Elmes .. . 7
†Richard A. J. Bower .. . 4	Timothy G. Pett .. . Tenor

Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise Major.

Rung as a compliment to Chris Starbuck and Jennie Brown on their engagement.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NEWCHURCH, Lancashire.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Sydney G. Osborne .. Treble	Michael Thompson .. . 5
Sue Flint 2	David J. Bennett .. . 6
Christopher J. Jones .. 3	Harold Worrall .. . 7
*Nicholas Thompson .. 4	Kenneth Edwards .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Harold Worrall.

* First peal "inside."

Rung in memoriam Jack Mawdesley, ringer at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows.

NEWHLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sun., May 12, 1968, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 4½ cwt.

Michael D. Fishwick .. Treble	*Robert Lawson .. . 4
*Nora Lawson 2	Richard S. Starkie .. . 5
Janet Lawson 3	Derek Butterworth .. . Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

OTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Philip J. Crossthwaite .. Treble	Suzanne J. Withers .. . 5
*Roger G. Green .. . 2	Robert A. Beresford .. . 6
†Lawrence F. Palmer .. 3	Richard J. Chandler .. . 7
John J. Durham .. . 4	John P. Ottaway .. . Tenor

Conducted by John P. Ottaway.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey Cooper, retiring president of the Society.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb in B.

*David Cook Treble	†Tony R. Natt .. . 5
†Cynthia M. Wells .. . 2	John Watkin .. . 6
Christopher M. Sturges .. 3	K. Paul Gilliver .. . 7
†Robin A. Gilliver .. . 4	A. James Poynor .. . Tenor

Composed by J. B. Worsley.

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of Cambridge "inside."

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the ringer of the second and her brother on their 21st birthday.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Castro.

On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Andrew S. Haden .. Treble	Roland H. Cook .. . 5
*Cynthia M. Wells .. . 2	*John Watkin .. . 6
*Robin A. Gilliver .. . 3	Russell S. Morris .. . 7
*K. Paul Gilliver .. . 4	A. James Poynor .. . Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

MAIDWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Plain Bob, two Kent T.B., one each Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

Hazel J. Nichols .. Treble	Ronald Russell .. . 4
John Hunt 2	*Edward Guy Slater .. . 5
*Raymond H. Martin .. 3	Edward W. Martin .. . Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* 25th peal together.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SIBSEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

William B. Dawson .. Treble	Thomas Cummins .. . 5
Roy Stephenson .. . 2	Harold Barsley .. . 6
Aubrey Mills .. . 3	Horace Bennett .. . 7
*Richard Bennett .. . 4	Philip H. Reynolds .. . Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.

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

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEADENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, 14 of Grandsire (ten callings) and eight 240's Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*Janet Ann Musson Treble	Richard A. Hunt 4
Walter Weston 2	James H. Musson 5
Clive Brook 3	Frederick J. Wright Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal and first attempt.

CLAXBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 55 methods/variations: (1) St. Simon, St. Osmund, (2) St. Albans, St. Ambrose, (3) Eynsham, St. Ninian, (4) Elford, (5) St. Felix, (6) Cassington, St. Patrick, (7) St. Martin, (8) St. Paul, (9 and 10) Plain Bob, (11) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, (12) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (13) St. Andrew, St. John, Horsley, (14) Shareshill, Ryton, St. Cleer, (15) St. Thomas, St. Luke, St. Dominica, (16) Rev. Canterbury, (17) Southrepps, (18) Clifford's Pleasure, (19) Little Aston, (20) St. Columb, (21) Plain Bob, (22) Kennington, (23) April Day, (24) Seighford, (25) Old, (26) Wychbold, (27) Honeysuckle, (28) Wallflower, (29) Cowslip, (30) Dedworth, (31) Primrose, (32) Buttercup, (33) Violet, (34) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (35) Northrepps, (36) Fortune, (37) All Saints, (38) Rushall, (39) Marchington, (40) Newborough, (41 and 42) Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*Alec C. Crawford Treble	*Edgar A. Cole 3
Vaughan P. Evans 2	Peter A. Slight 4

Denis A. Frith Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal in 55 Doubles. First peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the 1st birthday of David J. Hopkinson, of Grantham.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch)

BLETCHLEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*Richard W. Yates (age 11) Treble	William A. Yates 5
†Roger Cadamy 2	*Malcolm G. Hooton 6
Raymond A. Vickers 3	George W. Holland 7
*Rev. Ernest G. Orland 4	Albert E. Daniels Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † Has now "circled the tower" twice.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Cyril H. Kinch Treble	*Ronald K. Russ 5
Sara K. D. Woolley 2	Christopher C. Clarke 6
*Walter G. Knight 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Alan R. Pink 4	Anthony K. Fortin Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. (No. 48.) Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method

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

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.	
Mary Wells Treble	Frank H. Hicks 5
John C. Baldwin 2	William Butler 6
John W. T. Hibbert 3	John H. Napper 7
Robert B. Blond 4	William Corderoy Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
Violet N. Castle Treble	Charles T. Williams 5
Barnard C. Castle 2	Charles W. Mortimer 6
*Ivor Newell 3	A. Norman Willis 7
David C. Willis 4	Frederick J. E. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Bernard C. Castle.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David Willis.

MARCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., May 13, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) College Exercise Treble Bob, (2) Norbury Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

Melvyn J. Hiller Treble	A. Keith P. Poole 4
Alan R. Pink 2	D. Kay Adkins 5
Peter Pearce 3	Peter J. Heritage Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. M. Davidson, who is leaving this parish after eight years of faithful ministry.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sun., May 12, 1968, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SHORTEATH SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Kilby R. Holtom Treble	Barrie Hendry 6
Patrick I. Chapman 2	Roger W. Smith 7
Barry E. Saunders 3	Graham C. Paul 8
Shirley E. Ruddlesden 4	Alan A. Paul 9
Malcolm J. V. Chown 5	Richard F. B. Speed Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

First peal in this method.

SHORTEATH SURPRISE ROYAL

.30—.30.14—.12—.30.14—.14.50.16—.16.70.14—.58.90.

4ths place lead-end (1236485079). 2nds place bob.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund K. and M.

On Mon., March 25, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Kilby R. Holtom Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2	Roger W. Smith 6
Barrie Hendry 3	Stanley M. Ruddlesden 7
Alan A. Paul 4	Malcolm J. V. Chown Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.	
*David J. Morgan Treble	†Valerie P. Williams 5
*Raymond Henman 2	Allan R. Jones 6
Barry R. Care 3	George F. Roome 7
Richard J. Cowley 4	*Iestyn G. Morgan Tenor

Conducted by George F. Roome.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Tom Tebbutt, celebrating his 82nd birthday.

RUSHDEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

*Bob Whitworth Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden 5
Graham C. Paul 2	†Roger L. Coley 6
Barry E. Saunders 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Alan A. Paul 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Arranged by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CORBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., May 3, 1968, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
Reginald Hankins Treble	Michael Hawkins 4
Ronald Russell 2	Stephen Bell 5
Stephen Franklin 3	*Harry Bell Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Bell.

* First peal.

Rung as a retirement compliment to the Rev. A. Brooke Wescott, ex-bellringer, who has served 41 years in the parish.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WESTBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt 14 lb. in C sharp.

Andrew Howard Treble	Eric J. Hitchens 5
Richard J. Bowden 2	Ralph G. Edwards 6
Alan Tubb 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
Charles P. Quartley 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Michael Bruce Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr 9 lb. in D.

Cyril Griffiths Treble	Roger L. Hawksworth 6
William J. Leach 2	John K. Smith 7
*Gillian M. Griffiths 3	Ian Friend 8
Cyril T. Haynes 4	Barnabas G. Key 9
George L. Roobottom 5	Charles F. W. Eyre Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage this day of the Rev. John T. Beech and Miss Irene Firby at St. Mark's, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. Also a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on becoming engaged to Michael Williamson

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

COTTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

Oliver G. Barnard Treble	Roger L. K. Whittell 5
Martin H. Whittell 2	Robert J. Southgate 6
Harry D. Lister 3	*James P. F. W. Hollins 7
Keith W. Whittell 4	Winston S. Girling Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Winston S. Girling

* First peal. First of Major as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(University of Sussex Guild)

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb. in E.

Terry G. Williams Treble	*David L. Nibbs 5
John C. Baldwin 2	James M. Hills 6
Malcolm S. Loveday 3	Robert H. Newton 7
*Caroline Mackie 4	Raymond J. Talbot Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood. Conducted by John C. Baldwin.

* First peal in the method. First on eight bells by the Guild.

Rung on the occasion of the Guild's first dinner.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Mon. April 1, 1968, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 six-scores in 16 methods: (1) Horton Alliance and Hamoton Little Bob. (2) Asleham Alliance and Ashford Little Bob. (3) Stedman. (4-7) St. Nicholas Bob. (8-11) Winchendon Bob. (12-14) St. Remigius Bob. (15-18) St. Simon's Bob. (19-22) St. Martin's Bob. (23-25) St. Osmund. (26-29) All Saints'. (30-32) Reverse St. Bartholomew. (33-36) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. (37-39) Grandsire and (40-42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

*Hilary A. Thick Treble	*Janet E. Blake 3
*Frank H. Hicks 2	*Charlotte M. Harris 4

Roger Osbon Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

On Sat., March 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Barry R. M. Johnson .. Treble	David L. Wilcox 5
*W. Jack Marlow 2	J. Ashmore Dodd 6
*Lynette M. Holbrook .. 3	Michael S. Holbrook 7
Canon F. A. Sanders .. 4	Howard E. J. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Howard E. J. Smith.

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

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

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 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 9 cwt.

*Alan F. Kersev Treble	Ramon A. Stone 4
*Carol S. Stacey (14) .. 2	Charles E. Bassett 5
David G. Hatherly (15) .. 3	*Clive W. Chennell-White Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
MICKLETON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., May 4, 1968, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUGAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

George Morris Treble	Peter Robertson 5
Martin Smith 2	Gerald Hemming 6
Shirley M. Drew 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
Ian Lloyd 4	Geoffrey R. Drew Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. (C.W.C. 10.) Conducted by G. R. Drew.

* First peal in the method

DOUGAL SURPRISE MAJOR

—38—14—58.12.36—12—38—16—7, i.e. 2.

ENVILLE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Margaret A. Swain .. Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore 5
M. Irene Ellsmore .. 2	Robert Edwards 6
*Morley P. Tobin 3	Gerald C. Hemming 7
*C. Frederick Jukes .. 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal in the method

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 11, 1968, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Morley P. Tobin Treble	Robert Edwards 5
M. Irene Ellsmore .. 2	A. Bryan Ellsmore 6
J. Clifford Skidmore .. 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Margaret A. Swain .. 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 18, 1968, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

C. Barrie Dove Treble	*Richard J. Chantler 6
*Jane A. Carruthers .. 2	Alan Newbould 7
*Ross A. Bradley 3	Ronald R. Warford 8
*Robert H. Jordan 4	Ronald J. Snack 9
*Roderick R. Horton .. 5	John Potts Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in the method † First peal. ‡ First of Royal.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Tues., May 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*Janet Hunt Treble	Wilfrid F. Moreton 5
*Gail Cater 2	*George E. Hancock 6
*R. Anne Johnson 3	*Rev. Nicholas Webb 7
Alan Clifton 4	*Trevor Tarbatt Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev. Eric Treacy.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Tues., May 7, 1968, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Margaret Warford .. Treble	Ronald J. Snack 4
*Jane Lawrence 2	David J. Baker 5
Norma C. Baker 3	Ronald R. Warford Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., March 28, 1968, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 13 methods/variations: (1) Clifford's Pleasure, (2) Clifford's Pleasure, Royston, (3) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston. (4) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, (5) Southtrepps, (6) St. Columb, (7) Horsley, (8) Costessy, (9) Rev. Canterbury, (10, 11) Plain Bob, (12), April Day, (13) April Day, Seighford, (14) April Day, Litchurch, (15) April Day, May Day, (16) Besthorpe, (17) Old, (18) Allestree, (19) Kennington, (20-26) Plain Bob, (27-29) April Day, (30) May Day, (31, 32) Plain Bob, (33) Seighford, (34) Litchurch, (35) Phredd, (36-38) April Day, (39-42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 16 lb.

Helen Bartlett Treble	Susan M. Cooper 4
Edward H. Willows .. 2	David K. Walklate 5
Kevin A. Betesta 3	*Michael J. Fletcher Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 40, Ridge Crescent.

On Thurs., May 2, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall 1-2 Robert B. Smith 5-6

Neil Bennett 3-4 Bernard F. L. Groves 7-8

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

First peal in the method on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung in memoriam Peter Laffin, one of the original members of the Cheshire handbell band. He is remembered with affection.

CAMBRIDGE.—In F10, Selwyn College.

On Sun., May 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 17 in A.

Vivian Nutton 1-2 Robert B. Smith 5-6

*Bernard F. L. Groves 3-4 Richard A. G. Inglis 7-8

Alan F. Scholfield 9-10

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

Rung in memoriam Peter Laffin, who rang in the second peal of Stedman Caters on handbells for the Guild on June 27th, 1929.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY, Derbyshire.—At Friarsfield, 5, Peet Street.

On Wed., May 15, 1968, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Double Oxford, two extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Geoffrey Bridges 1-2 *Michael J. Fellows 3-4

A. Colin Banton (cond.) 5-6

* 450th peal. Most Minor methods to a handbell peal for all the band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At 49, Station Road.

On Sun., May 5, 1968, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. Stephen Taylor 1-2 Kenneth J. Darvill 5-6

Julia A. Fellows 3-4 Peter T. Dale 7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal "in hand."

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, A. Hole 2, Jennifer Brunger 3, T. Lewis 4, A. White 5, E. Brunger (cond.) 6. Rung on the 2nd birthday of Louise White, daughter of ringer of 5th.

BARROWBY, Lincs.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, C. Baxter 3, T. Relf 4, B. D. Hill (cond.) 5, A. C. Crawford 6.

BRADFELD, W. YORKS.—On May 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Crawshaw (first attempt) 1, Mrs. P. Bancroft 2, E. P. King 3, M. King (cond.) 4, P. Wood 5, T. Cairns 6. A belated welcome to the Rector, the Rev. C. Dawson.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on March 20th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (four methods): P. N. Murgatroyd 1, Gillian M. Brearley 2, Mandi McCallon 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, A. J. Cox (cond.) 5, M. G. R. Zobel 6. Also on May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Romira M. Worvill (first quarter) 1, Angela Hawes 2, Christine M. Webb 3, A. Metters 4, M. G. R. Zobel 5, M. A. Gibbey (first as cond.) 6. Both rung by the U.B.S.C.R.

COVENTRY, WARKS.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on April 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Fyle 1, R. D. Hayne 3, H. Folwell 4, Pamela Wright 5, D. Langton 6, A. R. Wright (cond.) 7, R. D. Hart 8. For Evensong, and a farewell compliment to Rev. A. Gardner, who was inducted Rector of Whitnash on April 30th.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on April 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: E. F. Hancock 1, Diana Bridle 2, E. T. Lee 3, P. J. England 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, J. H. Gilbert (first Cinques as cond.) 6, S. Brown 7, P. M. J. Gray 8, J. Brain 9, P. Bridle 10, S. Woodcock 11, S. G. Smith, F. Wreford 12.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (six m/v): W. Butler 1, B. Coggins 2, A. E. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. 50th quarter together for 3 and 4. An engagement compliment to David Floyd and Marilyn Bird.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.

On Tues., May 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2 Edward J. Beer 5-6

Frank J. Matthews 3-4 Trevor A. Cross 7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

The conductor's 25th peal "in hand" and first "in hand" as conductor.

Tenor size 18 in G.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At 12A, Westray Drive.

On Fri., May 10, 1968, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*Eileen J. Goodall 1-2 *Geoffrey N. Goodall 3-4

Alfred Ballard (cond.) 5-6

* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand."

Rung as a birthday compliment to Tim Wykes.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Fri., April 26, 1968, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5068 SPLICED KENT TREBLE BOB AND

KENT LITTLE COURT ROYAL

Tenor size 17 in A.

*Geoffrey R. Parker 1-2 *A. Robin Heppenstall 5-6

George E. Feirn 3-4 *Michael W. Crowder 7-8

Jack L. Millhouse 9-10

Adapted from F. Dench's. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First peal of Royal in these methods.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At 5, Toronto Place.

On Sun., April 14, 1968, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 10 in A.

*Margaret Warford 1-2 Ronald R. Warford (cond.) 3-4

*Ronald J. Snack 5-6

* First peal "in hand."

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—In the ringing chamber of the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., April 16, 1968, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/var., being three extents each of All Saints', Clifford's Pleasure, April Day Seighford, St. Paul, Southrepps, Kennington, Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, 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

*†Christopher J. Groome 5-6

* 50th peal together. † First peal "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Novell 1, J. Collier 2, M. J. Kirk 3, A. Elsmore 4, C. White 5, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 6.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Gosling 1, Christina Salengre 2, Valerie Rushforth 3, C. Morey 4, J. Tandy (cond.) 5, Jacqueline Quickfall 6. By Keele University Society.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Harper 1, R. Poston 2, Howard Meek 3, R. A. Brewer 4, R. I. Brewer (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. A tribute to the conductor and Mrs. Brewer on the birth of a daughter.

POPLAR, E.—On May 12th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. Horder 1, Miss M. J. Carnuthers 2, J. W. Euston 3, C. J. Easton 4, P. G. Holden 5, J. Pladdys (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R. for Confirmation service.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.—On May 12th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: C. A. Richards (first on treble) 1, T. A. Hiller 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond., 80th quarter) 4.

SILKSTONE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On May 12th, 1,320 Woodbine T.B. Minor: C. Brinsley 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, G. Scourfield 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. Rung fully-muffled in memory of George Padgett, organist and choir-master for many years.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. E. Bibey (first quarter) 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, W. E. Richards (cond.) 5, F. S. Down 6. A 65th birthday compliment to H. Ransom and 44th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. A. G. Selley, captain of the band.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): N. Brazier 1, Susan Catlin 2, C. Catlin 3, T. R. Harris (cond.) 4, P. A. Keene 5, D. A. Eddy 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. E. Scott.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 12th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: R. Hare 1, Mrs. Mary Wells 2, S. Hare 3, D. C. Brown 4, J. K. Ward 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8. First quarter of Cambridge Major for 2 and 3. For Confirmation.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Jackson (first away from tenor) 1, Miss H. Carter 2, K. Williamson 3, F. J. Cheal 4, T. Wickens 5, Conductors 4 and 5. A 100th birthday compliment to Miss A. M. Evans.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's: D. Hutley 1, E. White 2, P. C. Warboys (cond.) 3, R. Hayden 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6.

WARNEFORD, HANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sally Palmer 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce 3, K. G. Waller (100th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A farewell to Sally Palmer who is moving to Curdridge.

WATERTOWN, MASS, U.S.A.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Joan P. Hutchinson 1-2, R. S. Dirksen 3-4, G. Davies (cond.) 5-6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Dence 1, R. Carter 2, Anne Oakley 3, P. Carter 4, D. Parks 5, P. K. King (cond.) 6. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Carter 1, Anne Oakley 2, S. Taylor 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, P. Carter 6.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Lovell 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss E. Campbell 3, G. Jones 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, F. Marshall 6.

WILLINGHAM, Lincs.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Bull 1, D. Serman 2, J. H. Selby 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. O. Rose 5, J. F. Underwood (cond.) 6.

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ROSS.—To Rosemary and Frederick Ross, 15, Ferriby Road, Hessle, East Yorks, on May 22nd, 1968, a daughter, Frances Ruth 4027

STAINSBY.—To Veronica, wife of David Stainsby, a third son, Mark James, May 14th, 1968. 4022

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BULL.—The address of Janet and Brian is now 55, Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. Tel. Radcliffe 2171. 4001

HOBBS.—After May 31st the address of Mick (Secretary, Bristol City Branch), Jackie and family will be 16, Charnwood Road, Half-acre Estate, Whitchurch, Bristol 4. Office telephone number 664071, ext. 221. 4031

PARTINGTON.—The address of John P. Partington, ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association and secretary of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, is now 1, Bankfield Lane, Bamford, Rochdale, Lancs. Tel. Rochdale 43513. 3996

ROBERTS.—The address of Rosemary and Eric (formerly of Wallington, Surrey) is now RD2, Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, Conn 06482, U.S.A. Tel. (203) 426-6401. All friends welcome. 4025

PERSONAL

"Fear thou not for I am with thee: be not dismayed for I am thy God.—Isaiah xli, 10.

Will Mr. P. J. Bright, of 8, Gregory Avenue, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham, please contact this office, as his copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Gone away."

Will the conductor of the peal at Cheshunt please send the date, as it was omitted from the copy, and his address is unknown to the Editor.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The Mini-Ringing Festival will be held on June 1st, when the following towers will be open: Alderminster 2-2.45, Ilmington 3-3.45, Shipston-on-Stour 4-4.30, Long Compton 5.15-6, Whichford 6.15-7, Tysoe 7.15-8. Please make own tea arrangements. Grand picnicking country. All welcome.—R. W. Sherriff, Dis. Sec. 3955

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of the above at Bridekirk, near Cockermouth, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—Miss D. Gibson, Sec. 4013

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Soham, June 1st. Bells (10) from 6.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. 4026

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Evening practice meeting at Wallington

(6) on Saturday, June 1st, from 5.30 p.m.

—Mrs. C. A. Agg, Dis. Sec. 3984

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Buckingham (8) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Please send names for tea to B. K. Eglesfield, Hon. Sec., 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks. 4000

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wortley (8) on June 1st, 3-4.30 p.m., and Ecclesfield (8), 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mothers' Union Secretary, The Wheel, Ecclesfield.—R. Fletcher. Hon. Sec. 3978

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts.—Meeting, Dunham-on-Trent (5), June 1st, 3 p.m. to 4.30. Evensong. Tea. East Drayton (6) after tea till 8 o'clock. Will those requiring tea, but not known to the secretary, please telephone Mrs. Spencer (D-O-T 320) before Saturday. 4020

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at South-over (10), with a talk on bells and bell-founding by Mr. G. Elphick, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Talk 5.45 p.m. Ringing approximately 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, as soon as possible, at 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel. E.G. 23815. — Jean Osborn, Hon. Div. Sec. 3987

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Chelmsford, Monday, June 3rd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting following in Chapter House. Coffee 10.15 and lunch (6s. 6d.) in Cathedral Hall. Tea (3s.) in St. Mary's Hall, Bocking. By ticket only from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. No credit; P.O. with s.a.e., please. Ringing at Cathedral 9.30 a.m. and 3-4. Further details with tickets. — P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3957

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, June 5th. Bells (12) 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Last 12-bell practice before holidays. All welcome.—A. Ward, Branch Sec. 4004

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Hopton (6) on Friday evening June 7th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 4014

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Selworthy (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by meeting and tea for those notifying Secretary by June 5th. Bells after meeting also at Porlock (6). — E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 4025

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—June meeting at Campton and Meppershall on Saturday, 8th. Ringing simultaneously from 3 p.m. at both towers and after tea (at Meppershall), for which names must be sent to Mrs. S. Ashton, 42, New Street, Bedford. (Tel. 340.) 4007

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, striking competition, at Nunburnholme (6) on June 8th. Draw 2 p.m. Tea (own food) approx. 5 p.m. at Market Weighton. Ringing afterwards till 9 p.m. 4006

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. followed by meeting. Bells available again after meeting.—M. Thomson, Branch Sec. 4036

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Brampton, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Birmingham Road, Chesterfield. Tel. 78778. — Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 4037

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting to be held at the Church of St. Giles, Willenhall, on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available 6-7.30. Names for tea to me not later than previous Wednesday.—R. Edwards, 4, Silver Avenue, Highacre, Kingswinford, Staffs. 4033

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting at South Shields, Saturday, June 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. 4030

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Departure of the Rev. Maurice Dean
The Rev. Maurice Dean leaves Hart Street on June 4th. Will members wishing to contribute to a farewell gift from the Society please send remittance immediately to Miss M. J. Carruthers, Lindsell Hall, 35, Adamson Road, London, N.W.3. 4044

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh, 3-5 p.m. and Charlwood, 6.30-8.30 p.m., on June 8th. Names for tea, please, to M. D. B. Roberts, 87, Hitchings Way, Reigate, Surrey, by Thursday, June 6th. 3979

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, Weston Colville (5), Saturday, June 8th, 6-7 p.m. West Wrating (5) 7-8 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4037

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Prittlewell, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names, please, to Miss J. Emms, 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. 3967

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall and Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Cromhall. Evening ringing Tortworth. Names for tea to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Wednesday, June 5th. 4012

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 4042

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting at Margate, June 8th. Service at 3.15 p.m. Bells from 3.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, not later than May 31st. No names, no tea. 3965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting and striking competition at Hartlip, Saturday, June 8th. Competition 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Rev. J. Green, Hartlip Vicarage, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday. — T. Barton. 3965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss R. Caley, The Vicarage, East Farleigh, Maidstone. — M. L. H. 4028

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano, Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by June 5th to Mr. Cecil Knight, Roseleigh, Clapton-in-Gordano, Portishead. Ladies, please delay your week-end greengrocery shopping and support a stall which will be available during the afternoon in aid of the church funds. — B. J. 4032

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Crosby, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. McKee, 127, Springwell Road, Bootle 20, by Wednesday.—M. E. D. 3841

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Newhey on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lawson, 24, Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, by Wednesday, June 5th.—G. Cheetham. 4015

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Branch striking competition at Rainford on June 8th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Roughley, 57, Pimbo Road, Kingsmoss, Crank, St. Helens.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec., Wigan Branch. 4008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Ascroft, 9, Kew Gardens, Penwortham, Preston, by Wednesday, 5th.—L. Walsley. 4034

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Hawkshead on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Whalley, Bettyfold, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 4034

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Striking Competition at Witham-on-the-Hill (6), Saturday, June 8th. Opening service 2 p.m. prompt. Competition (Southern Branch towers only) 2.30-5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by announcement of results. General ringing afterwards until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. R. Holmes, 2, Willow Terrace, Grantham, Lincs, by June 3rd. 3976

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ringing Meeting, Saturday, June 8th, St. John the Evangelist's, St. John's Road, Penge, S.E.20, 3-4; SS. Peter and Paul's, Church Road, Bromley, Kent, 4.30-5.30; St. George's, St. George's Road, Beckenham, Kent 7-8. Own tea. Monthly practice in St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, first Thursday.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 4040

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pentre (Rhondda), Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea. Names for tea to Iolo Davies, Hon. Sec. Llandaff Branch, Cowbridge Grammar School, in reasonable time, please. 4012

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting at Byfield (6), Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea to Mr. Fred Hutt, Byfield, by Monday previous. — Mrs. I. Webb, Branch Sec. 4029

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bradford Abbas, June 8th. Bells 3, Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Yetminster bells also available. Names for tea to M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne (Yet. 332) by June 4th. 4012

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Pulverbatch (6), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea without fail by Monday, June 3rd, to Mrs. J. W. Morris, Lower New House, Pulverbatch, Shropshire. Tel. Dorrington 359. 4038

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Copdock (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Sprooughton Parish Room at 5.15, followed by the business meeting. Ringing at Sprooughton Church 7-9 p.m. Please note change of meeting, as in the Suffolk Report. For tea, please book to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages Offton, near Ipswich, not later than Wednesday, June 5th. Please make this nearly 100 per cent. turn-out. All friends welcomed.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 3982

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition, Battersea, on June 8th. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Henderson, 75, York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, S.W.11, by previous Wednesday.—E. G. H. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 3997

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Bishampton (6), June 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow in the Old School. Church Lench (6) 6.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Newbury, Roma, Main Road, Bishampton. Tel. Bishampton 642. 4041

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual District meeting will be held at All Saints', Ilkley, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. and in the evening. Main business—election of officers. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr. D. M. Crawshaw, 8, Yewcroft, Ilkley, by Wednesday, June 12th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4024

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Witney (8), Tuesday, June 11th, 7.30 p.m.—E. Venn, Branch Sec. 4024

(Notices continued overleaf)

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—South Western District.—Meeting, Somerset, June 15th. Shepton Mallet 1.45–2.45, Ditchat 3 p.m.–4 p.m., Castle Cary 4.15–5.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Evercreech 7–8 Names for tea to me by June 8th.—G. T. Cousins, 7, Merri-vale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye. 3974

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Hope (6), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, not later than Saturday, June 8th. 3970

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OBITUARY

MR. T. C. HINSAL

With regret the ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, Staffs, report the passing of Mr. T. C. Hinsal in his 90th year. He was a fellow ringer and friend of all.

Affectionately known as Tom, he had been a ringer at St. Bartholomew's for over 50 years and was verger for over 20 years. Tom was never a peal ringer but a very devout service ringer until failing health and age prevented him from climbing the few steps to the ringing chamber.

His very regular worship at the one church he loved carried back some 80 years and Penn has lost the finest church historian they ever had. Even to the last Tom was always cheerful and never failed to reminisce one of his many wonderful stories.

At the funeral on May 18th members of St. Bartholomew's band of ringers rang with the bells fully muffled before and after interment. They also rang handbells at the graveside.

On May 19th, for Matins, in memoriam to dear old Tom, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled was rung by the following: K. Greatbatch (first quarter) 1, D. G. Smith 2, M. Gaskell (first "inside") 3, B. T. Ford 4, C. S. Watkins 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8.

MR. W. G. LILLEY

Mr. William George Lilley, of Winscombe, Somerset, died at Weston-super-Mare Hospital on May 1st as a result of a road accident. He was 71 years of age and was cycling when he was involved in a collision with a car. For many years he had been captain of the ringers at Winscombe.

Following the funeral service, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by Mr. George Prescott.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Claude Corderoy, of Blewbury, the secretary of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, met with an accident while ringing for evening service at Blewbury on May 19th, having the misfortune to break his wrist. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

HANDBELLS STOLEN

Mr. K. Paul Gilliver, of Nuneaton, had his grey Morris mini-van stolen from his home last week-end (May 18th). Unfortunately the van contained the church's handbells, a set of 12 in A, in an imitation leather case. Nine of the bells were in small, grey cloth bags. The bells were recently overhauled and returned by Taylor's at a cost of £62.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal at Tring on April 27th was Richard G. Ouston, and not Austin, as submitted.

Bring this to Central Council Meeting

CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA ADDITION

Doubles Notice Amendment

I wish to give notice that I shall propose the following amendments to the motion proposed by Mr. C. A. Lewis on the C.C. Agenda:—

- (a) That para. 4 and 5 be taken separately from para. 1, 2 and 3.
- (b) That para. 1, 2 and 3 be amended to read as follows:—
 - (1) In the case of Doubles only, a vari-
be defined as the use in a plain
method of calls other than the stan-
dard calls for that method. The re-
sulting bobbed or singled lead must not
by itself constitute a plain lead of
another method. Each variation to
be given its own name.
 - (2) The variation must by itself be cap-
able of producing the 120 true changes.
Peal reports must draw a clear dis-
tinction between methods and varia-
tions, either by separate listing or, for
example, "Plain Bob. New Bob, Old
Variation, Eynsham Variation," etc.
 - (3) One variation with one or more
methods, or two or more variations
with or without methods, may be rung
in one extent, provided that the plain
courses of all the variations and
methods in the extent are different, and
that there is included at least one of
each of the plain lead and different
calls for each of the different varia-
tions and methods rung in the extent.

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Seconded by W. Butler.

HORSLEY CUP FINAL

The final of the Horsley Cup was held at Horsley (Derbyshire) on May 18th. The nine competing teams were the winners and runners-up of the Derby Diocesan Association's District heats.

The two judges, Mr. H. Rooke and Mr. A. Mould, marked independently and their results were combined to give an average number of faults for each team. Scoring was done in the usual Derbyshire manner—the number of faults (maximum of one per row) is subtracted from 240 (the number of changes rung) and a bonus is added of 7½ per cent. for Treble Bob Minor, 5 per cent. for Plain Minor, 2½ per cent. for Doubles, and nothing for call changes. The results were:—

Derby Cathedral (Cambridge) 224 points, Old Whittington (London Scholars) 219, Bolsover (Cambridge) 203, Sawley (Cambridge) 191, Stanton-by-Dale (Cambridge) 185, Sandiacre (Kent) 179, Chesterfield (Grandsire Doubles) 167, Ockbrook (call changes) 163, Mayfield (call changes) 159.

The Association president, the Provost of Derby, presented the cup to Mr. G. Halls, the non-ringing captain of the Cathedral band.

Afterwards Mr. Rooke's band from Warsop—the holders of the Crawford Cup—competed with Derby Cathedral. This contest was judged by Mr. D. Carlisle. Warsop, ringing Norwich Surprise, had 10 faults and Derby Cathedral had 16 faults. D. M.

LONG LENGTH NOTICE

Dear Sir,—I would like to give notice of an attempt to ring 9,600 Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Barnes, Surrey, on Saturday, June 8th, 1968, starting at 9.30 a.m. The composition, by Christopher P. Starbuck and Simon Humphrey, will be published later. — Yours sincerely,

Herne Hill, S.E.

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.), first Stedman Doubles 1. A. Arscott 2, J. E. Brewer 3, M. A. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, M. R. Arscott 6. First Stedman 2, 4, 5, 6. Rung in memoriam Stanley Noah Bristow, former Association instructor for Taunton Branch.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading, 7 covering): C. Rigg 1, Doreen Maclean 2, C. P. W. Taylor 3, C. Fawcett 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, F. Wilson 6, B. Cartmel 7. First attempt 1. 7. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Miss D. Maclean and Miss A. Blundell, who are shortly leaving for 12 months' nursing in South Africa.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on April 28th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: Christine M. Webb 1, Mandi McCallion 2, Elizabeth M. Emmett 3, M. A. Gilbey 4, J. G. Rose 5, A. J. Cox (cond.) 6, M. J. Platt 7, M. G. R. Zobel 8. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Tubb 1, Miss J. J. Murrell 2, Mrs. E. A., G. Bowden 3, G. W. Land 4, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 5, D. Powney 6, R. J. Bowden 7, W. E. Gearing 8. For Matins.

BROMESBERROW, GLOS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Smith 1, K. Tyler 2, G. W. Young 3, J. Arnall 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. J. Webb 6.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Gibson 1, Margaret Savage (first Minor) 2, B. N. Butler 3, R. H. Candy (first Minor "inside") 4, A. J. Leeves 5, M. A. Legg (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

GROTON, MASS, U.S.A.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. S. Cheever 1, P. L. Chandler 2, A. G. K. Solbert 3, J. T. Erichsen 4, S. B. Prudden 5, A. McDonald (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in honour of the Holy Day and in memory of Dr. J. Luther King, jun. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. McDonald 1, P. L. Chandler 2, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 3, J. T. Erichsen 4, S. B. Prudden 5, P. P. Bundy 6.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Bell (first on eight away from tenor) 1, R. P. Pearce (first on eight "inside") 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, T. R. Hart 5, A. F. Burley 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, A. J. Davidson 8.

LONDON, W.C.—On May 12th, at St. Clement Danes, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Danies 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, A. M. Stacey 5, P. Felton 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy 8, W. G. Wilson 9, N. Felton 10. Also on May 12th, 1,287 Stedman Triples: Miss A. R. Alexander 1, Miss M. J. Caruthers 2, C. J. Easton 3, P. Roys-Jones 4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5, P. G. Holden 6, G. A. Dawson 7, G. W. Elmes 8. First Stedman Triples 6, 7. For Evensong by U.L.S.C.R.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Taylor 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, R. P. Brotherton 6. For Evensong.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCs.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sue Flint 1, M. Thompson 2, D. J. Bennett 3, R. Dorling 4, F. Heyes 5, K. Edwards 6, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 7, D. Burgess 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack Mawdesley, ringer at this church.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. M. Day (first T.B. Major) 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, P. N. Mackley 3, D. R. McLean 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, B. S. Payne 6, S. Humphrey (cond.) 7, I. V. J. Smith 8. First of Cambridge Major 3, 4, 5. By N.U.S.C.R. for Evensong.

POTTON, BEDS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Richardson 1, Allison Baker 2, R. Brain 3, R. Sheasby 4, P. Clarke 5, C. R. Hardy (cond.) 6. For morning service.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. D. Rushton (first away from cover) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, V. H. Nash 3, C. Baugh 4, E. Lloyd 5, D. H. Walters (first Minor as cond.) 6.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPS.—On May 8th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: S. F. Webb (cond.) 1, Mrs. I. Webb 2, H. Johnson 3, J. K. Foot 4, J. S. Townley 5, E. C. Garrett 6. For Confirmation.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Rev. Cant. Pl. Bob Doubles: M. J. Dew (first quarter) 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first in the method) 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, E. G. Mould 6. The 100th recorded quarter peal on the bells. For Evensong.

Presentation to Sussex General Secretary on Retirement

A PRESENTATION of an electric mantel clock was made to Mr. R. W. R. Percy at the 83rd annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association, held at Horsham on May 11th, on his retirement from the office of hon. general secretary, a position he had held for 15 years. The presentation was made by the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson), who thanked him and his wife Betty for their faithful service during some very difficult times.

A letter was read from Mr. Len Stilwell, on holiday in Canada, mentioning the unstinting and unselfish service given by Bob Percy and proposing that he should be made a vice-president. A similar proposal came from Mr. W. Leslie Weller. This was endorsed by Mr. G. FitzHugh and carried by the meeting.

Mr. Alan Baldock, of Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, was elected the new general secretary.

The service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Newman). A robed choir of ringers, drawn from various parishes in the county, led the singing, and the address was given by the Archdeacon of Chichester (the Ven. Lancelot Mason), who is a ringer.

Tea, served in the dining hall of Horsham High School, was in the capable hands of Mr. and Mrs. Bourne and helpers. The general arrangements for the meeting, which was held in the Assembly Hall, were made by Mrs. Jean Osbon, secretary of the Northern Division, and the Horsham ringers.

The Master opened the meeting with words of welcome to the vice-presidents (Messrs. S. E. Armstrong and R. P. Wood), the chairman of the East Grinstead and District Guild (Mr. J. Jeffrey) and Messrs. John Euston and Roy Davis (Surrey Association).

The secretary regretted that for the first time in 15 years no agendas or accounts were available. These had been sent to the treasurer for duplicating and had not been received. Apologies included one from the treasurer, who was at Ross-on-Wye on a business commitment.

A silent tribute was paid to those ringers who had died during the year, viz.: Messrs. F. Page, H. Richardson, C. W. Ridgway, C. B. Tompkins, Mrs. Southwood and Mrs. L. Stilwell.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

The Divisional secretaries' reports were accepted as they appear in the Annual Report. The Northern Division had tried to improve the social side and held lectures on Grandsire Triples by George Jennings, a stoolball match at West Grinstead, a coach outing to High Wycombe and district, a ringers' service at Danehill, a carol service at West Hoathly and a Christmas party at Balcombe.

The Southern Division reported no great change, but Burgess Hill bells are to be rehung during 1968.

The Eastern Division showed signs of improvement. The Ringing chamber at Rotherfield had been put upstairs and the bells had received attention. The sum of £1,500 had been spent on the tower at Willington, peal boards had been installed and a cabinet containing 28 handbells had been given to the parish.

The Western Division went from strength to strength. Members were welcomed for the first time from Rogate, South Harting, Aldwick and Lodsworth. Pagham bells had been rehung in a new metal frame. Midhurst bells had also been rehung. Aldwick hoped to augment their bells to six; one bell had already been purchased and the augmentation fund was going well. The treble at Washington was out of action, but no details were yet available.

The treasurer's report showed that the bank balance had increased by £55, but the Divisional balances were down by £31. Printing costs were down by £15 and a grant from the Bell Fund was up by £15. The balance at the bank was now £235.

Mr. George Francis, one of the auditors, mentioned that the accounts had not been audited. It was agreed to accept the accounts subject to audit.

FEWER PEALS

The peal secretary's report stated that 54 peals were rung during the year, which was

a reduction. Eleven ringers rang their first peal. The peal of Doubles rung at Barcombé on September 27th in 50 methods/variations was a record for the Association.

The peal secretary, Mr. John Norris, raised the question of non-resident members electing non-resident members to the Association prior to peal attempts. This, he said, was of no value to the Association. There seemed to be a hole in the rules which needs filling up. This matter was receiving attention.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Twelve new members were elected from Bexhill, Brighton, Lindfield and Crawley. Three former members were elected non-resident members, and the ratification of five non-resident members prior to a peal attempt was confirmed. Messrs. George T. Jennings (Crawley) and George F. Tizzard (East Grinstead) were elected honorary life members of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. It was agreed to approach the new Bishop of Horsham with a view to electing him as a vice-president. The Master, treasurer, peal secretary and trustees were duly re-elected. Mr. T. Barlow and Mr. R. W. R. Percy were re-elected auditors.

The Master thanked David Smith and his committee for the hard work they had put in in producing a new-style report at a considerable reduction in cost.

ASSOCIATION DINNER

The dinner will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on October 26th. Tickets (26s. per head) can be obtained from the Divisional secretaries or Betty Percy; dress informal. There are adequate car parking facilities in the hotel grounds and on the sea front. Queen's hotel is opposite Eastbourne Pier. Dinner accommodation limited to 200 people.

Some members thought the present badge too large; a smaller design was approved and costs will be obtained.

The peal book given by Florence Wyman in memory of the late Oliver Sippetts will be written up in its present form (two peals per page).

A restoration fund is to be started to replace the present grant for bell repairs taken from the General Fund. Method of administration and collecting money will be debated by the General Committee.

EXPO SUSSEX 68

This exhibition will take place on July 19th and 20th at the Agricultural Show Ground, Ardingly, Sussex. The bellringing section, organised by the Expo Committee, will be in four sections: Craft, bellcasting, etc., Hand bellringing; Art of change ringing; Tower bellringing. The bell tower, erected in conjunction with the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, will house a ring of eight (tenor 4½ cwt.).

ASSOCIATION LIBRARY

The general secretary mentioned that the Association had been blessed by a wonderful gift of books, etc., from Len Stilwell. Stan Armstrong had made, at the cost of material only, a very fine oak bookcase. These had been installed in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton, and would be under the supervision of the librarian, Albert Bond. R. W. R. P.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD'S FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

Deciding that Chinese restaurants were no longer adequate, the Guild held its first formal dinner at the New Refectory on May 4th.

The tone of the day was set by the success of a peal of Yorkshire Major at St. Nicholas', Brighton, in the morning, while other towers were open for general ringing. There were no serious mishaps, although the standard of ringing varied, as did the bells.

We were grateful to Canon Keeling, Vicar of Brighton, for conducting the service at St. Peter's and also for so ably presiding at the dinner. After a splendid meal, swiftly dealt with by 45 ringers and friends, he complained of not officially having a place to speak himself, and then proceeded to do so, much to the enjoyment of the company! David Nibbs spoke briefly on the connections between the University, the Church and the local ringers; Dr. Daniel Jenkins, University chaplain, responded, speaking of his unusual introduction to the activities of the Guild.

Peta Ollen, proposing "The Visitors," thanked the guests for coming and hoped that even more would come next year. Clarke Walters (from the other place) had the unenviable task of both responding and proposing "The Guild." He noted the advances made by the Guild in only four years of existence, and put forward some useful suggestions for improvements, while keeping a watchful eye on his egg-timer. The Master's speech summed up the year's activities and clarified the aims of University Societies.

A comparatively early adjournment was made to the bar, which was open till 11.30. Handbells were available for the dedicated, while musical entertainment was provided by both tape-recorder and treasurer. Bacchanalian dancing developed in direct proportion to the bar takings.

On Sunday, after morning ringing, the Master entertained the visitors at the C.O.E. to coffee, handbells and German measles, but eventually succumbed and was absent from the quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Peter's in the evening. This was rung by Albert Bond, the tower captain, assisted by University ringers from Oxford, Southampton and Sussex, and was a fitting conclusion to a successful week-end.

OCTAVE.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION Biggleswade District

Due to the lack of other ringing events on April 13th, a meeting at Old Warden attracted a large number of people, including a high proportion of younger ringers. Ringing continued smoothly throughout the day (apart from the breaking of a stay), with everyone ringing in turn along with the many visitors from various parts of the country.

During the break for tea and the monthly business meeting, some handbell ringing also took place with some valuable "spade work" being done by the more experienced ringers. This added greatly to the interest and enjoyment of the day.

Next meeting: June 8th.

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FRAMLAND ASSOCIATION

Addressing the Framland Association at its annual general meeting at Melton Mowbray on May 4th, the chairman, the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, Rector of Waltham, said he had a profound regard for the art of bellringing, which he regarded as services as an integral part of divine worship. The whole tone or atmosphere of the service was frequently set by the effect of bells preceding the service. It did not happen often, but when the bells did not ring on Sundays both the village and the service appeared to be lifeless.

Eighteen towers were represented and the service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Codrington (Vicar of Melton). The officers were re-elected. The secretary is Mrs. N. Cooke, of Waltham. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening.

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